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As many as 85 cities and towns around New Jersey are being subjected to third party lawsuits by companies trying to recoup costs of cleaning chemicals out of the Passaic River. **Page 6**

Kean still unable to meet standards

New area of noncompliance added to list of accreditation woes brings Kean's total to four

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Standards of education at Kean University continue to struggle to meet their accreditation requirements after failing to pass muster with a national board. And, it may be getting worse.

Friday a visiting team from the Middle States Accreditation Board found Kean was still not compliant with a total of four standards for accreditation, including Standard 6 relating to integrity.

The most recent warning came last week when the team pointed out the university was still noncompliant with Standard 7, institutional assessment and 14, assessment of student learning. But now Middle States has added has another area to which Kean is currently noncompliant: Standard 12, general education.

Standard 12 deals with students ability to "acquire and demonstrate college-level proficiency in general education and essential skills."

Kean has until April, 2013 to comply with standards 7 and 14, but no timetable has been set yet for

standards 6 and 12. But the school will continue to be visited by teams to determine if their efforts are making progress.

The 16,000 strong student population at Kean has maintained a four-year graduation rate below 20 percent for years, but the university said this is due to a large number of transfer students; students who would have a very hard time transferring credits if the school lost its accreditation.

And while it would take a long time for Kean to lose its status, the student body would have a difficult time obtaining financial aid and enrolling in graduate school, in addition to the problems transferring credits.

Middle States also found the university website was misleading by saying the university had been accredited for another ten years. They warned this oversight should be corrected immediately.

On July 27, 2011 the Kean Board of Trustees passed a resolution that has been called into question by Middle States. Specifically See KEAN'S, Page 4



Photo By Paul Greulich

Kean University continues to be in the spotlight for negative reasons. On Friday, a review board committee from the Middle States Accreditation Board found the school to still be noncompliant in three areas, including Standard 6 relating to integrity, in addition to adding a new and fourth area on non-compliance.

Democrats for Change kept off freeholder primary ballot

Clerk rejects petition signatures; court decides candidates' fate

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Three freeholder Democrats for Change candidates urged a superior court judge Monday to order County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi to put their names back on the ballot for the June primary after she threw out their petitions.

By deadline late Tuesday, Superior Court Judge Lisa Chrystal had yet to hand down a decision in the matter. Legal teams on both sides of the issue, while anxious to have the matter resolved, preferred not to

speculate when a decision could be expected.

Late last week Chrystal stopped the county clerk from drawing positions on the Democratic ballot, until she can decide if throwing out the Democrats for Change petitions was the right or wrong move.

At issue, and being decided by Chrystal, is whether three Democrats for Change challengers, Annamaria Bercik, Carlos Cedeno and Babe Darlene Frazier, will be allowed to run in a contested freeholder primary against Regular Democratic Organi-

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Council 'no where near' 2012 budget agreement

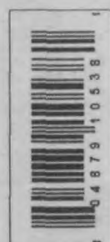
By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

LINDEN — The city council is no where near coming to an agreement on the 2012 budget. But the mayor would like to ensure that changes once and for all.

To say Mayor Rich Gerbounka is mad as hell and he's not going to take it anymore is an understatement. But that has provided little consolation this year or in years prior with council members agreeing on very little, let alone the budget.

"The big problem is the governing body can't formulate a budget. Our whole government is dysfunctional because it is based on the Wildwood Act," explained the mayor, adding he would like to put a referendum on the ballot next year to change the city's form of government.

Gerbounka said there are only four municipalities in the state still operating under the Wildwood Act, which technically gives all the power See MAYOR, Page 13



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County's Democratic primary has 'contested' start

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zation incumbents Al Mirabella, Mohamed Jalloh and newcomer Bruce Bergen.

If Chrystal decides Rajoppi was right in casting out Democrats for Change petitions because of fraudulent signatures, then Mirabella, Jalloh and Bergen will run in an uncontested primary.

Monday Democrats for Change attorney Frank Capece and Regular Democratic Party attorney Robert Renaud presented oral arguments before Chrystal for two hours, but it was not known when a decision about putting their names on the ballot would be forthcoming. Rajoppi, who ran as an incumbent in 2010 on the Regular Democratic Organization ticket to keep her position as county clerk, maintained in a written decision April 11 that, in her opinion, the three Democrats for Change candidates failed to file the required 100 legitimate signatures from registered voters in order to qualify for the primary. This decision, though, came after Rajoppi rejected the majority of signatures obtained by the Democrats for Change candidates on three separate petitions.

But prior to this decision, Rajoppi, along with legal representatives from the Regular Democratic Organization, county counsel and others took almost two days of testimony from legal teams representing Democrats for Change and other witnesses.

At one point, the Regular Democratic Organization brought in two handwriting

experts to examine the petitions in question, while Capece brought in witnesses to support the validity of signatures on the petitions. Included was the designated circulator of the petitions, Fabiola Rios, along with several voters who testified it was their signatures on the petitions. However, Rajoppi still rejected those signatures, along with others, ultimately throwing out all three petitions as invalid. Among the problems Rajoppi found was that the petitions in question contained 71 signatures that either were not registered voters, failed to match the official copy register on file at the county board of elections, had incomplete or no addresses, or were not registered Democrats, as required during a primary election.

Capece disputed this in his brief and oral argument before Chrystal, noting the "wholesale rejection" of signatures not found to be objectionable in other areas is contrary to the spirit and letter of the law.

"There needs to be tangible evidence of widespread and systematic fraud to sustain Rajoppi's actions," Capece said, citing as an example of rejecting qualified voters, the matter of one Julian Acebo.

Capece said after Acebo's signature was rejected by the handwriting experts as a "clear forgery," Acebo came in and testified that the signature was indeed his, but Rajoppi was still not satisfied. She sent him home to get his driving license as further proof but later rejected his signature despite Acebo's

bringing the proof required.

Capece also pointed out there was factual support for the Democrats for Change complaint after entire petitions were rejected even though there was no claim the majority of signatures were improper or insufficient.

He also had a problem with the counsel of record for the Regular Democratic Organization, Kraig Dowd and Renaud, who he said report directly to the County of Union, Office of the County Council, Robert E. Barry. Capece alleged that because both Renaud and Dowd serve as special council for Union County, under Barry, that is a direct conflict of interest.

In his brief, Renaud disputed this, noting neither he nor Dowd "are employees of Union County or the Office of Union County Counsel." He did admit both have "contracts" with the county to provide legal services to certain employees and in one instance, the county."

Barry, on the other hand, in his brief to Chrystal, warned "the court is not to substitute its judgement for that of the clerk."

"Based on the facts and evidence in the record, it cannot be said the actions of the clerk were unsupported by the substantial and credible evidence brought forth during the hearing," he said, adding that Rajoppi's decision "was based on rational and logical analysis of the facts and testimony" and should not be reversed by the court.

Complicating the picture prior to this was

the fact that Bercik, an attorney working part time for the last 12 years in the Union County Office of the County Counsel, received notice April 5 from county counsel Robert Barry that she had one of two choices when it came to the upcoming primary election.

"I was told to either end my candidacy or lose my job," the candidate said, adding "this reeks of Boss Bollwage politics."

Bollwage, though, denied having anything to do with the letter that went to Bercik. On April 9, Bollwage responded to inquires from *LocalSource* about this allegation, denying he had ever spoken to Bercik. Bercik, though, finds this hard to believe.

"If I were running under the Union County Democratic Committee slogan, this would have never occurred," she added.

In his letter to Bercik, Barry referenced the Hatch Act, which restricts the political activity of individuals employed by the state, county or municipal agencies receiving grants or loans from a federal agency.

But Bercik discovered this law does not apply to part-time workers.

"The bottom line is that they rushed to judgement. I work 21 hours for the county and 35 hours in my private practice," the candidate explained.

Barry should have known the Hatch Act did not apply to Bercik because when Jalloh, who currently is a freeholder, ran for this same office, he held a part-time position as assistant county counsel for the county. The same as Bercik.

Three Democrats vie for two spots in Springfield primary

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Local Democrats will have to face a contested primary before they can attempt to wrestle control of the Township Committee away from the current Republican majority.

Nominated by the Democrat Party are David Barnett and Margaret Bandrowski, but they face opposition from former councilman Bart Frankel, who is running under the banner of "Democratic Choice."

Whoever prevails in the primary will run against incumbent Republican committee members Jerry Fernandez, who is serving as Deputy Mayor, and Marc Krauss. Krauss and Fernandez were elected together and are both finishing their first terms.

Frankel said he fell out of favor with local Democrats during his last stint on committee from 2006 to 2010.

He is no longer a member of the Springfield municipal Democrat committee, but said he opted not to run as an Independent because in Springfield the majority of voters vote along party lines and Independents end up more as spoilers than realistic candidates.

"I want to have a legitimate chance of securing a spot on the committee," Frankel said.

While Frankel intends to campaign hard in the primary, his real adversaries are his Republican opponents, who he said "have not done

anything worthwhile," to merit their re-election.

"Everyone is entitled to their opinion," Frankel said. "What I have a problem with is people saying things that aren't true and misrepresenting facts," Frankel said.

Bandrowski said she does not recall there ever being a contested Democratic primary in Springfield, but declined to comment on running against Frankel.

"David and I are going to run on what we have to offer and our concept of what we think township government ought to be," she said.

The five candidates appear to disagree on what the issues are for Springfield this year.

"I don't think there are any earth-shattering issues as there were in previous years," Krauss said.

Frankel said public safety is likely to be an election issue. He noted the township has both a Public Safety Director in addition to a police chief. Frankel said he would be in favor eliminating the position of Public Safety Director.

"They've been the same issues for many years," Frankel said.

Bandrowski, a long-time member of the Springfield Historical Society, said the biggest issues in town are communication and transparency. She said she has attended almost every committee meeting for the past four years and has grown unhappy with the way projects are being undertaken without sufficient input

from interested parties and without notice to the town, most notably the turf field issue, which she thinks should have been put to a referendum.

"All of a sudden I felt it was being pushed through without enough information being put out to the town," Bandrowski said.

Krauss said the construction of turf field will provide local athletes with a much-needed place to play and does not represent a major issue in town regardless of how local Democrats attempt to spin the subject to their advantage.

"The impact on taxpayers is not significant. It's negligible," Krauss said.

Fernandez said he wants to follow through on projects in the business improvement district and downtown as well as the Route 22 corridor. Fernandez said this has been an issue in Springfield a long time, and he is glad something is finally being done about it.

"Springfield has a new energy about it since Marc and I have been on and we would like to see that through," Fernandez said. "I want to see stores come back into downtown. I'd like to see a more vibrant town in general."

He said another concern is the need to keep expenses down and ensure the township lives within its means.

The primary election will be held on June 5.

Helping others



Photo By Dave VanDeventer

The annual Wheels for Wishes car show, hosted by the Make a Wish Foundation, was held at the Westfield Armory on Friday. Classic cars were on auction and display and gourmet food from many local eateries was available during the annual fundraising event. Photos of the festivities, and many of the cars, can be found throughout the newspaper.

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Kean's accreditation 'integrity' compromised with new issue

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the board noted in this resolution they had "reviewed at length" the report issued by a visiting team from Middle States "recommending the full re-accreditation of the university for a 10-year period." However, that resolution was not accurate or in keeping with what Middle States told Kean officials at the time.

In fact, while Kean is still an accredited university, and has been since 1960, whether they receive accreditation for another ten years remains in jeopardy, according to the Middle States exit report issued Friday.

"The board's resolution on assessment must be corrected. Middle States Commission on Higher Education did not reaffirm Kean's accreditation for 10 years

during its last visit as published," noted the visiting team in their report.

The team also pointed out Kean's website reporting on its accreditation status must be revised because "the language is misleading." The website, they said, presents "excerpts from documents that, by themselves, may be misleading."

Middle States pointed out in their review that the university has considerable work to do before accreditation can be granted.

The objective of the Middle States visit last week was to see if Kean had accomplished compliance with the four standards previously mentioned, but while these tasks had yet to be accomplished, they did mention the university had compiled extensive assessment plans, created an office of assessment and a program review process.

But, according to sources close to Farahi, when the university created the office of assessment, the the associate director position was filled by Ian Klein, who was brought aboard in late spring last year as Farahi's confidential secretary. Prior to working at Kean, though, Klein was a member of Democrat Senator Ray Lesniak's staff.

Klein was moved to the position of Associate Director in the Office of Accreditation and Assessment at Kean early last fall. And while this type of advancement is not unusual at Kean, the manner in which the advancement took place was unusual, according to sources privy to communication between members of the research committee charged with finding a person qualified for the associate director's position.

Although this committee interviewed candidates and submitted two highly qualified candidates for the position, Klein was not one of them, and neither were hired. During a second search, three more candidates were interviewed by the committee and one name was submitted for approval by Farahi, but

again Klein was not among those listed and the university president rejected the candidate.

Subsequently, Farahi hired Klein, which has concerned faculty and staff. Several sources maintain the reason Kean is still non-compliant with Middle States has everything to do with Klein.

"He has no experience with assessments, let alone something as weighty as Middle States requirements," the source said. "An unqualified candidate undermines Kean's efforts to remediate these assessment issues."

According to emails obtained by *LocalSource* between members of the search committee, Klein was not only less qualified than the other available candidates, he was hardly qualified at all.

"We do not believe the other two candidates, Mr. Ian Klein and ... are as qualified for the position at this time," one email said.

And another email between search committee members read "Mr. Ian Klein has some experience with collecting and collating university wide data, but not detailed analysis or applications of university assessment data."

Kean Federation of Teachers President James Castiglione was deeply concerned by the latest news, and said the entire issue is a "serious matter."

"The KFT has been steadfast in our attempts to alert the administration of President Farahi and the Board of Trustees to longstanding problems at the university that pose a danger to Kean University's accreditation," Castiglione said, adding that by ignoring the professional expertise of faculty and staff, "the situation has gone from bad to worse, with the number of failed Middle States standards effectively doubling."

He also added that faculty and staff no longer have confidence that this administration "either has the legitimacy or the ability to choose the correct approach to lead the university to a restoration of its proper standing among our peer institutions."

What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2012

EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show
PLACE: Bloomfield on the Green, 147 Broad Street, Bloomfield NJ 07003
TIME: 9AM - 5PM Outdoors
ADMISSION: Free
DETAILS: For information call 201-998-1144 or events@jcpromotions.info
There will be exhibitors selling an array of quality merchandise such as sports collectibles, fashions accessories, jewelry, pocketbook, socks, one of a kind items, garage/tag sale items and so much more! Come to enjoy the delicious food being served. There is no admission so come to browse.
ORGANIZATION HOST: Bloomfield Presbyterian Church

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY April 20, 21, 2012

EVENT: Annual Rummage Sale
PLACE: United Methodist Church of Linden (next to City Hall), 321 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ.
TIME: Friday, 9am-12noon
Saturday, 9am-12noon
PRICE: Free Admission.
DETAILS: Men, Women and Children Clothing, Jewelry, Linens, Shoes, White Elephant items.
For More Information Call Doris 908-486-5571.
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by The United Methodist Church of Linden.

GARAGE / YARD SALES

FRIDAY & SATURDAY APRIL 20, 21, 2012

EVENT: GARAGE & RUMMAGE SALE
PLACE: Roselle Park Community United Methodist Church, 301 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park
TIME: Friday April 20th - 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday, April 21st - 9:00am - 2:00pm
DETAILS: RAIN OR SHINE - NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE!
All sales final. All items sold as is. No returns
For Information call 908-245-2237
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Park Community United Methodist Church

OTHER

WEDNESDAY thru SUNDAY April 11 - 22, 2012

EVENT: HUGE USED BOOK & MUSIC SALE
PLACE: College Women's Club of Montclair, Inc., 26 Park Street, Montclair, 973-783-7040 CWCbooksale@gmail.com
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THURSDAY - SUNDAY APRIL 26th - 29th, 2012

EVENT: Black History Doll Display "Til We All Have Faces"
PLACE: Heard AME Church, 310 E. 8th Avenue, Roselle. 908-241-5588
TIME: 10AM - 9PM
PRICE: Adults and children 12 years \$5.00; Children under 12 years \$2.00
DETAILS: An event open to the public. The exhibit shows a visual history of African Americans from Africa to present day using dolls and other mediums. Gift items for sale
ORGANIZATION: For Someone Special Enterprises, INC

OTHER

SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2012

EVENT: Journey to Wellness
PLACE: Gladiator Sports & Fitness (behind Karl's Appliances), 557 Main Street, Orange,
TIME: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
ADMISSION IS FREE
DETAILS: "Journey to Wellness" is an interactive wellness event designed to encourage members of the community to implement healthy lifestyle changes such as improving physical activity, healthy eating, and incorporating mental health and wellness. In conjunction with UMDNJ will offer: Free Mammograms
Free Health Screenings
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ORGANIZATION: Montclair Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., & the Eta Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc

SUNDAY APRIL 29, 2012

EVENT: *Taste of Italy* - Italian Food Festival
PLACE: 44 Park Avenue, Nutley (Parks and Rec. Building)
TIME: 2:00 - 5:00PM
COST: \$25 per person. Contact Beverly Fiore: 973-661-2865 or 201-463-8015.
E-mail bevhill129@aol.com
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The Roselle Park Municipal Building. In Roselle Park, council members are trying to decide how to overcome a \$277,000 shortfall due to declining sewerage use, but all scenarios from the CFO point toward a tax increase for residents.

RP shortfall likely to result in tax hike

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

ROSELLE PARK — The Borough Council is contemplating how to cover a \$277,000 loss in revenue from declining sewerage use that was not anticipated at the time the budget was introduced on March 15.

At an April 11 workshop meeting, Chief Financial Officer Ken Blum presented the council with several options to cover the shortfall, all of which entail a further increase in municipal taxes.

The introduced budget projects a \$67 increase in taxes for a home assessed at the borough's average of \$65,000. The total amount to be raised by taxes was set at \$11.2 million. Total general appropriations are \$15 million, up from \$14.8 million last year.

It is not clear yet how much further taxes will rise until an option is selected.

Council members were dismayed by the situation after working to trim the budget.

"As budget chair I'm not happy about it but these are the cards we've been dealt and these expenses are outside council control," Councilman Michael Yakubov said.

Councilman Marc Caswell said the shortfall in sewer revenue will "undo all the work we've done" to trim the budget and minimize the tax increase.

Officials indicated there were many factors behind the decrease in sewer usage that led to the shortfall. Both sewerage authorities serving the borough realized losses that made them increase their rates.

Another factor was the ongoing shutting down of some facilities owned by Merck Pharmaceuticals in Kenilworth. These facilities use

Roselle Park's sewerage lines.

"Overall revenue was down," Yakubov said. "We did project for it, but not to this extent."

Blum presented four "options" to resolve the issue.

One option was to raise sewer rates by 62 cents per hundred cubic feet.

The second option was to raise sewer rates by 50 cents, increasing the borough's surplus from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Option three is to leave the sewer rate flat at \$3 and move \$205,000 from the sewer budget into the general budget, bringing the tax increase to \$125.

Option four is to leave rates flat at three dollars as in option three, but take a smaller amount out of the sewer budget, bringing the tax increase to \$114.

Council members dismissed several of these strategies as being a "one year fix" rather than an actual solution. Blum's own recommendation was that the council select either option two or option four.

"Either way the taxpayers are going to get an increase," said Blum. Yakubov favors option two.

"I would rather increase the rate and the surplus than hit the residents up front with a bigger increase," he said.

Mayor Joe Accardi declined to comment on what option he preferred the council to select as he does not have a vote on the issue.

The Borough Council was expected to meet again Tuesday to settle on an option. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for tonight at 7 p.m.

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Third party lawsuits hitting 85 NJ towns

Clark mayor takes the lead in Union County with chemical companies hoping to recoup cleanup costs

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

CLARK — There is a \$1 billion cloud hanging over 85 towns in six counties and the time to pay up could be soon. But one mayor is fighting back to ensure this legal nightmare ends.

Any town whose sewerage eventually flows into Newark Bay ended up as part of a lawsuit brought by several Newark chemical companies that dumped chemical wastes, including dioxin, from 1951 to 1969 into the Passaic River.

This little known lawsuit began when the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection sued these chemical companies, along with those who have an interest in these companies, in 2005 for \$80 million.

The DEP said the chemical companies "intentionally discharged" all of its waste chemicals, including large quantities of dioxin, into the Passaic River, which eventually empties into Newark bay.

In fact, the pollution was so widespread and pervasive, according to DEP information supplied by Clark Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, employees of the company were instructed to wade into the river and chop up the deposits so they would not be seen by passing boats.

So how does a Newark chemical company being sued by the DEP end up affecting 85 towns? Because these companies went to court and were granted the right to proceed with third party lawsuits against individual municipalities in order to recoup any financial loss they have to shoulder as a result of the \$80 million owed to the DEP.

So, despite a well documented history of intentional pollution by these defendants, as well as New Jersey's well established and long recognized policy in refraining from allowing environmental cost recovery actions against municipalities, these chemical companies began bringing lawsuits against the 85 municipalities in 2008, and



The Passaic River as it flows through Summit. As many as 85 towns could be defending themselves from third party lawsuits by a chemical company in Newark trying to recoup costs of cleaning up the Passaic River.

Photo By Paul Greulich

Clark was one of the first.

The legal nightmare soon spread to towns in Union, Essex, Bergen, Passaic, Middlesex and Monmouth counties, costing municipalities thousands in legal fees over the years. Just how much each of the 85 towns have shelled out legally to respond to these lawsuits is unknown, but Clark Business Administrator John Laezza has a pretty good idea.

"It's cost us \$2,500 a year to defend this lawsuit, \$40,000 since we were served in 2008," Laezza said. But the real financial impact, he added, would come if the 85 towns had to pay up.

"This could cost \$1 billion total, including legal costs for each town," he said, or more than \$11.76 million per town.

For that reason and the fact he did not want to see his community shouldering such a devastating financial burden, Mayor Sal Bonaccorso decided to fight fire with fire.

After close to a year of asking the DEP to attend a meeting in

Clark with mayors and representatives of the towns involved in the lawsuit, Bonaccorso sent a letter to multiple key legislators, asking for their intervention in alleviating the legal and financial burden connected with this lawsuit.

According to a letter sent to various state legislators by the Clark mayor, "the lawsuit filed by these industrial generators seeks contribution from the township and its sister municipalities towards the investigation and cleanup of the Passaic River that they polluted with dioxin."

The letter made it clear that the 85 towns should not have to be burdened with a lawsuit they had nothing to do with from the start, according to Bonaccorso. Especially when all they were doing was "performing their public function as mandated by the state law," he said.

It was just weeks before the DEP agreed to attend a meeting in Clark, which took place last week.

Attending was several DEP offi-

cials, mayors from several municipalities or their legal representatives.

Among the towns sending legal representatives were Cranford, Maplewood, Kearny, Harrison, Garwood and Rahway.

However, even though the DEP would not allow *LocalSource* to attend the meeting because the discussion involved an ongoing lawsuit brought against the chemical companies, Bonaccorso had no problem opening up about what transpired.

According to Laezza, at one point, after the DEP continued to say they could not help the towns because they have their own lawsuit against the chemical companies involved, the mayor lost his temper.

"If I put oil from my truck down a sewer you would arrest me in a minute. This is crazy," Bonaccorso told the DEP representatives.

The end result of the meeting, Laezza said, reinforced Clark's intent to soldier on, even if they

have to do it alone.

"We are aggravated and angry about this and we are going to continue fighting until these 85 towns are not a part of this lawsuit," the business administrator said.

Complicating the financial impact of this lawsuit for 14 Union County towns is the fact they could be hit twice, because Rahway Valley Sewerage was also sued by the chemical companies.

According to minutes from a Jan. 19 meeting, RVSA legal representatives had concerns about being brought aboard as a third party defendant because of the impact on the municipalities they serve would have to pay their portion of the lawsuit.

RVSA, though, suggested reaching out to the legal counsels of the member municipalities to see if they were interested in joining the authority in "an effort to minimize duplicate costs on the part of the authority and its member communities."

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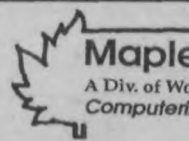
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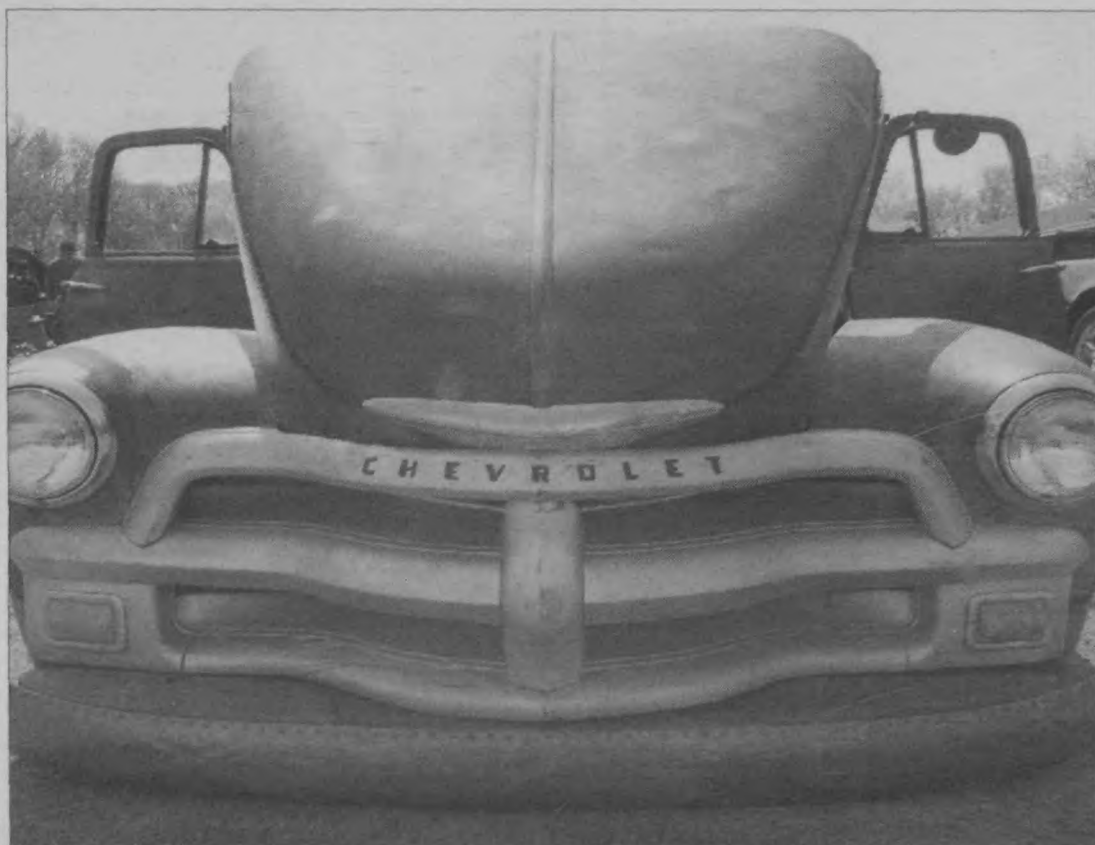


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A copper-plated 1954 Chevrolet pickup truck was on display at the Westfield Armory at the second annual Wheels for Wishes car show on Friday. The event was held by the Make a Wish Foundation and also featured an indoor automobile auction to raise money for critically ill children.

UCC present 'The Runner Stumbles'

On Friday and Saturday, Union County College's Owl Theater will present, "The Runner Stumbles" by Milan Stitt.

Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. each evening in the Roy Smith Theater at the College's Cranford campus.

The play is based on a real incident in 1911 in the backwoods of Michigan. A priest is charged with the murder of a nun. It is, in part, a whodunit courtroom drama, religious debate, and a challenge to obedience.

The entire cast and production team are comprised of students from the College, including, Chris Brennan, Stefeny Medina, Walter Scheuerman, Angela Basso, Melita

Richardsdon, and Mark Zebro Jr. The stage managers are Union students Ben Jacobson and Alonso Mejia. The play is directed by Union County College Professor Michael Z Murphy, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department. The producer is Rebecca May, Manager of College Life. The students have been rehearsing since the beginning of February. All of them have been involved in performing arts. Some have also been involved in stage productions before coming to Union.

Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available at the door. The College's Cranford campus is located at 1033 Springfield Ave. For direction or more information on Union County College, visit www.ucc.edu.

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Blood drives in Union County

New Jersey Blood Services will conduct blood drives in the area. The following drives are scheduled:

April 20 — Scotch Plains Donor Center, 2279 South Ave., Scotch Plains, 2 to 8:30 p.m.

April 21 — Scotch Plains Donor Center, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 21 — Jersey Gardens Outlet Mall, 651 Kapkowski Road, Elizabeth, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

April 22 — Jersey Gardens Outlet Mall, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

April 23 — Scotch Plains Donor Center, 2 to 8:30 p.m.

April 25 — Plainfield High School, 950 Park Ave., Plainfield, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 26 — Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 875 Raritan Road, Clark, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

April 27 — Scotch Plains Donor Center, 2 to 8:30 p.m.

April 28 — Scotch Plains Donor Center, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 30 — Scotch Plains Donor Center, 2 to 8:30 p.m.

New Jersey Blood Services a division of the New York Blood Center, has called upon people in the communities it serves, to schedule an appointment to donate blood or consider sponsoring a drive.

It was reported that the need for blood is constant due to its 42 day shelf life, and the only place to get this resource is from volunteer donors.

Saving energy



Photo Courtesy of Alicia Fuzy

Cadet Troop 446 from Garwood led by Diana Moore taught their little sisters in Clark Daisy Troop 425 how to create terrariums using recycled soda bottles and other recycled materials in an effort to help the Daisy Scouts earn their 'green petal' for using resources wisely. The girls expressed ways they will use resources wisely at home. For example, the girls pledged to turn off lights and televisions when they are not in use, not to waste running water and to recycle their garbage with their parents help.

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Celebrate Earth Day

Earth Day will be celebrated on Sunday. This observance demonstrates respect for the Earth, draws attention to anything damaging the environment, and raises awareness of ways that we can help maintain our environmental surroundings. An estimated 175 countries worldwide celebrate Earth Day.

The observance began in the United States during late 1969 and early 1970. Those were the years of protest against the war in Vietnam, and Earth Day was created in that spirit: to demonstrate a grassroots consensus advocating change to the status quo which some thought was in need of a new direction.

The most successful event in terms of participation to be held during those years occurred on April 22, 1970, and was organized by Sen. Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, an environmentalist.

The senator called for a day to focus on environmental situations which he considered harmful to our ecology, and an estimated 20 million people nationwide participated. Many historians believe that this single day gave rise to the modern environmentalist movement, which has brought about so many changes.

For that first Earth Day, Nelson called upon everyone to focus attention on local issues. And that remains the framework of the observance today. In Union County, we see many clean-ups of local parks, activities for families and events aimed at children.

Girls Scouts and Daisies have been building their own environmentally friendly projects from recycled materials in an effort to not only raise awareness, but to earn eco-friendly badges as well. In Garwood and Clark, they even pledged to turn off lights, television and other electronics while not in use. In addition, schools have been holding special assemblies to get the message out about the environment, and at the least, these great activities provide families with an array of environmentally-themed ideas they might use as a springboard for conversations with their children.

With Earth Day on Sunday, we are certain that those who wish to participate in a group effort can find something, either through their church, a neighborhood group, or perhaps the county event in Roseland, which is free, and which will leave you glad you spent the day as you did.



TASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE — A special presentation started off the April 10 Union Committee Meeting. The Union County Prosecutor honored Detective Patrick Bradley for his contribution to the Union County Homicide Task Force. Bradley was the first officer to spend three years in the Task Force.

The play's the thing: Have fun

I was in a boatload of plays and musicals in my day.

I sang and danced my tuckus off as Maisie Merriweather in "The Boyfriend" — it was so hot in our school's auditorium that my mascara ran from sheer perspiration.

As young Emily in "Our Town," I put a bottle cap upside down in my shoe to remind me which leg to limp on, and as Oliver I let my voice break a little at the end of the song, "Where Is Love" to see if I could get anyone in the audience to cry. They did.

I loved being in the chorus of "Oklahoma" because I got a lot of hang time with other kids while the director worked with the leads. We would clown around until we were shushed and it gave us the chance to flirt and possibly be partnered with older boys — most of whom we wouldn't have had any contact with otherwise.

I also vaguely remember when doing some show that had a circus theme our school's director had two trapezes bolted into the ceiling above the stage. I spent a bulk of the show swinging back and forth by my knees — no spotter, no net and no mat below me — just a smile to break my fall. I never did.

As fun as these experiences were, they also provided tremendous learning opportunities.

Blocking helped me become hyper aware of bodies in space — in terms of composition and balance. Learning new songs and choreography was mathy in its own way. Having to count measures and gauge distances in time, turning and crossing in symmetrical paths across the stage, illustrated some principles of geometry. There were beautiful, blended harmonies to be mindful of, pages of

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By V.C. Chickering



memorizing to be done, and gorgeous sets to be designed and painted.

Every day my brain and body whirred with new information that had to somehow weave itself together and imprint in my mind so that, come opening night, I could hit my marks, remember my lines, blend my voice just so while not stepping on anyone's toes. And to think that this was all going on while I prepared for spelling quizzes, algebra finals and science tests. Quite a feat.

I didn't understand at the time how important these accomplishments would be, as transferrable skills in adulthood, nor did I care. Teamwork and partnering are germane to every office job I can fathom, as is assimilating and regurgitating new information in a confident and compelling manner. Standing up straight and hitting your mark without turning your back to the audience — not to mention projecting — are skills that have served me well in pitch meetings and presentations over the years. A conference room is really just a small stage with a pile of sandwiches in the center, when you think about it. In both arenas there is a message to be delivered, a product to be sold and an audience to be charmed.

What better proving ground than a school musical or drama production? Not to mention the sizeable dose of confidence one has to have to get up in front of

classmates in a potentially dorky costume, and possibly trip or forget, having to keep calm and carry on. Tell me that won't serve you well for decades to come. It has.

Before a show, my dad would remind me of what Spencer Tracy used to say about acting: Learn your lines and don't bump into the furniture. My mom would tell me to make sure my hair was out of my face, to stand up straight and not to futz with my costume — no matter how itchy or ill-fitting it was. Both made sure to remind me to have fun. After all, that was the point, wasn't it?

I had a chance to ponder this again recently when I performed in front of an audience. While I was singing my heart out, and supposedly having fun, I was having a completely lucid parallel conversation with myself in my head during the song: Am I hitting my mark? Check. Do I remember the first word to the next verse? Yes. Oh, shoot, I just blew over the third verse — wups — will have to go back and make sure to fit it in before the chorus.

Thank goodness the band is keeping up. They're such troopers; must remember to thank them. Uh-oh, the strap of my dress is about to slip off my shoulder — don't futz! Raise up my left arm, maybe that'll reset it. It did.

Here comes the big finish; hope I can hit that note. Thank goodness. One down; two to go. Take a sip of water. What's next? Oh, right. Here we go again. Stand up straight and don't futz. Oh, and remember to have fun!

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OP ED PAGE

Clerk's office to waive photo fee for obtaining passport

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi recently announced that free passport photographs are available from Monday through April 28, when customers apply for a U.S. Passport at her offices in Elizabeth and Westfield.

"My offices will waive the normal \$10 fee for having your photograph taken when you apply during the last week in April for a passport book or passport card at our offices in Elizabeth and Westfield," Rajoppi said.

"Besides encouraging you to get your passport ready for summer vacations, this will also assist people who are renewing their driver's license."

New federal security rules set to begin May 7 will require additional proof of identification to secure a new driver's license. A current U.S.

passport is one of the primary documents citizens can use to verify their identification.

Passport application forms may be obtained at the County Clerk's main office in the Union County Courthouse at 2 Broad St. in Elizabeth or at the County Clerk's office annex at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. Applications for passports and related information also can be found online at: ucnj.org/government/county-clerk/Passports.

"Our Elizabeth office opens at 7:30 a.m. and it has experienced, helpful, English and Spanish-speaking certified passport agents ready to assist you in any way we can," Rajoppi said. "Our Westfield office has convenient evening and Saturday hours and also is fully staffed."

The Westfield Annex is the only County Clerk's office in the state that is open during evening hours. The Westfield Annex is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The telephone number at the Westfield Annex is 908-654-9859.

The Elizabeth office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The telephone number in Elizabeth is 908-527-4966.

Clients are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to closing time to allow for staff assistance with the passport process.

For more information about obtaining a U.S. passport, call 908-527-4966.

KENILWORTH BRIEFS

'Diary of Anne Frank' viewing today at Historical Society

A special viewing of the 2008 movie adaptation of "The Diary of Anne Frank" has been arranged by the Kenilworth Historical Society for April 19 in observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day. The general public is invited to attend the viewing, which will begin at 7 p.m. at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center, 526 Boulevard. Admission is free.

The two-hour film, which is being shown in cooperation with Darlow Smithson Productions Ltd., has won international acclaim for its authenticity and accurate interpretation of Jewish teenager Anne Frank's life in hiding from 1942 to 1944, during the World War II German occupation of the Netherlands. Drawing on exact passages from the revered diary that she wrote from a secret annex in Amsterdam shared with her family and others, the movie portrays the humanity, tolerance, courage and will to live for which Anne Frank is universally recognized.

Parking and entrance to the Kenilworth Seniors' Center are located at the rear of the building. For further information, call 908-709-0434.

The Kenilworth Historical Society's regular meetings, open to the general public, are held at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center usually on the third Thursday of each month, except in July and August, when no meetings are scheduled. Meetings start at 7 p.m. For details regarding the Kenilworth Historical Society, visit the organization's website at www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org.

Tea party has gone 'Mad'

The Kenilworth Historical Society will present a "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" on May 5, based on the tea gathering that 19th-century author Lewis Carroll wrote about in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."

The tea party, along with an enlightening and entertaining program by food historian and tea specialist, Judith Krall-Russo, will begin at noon at the Kenilworth Gospel Chapel, 103 South 23rd St., Kenilworth.

The afternoon event will include an assortment of teas, tea sandwiches and desserts. Krall-Russo will discuss the history of tea gatherings, review tea etiquette and the various types of teas, and speak briefly about hats, Lewis Carroll's social commentary on the Victorian Age through his 1865 publication of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," and more. Each

participant will receive a gift as a remembrance of the occasion. A small gift auction also is planned.

In keeping with the "Mad Hatter's" theme of the event, participants are invited to wear hats. Advance reservations are required. Tickets should be purchased by April 27, as seating is limited, it was announced. For reservations and tickets, call 908-709-0434, 908-245-1467, or visit Especially Yours Florist at 13 North 20th St., Kenilworth.

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

A speaker, lecturer and event organizer, Krall-Russo has planned and presented a diverse range of programs regarding the customs and traditions of tea as well as the history and trends surrounding many popular New Jersey foods and beverages. She also is a collector of tea accoutrements.

Kenilworth Gospel Chapel is an independent community Bible church with a congregation of approximately 165 adults and children. The chapel was constructed in 1936 by chapel members, including the family of local pioneer James Arthur, who built many homes in the area in the late 19th/early 20th centuries and founded the New Orange Park project.

Gallery on the Boulevard exhibits work through April 30

The Gallery on the Boulevard at the Kenilworth Public Library will present "Discovering Watercolours," a collection of paintings by Jeanne Lucas, through April 30. Born and raised in England, Lucas studied drawing and sketching in high school but only became serious about studying art again after she came to the United States in 2004. After having enrolled in drawing and oil painting classes at Union County College, Lucas also discovered additional opportunities for study in Roselle and it was here that she realized her true love was for watercolour. Subsequently, her watercolour painting of a scene in Venice at dusk was awarded third prize in the Union County Senior Art contest.

Artists and photographers interested in having their work displayed at the Gallery on the Boulevard can contact Library Director Dale Spindel for more information. The Kenilworth library is located at 548 Boulevard. More information about the library can be found at www.kenilworthlibrary.org.

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Fadem Road tract leased to container company

NAI James E. Hanson, a New Jersey-based commercial real estate firm, has announced that the firm has completed a 64,338-square-foot industrial lease transaction at 50-52 Fadem Road in Springfield. The tenant, Ring Container Technologies Inc., signed a long-term lease, and plans to use the space for the manufacturing of containers for the food industry.

NAI Hanson Vice President Barry J. Cohorsky represented the tenant, while Cassidy Turley, senior vice president, and principal Douglas J. Bansbach represented the landlord, Bristol Group.

"Ring Container Technologies can now move its operations from Hillside to this well-located site in Springfield," Cohorsky said. "The deal served a dual purpose as the firm was able to retain all employees and remain near a major client in this expansion."

Built in 1967 and renovated in 1980, the two-story, multiple-tenant Class B warehouse totals 206,901 square feet with a 20-foot clear ceiling height, five tailboards, one drive-in and 190 surface parking spaces. The property is located within a corporate park-like setting in the Route 78/22 East industrial submarket.

Library will deliver to home bound

Springfield Free Public Library is offering delivery services to the home bound. The library is in the process of collecting applications from potential delivery recipients as well as volunteer drivers. Eligible individuals include Springfield residents with a valid library card, who are temporarily or permanently disabled and unable to travel to the library. The application must be

filled out and certified by a physician, visiting nurse or other health care professional. The individual will be matched with a delivery volunteer after the library receives one's application.

The library is seeking volunteers who find comfort in helping people and can afford to donate their time. They must be willing to use their own car for deliveries. Volunteers will need to spend some time getting to know delivery recipients and find out about their likes and dislikes so these can be communicated to the library staff for better selection. Volunteers need to sign a waiver and show proof of valid car insurance.

Applications can be picked up at the reference desk. The library can be called for mailed applications. They also are available at www.sfpnj.org under "Programs." The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., and the telephone number is 973-376-4930, Ext. 228.

Temple to hold annual funding event

Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield, 78 South Springfield Ave., will present its 30th annual "Sustaining Fund Event," a Yom Yerushalayim Concert, to honor Rabbi Joshua Goldstein upon his retirement on June 30. This event will feature a performance by The New Jersey Cantors Concert Ensemble and will be held on May 20 from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by a gala reception.

Yom Yerushalayim, or Jerusalem Day, is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in June, 1967. In honor of Rabbi Goldstein's love for Israel, and in celebration of the holiday, the temple will showcase The New Jersey Cantors' Concert Ensemble?, the world's very first choir of both men

Batter up



During the opening day ceremonies of Little League in Kenilworth, Jerry Ramos, left, a little league coach and sign sponsor for 30 years, threw out the first pitch of the 2012 season. With him are, from left, Mikey Ramos, Danny Ramos and Mike Ramós.

and women cantors. The ensemble features more than 20 cantors from Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist synagogues in northern and central New Jersey. The Temple's own cantor and director of education, Amy Daniels, is a member of the ensemble.

Temple Event Co-Chair Bev Lerner said, "For 30 years, Rabbi Goldstein has led and loved his congregation. We are so honored to celebrate our spiritual leader, our teacher, our friend. This joyous event is but one way we can give back to him."

The community is invited to the

Yom Yerushalayim musical event and celebration at a fee. For more information, contact the temple office at 973)379-5387 or at office@shaarey.org.

Reading gives blend of comedy, April 29

On April 29 at 2 p.m., Springfield Free Public Library will present a blend of scenes, songs, and humor from Lily Tomlin, Thornton Wilder, Neil Simon, Erma Bombeck and more, in at concert-reading program.

The performance will feature Emmy Award winning actress

Elaine Bromka, who has appeared in such films as "Uncle Buck" and "Without a Trace;" on television, "The Sopranos," "Sex & the City" and "Law and Order," and on Broadway in "The Rose Tattoo" and "I'm Not Rappaport."

Also appearing will be Reathel Bean, who has appeared on Broadway in "Our Town," with Paul Newman, "Inherit the Wind," with George C. Scott, and in such films, as "Brenda Starr" and "The Nanny Diaries." On television, Bean has appeared on many of the "Law and Order" franchises, "Third Watch," "Ed," "Spin City," and "Nurse Jackie."

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Mayor: council is not even close to introducing budget

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for budget preparation to city council members, not the mayor and business administrator.

"A \$96 million budget can't be run by part-time council members with full-time jobs and family obligations," Gerbounka said.

Under the Faulkner Act, the mayor and business administrator are responsible for putting the annual budget together. Under the Wildwood Act, city council President Jim Moore appoints a Personnel and Finance Committee to draft a budget. But that is not where the problem comes in, said the mayor.

"The committee is not the problem. It's the other council members that are hanging things up," he explained. "When you have 11 council members you end up with analysis paralysis."

Gerbounka said everyone ends up pointing fingers at one another and nothing gets accomplished.

"This happens every year. Everyone quibbles and everyone wants things their way," the mayor said.

"So far the budget is above the 2 percent state mandated cap," he added, mentioning that if they don't start cutting things, the budget will stay where it is, currently 4 percent, and the spending plan will never get introduced.

Gerbounka is sitting in on budget hearings, thanks to Moore who felt the mayor should be in on the expenditure of taxpayer dollars. And it's not as though nothing has been accomplished.

"Since October we have met with all the department heads and asked them to cut their budgets to the 2005 level," the mayor said, adding the only way council can reach the 2 percent cap level is if they seriously consider employee furloughs and layoffs along with merging the Department of Public

Works and municipal garages.

The mayor said every council member has their own ideas about how the budget can be reduced, but not all are feasible or protect city coffers.

For example, he said, 3rd Ward Councilman Peter Brown, would like to use surplus, or city savings, to reduce the budget. While many municipalities, such as Union, for example, have done this to reduce the impact on taxpayers, it is a double edged sword.

"Using surplus is a one time fix that puts you behind the eight ball next year," the mayor said, adding if the city uses \$2 million in surplus, as Brown suggested, that would leave Linden without a good nest egg in case the city is hit with an unexpected expense.

But the real problem with getting the budget completed in a timely manner, Gerbounka said, is that politics seem to enter into everything the council tries to accomplish.

"It's turned into a political fiasco. It's a joke," Gerbounka admitted, adding that he was disgusted that the governing body "can't get together on anything."

The mayor, though, thinks there is something else weighing down this governing body.

"You can't have part time elected officials trying to figure out a budget this large. They have no concept of how things operate," Gerbounka said, explaining that as the mayor he is in his office every day, all day and knows how things run like the back of his hand.

When and if the city council manages to agree on a budget depends on many factors, but if the past is any indication, it could be a while. For instance, in 2010 the city council did not introduce a budget until September. The only reason

they buckled down and got the job done was because the state threatened to fine each council member \$25 a day until the budget was introduced, the mayor said.

Last year, as in 2009, the city council managed to introduce their municipal budget by May. But that still was two months after the state deadline.

Gerbounka, though, is not concerned if the city delays the process somewhat, as they did in 2009 and 2011. But when things are at a stalemate, that is a major problem.

"We have to make decisions. One way or another, we have to start making decisions. No one wants to agree, but eventually we will have to move on this budget," the mayor said.

Linden was created as a Wildwood Act community, including 10 city council wards and one council-at-large position. However, in Linden the council president position became a separate elected position, usually a four-year term. In fact, Linden may be the only municipality in the state to elect a council president. But this may actually be against the law. In 1987 most traditional forms of government in New Jersey underwent major revision by the legislature. Under current law, Linden is supposed to select a council president every year from among its members.

Monday night at a city council caucus meeting, the majority of the council member decided to draft a resolution, which was expected to pass Tuesday night, to hire an attorney to research the legality of an elected council president.

Although the city's charter goes back to 1897, the mayor said the council had a chance in 1970 to change their charter. In 1974, they began electing city council presidents.

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UNION BRIEFS

Garden Club meets May 2

The Garden Club of Union will meet May 2 at 7 p.m. in the Bonnel Room of Town Hall, Morris Avenue.

The meeting will feature "Concrete Mel," who will demonstrate how to make one's own cement flower pot. He will have many garden figures for sale, from angels to lizards.

The club is preparing for the planting of the Town Hall gardens. Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome.

Taste of Union, April 26

The fifth Annual Taste of Union, sponsored by the Taste of Union Committee, will be held on April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 1034 Jeanette Ave., Union. Various local restaurants and establishments will gather under one roof, where you can taste their food and wine. A preliminary list of participants includes: 141 South, Café'Z, Carvel, Chestnut Chateau, Cioffi's, Conca D'Oro Bakery, Cozy Corner, DiPaolo Bakery, Fior D'Italia, Killer Vegan, Kyoto Sushi II, Lagar Restaurant, Magic Fountain, Red Cadillac, Rio Rodizio, Tiffany Restaurant, University Diner, Union Plaza Diner and Total Wine.

Tickets can be purchased at the clerk's office in Town Hall. For more information, contact Karen at 908-851-5472 email at kcaulfield1@uniontownship.com or Peggy

at 908-686-1925 or email at pgehrig@union-township.com.

All proceeds will benefit Lucy DeLaurentis of Union. DeLaurentis was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when she was six weeks old. Although her list of medications has increased over the years, along with the frequency of hospital stays, she has managed to keep a positive and determined mindset. In 2010, DeLaurentis received a bachelor's degree in arts photography and in American studies.

The proceeds also will benefit Daniel Donnerstag, a Union High School graduate. At the age of 15, Donnerstag became an EMT and served as a volunteer with the Union EMS/Callmen's for seven years until he graduated from college. During all four years of college, he was enrolled as an officer candidate in the United States Marine Corps. In September 2008, he did his first tour overseas in Iraq and held the position of platoon commander in charge of a group of 42 men.

In November 2010 Donnerstag received his second war-related assignment overseas serving in Afghanistan as the officer in charge of the Police Advisory team in Nimroz Province. However, five months into his tour, he was severely injured when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device, and spent the next several months in various hospitals, where he underwent numerous surgeries and physical therapy for injuries sus-

tained. Although the military provided care of him, Union would like to recognize him as a home town boy and honor him for his service in the military. Capt. Donnerstag would like to serve his community as well as he served his country.

YM-YWHA holds final meeting of season, April 24

Elaine Ratner, president of the Jewish Women International Batim-Union Chapter, has announced that the final meeting of the spring-summer season will be held on April 24 at the YM-YWHA at 501 Green Lane, Union.

The board meeting will be held at 12:15 p.m. and the general meeting at 1:15 p.m. Jeanne Major, program chairperson, has invited Barbara Adam Plyer and Rebecca G. Wiener to facilitate a program featuring the artistic works of Marc Chagall and Vincent Van Gogh. The speakers program will explain "How Artistic Color Affects Our Emotions." All members and guests are invited. Refreshments will be served following the general meeting.

Seminar on retirement IRA's set for April 26

Financial Advisors, Vanessa and Juan Adames, will conduct a seminar on "Retirement IRAs (Roth versus Traditional)," at Union Public Library on April 26 at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to the admission-free program.

The seminar will provide information on a Roth IRA or traditional IRA for the current tax year, and how it works. Also covered will be an introduction to mutual funds: What they are, how are they structured, the diversification they provide, and the advantages of professional money management and dollar cost average. It also will answer the question of "Will I outlive my income?" a risk facing many Americans today. One can register for this workshop to get more answers on frequently asked questions.

Both Vanessa and Juan Adames work for Primerica Inc., a financial services firm.

For more information, contact the reference department at 908-851-5450, Ext. 5452.

Steampunk film series begins April 24

Union Public library will present a film series depicting the "steampunk" genre with five selections beginning April 24 and continuing through May 22. The films will be screened on Tuesdays. Admission to the programs is free.

Steampunk is a genre which came into prominence during the 1980s and early 1990s and incorporates elements of science fiction, fantasy, alternate history, horror, and speculative fiction. It involves a setting where steam power is widely used.

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Rutgers Coop. Extension gives residents 'small steps' to getting healthy, wealthy

Just in time to jumpstart spring, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has introduced the "Spring 2012 Small Steps to Health and Wealth Challenge."

The free six-week program, open to all Union County residents, is an online learning experience developed by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, supported in part by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The program lasts through May 26, 2012.

"By allowing you to break up your goals into daily actions, the Spring Challenge is a wonderful way to begin or continue your journey towards a healthier, financially secure life," noted Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. "The Freeholder Board is proud to support this beneficial program."

The Spring Challenge is part of Small Steps to Health and Wealth, a national Cooperative Extension program built around a framework of 25 research-based behavior

change strategies.

The "Spring 2012 SSHW Challenge" is based on the performance of ten recommended practices on a daily basis: five that involve health and nutrition and five that involve financial management. Participants can also replace one daily health activity and one daily personal finance activity with a unique daily personal challenge of their own.

"Doing even one of the ten recommended daily practices is a great way to get started," said Karen Enslie, Rutgers professor and Family and Community Health Sciences Educator for the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County. Enslie developed the Small Steps to Health and Wealth program with Barbara O'Neill, CFP, also of Rutgers.

As part of the challenge, points are assigned for each completed action, which can be entered online. The point system allows for a total of 700 points per week and a possible challenge-wide total of

4,200 points. Prizes will be awarded to those who report the highest point totals.

Participants can also track and compare their personal progress with the average scores of others taking part in the challenge using the bar graph on the website.

To sign up for the SSHW Challenge, follow the "Challenges" link on the Small Steps to Health and Wealth Web site at <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/sshw/>.

Set up a user name and password and download a simple one-page user's guide with instructions on how to proceed. Enroll in the Challenge titled "Spring 2012 SSHW Challenge." Paper tracking forms can be downloaded to keep track of daily activities until they are entered online.

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is supported in part by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. To contact the Union County Extension call 908-654-9854

To the Urkelmobile!



Photo By Dave Vandeventer

A three-wheeled 1957 BMW Isetta was on display at the Westfield Armory on Friday, as the Make a Wish Foundation hosted their second annual Wheels for Wishes car show. The event drew hundreds of visitors to see classic cars, some of which were at auction. Even a vintage re-creation of the 1960s classic Batmobile was on hand for the event which also offered guests a chance to try the gourmet food from many of the area's local restaurants.

Theater Project offers staged readings

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library and the Theater Project will be host to script-in-hand, staged readings of three one-act plays April 21 at 2 p.m. in Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

The Theater Project, with former headquarters in Cranford, is currently located at the Burgdorff Center for the Performing Arts in Maplewood.

It is one of New Jersey's most acclaimed professional theater groups. The afternoon will begin with

"Mr. Temu" by Ed Latero. Latero's plays have been produced in New York and New Jersey. "Mr. Temu" will be followed by "The Company," by Joseph Vitale.

Vitale is the author of several plays, including "The Fourth State of Matter," which was performed at the Theater for the New City in New York.

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Amid distraction, \$20K in jewelry stolen

On April 13, an 82-year-old female resident of the 2800 block of Bradbury Avenue in the Sunny-side section of Linden reported to police at 11:30 a.m. that a woman rang her doorbell.

When she went to the door, the woman, who told the victim her name was "Julie," said she noticed from the street that her roof had a leak, according to police. Julie then asked the victim for a glass of water and came into the home.

A few minutes later, police said, a man rang the door bell and then entered the house, telling the victim, he, too, noticed a leak in her roof and would repair it for \$100. The victim gave the man \$100, and he walked out of the kitchen.

After a few minutes, the man returned to the kitchen, and both of them told the victim they would return on Wednesday to fix the roof. The following morning, the victim went into her bedroom to get a pair of earrings and noticed that all of her jewelry, valued at \$20,000, was missing.

"Julie" is described as a white female, 40-years-old, five feet, five inches tall, 130 pounds, with shoulder length dark hair. The man is white, 50-years-old, five feet, seven inches, 230 pounds, short dark hair, wearing a dark jacket with work clothes. They left in a dark gray van. Anyone with information, can contact Detective David Dehler at 908-474-8538 or email crimetips@police.linden-nj.org.

The following incidents were reported to Union County police departments, to which officers responded.

Union

• April 6: There was a motor vehicle pursuit on 1603 Route 22, when a police officer, while attempting to make a motor vehicle stop, had the driver and vehicle evade him. The suspect vehicle was a 2001 black Chevy Blazer, NJ/V95-BAH occupied by a black male in his late 40s. The pursuit was terminated by the officer on Route 22 East in Hillside.

• April 6: An arrest was made on Biscayne Boulevard by two Union police officers of one female for DVA/aggravated assault. She also was charged with possession of a weapon.

• April 8: Police responded to a report of a theft at the VFW Building, 2012 High St., and arrested Keith Henderson for theft of cash from the basement cash register.

• April 8: An investigation was made by Union police of a motor vehicle burglary on Quaker Way. An unlocked vehicle was entered sometime overnight. A purse with jewelry was missing.

• April 9: Police made an arrest on Gregory Avenue of Guillermo Munchapomoza for a warrant during a motor vehicle stop.

• April 9: The Union Police responded to a caller report of a

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burglary to a home on Oakland Avenue. The caller reported that at 10:30, a person burglarized her home and was still inside when she surprised him.

• April 10: An arrest was made by police at 2151 Route 22 of Pedro Trabazo for driving while on the suspended list for DWI.

• April 11: A police officer arrested Christopher Lee for possession of CDS at a motor vehicle stop at 1 Garden State Parkway.

• April 11: An arrest was made on Copper Hill and Ridgeway of a male juvenile for disorderly conduct.

• April 11: Two police officers arrested Antoine Bennett at Stuyvesant Avenue and Vauxhall Road for simple assault, criminal mischief, resisting and obstruction.

• April 11: An arrest was made at a motor vehicle stop at 2800 Springfield Ave. of Austen Adler and Michael Mittleman for possession of CDS.

• April 12: Police responded to a report of arson on Burkley Place. A car was set on fire in front of the residence. A rag was found underneath the vehicle at the scene after an investigation by UFD.

• April 12: There was a very brief motor vehicle pursuit by police at the Stuyvesant-Irvington line of a red 1998 four-door Oldsmobile Achieva, NJ/T47-BHM. The vehicle was occupied by two black males. There was no further information. The pursuit was terminated by police officers at Prospect and 40th Street in Irvington.

• April 12: Police investigated a burglary on Morris Avenue. The screens were cut on the windows of two apartments. No entry was gained at this time.

Cranford

• March 30: Cranford Patrolman Robert Jordan made an arrest at 7:34 p.m. on Raritan Road and Coleman Avenue of Ramell J. Bateman, 21, of Newark. Officer Jordan stopped a 1996 Chevy Lumina in the area of Raritan Road and Coleman Avenue because the vehicle had an expired inspection certificate. After a brief on scene investigation, the police officer arrested and charged Ramell J. Bateman for possession of under 50g of marijuana, possession of CDS paraphernalia, possession of CDS in a motor vehicle and failure to inspect a motor vehicle. It also was determined that Bateman had an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$150 from the city of Newark. He was released with court dates pending.

• March 31: Patrolman Christopher DiFabio arrested Alexander Gazsi, 21, of Cranford at 3:40 a.m. on Lincoln Avenue at Denman Road, for driving while intoxicated

and careless driving. Officer DiFabio had responded to a motor vehicle accident in the area of Lincoln Avenue and Denman Road. The officer observed a silver, 2007 Hyundai that had crashed into a tree at that location. There were no injuries. After a brief investigation on the scene, Officer DiFabio arrested and charged Alexander Gazsi for driving while intoxicated and careless driving. Gazsi was released with a Cranford Court date pending.

• March 31: An arrest was made by Patrolman Spencer Durkin at 2:54 p.m. on South Avenue at Meeker Avenue, of Abdurahman Abdelwahed, 35, of San Diego, Calif. Officer Durkin stopped a 2012 Hyundai, Sonata in the area of South and Meeker Avenues for speeding. After a brief investigation, the police officer arrested and charged the front seat passenger, Abdurahman Abdelwahed for possession of under 50g on marijuana and possession of CDS paraphernalia. Abdelwahed was released with a Cranford Municipal Court date pending.

• April 2: Patrolman Spencer Durkin arrested William E. Merkle, 39, of Parlin at 2:36 p.m. on North Avenue at Springfield Ave. The officer observed a suspicious male walking through a roadside construction site in the area of North Avenue and Springfield Avenue. After a brief investigation, Officer Durkin arrested William E. Merkle for possession of prescription medication and possession of a hypodermic syringe.

Rahway

• April 3: Rahway Police Officer William DiGangi investigated a 74-suspicious event, a burglary, on East Milton Avenue.

• April 4: Primary Officer Thomas Salvia responded to a report of an active theft on Laurel Place.

• April 5: Police Officers Marcus Giammetta, Richard Pannone and Joseph Bost investigated a burglary at E. Milton Avenue.

• April 6: A theft on East Milton Avenue was reported, and Primary Officer Robert Zarzycki responded.

• April 6: A suspicious event on W. Main Street was investigated by Rahway Police officers, Douglas Botti, Tara Hannan, Jeffrey Urban and Scott Rayack and reported it as a burglary.

• April 7: Police officers Juan Ferrer and Douglas Botti responded to a report of a suspicious event, a theft, on Fulton Street.

• April 9: Rahway Primary Officer Philip Withers investigated a theft report on Price Street.

Clark

• April 9: Clark Police Officer Daniel Joy responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident with no injuries in the vicinity of 45 Central Ave. On arrival, there were no injuries, and the appropriate acci-

dent report was filed.

• April 11: Police Officer Brian Pereira responded to a report of a theft of items from a locker at Bally's Total Fitness at 140 Central Ave.

The incident is under investigation. Patrolman Pereira was the arresting officer.

• April 13: Police Officer Joseph Mirabile was the arresting officer following a report of a theft from a motor vehicle, which was parked at a residence at 219 Lexington Boulevard, Apt. 3. The incident is under investigation.

• April 15: In the vicinity of Gibson Boulevard and Raritan Road, Police Officer Kenneth Gaulette arrested Rick Dones, 26, single, a stock person, of 165 Orchard St., Elizabeth, for possession of CDS. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

• April 15: Police took a report of a theft of items from a motor vehicle, which was parked at a residence at 552 Oak Ridge Road. The incident is under investigation. Police Officer Keith Meehan was the arresting officer.

IN MEMORIAM

- BEER — Angela, formerly of Union; April 13.
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LINDEN BRIEFS

Alzheimer's program, May 31 at library

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This program will examine the symptoms of caregiver stress and offer strategies toward becoming a healthier caregiver and setting realistic expectations for themselves and for the person for whom they take care.

To register for the program, sign up at the circulation desk or call Dennis Purves at 908-298-3830, Ext. 11.

Celebrate trees at Linden Public Library

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To register for the program, register at the circulation desk or call 908-298-3830. The library is located at 31 E. Henry Street.

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The Department of Public Property & Community Services is offering a spring playground program for Linden residents from 5 to 8 p.m., May 21 to June 21.

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There will be a playground director on duty for registration.

For more information call, 908-474-8600 or 908-474-8639.

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Magician Joe Fischer will be pulling rabbits out of his hat at two separate shows on April 21 at the McManus Middle School, 330 Edgewood Road. Show number one will begin at 10 a.m., and show number two will begin at 11:30 a.m. Admission is free for all Linden children and their parents and other family members. For further information call The Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services at 908-474-8600.

Boat safety course

The Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services will sponsor a one day boat safety certification course, approved by the United States Coast Guard, on May 12 at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden, beginning at 8 a.m.

The course takes eight hours to complete and is open to all New Jersey residents. This includes break and exam time, so lunch can

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There is a registration fee, and registration must be made by April at one of Linden's recreation centers, John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., or the Community Center Building, 605 So. Wood Ave., or Linden Multi-Purpose Center, 1025 John St. or online at www.linden-nj.org by clicking onto CommunityPass. Course participants must be at least 14 years of age.

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Spring Home & Garden

This spring, make cleaning less of a chore

For homeowners, spring cleaning is one of the annual rites of spring. The return of warmer weather presents the perfect opportunity for homeowners to open the windows, let some fresh air in and tidy up after a few months spent cooped up inside while the weather outside was frightful.

But now that spring has arrived, the time to clean up around the house has come. Homeowners about to start on their annual spring cleaning should consider the following before beginning.

The right tools won't necessarily be a hammer and nails, but cleaning products that can make spring cleaning more efficient. Rubber gloves, cleaning products, preferably natural products that are good for the environment, and enough garbage bags to discard a winter's worth of clutter should all be on hand before you begin cleaning. If they're not, you'll likely need to make a trip to the store while cleaning, which can be time-consuming and prolong the process.

Many people have no problem buying new clothes, but they do find it hard to get rid of older items. Part of spring cleaning is tossing old items you no longer use, and that includes clothing. Clothing can take up a significant amount of space, so take some inventory on your wardrobe and decide which items you want to keep and which ones you can afford to discard or even donate.

If the last several months have been especially cold or snowy, then



This spring, these helpful tips and reminders can help you get through the seasonal cleaning without as much hassle.

you might not have looked out the windows in quite some time. Unfortunately, those windows might have accumulated quite an amount of dirt and grime while you were huddled inside. When washing the windows, do so on a cloudy day, as the sun can actually cause streaking. In addition, be mindful of what you're using to wipe down the windows post-cleaning. Microfiber rags typically give windows a great shine without any streaking.

The blinds and drapes will also need to be addressed, as they have likely accumulated some dust over

the last few months. Dust the valance and the frame, and wipe the blinds down with a damp cloth. You can also use your vacuum's upholstery and brush attachments to further clean blinds and drapes.

You likely wash your bed linens regardless of the season. When spring cleaning, toss these linens into the washing machine and don't forget to wash the mattress pads

and bed skirting as well. While those items are in the wash, flip all the mattresses in your household.

The kitchen is not immune to clutter, and it's especially easy for items to overstay their welcome in the refrigerator and the kitchen cabinets.

Look for old takeout containers in the refrigerator that have managed to stick around, and throw

these out as well as any items that have passed their expiration dates. While items in the kitchen cabinets might not have an expiration date, it helps to remove them from the pantry and then dust and wipe down the shelves. When doing so, discard any items that no longer seem appetizing.

Area rugs have no doubt collected dirt and dust over the last several months. Though vacuuming these area rugs might be enough during the year, take advantage of the pleasant weather and take the rugs outside to beat them and rid them of dust and any other particles the vacuum might have missed over the last few months.

Bookshelves are one the biggest collectors of dust in many homes. Open the windows in the home and then remove books from the shelves.

Once the books have been removed, dust the shelves and wipe them down with a damp cloth. And don't forget to dust the books and reorganize titles before returning them to their newly cleaned shelves.

Spring cleaning is something all homeowners must do to keep their homes healthy and clean. Spring cleaning is an annual event at many households, and a few simple strategies can make it go much more smoothly.

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Get ready for fun in the sun this spring

At the approach of the warmer weather, there are things families can do to prepare for a season of fun in the sun.

There are many craft projects families and children can tackle, but ideas that involve projects that can be put to use outdoors may be the most fitting. Fortunately, there are a number of ideas for crafty projects to involve everyone in the household.

• **Birdhouse:** Head to the hardware store and pick up a few supplies. Otherwise, chances are items that can be made into a birdhouse probably can be found from scraps of materials already around the house or in the garage. Scraps of wood, metal, tiles, plastic, and the like can be used to craft a bird house or feeder. Even an empty plastic bottle can be used. Some nesting material, such as pieces of yarn or cotton, can be placed inside the house to entice birds to take up residence once the weather warms.

• **Stepping stones:** Stepping stones can be a whimsical way to dress up the outdoor garden or yard. A trip to the craft store for some plaster or even a quick-set cement can be the medium to use for the stones. Experiment with shapes that can be used as molds, and gather different materials that can be embedded into the stepping stone, such as pebbles, marbles or beads. Use a pencil or another pointed tool to engrave a message or name on the stepping stones.

• **Painted flower pots:** If the colors and designs at the local garden center don't fit with a particular design scheme, buy unfinished terra-cotta or plastic pots and paint them with the designs and colors.

• **Garden gnomes:** Craft stores often sell unfinished pottery that can be painted and sealed. See if garden gnomes or other whimsical creatures can be found.

• **Outdoor games:** A large piece of plywood or fiberboard can serve as the game board for a number of different activities. Use spray paint to stencil on alternating squares of red and black for a larger than life checkerboard or chess board.

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Delaying on roof repairs can prove very costly

Replacing a roof is a costly venture few homeowners look forward to. According to Remodeling magazine's 2010-11 "Cost vs. Value" report, the national average cost of a roof replacement is nearly \$22,000, a costly endeavor considering the tenuous nature of the economy. What's more, homeowners who choose more upscale roofing materials can expect to spend almost \$40,000 on their roofs.

Such costs make it no small wonder that many homeowners fear the dreaded diagnosis that their home needs a new roof. While there's little homeowners can do to reduce the cost of a roof replacement, there are warning signs homeowners can look for that might indicate a roof replacement is on the horizon.

Recognition of these signs can help homeowners be more financially prepared should the day come when the roof needs to be replaced.

If the roof has lots of dark streaks and stains clinging to it, that is likely algae, which can grow on the roof for quite awhile. Algae does not necessarily do any damage to a roof, but it does do some damage to a home's physical appearance, as algae on the roof is not very pleasing to the eye. Algae is most often found on the roofs of homes located in climates that have warm, humid

summers. If algae is a problem on your roof, spray washing with a mixture of water and bleach can effectively remove it.

Like algae, buckling shingles are another unsightly problem on a roof. But buckling shingles are more than just an eyesore, they actually might indicate significant problems. When shingles buckle, that's typically because hot air from the attic is forcing the shingles away from the home. Buckling shingles also indicate that the roof is poorly ventilated, which can take years off the roof's life expectancy while driving up home cooling costs along the way.

Granule loss is typically a by-product of normal shingle wear and tear that results from inclement weather, such as hail. Older roofs might experience granule loss, but granule loss can also occur on a new roof if a defective roofing product was used. Any granule loss, even if slight, should be addressed, as the side effects of granule loss include a weakened roof and leaking. If granule loss is not addressed, the consequences could be severe the next time a storm occurs.

Homeowners might fear a full roof replacement because of the cost associated with such a project. But if ignored, problems with a roof could eventually prove far more costly than the price of replacing the roof.

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SUMMIT BRIEFS

Parks Initiative to begin in Summit

Volunteers of the "Great American Parks Initiative" have announced the kickoff event to raise funds to rejuvenate, revitalize and renew Summit's parks: The Village Green, The Promenade Park and the Bank Street Park. On May 11, there will be a silent auction and performances at The Promenade Park from 5 to 9 p.m.

Featured performers will include Amp'd, the Judith G. Wharton Music Center, the New Jersey Youth Symphony, The Argentine Tango Dancers, Caroline Zokalski and Diego Di Falco. Mothers, fathers and children from Summit also will be performing. Admission to this event is free and open to the public.

All are invited to enjoy this festival and to donate funds so that Summit's parks can be enhanced for generations to come. Donations can be made payable to Summit Area Development Corporation, a 501c3 charitable organization, PO Box 299, Summit.

Learn how to age with success at SAGE

Theresa Redling, DO, FACP, assistant clinical professor of medicine at UMDNJ—New Jersey Medical School, and geriatrician, will lead a program, called "How to Achieve Successful Aging" at SAGE Eldercare on April 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The program will be held at SAGE's offices, located at 290 Broad St., Summit.

Redling will discuss relevant medical recommendations that may contribute to successful aging. She also will address the aspects of aging — what can be changed and what cannot be changed.

"You will definitely leave this seminar feeling motivated and

empowered," she said. Redling is in private practice at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, as well as a director of the geriatrics teaching program. She also is the hospice medical director at NBIMC. Redling is board certified in internal medicine, geriatrics, hospice and palliative medicine.

To register for the free program, call 908-598-5548 or e-mail education@sageeldercare.org.

'Over the River' in Summit this May

The Summit Playhouse will continue its 94th season by staging its 303rd production, "Over the River and Through the Woods," by Joe DiPietro.

The stage comedy will run April 27, 28, May 3, 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m., and May 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.summitplayhouse.org/tickets or by calling 800-838-3006. The Summit Playhouse is at 10 New England Ave.

As part of a commitment to give back to the community, the Summit Playhouse has asked patrons to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Donations will be accepted on all performance evenings and matinees.

The Summit Playhouse's production of "Over the River and Through the Woods" will be directed by Julia Frieri and produced by Joann Scanlon and David Hoffman. Featuring Jim Broderick, Arnold Buchiane, Nancy Lee Ryan, Wendy Schibener, Scott Tyler and Marguerite Wurtz.

The Playhouse Association was founded in 1918 as a World War I relief organization. Since then, it has mounted more than 290 productions, making it one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in the United States.

The Munson mobile



Photo By Dave VanDeventer

A 1977 Mercedes Benz once owned by former New York Yankees catcher Thurman Munson was up for auction at the Westfield Armory during the second annual Wheels for Wishes car show held by the Make a Wish Foundation.

The playhouse presents three shows a year: a fall show in November, a winter show in February and March, and a spring show in May. During the summer, Kaleidoscope, its theater for youth, presents a production for and with students.

The playhouse has its own theater, off Springfield Avenue just west of the Summit business district. The old stone part of the building was constructed in 1891 to house Summit's first library.

Video to review Citizens United case

A video reviewing the impact of the January 2010 decision by the United States Supreme Court in the Citizens United case will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on April 23 at The Unitarian Church in Summit, 4 Waldron Ave., at Springfield Avenue. The video was produced by the Economic Justice Task Force of the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of New Jersey. Its purpose is to help promote understanding of

the decision's impact. The video features attorney Greg Nagy, retired director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, who specializes in campaign finance, lobbying regulation and ethics, and Heather Taylor, communications director for Citizens Campaign and coordinator of the New Jersey Online News Resource Group.

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Poems of insight find a place on the shelf

There are many reasons for people who are inspired to write poetry, and among the subjects are issues of life itself.

At least, it appears that may be why Patricia B. Schoeler of West Orange prepared a book of rhyme, "a pocket philosophy," called "Reflections on Life," and self-published it through Xlibris Corp.

This is actually the author's second book of poetry. The 72-year-old poet, who wrote "The Day America Cried,!" with a subtitle, "So Many Innocents Died 9-11-01. We Will Survive!," a compilation of poetic anthology, commemorating the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, certainly opened her heart and soul — with words.

And, with this new book, "Reflections on Life," depicting experiences in all phases of life through simple poetry — some of which do not rhyme perfectly — Schoeler offers inspiration and solace, all at the same time.

In her introduction, the poet-writer expresses her feelings with "It is my hope that these poems will offer comfort and insight into these mysteries of life."

There are five chapters, and each chapter has a myriad of poems that appear to speak to the reader.

For example, in Chapter One, the Inspirational Page, there are poems that have such titles as "Serenity," "Angels We Meet," "Happiness and Peace," "Dreams Fulfilled" and "Miracle of Birth."

In Chapter Two, which is called Family Woes, in rhyme, she covers "Divorce," to "Family Problems" to "Protect the Children." Chapter Three is all about Loss and Faith: "Our Time of Grief," to "Mom and Dad" to "Beloved Pet."

A much more pleasant Chapter Four's Life's Little Moments, offers "Puppies," "A Day at the Beach" and "Innocence of a Child."

The final chapter, Lessons Learned, the poems reach out with "Kindness," "Family Ties," "Roots and Wings" and "Friends Can't Let You Down!"

A Personal Prayer for "strength and courage," is added at the end of this splendid book of poetry.

Unquestionably, Schoeler, who was born and raised in Bloomfield, and lived in Livingston for 28 years, has a whole new career as a writer of poems.

She retired from a management position to become a poet at the age of

On The Shelf

By Bea Smith

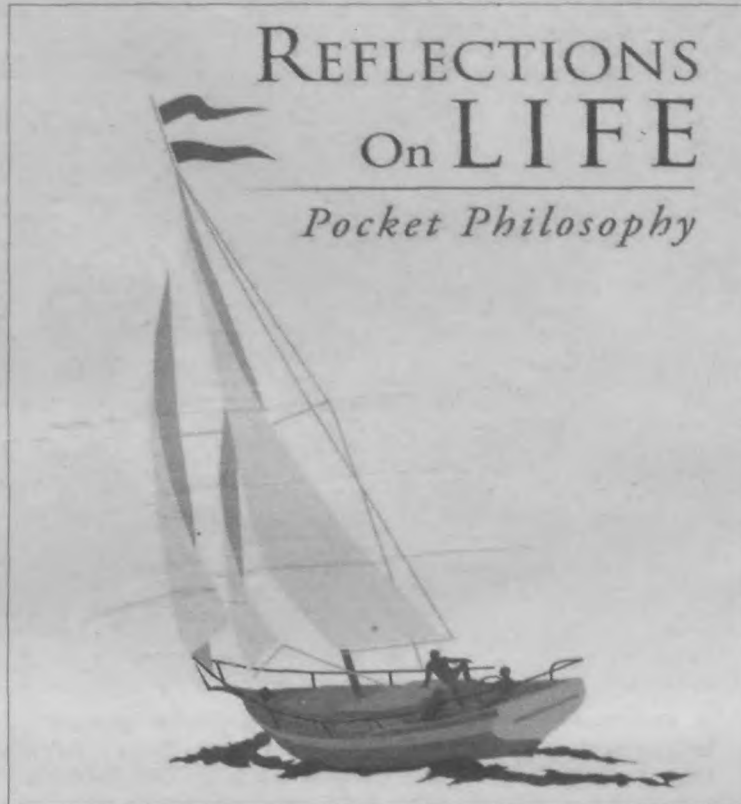


Photo Courtesy of Patricia B. Schoeler

'Reflections On life' was written by Patricia B. Scholer of West Orange after retiring at the age of 72. This is her second book of short, often emotionally-charged and inspirational poems.

71. And this reviewer, as she places "Reflections on Life" on the shelf of her bookcase, right next to "The Day America Cried," has left a space for another book of poetry. Presumably, for the next installment by Patricia B. Schoeler. More power to you, Pat.

Folk music, poetry join forces at the library

Fans of music and poetry are in for a double delight at this month's "Folk Music Cafe" at Mountainside Public Library.

Today at 7 p.m., Liz Queler, Seth Farber and Joey Farber will perform The Edna Project, the poetry of Edna St. Vincent Millay set to their own original music.

April is National Poetry Month and the library is excited to dedicate this Folk Music Cafe to a performance that showcases Millay's Pulitzer Prize-winning poetry.

Like always, there will also be time for audience members to sing along, read a favorite poem or perform during open mike.

Admission is free and includes the performance, coffee, tea and dessert. This program is sponsored by a grant from the Watts-Mountainside Community Foundation.

The Mountainside library is located on Constitution Plaza. For more information about this program, or on the MPL's many events and services, call the library at 908-233-0115 or visit www.mountainsidelibrary.org.

Trials, tribulations and a tour in only 36 short days

Thirty-six days is a little more than a month. I have exactly that much time to finish preparing my garden for the upcoming garden tour.

This morning I woke up, looked out the bedroom window and saw a large deer nibbling daintily on my rosebushes. Thirty minutes later I looked out the kitchen window and noticed that yesterday's gusty winds had made the big garden arch tilt like a drunken sailor. An hour after that, I rebooted my frozen computer and checked email to find that the tour organizer was bringing some people over to see the garden.

As John Denver so aptly put it, "Some days are diamonds; some days are stones." This is clearly a stony day; deadlines have begun turning to desperation, and images of perfection are being pared down to something more manageable.

Of course, challenges don't necessarily make you delusional — sometimes they create opportunities. I took the opportunity to waltz

The Gardener's Apprentice

By Elisabeth Ginsburg

through the garden with a spray bottle and use up all the deer repellent I had on hand. Naturally, the deer was long gone by that time, but both the deer and I are creatures of habit. If I make a habit of using the repellent, the deer may avoid making a habit of dining at my place.

I have read a number of recipes for homemade deer repellents that involve egg yolks, hot pepper sauce and other foul-smelling or irritating ingredients. If I wanted to, I could easily whip up a large amount in the blender, which would mean one less expenditure at the garden center.

However, there is a very good chance that I would make a batch, put it in the refrigerator for safe keeping and then forget about it until I inadvertently put it on a salad or was driven back by the sulfurous odor of rotting egg yolks. Given that I am an absent-minded salad maker and sometimes forget to rotate my refrigerator stock, a commercial product seems a safer bet.

I wrote "deer repellent" on the shopping list and added "pea gravel," because I need it to straighten out the garden arch. Ideally, the legs of the arch would be set in cement, which any fool should be able to do without professional help. Any fool but me, that is. I have always felt that combining my inherent clumsiness with something as serious as cement would be a recipe for disaster.

Eschewing cement, I set the legs of the garden arch in deep holes filled with pea gravel and topped with tamped-down earth. This works pretty well and it takes

repeated gusty wind blasts to knock the arch askew. Unfortunately we have just experienced about 12 hours of repeated gusty wind blasts. Now the holes have to be dug out and additional pea gravel added. Fortunately for me, the arch is further anchored by a very well-established climbing rose, with exceptionally thick and thorny canes. Of course, those canes have a habit of getting in the way when I am trying to steady the arch.

One thing is certain: there will be blood. I could cut the rose canes way back before righting the arch, but that would mean no climbing roses for the garden tour and even more bloodshed, as the climber is an excellent glove shredder.

I haven't been able to find ground stakes long enough to keep the arch in place without the help of the pea gravel, but maybe I'll check again at the hardware store. They also carry gardening gloves, which is a good thing because I will need a couple of pairs.

I think the official garden

inspection went well, though I was not here to welcome the visitors. I had a lunch engagement and I felt that it was much more productive for me to go out to a restaurant that served wine than to stay at home and apologize for my tipsy-looking garden arch.

When I came home, I was relieved to find that the garden inspectors had left and the deer had not returned.

A brief shower had failed to remove the deer repellent that I sprayed on earlier in the day, which was fortunate because the lunch date interfered with my plan to buy more spray.

Eventually it will all come together. For the moment though, I will channel Scarlett O'Hara, heroine of "Gone With the Wind." After many trials and tribulations, including both the Civil War and marital skirmishes with husband Rhett Butler, she closed out the epic movie with the line, "Tomorrow I'll think of some way ... after all, tomorrow is another day." I second that.

Document shredder to Plainfield, April 27

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that its next mobile paper-shredding program for personal documents will be available on April 27 at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield.

The April 27 shredding event will take place at Cedar Brook Park, located off Park Avenue in Plainfield, near the border with South Plainfield. NEXCUT Shredding of Teaneck will be shredding documents at the site from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. The shredding event will end before 1 p.m. if the shredding truck reaches capacity.

All Union County residents are eligible to use the paper-shredding service. In an effort to accommodate everyone, there is a limit of four, 10-pound bags or boxes per person. Documents should not be bound. Please remove plastic binders and paperclips. Paper that is wet/damp will not be accepted. Residents should continue to recycle non-confidential papers and magazines with their municipal recycling program.

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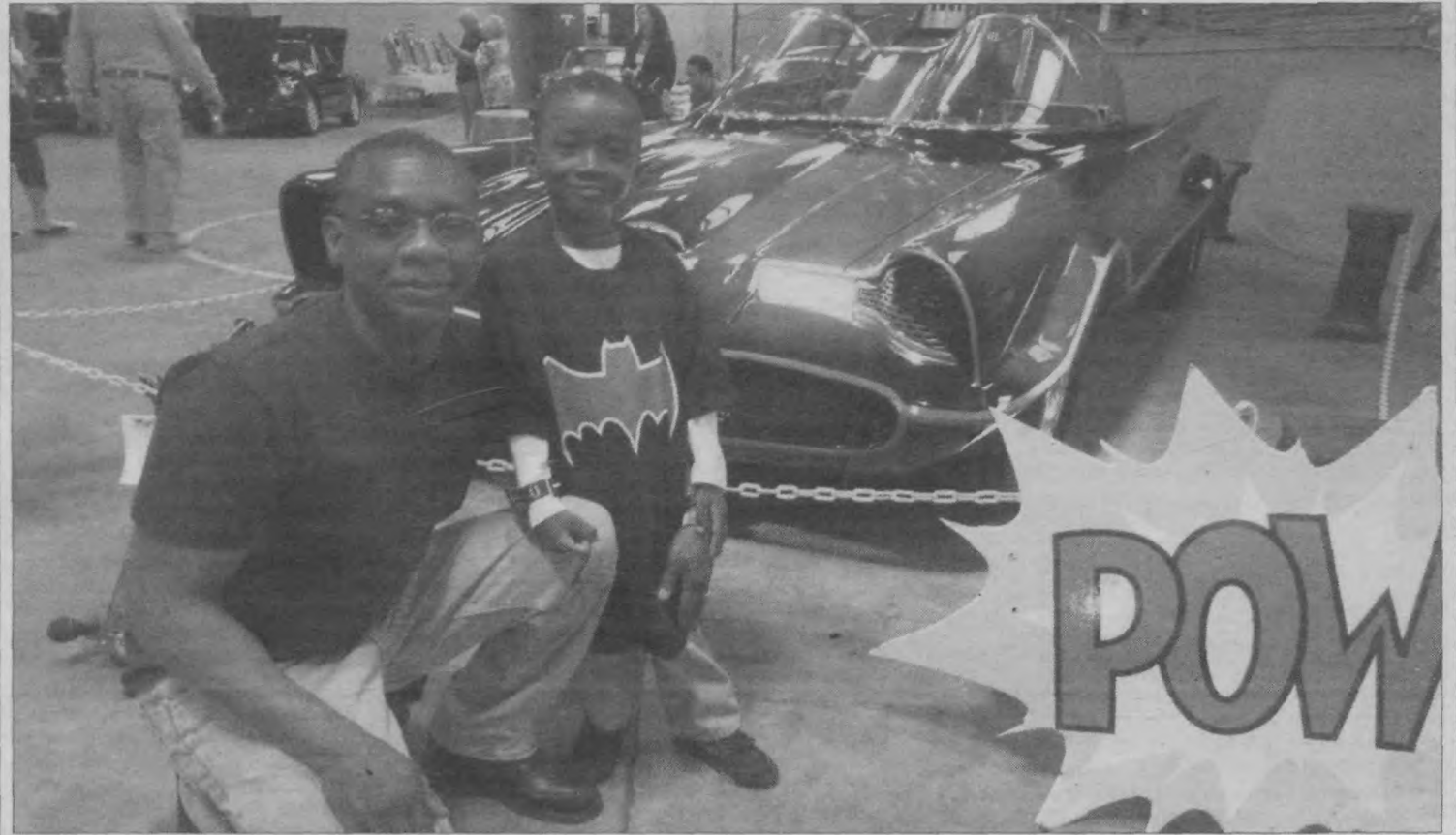


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In Westfield on Friday, young and old were wowed by vintage vehicles, like this classic 1966 replica Batmobile provided by Union County residents Louie & AnnaMarie. The Make a Wish Foundation, in conjunction with iBid Auctions, LLC, held their second annual Wheels for Wishes Car Show at the Westfield Armory.

Get to know your Spring Warblers

Audubon Society member, to teach 'identification workshop'

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal have announced a special presentation about Spring Warblers on April 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside.

Adults, ages 18 and older, are welcome to join Audubon naturalist Peter Bacinski for a lecture that will heighten awareness of the Spring Warblers, a species that enhances the New Jersey landscape throughout the season.

The program costs \$8 for Union County residents and \$10 for out-of-county participants. Pre-registration is preferred but walk-ins will be accommodated as space permits.

"As the days get longer and the temperatures climb, we look forward to spending more time outdoors and observing birds and wildlife," said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. "The lecture on Spring Warblers will give you the knowledge and insight you need to be ready for their appearance this season."

The "Spring Warblers Identification" workshop will help participants sharpen their skills at identifying America's most beautiful songbirds in their finest breeding attire. Bacinski will cover the 35 species of eastern resident and migrant warblers. Images will illustrate diagnostic field marks to help you separate members of this difficult group in the field.

Bacinski has been a New Jersey Audubon Society Naturalist since 1993 and has been a Field Trip/Nature Tour leader and lecturer for the Audubon Society for many years. He has written a weekly column, "Seen in New Jersey," in *The Star-Ledger* since 2003 and has been published in *Wildbird Magazine*, *New Jersey Audubon* and *Illinois Audubon* magazines.

For information on the Spring Warblers Identification program, or any other upcoming programs and events at Trailside, call 908-789-3670 or visit www.ucnj.org/trailside.

Trailside Nature & Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Rd. in Mountainside.

ROSELLE PARK BRIEFS

Photo contest at Casano Center

The Roselle Park Casano Community Center Art Gallery will conduct a photography contest around the theme "Roselle Park in Spring - Bloomin' Beautiful!" Entrants will be eligible to exhibit their submissions for the June gallery exhibit.

Residents, with cameras, can capture flowers blooming, trees turning green, birds sitting on branches. Any photos on the topic of spring is acceptable, it was announced.

The deadline is June 11. Photographs must be taken in Roselle Park. Photographs showing Roselle Park landmarks are especially desired. Even though the art gallery would like the photographs to reflect springtime 2012, it is open to photos taken in other years. Submit up to four of one's best photos. Digital JPEG at 72 dpi, or arrange to meet with Leona at the Art Gallery and show her the prints. One must be a resident of Roselle Park, but one does not have to be a professional photographer or artist to enter. There will be two awards given: Best of Show, and a Viewer's Choice. Call 241-5874 for details, or send photos to Beyond-Words@att.net.

Tricky Tray set for April 28

Friends of Roselle Park High School will host a Tricky Tray fundraiser on April 28 at the VFW Kenilworth Veterans Center, 33 S. 21st St., Kenilworth. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Drawings will start at 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Caryn Vaber at 908-884-5571 or visit the website friendsofrosellephs.org. Tickets can also be purchased at Roselle Park High School office, 185 W. Webster Ave.

April 28 is 'Crop Hunger Walk Day'

At the Feb. 16 meeting of the mayor and Town Council of Roselle Park, the date, April 28, was

declared "Crop Hunger Walk Day." On that day, Roselle Park and Roselle will join with other nearby communities to walk for hunger. An annual event, this year's walk theme is "Ending Hunger One Step At a Time." To participate in this year's Crop Walk visit churchworldservice.org/site/TR/2012SpringCROPHungerWalk.

Events at library 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.

Historical group to meet at Roselle Park Museum

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

Weekly hour-long Zumba class at Casano Community Center

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

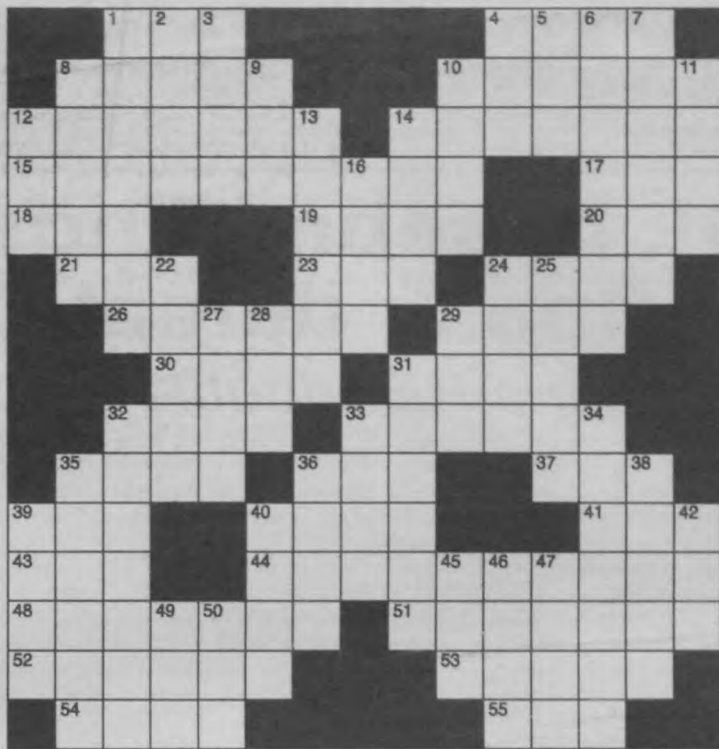
Every Wednesday, the Casano Community Center will hold an hour-long Zumba class from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. There is a fee for each class, and class level will be determined by evaluation of participants.

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

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Milk producer
4. Am. Music Awards
8. Engaged in
10. Moved over the water
12. Deflects in fencing
14. Southwest or United
15. Elin's ex
17. Signing
18. Macao's monetary unit
19. 1st Korean pres. Syngman
20. The god of the sun
21. Old world, new
23. Metal food storage container
24. Dutch colonist
26. 2 source sound system
29. Prohibitions
30. Oh, God!
31. Poly and Octa are some
32. Clip
33. 1st, 2nd and home
35. Highest cards
36. Equals 1/100 afghani
37. One and only
39. Don't know when yet
40. Ripped
41. Smallest whole number
43. White vestment worn by priests
44. C.S. Forester officer Horatio
48. Made it forbidden
51. Monkhood or helmet-flower
52. Director Spielberg
53. Palm tree fruits
54. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
55. In favor of



CLUES DOWN

1. Goods carried by ships
2. Shrek is one
3. Stream fence to catch fish
4. Air America Radio
5. 1/1000 of an inch
6. AKAs
7. Detector
8. Voluntarily set aside
9. Morning moisture
10. VI
11. A small wooded hollow
12. Parent Teacher Assoc.
13. Arranged according to size
14. Gulf in the Arabian Sea
16. The Mississippi's largest tributary
22. Comb-plate
24. Prohibits
25. The early stages
27. Breastplate
28. Popular spoken music
29. Cattle genus
31. 61036 IL
32. Crusted over a wound
33. US VP 1801 - 1805
34. More flamboyant
35. Remove an organ or bodily structure
36. Russin weight unit = 36 lbs
38. Siberian nomads
39. Makes lacework
40. At a specific prior time
42. Before
45. Binary coded decimal
46. Loiter
47. Upon
49. Egg cells
50. Original equipment manufacturer

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HOROSCOPE

April 22 to 28

ARIES, March 21 to April 20. Engage in a little critical thinking this week, Aries. You have great mental energy going on, and you will be able to ask all of the right questions to get things done.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21. Taurus, your finances need extra attention this week, so be sure to set aside some time to look at your books. This way you avoid a potential crisis.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21. Take action with work partners to get things done this week, Gemini. Make sure to communicate well, especially reaching those who may be out of touch or distracted.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22. Cancer, focus your energy on the various tasks at hand this week. You may have to hunker down for some time to get things done, but it will be well worth it.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23. Make

this week about sharing your feelings with a loved one, Leo. Let him or her know what's in your heart and spend quality time working on your relationship.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22. Virgo, do whatever you can to restrain yourself this week. Things may not be going your way, but don't fret too much and ride it out until next week.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23. Libra, your social energy enables you to express yourself clearly to others who are operating by your example. It's a great time to share your feelings with others.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22. Scorpio, focus on an impulse that can lead you in all different directions. Check in with someone you trust to help you think everything through.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21. Sagittarius, this week is a good time to gather some friends and form a united force against an issue to which you

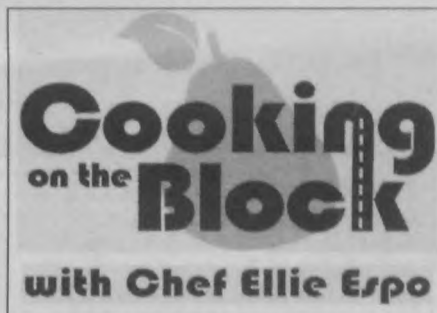
object. Get your message across without stepping on any toes.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20. Capricorn, you are moving so quickly through the things you need to get done that you're wondering why it seemed so challenging just a few days ago.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18. Aquarius, you have what it takes to make a big difference, so recruit a few other people who are content to march behind you toward the same goals.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20. Give free reign to your emotions, Pisces. It's alright to show frustration or even anger if it fits the particular situation.

Famous folks birthdays
 April 22, John Waters, director, 66. April 23, George Lopez, comic actor, 51. April 24, Kelly Clarkson, singer, 30. April 25, Renee Zellweger, actress, 43. April 26, Kane, wrestler, 45. April 27, Ace Frehly, musician, 61. April 28, Jessica Alba, actress 31.



An Italian favorite

This unusual recipe makes the most of the bright flavor of sun dried tomatoes.

NONNA'S STUFFED SUN DRIED TOMATOES

Ingredients
 About 30 sun dried tomato halves, preferably imported
 2 cups flavored breadcrumbs
 Pecorino Romano cheese
 1 cup marinara sauce
 Salt and pepper
 2 tbsp. prepared pesto
 Olive oil

Method
 Reconstitute the sun dried tomatoes in warm water. When softened, drain on paper towels. Mix breadcrumbs with the cheese to taste. Add the salt, pepper and pesto. Add the marinara sauce to the breadcrumb mixture, one table-

spoonful at a time, to moisten. Drizzle a little olive oil over the mixture to add more moisture; it should hold together in your hand. Fill a tomato half with the breadcrumb mixture, top with a second tomato half and press together, like a sandwich. Cover the bottom of a saute pan with olive oil and heat. Place the filled tomatoes in the saute pan, without overcrowding the pan. Cook on one side until lightly browned. Flip and cook on the other side. Drain on paper towels, and serve hot.

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

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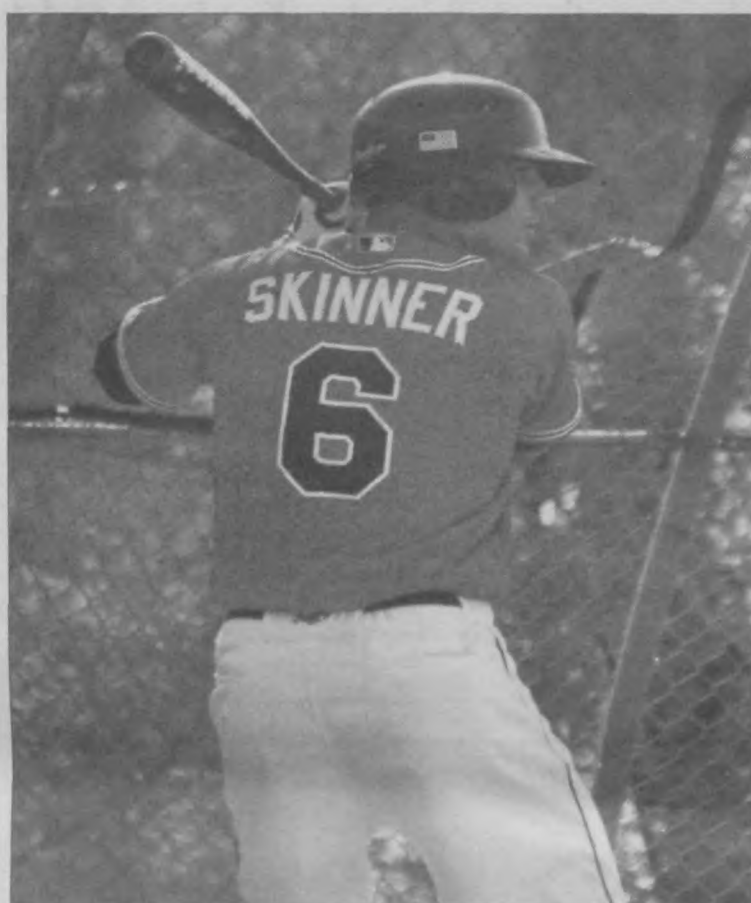


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GL baseball finds a way to finally defeat Cranford Skinner's RBI-double in 9th decides it

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — Keith Skinner almost won the game with a walk-off solo home run with two outs in the bottom of the seventh after a shot he hit over the centerfielder's head hit off the bottom of the fence for a double.

Getting another chance to be the hero with one out in the bottom of the ninth, the senior lefty-hitting No. 3 batter in the order did not nearly hit the ball as far this time. However, with Cranford playing the power threat to pull, a fly ball he hit to left field dropped in and then got past the outfielder.

Coming all the way around from first base to score the game-winning run was senior Billy Worswick as Skinner's second hit of last Friday afternoon lifted host Governor Livingston to a 7-6, nine-inning win over arch rival Cranford.

Cranford tied this battle of undefeated teams with four runs in the top of the seventh to get the game to 6-6. Sophomore Tommy Trotter, on a 3-2 fastball off Worswick, lined a two-run double to the left-center gap with two outs to tie the game and prevent Worswick from getting the win and GL from gaining the victory before the bottom of the seventh and then extra innings.

GL, which defeated Cranford for the first time in three years, improved to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the Union County Conference's Watchung Division. Cranford fell to 4-1 overall and the defending champions slipped to 3-1 in the Watchung Division.

GL went 26-6 last year, but was 0-3 vs. Cranford and outscored 26-4 in those three setbacks.

With one out in the bottom of the ninth and Worswick on first base — he reached by barely beating out a ground ball to deep third base — Skinner faced Cranford junior lefty relief pitcher Alex Plick. Skinner was behind 1-2 in the count before he lifted his fly ball hit to left field.

"It was up in the zone and I got under it a little bit," said Skinner, who was 2-for-4 on the day, with a walk, two doubles and the game-winning RBI. "They played me to pull. If they didn't, I think the outfielder would have caught it."

This is Skinner's third year on the varsity, so this was his first win over Cranford. The last time the teams played each other was in last year's Union County Tournament championship game, with Cranford winning 14-1 in five innings at Kean University.

That awful memory, despite GL going on to win the Group 2 state championship last year, stuck with the Highlander players all off-season long.

Skinner, who wears No. 6, snapped a 6-6 tie by driving in the game's 13th run on Friday the 13th. Also, this game was played on 4-13 (April 13th), with the first pitch of the game thrown at 4:13 p.m.

Hmmmmmm.

"This is one of our best wins," Skinner said. "This gets the monkey off our backs."

Cranford cleanup batter Chris Folinusz hit a two-run single to center field on an 0-2 off speed pitch from Worswick with one out in the top of the seventh to pull Cranford to within 6-4. The junior power hitter was 2-for-4, with a walk, a double, a single and two RBI.

Four batters later, with the go-ahead run on second base and two outs, the righty-batting Plick hit a shot targeted to right-center that GL first-year senior second baseman Ryan Place dove full body to his right and caught for the final out, keeping the score at 6-6.

If Ryan is not in the right Place to make that outstanding catch, Plick would have had an RBI-single and Cranford would have taken the lead at 7-6.

"It was off the bat like a rocket," Place said. "I knew it was a tough play. I didn't know that I caught it until I looked and it was in the tip of my glove."

Since GL wins over Cranford are not that common, this is what Place had to say: "this was like winning Game 7."

"This is just a great feeling. It's huge to beat them."

The teams will play again in Watchung Division play May 10 at 4 p.m. at Cranford's Memorial Field. The only other possible meeting would be the UCT once more, with GL still seeking its first county crown.

Cranford received an RBI-single from its No. 3 batter — lefty-swinging Andrew DiFrancesco — to take a 1-0 lead in the top of the first. The Cougars then loaded the bases with nobody out and had a chance to break the game open right there against Worswick.

However, Worswick got Ryan Williamson to ground the ball right back to him and then Worswick threw to Skinner at the plate for the first out. Williamson left the game in the bottom of the sixth with a limp after diving for a ball in center field.

Worswick then struck out the next two Cranford batters to keep the score at 1-0.

GL took the lead at 2-1 in the bottom of the first, with cleanup batter Ryan Jennings driving in a run with a double and then Aaron Smith another one with a single.

GL scored three more times in the third in an inning when Cranford made two errors and then added a very important insurance run in the sixth when Cranford was executing a 6-4-3 double play.

Worswick was at 83 pitches when he took the mound in the seventh with a 6-2 lead. He ended up needing 35 pitches to get through the frame.

"This was his game," Roof said.

"I felt loose," Worswick said. "Trotter hit a fastball and did a good job with the pitch."

"We still found a way to come back and get the win. This is a big confidence booster for all of us, knowing that we can stick with Cranford no matter what and get the job done."

Senior righty Jon Schmedel (2-0), who had a live fastball, allowed no runs on one hit in a two-inning performance to earn his second mound victory of the season. Roof did think about possibly bringing him in to pitch in the seventh.

Schmedel did a good job of striking out the dangerous DiFrancesco swinging with two outs and runners at first and third in the eighth.

"I'm so happy for Jon, I was extremely impressed with what he did," Worswick said.

Cranford left two runners on in the eighth and ninth.

GL left the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh against Cranford starter Kurt Rutmayer. The senior right hander did well to pitch eight complete innings after throwing 66 pitches through three.

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UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE BASEBALL STANDINGS AS OF APRIL 16:

WATCHUNG DIVISION

Gov. Livingston (4-0)
Cranford (3-1)
Union (2-2)
Westfield (2-2)
Scotch Plains (1-3)
Linden (1-3)
Elizabeth (0-2)
Defending champ: Cranford

MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Dayton (5-0)
Roselle Catholic (5-0)
Johnson (5-1)
Summit (3-2)
Union Catholic (2-3)
Plainfield (1-5)
Rahway (0-5)
Brearley (0-5)
Defending champ: Union Catholic

VALLEY DIVISION

New Providence (4-0)
Roselle Park (4-1)
Oratory Prep (3-1)
St. Mary's, Elizabeth (2-2)
Hillside (1-2)
St. Patrick (0-4)
Roselle (0-4)
Defending champ: Roselle Park

UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE SOFTBALL STANDINGS AS OF APRIL 16:

WATCHUNG DIVISION

Gov. Livingston (4-0)
Westfield (4-1)
Cranford (3-0)
Elizabeth (2-2)
Union (1-3)
Linden (1-4)
Scotch Plains (0-5)
Defending champ: GL

MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Johnson (4-1)
Rahway (3-1)
Brearley (3-2)
Roselle Park (3-2)
Union Catholic (2-3)
New Providence (1-1)
Summit (1-3)
Plainfield (0-4)
Defending champ: Johnson

VALLEY DIVISION

Dayton (5-0)
Kent Place (4-1)
Roselle (3-2)
Roselle Catholic (3-2)
Oak Knoll (3-2) / Hillside (1-4)
St. Mary's, Elizabeth (1-4)
Benedictine Academy (0-5)
Defending champ: Kent Place

GL follows up with Classic title

Baseball defeats Madison

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

BERKELEY HEIGHTS - Governor Livingston senior catcher Keith Skinner produced many big hits before last Friday.

Then he came through with the game-winning hit against Cranford, with most of the GL players - including Skinner - realizing what it was like to beat the Cougars for the first time.

"This is sweet," said Skinner, who hit an opposite field double to left to drive home senior Billy Worswick from first base with the game-winning run with one out in the bottom of the ninth of Friday's 7-6 Union County Conference-Watchung Division victory at GL.

GL was 0-3 against Cranford last year and 0-2 the year before. Friday's win over the Cougars was the first for the Highlanders since May of 2009.

Cranford fought until the end, scoring four runs in the top of the seventh - the final two when down to its last strike - to tie the game at 6-6.

"Cranford is a good team and we knew it was not going to be easy," Skinner said.

"Cranford tied it, but we were still able to find a way to get the job done," said Worswick, who pitched the first seven innings.

First-year second baseman - senior Ryan Place - made an outstanding diving catch to prevent Cranford from taking the lead in the top of the seventh.

"This felt like Game 7," Place said. "To beat Cranford any time is huge."

GL senior shortstop Tyler Martis, who was the Highlander second baseman the past three years, also made several fine defensive plays in Friday's home win over Cranford.

Since GL head coach Chris Roof took over in 2004, this was only the third time in 13 tries that GL defeated Cranford, which last year won the Watchung Division and defeated the Highlanders 14-1 in five innings at Kean University in the Union County Tournament championship game. The teams did not face each other in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

"This is just one win in a long season, but it was great to see our kids hang in there against a good team like Cranford," Roof said.

GL followed up Friday's victory by defeating Madison 6-4 in Saturday's 3rd annual Highlander Classic championship game at Snyder Park in Berkeley Heights.

The Highlanders improved to 7-0 for their 16th straight win dating back to last year.

That winning streak came to an end Sunday night in the final game of the 4th annual Roselle Park Dad's Club Invitational Weekend as GL was defeated by Mendham 6-4 to slip to 7-1.

In last year's 26-6 Group 2 state championship season, GL lost to Cranford in the UCT final and then later that same day lost to Dayton in a regular season game at Snyder Park. The Highlanders then won their final nine games.

Against Madison, senior right hander Jon Schmedel improved to 3-0 with his second straight win in relief. He pitched two shutout innings Friday vs. Cranford for his first win in relief. He also has a win as a starter against Plainfield.

Senior first baseman Aaron Smith hit a solo home run in the bottom of the fifth to put GL ahead 4-3. He came through again in the sixth with a two-run single on a two-out, full-count pitch to make the score 6-4. Smith went 3-for-3, with four RBI, a run, a walk and the game-winning hit.

Skinner was also 3-for-3, with two RBI and a walk and junior third baseman Justin Ennis was 3-for-3, with a run.

Madison fell to 5-2. In last year's final at GL, the Highlanders won 5-4 in nine innings and were the visiting team.

• See Highlander Classic photo on Page 29.



Photo by JR Parachini

Cranford first baseman Alex Plick is at right and a GL baserunner at left during last Friday's Watchung Division game up on the hill in Berkeley Heights. GL defeated Cranford 7-6 in nine innings, which was its first victory over the Cougars in three years.

Rare win for Highlanders over arch rival Cranford

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Rutmayer threw perfect innings in the second and eighth and in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings rebounded to throw only eight, nine and eight pitches.

After GL prevented a big Cranford inning in the first, the Highlanders took advantage of Cougar miscues to build their 6-2 advantage.

DiFrancesco also drove in Cranford's second run on his second RBI-single, which came in the fifth.

The first three batters of the game hit safely, with Cranford leadoff hitter Eric Gargiulo connecting on a single to center, lefty-batting Sean Feeney going the other way to left and DiFrancesco driving in Gargiulo with his first hit to right.

Feeney was 3-for-4, with a single, a double, a walk and a run and an infield hit. Gargiulo was 2-for-5, with three runs and reached base four times, including twice on infield errors.

"The first key was not allowing Cranford to have a huge first inning," GL head coach Chris Roof said. "The second was that we took advantage of their mistakes early on.

"The most important thing was that we showed fight by coming back and making plays when we had to.

"Once they tied it the game was back-and-forth and it was like a boxing match."

GL senior Tyler Martis, the Highlander second baseman the past three seasons, was busy at shortstop and made an outstanding play on Cranford's first batter in the top of the ninth.

Folinusz hit a hard shot that Martis dove to smother, with Martis getting up to throw out Folinusz at first base and prevent him from getting another big hit.

NOTES: On Saturday, GL defeated Madison 5-4 at Snyder Park in Berkeley Heights in the 3rd annual Highlander Classic championship game. GL also won the title in 2010 and 2011.

Cranford lost to Hillsborough 2-1 in the 4th annual Roselle Park Dad's Club Invitational Weekend.

Cranford began the week 4-2.

GL lost to Mendham 6-4 Sunday night in the final Roselle Park Dad's Club Invitational Weekend contest.

GL began the week 7-1.

UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE-WATCHUNG DIVISION GAME AT GL

Cranford	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	-6	11	4
GL	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	-7	9	4

WINNING PITCHER: Jon Schmedel (2-0).

2 innings complete, 36 pitches: 0 runs on 1 hit, 3 strikeouts, 2 walks

GL STARTER: Billy Worswick, 7 innings complete, 118 pitches.

6 runs on 10 hits, 5 strikeouts, 3 walks.

LOSING PITCHER: Alex Plick (0-1).

1/3 inning, 8 pitches: 1 run on 2 hits, 0 strikeouts, 0 walks.

CRANFORD STARTER: Kurt Rutmayer, 8 innings complete, 113 pitches.

6 runs on 7 hits, 5 strikeouts, 4 walks (2 intentional).

DOUBLES: Cranford - Sean Feeney, Chris Folinusz, Eric Gargiulo, Tommy Trotter.

GL - Ryan Jennings, Aaron Smith, Keith Skinner (2).

TRIPLES: Cranford - None. GL - None.

HOME RUNS: Cranford - None. GL - None.

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Dayton baseball begins week undefeated at 6-0

Senior RH Losito first in county to be 4-0

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

In baseball you don't need to hit a grand slam or throw a perfect game to come out on top.

What's important is getting the hit when it's needed the most and making the out to get out of a jam.

Dayton's 6-0 start as of Tuesday has seen the Bulldogs do exactly that.

Dayton began the week as the only undefeated Union County team remaining.

"We're throwing strikes, making routine plays and putting really good at-bats together," said third-year head coach Mike Abbate. "We're keeping the game simple."

Not overcomplicating things goes a long way in this game. Not panicking when falling behind and sticking to your game plan is important as well.

That was evident Sunday morning during Dayton's come-from-behind 11-4 victory over Middlesex County foe Metuchen in the 4th annual Roselle Park Dad's Club Invitational Weekend event.

Dayton, making its first appearance in the event, spotted Metuchen a 4-0 lead, with the Metuchen Bulldogs (4-3) scoring once in the top of the first and three more times in the third.

Not only did the Bulldogs get back in the game in the bottom of the fourth, but they scored seven runs on seven hits to take the lead for good at 7-4.

Matt Roland tripled, Joe Policastro drove him in with a single and then Chas Bohannon singled to put runners on first and second. Tommy Losito followed with an RBI-grounds rule double and then Drew Farbstein drove in two with a double.

Another double off the bat of Robert Kinlock drove in Farbstein. Matt Ranieri, one of Dayton's sophomores, drove in Kinlock with a single and. The final run of the inning was driven home by Alex Marcantoni on a sacrifice fly.

"The kids have worked really, really hard and have a good attitude this year," said Abbate, who led Dayton to the Union County Conference's Valley Division championship in 2010.

Dayton scored the game's final four runs in the sixth on RBI-singles from sophomore Joey Iuliano, Roland, Policastro and Bohannon.

Policastro was 4-for-4, with four singles and two RBI, while Roland was 3-for-4, with a triple and an RBI. Bohannon was 2-for-4 with an RBI and Losito 2-for-4, with a double and an RBI.

Winning the game in relief was senior right hander Tommy Losito, who became Union County's first 4-0 hurler. He has two wins as a starter and two as a reliever.

Losito pitched the final three innings complete, allowing no runs on just one hit — a single — while striking out five, walking none and hitting one batter.

"Tommy helped us win the (Valley) division two years ago and with this being his third year on the varsity he has really matured as a pitcher," Abbate said. "He can throw strikes, has a good curveball and today he really mustered up his fastball a bit when he needed to."

Losito also has a complete game 11-1 home win over Summit and a 12-0 no-hit victory at Rahway in Mountain Division play.

"With his stuff and demeanor on the mound, he carries himself like — I'll say — a Bulldog for us," Abbate said.

Losito earned his first win in relief by pitching two shutout innings in last Friday's 16-4 home division triumph over Brearley, closing the game by allowing just one hit, while striking out four and walking one.

"His fastball will reach high 70s, so he's not a power pitcher," Abbate said. "He's a control pitcher who doesn't walk many batters."

"In high school baseball if you don't walk batters, you have a better chance of winning."

Dayton outscored its first six opponents by a 65-15 count.

The Bulldogs also began the week tied for first place in the Mountain Division standings with Roselle Catholic with a 5-0 record.

Dayton was to play at conference-crossover foe Westfield Tuesday afternoon and tomorrow has very big division home game vs. Johnson at 4 p.m. at Ruby Field in Springfield.

Johnson began the week 5-2 overall and 5-1 in the Mountain Division.

Dayton went 17-7 overall last year and finished tied for second with Roselle Catholic at 9-4 in last year's final Mountain Division standings.

DAYTON'S 6-0 START:

April 3: (H) Dayton 11, Summit 1 Mountain Division game

April 5: (A) Dayton 6, Union Catholic 5 Mountain Division game

April 10: (A) Dayton 12, Rahway 0 Mountain Division game

April 12: (H) Dayton 9, Plainfield 1 Mountain Division game

April 13: (H) Dayton 16, Brearley 4 Mountain Division game

April 15: (N) Dayton 11, Metuchen 4 Roselle Park Dad's Club Invitational game

Grand hoop players



Photo courtesy of Roselle Catholic

Roselle Catholic senior basketball players, from left, Jameel Warney and Chris Gross were recognized for joining the 1,000-point club at RC's annual winter athletics convocation. Warney finished with a school-record 1,698 points and Gross with 1,001.

RC pitcher Colgan gets out to 3-0 start

Baseball begins week 5-2

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

One reason why the Roselle Catholic baseball team began the week at 5-2 overall and tied for first place with Dayton in the Union County Conference's Mountain Division standings at 5-0 is the solid pitching of senior right hander James Colgan.

The Linden resident went the distance and limited visiting Union Catholic to five hits in Friday's 6-4 Mountain Division victory at Warinanco Park.

Colgan began the week with a 3-0 record this season and 9-3 lifetime mark. He also earned mound victories in Roselle Catholic division wins at home over Johnson and at Plainfield.

Roselle Catholic was scheduled to play conference-crossover foe Elizabeth Tuesday afternoon and today has a Mountain Division game at home at 4 p.m. vs. Summit.

On Saturday at 11 a.m. at Millburn the Lions will face South Jersey's Moorestown in the consolation game of the annual Phil Krug Tournament. Roselle Catholic scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth against Union Catholic, with Matt Rembish producing a two-run single with the bases loaded. Colgan struck out three and walked five.

On Opening Day April 3 vs. Johnson — which also began the week 5-2 overall and 5-1 in the Mountain Division — Colgan struck out nine and did not walk a batter in six innings as the Lions went on to a 4-2 triumph.

Colgan retired all nine batters he faced on April 10 when Roselle Catholic won at Plainfield 18-1. Colgan fanned three in a three-inning start.

Colgan was 5-3 last year and 1-0 as a sophomore. He will continue pitching on the collegiate level at Division 3 Alvernia University in Reading, Pa.

Alvernia has been coached by Yogi Lutz since 1987. Lutz has a son named Zachary that is playing minor league baseball in the New York Mets organization.

Wade Miller, who pitched for the Houston Astros, Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs from 1999-2007 after starring at Alvernia, just became the school's newest pitching coach for this year.

Roselle Catholic junior left hander Ryan Sheekey earned mound victories in division games against Brearley and Rahway. Sheekey went five innings in an 8-6 win at Brearley on April 5 and last Thursday beat visiting Rahway 3-1.

Cranford softball at Westfield today

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

For the first time since last year's Union County Tournament softball semifinals, Cranford will face Westfield today at 4 p.m. in Westfield in the first of their two Union County Conference-Watchung Division games.

The teams are scheduled to play in Cranford on May 15 at 4 p.m.

Westfield, as the seventh seed, defeated second-seeded and defending champion Cranford 4-2 in last year's UCT semifinals. The up-and-coming Blue Devils finished 10-15.

Westfield won its sixth straight Monday to improve to 8-1 overall as the Blue Devils downed visiting Roselle Park 6-1 in a conference-crossover game.

Westfield was to host defending Mountain Division champion Johnson Tuesday afternoon.

Westfield's only loss going into Tuesday's game vs. Johnson was a 9-6 home setback to defending champion Governor Livingston in Watchung Division play on April 5.

Westfield is scheduled to play its road Watchung Division game against GL on May 5 at 7 p.m.

Cranford was 4-1 going into a scheduled game at Howell last Saturday. The Cougars were to play at Roselle Park Tuesday in conference-crossover action.

Cranford's only loss before Saturday was a 5-3 home setback to Bishop Ahr April 7 in the Cougar Classic at Cranford.

In its other game that day, Cranford defeated Carteret 1-0.

WEEKEND UNION COUNTY BASEBALL SCORES

UNION/GMC AWARENESS CHALLENGE

Saturday, April 14

At North Brunswick's Community Park

Field A

South Plainfield 8, Westfield 5

Middlesex 12, Union 11

South Brunswick 13, Edison 6

Edison 5, Elizabeth 4

Field B

North Brunswick 4, Plainfield 1

Roselle Park 7, Dunellen 5

Union Catholic 3, Perth Amboy 0

Sayreville 3, St. Joseph's, Metuchen 0

4TH ANNUAL ROSELLE PARK DAD'S CLUB INVITATIONAL WEEKEND

Friday, April 13

Dunellen 9, Oratory Prep 4

Columbia 1, Johnson 0

Saturday, April 14

Union Catholic 16, Weehawken-4

Holmdel 17, Linden 11

Hillsborough 2, Cranford 1

Roselle Park 3, Brearley 0

Sunday, April 15

Dayton 11, Metuchen 4

New Providence 15, Newark Academy 3

Nutley 8, Bridgewater-Raritan 3

Mendham 6, Governor Livingston 4

3RD ANNUAL HIGHLANDER CLASSIC

Saturday, April 14

At Snyder Park in Berkeley Heights

New Providence 10, Oratory Prep 6

Gov. Livingston 6, Madison 4

Saturday, April 7

At Governor Livingston

Gov. Livingston 9, Oratory Prep 0

Madison 7, New Providence 1

COUGAR INVITATIONAL AT CHATHAM

Saturday, April 14

Mountain Lakes 10, Bernards 4

Chatham 3, Summit 2

Summit 8, Bernards 3

Mountain Lakes 9, Chatham 7

PHIL KRUG TOURNAMENT AT MILLBURN

Saturday, April 14

Warren Hills 3, Moorestown 2

Millburn 17, Roselle Catholic 1

Saturday, April 21

Moorestown vs. Roselle Catholic, 11 a.m.

Warren Hills vs. Millburn, 2 p.m.

OVERALL UNION COUNTY RECORDS

GOING INTO MONDAY, APRIL 16:

Gov. Livingston (7-1) / Dayton (6-0)

New Providence (6-1) / Roselle Park (6-2)

Roselle Catholic (5-2) / Johnson (5-2)

Westfield (5-3) / Union Catholic (5-3)

Cranford (4-2) / Summit (4-3)

Scotch Plains (3-3) / Elizabeth (3-5)

Oratory Prep (3-6) / St. Mary's, Elizabeth (2-2)

Hillside (2-3) / Linden (2-4)

Union (2-5) / Plainfield (1-7) / St. Patrick (0-4)

Roselle (0-4) / Rahway (0-5) / Brearley (0-6)

JR'S UNION COUNTY TOP 10

GOING INTO MONDAY, APRIL 16:

1-Gov. Livingston (7-1)

2-Cranford (4-2)

3-Westfield (5-3)

4-Dayton (6-0)

5-Elizabeth (3-5)

6-Roselle Catholic (5-2)

7-Johnson (5-2)

8-New Providence (6-1)

9-Roselle Park (6-2)

10-Union Catholic (5-3)

Right there: Summit (4-3), Scotch Plains (3-3).

First baseman Smith excels



Photo courtesy of Christine Policastro

The Governor Livingston baseball team, led by senior first baseman Aaron Smith, who is here at right with a Madison baserunner at left, captured the 3rd annual Highlander Classic. GL, behind a solo home run and a game-winning two-run single by Smith, beat Madison 6-4 in Saturday's title game at Snyder Park in Berkeley Heights. GL (7-1) was to play at Johnson (5-2) Tuesday in a Union County Conference-crossover contest in Clark.

Johnson baseball off to an impressive beginning

Key Mountain Division game tomorrow

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Here is an opportunity for a young Johnson baseball team.

The Crusaders have a chance to hand Dayton its first Mountain Division loss.

The Union County Conference foes will face each other for the first time in division play tomorrow at 4 p.m. at Ruby Field in Springfield.

Both had conference-crossover games scheduled Tuesday, with Dayton at Westfield and Johnson hosting Governor Livingston.

Dayton began the week as the only remaining undefeated Union County team, owners of a 6-0 record and a 5-0 Mountain Division mark.

Roselle Catholic also began the week 5-0 in the Mountain Division and 5-2 overall.

Johnson took a 5-2 overall record into Tuesday's home game against GL and is 5-1 in the Mountain Division, with its only loss at Roselle Catholic 4-2 on April 3.

Picking up his first varsity win in his first varsity start was sophomore right hander Victor Rizzuto in last Saturday morning's 5-3 Mountain Division win at Rahway. Rizzuto went four complete innings.

"He gave us four solid innings," fifth-year Johnson head coach Dave Kennedy said.

Brandon Collins, a junior, pitched two shutout innings and then senior Nick Wroblewski shut Rahway down in the seventh.

It was a good bounce-back win for Johnson after the Crusaders were defeated by Columbia 1-0 Friday night in the 4th annual Roselle Park Dad's Club Invitational Weekend.

Johnson sophomore Mark Boulanger (1-1) pitched well, but Columbia senior righty Jimmy Murphy was better.

Boulanger beat Plainfield 7-3 at home on April 5 in his first varsity start for his first varsity win.

Wroblewski began the week with a 2-0 record, including wins against Plainfield opening day on the road and at Summit.

John Stauffer, a junior, earned a mound win in relief in Johnson's 6-4 home win over Union Catholic last Thursday.

"Considering our losses (to graduation) I'm pleased with our 5-2 start," Kennedy said. "Pleased, but certainly not satisfied."

Johnson was a senior-heavy team a year ago when it finished 12-11 and reached the Union County Tournament quarterfinals.

This year's squad has been led offensively so far by Stauffer, who also plays first base, junior third baseman Chris Purcell and senior center fielder Jeff Siessel.

"We had a nice pre-season schedule, which helped prepare us," Kennedy said.

That included a doubleheader vs. Belleville and games against other Essex County foes such as Nutley, Millburn and Montclair.

Another key player for the Crusaders is junior catcher Kyle Pender, who caught all of Johnson's games a year ago.

"We've competed well so far," Kennedy said. "We had our chances against Roselle Catholic and Columbia and ran into two pretty good pitchers."

Johnson faced RC senior right hander James Colgan, who began the week 3-0.

"We've shown moments of our youth and inexperience at times, but we've done a decent job of meeting the challenge so far," Kennedy said.

Johnson wraps a three-game week with a pickup contest Saturday at Scotch Plains at 11 a.m.

The UCT will be seeded Monday night at Oratory.

Summit girls' lacrosse eyes win vs. Chatham

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The Summit girls' lacrosse team - sparked by college-bound senior standouts Kate Martino (North Carolina) and Kelly Osmulski (UMass) sought to snap a two-game losing streak when it hosted in-town rival Kent Place Tuesday afternoon.

The Hilltoppers are back in action today with a big road game at neighborhood rival Chatham at 4:30 p.m.

Summit began 4-0 before it lost at home to West Essex 9-6 last Wednesday. The Hilltoppers were then downed at Bergen County power Ridgewood 20-12 last Friday.

Another Summit standout, Caroline Cordrey, scored five goals in each of those games. Ridgewood improved its undefeated record to 7-0.

Summit began its season with a 16-6 home win over Bergen County foe Immaculate Heart Academy of Washington Township April 3, with Osmulski leading the way with five goals.

Cordrey also had five goals and Martino three and three assists in a 14-12 win at Glen Ridge on April 5.

Summit then defeated Mountain Lakes 9-6 at home two days later, with Cordrey netting five goals once again, while Martino added two and assisted on two others.

Megan Paytas netted a team-leading five goals and Cordrey four in Summit's 14-7 win at Morris Knolls on April 9.

Cordrey led Summit with 26 goals in its first six contests, including four five-goal games.

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SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001245
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00254111
County: Union
Plaintiff: THE PROVIDENT BANK
VS
Defendant: RAUL A. ARENAS, ANA AYOLA ARENAS
Sale Date: 04/25/2012
Write of Execution: 03/15/2012
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 PLAINFIELD, County of UNION, State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as: 956-60 WEST FRONT STREET, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07063
BEING KNOWN AS LOT 21, BLOCK 228 on the official Tax Map of the CITY OF PLAINFIELD.
Dimensions: 85.00FT. X 199.52FT. X 75.00FT. X 5.78FT. X 192.61FT.
Nearest Cross Street: COMPTON AVENUE
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remains of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
***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: \$136,103.10***
One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand One Hundred Three and 10/100***
Attorney:
PHILAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP RD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$140,700.05***One Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and 05/100***
April 5, 12, 19, 2012
U292236 WCN (\$135.24)

PLAINFIELD

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-000859-12

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
KENNETH L. JOHNSON, HIS HEIRS,
DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS HER, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST,
DEBORAH RICHARDSON

PUBLIC NOTICE

SENTATIVES AND HIS HER, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST,
DEBORAH RICHARDSON

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon PARKER McCAY P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 9000 Midantic Drive, Suite 300, P.O. Box 8054, Mount Laurel NJ 08054-1539, an Answer to the Complaint and any Amended Complaints filed thereafter in a civil action, in which Wendover Financial Services Corporation is Plaintiff and KENNETH L. JOHNSON, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS HER, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, et al., are Defendants pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey within 35 days after April 19, 2012, exclusive of said date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules governing the courts.

You are further advised that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live. If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal aid, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling the Lawyer Referral Services. The names and telephone numbers of such agencies in the county of venue are as follows:
Lawyer Referral Services: (908) 353-4747
Legal Services: (908) 354-4340

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage and recovering possession of the lands and premises described in a mortgage dated January 26, 2001, recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office on February 21, 2001, made by Kenneth L. Johnson to BNY Mortgage Company, LLC and covers real estate located at 721 Marshall Place, Plainfield, New Jersey 07062, Lot 88 Block 915.

By Assignment of Mortgage dated January 26, 2001, BNY Mortgage Company, LLC assigned all of its right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid Mortgage to Senior Homeowners Financial Services. Said Assignment was recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Union County on February 21, 2001 in Assignment Book 1209, Page 51. By Assignment of Mortgage dated February 6, 2007, Senior Homeowners Financial Services assigned all of its right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid Mortgage to Wendover Financial Services Corporation. Said Assignment was recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Union County on March 8, 2007 in Assignment Book 1354, Page 511.

YOU, KENNETH L. JOHNSON, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS HER, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, have been made a Defendant in the above-entitled action because you have or may claim to have some right, title, lien or other interest affecting the real estate being foreclosed by virtue of ownership, inheritance, descent, intestacy, devise, dower, mortgage, deed or conveyance, entry of judgment or other legal or lawful right. The nature of which and the reason that you and each of you are joined as Defendants is set forth with particularity in the Complaint (or Amended Complaint, whichever the case may be), a copy of which will be furnished to you on request addressed to the attorneys of the plaintiff at the above mentioned address.

YOU, DEBORAH RICHARDSON, have been made a defendant for any interest you may have in the subject premises by reason of a child support judgment (J-143030-1993) entered in

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the Superior Court of New Jersey on January 15, 1993 against Kenneth Johnson for an undisclosed amount, and for any right, title, claim, or interest you may have in, to, or against said mortgage premises. Said judgment remains unsatisfied of record and may be a lien against the premises being foreclosed herein.
File 15111-0019
Dated: April 13, 2012

Jennifer M. Perez, Acting Clerk
Superior Court of New Jersey
U292786 WCN April 19, 2012 (\$65.17)

WESTFIELD

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001250
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3355908B
County: Union
Plaintiff: BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-9T1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-9T1
VS
Defendant: WILLIAM R. BLESSING, JESSICA L. BLESSING
Sale Date: 04/25/2012
Writ of Execution: 03/15/2012

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: Town of Westfield, COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J. 07090
STREET & STREET NO.: 821 North Avenue W
TAX BLOCK AND LOT:
BLOCK: 104 LOT: 20
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 193.38' x 50'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Orborn Avenue
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any):
Westfield holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$2,097.58 as of 1/13/2009

The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$458,702.35***
Four Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Two and 35/100***
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: \$524,633.86***Five Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Three and 86/100***
April 5, 12, 19, 2012
U292137 WCN (\$94.08)

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HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001655
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F776709
County: Union
Plaintiff: FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
VS
Defendant: MELIDO JIMINEZ, ANYOLINA SANTOS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOLANDA JIMINEZ, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 05/16/2012
Writ of Execution: 03/13/2012
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the

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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: Hillside Township, COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.
STREET & STREET NO.: 54 Mertz Avenue
TAX BLOCK AND LOT:
BLOCK: 1408 LOT: 10
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 50' x 150'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 400.78' from Munn Avenue
SUPERIOR INTEREST (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: \$291,362.35
Two Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two and 35/100
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: \$298,916.14***Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen and 14/100***
April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2012
U292854 UNL (\$148.96)

UNION

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-5865-12

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: DWAYNE SMITH

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number #973) 538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which ONEWEST BANK FSB is Plaintiff and DWAYNE SMITH, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County and bearing Docket No. F-5865-12 within thirty-five (35) days after 04/19/12 exclusive of such date, or if published after 04/19/12, thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated July 14, 2006 made by DWAYNE SMITH as mortgagor to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN MORTGAGE NETWORK, INC. recorded on July 26, 2006, in Book 11785 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 663, et seq., which mortgage was duly assigned to the Plaintiff named above, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 333 INDIANA ST. UNION, NJ 07083, Block 5807, Lot 27.01.

You are made a defendant because you are a mortgagor and your lien or interest in the mortgaged premises is subject to plaintiff's mortgage.

If you cannot afford or are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling:

UNION COUNTY LAWYER REFERRAL: (908)353-4711
UNION COUNTY LEGAL SERVICES: (908)354-4340
YOU, DWAYNE SMITH are made party defendant(s) to this foreclosure action because you are one of the mortgagors and may be liable for any deficiency and for any lien, claim, or interest you may have in, to, or against the mortgaged premises by reason of the Mortgage made by you, DWAYNE SMITH, as set forth above.
Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for participation.
File YIND082
Dated: April 12, 2012

JENNIFER M. PEREZ
Clerk of the Superior
Court of New Jersey
E292795 UNL April 19, 2012 (\$43.12)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance has been introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council held Tuesday evening, April 10, 2012 and will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues May 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Township of Hillside and a copy is available up to and including the time of said meeting to the members of the general public of the Township who shall request same at the Township Clerk's Office, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey.

By Direction of the Township Council
Janet Vlajavcic, RMC
Township Clerk

ORDINANCE NO.: 0-12-003

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE CREATING THE POSITION OF CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS based upon the recommendations of the Township of Hillside's Chief of Police, the Township Council and the Mayor have deemed it necessary for the proper administration of the Township's Police Department ("Department") to create and staff a confidential civilian administrative position within the Township's Department of Police; and

WHEREAS, certain responsibilities of the above described position, as they relate to the Secondary Employment Program are currently provided by personnel within the Finance Office, but upon adoption and implementation of this Ordinance, said responsibilities would reside within the police department; and

WHEREAS, the creation of such a position is deemed to be in the best interest of the safety, health and welfare of the Township's residents, business and visitors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside as follows:

1. The position of Confidential Administrative Clerk is hereby created within the Township of Hillside's Department of Police to perform the duties as set forth in the attached Exhibit A New Jersey Civil Service Commission job description along with the related work set forth in, but not limited to, the attached Exhibit B, and which is otherwise subject to New Jersey Civil Service Rules and Regulations; and

2. This position shall be staffed on a part-time basis and paid in an amount and manner as will be set forth in a separate ordinance of the Township Council, without the receipt of any further benefits or remuneration of any kind, for total hours not to exceed 19.5 hours per week; and

3. The Department's table of organization shall be amended in accordance with this ordinance to reflect the position of Confidential Administrative Clerk, which position shall report directly to, and be under the direct supervision of, the Chief of Police; and

4. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any kind of fact or circumstances shall be adjudged or otherwise determined to be invalid, unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and the application of such remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby. This Ordinance shall have full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and

5. This Ordinance is not meant to repeal or amend any provisions of the Code other than those designated herein and, therefore, all Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict; and

6. This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and publication as provided by law.
U292665 UNL April 19, 2012 (\$62.72)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001664
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F507009
County: Union
Plaintiff: FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB
VS
Defendant: CESAR H. CLAVIJO; RACHEL CLAVIJO, HIS WIFE AND MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR EXPRESS MORTGAGE NATIONWIDE, INC.
Sale Date: 05/16/2012

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Writ of Execution: 11/22/2010
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 The property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey.
 Property Address: 1159 Thomas Street, Hillside, NJ 07036
 Tax Lot No. 3 Block No. 912
 Subject to: Tax Sale Certificate No. Amount \$
 Dimensions: 40.00 x 100.00 and 40.00 100.00

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 by publication.
 Nearest Cross Street: Fitzpatrick St
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$295,427.54
Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven and 54/100***

Attorney:
 GEORGE CRETELLA, ESQ.
 20 CAMBRIDGE DR
 SUITE C
 ABERDEEN, NJ 07747
 (732)290-7600
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$325,903.42***Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty and 42/100***
 April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2012
 U292852 UNL (\$147.00)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001340
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F4490509
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
 VS
 Defendant: JASON KNIGHT; MRS. KNIGHT WIFE OF JASON KNIGHT; VALERIA SANTOLO; MR. SANTOLO; HUSBAND OF VALERIA SANTOLO; JOHN LOCURTO, JR.
 Sale Date: 05/02/2012
 Writ of Execution: 03/08/2012

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: Hillside Township
 COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.
 STREET & STREET NO: 195 Ryan Street
TAX BLOCK AND LOT:
 BLOCK: 912 LOT: 9
 DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 40' x 108.13'
 NEAREST CROSS STREET: St. Louis 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: \$384,714.17***
Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen and 17/100***

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: \$400,106.07***Four Hundred Thousand One Hundred Six and 07/100***
 April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
 U292152 UNL (\$147.00)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001695
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F5189610
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: LYNX ASSET SERVICES LLC
 VS
 Defendant: ROBINSON DELVA; MIMOSE DELVA; HIS WIFE
 Sale Date: 05/16/2012
 Writ of Execution: 04/04/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of

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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 TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
 PREMISES ARE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 572 Yale Avenue, Hillside NJ 07205
 LOT NO.: 4.01 f/k/a part of old lot 4
 BLOCK NO.: 807
 DIMENSIONS OF LOT: Approximately 32.5x80
 NEAREST CROSS STREET: Cornell Place

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 C.O. # 100-000000
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$425,639.31
Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Nine and 31/100***
 Attorney:
 LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL A. ALFIERI
 30 FRENEAU AVENUE
 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: \$433,062.02***Four Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Sixty-Two and 02/100***
 April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2012
 U292851 UNL (\$123.48)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001242
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F000708
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: BCP HOLDINGS (USA), INC.
 Defendant: LUISMAR S. PEREIRA, VERONICA PEREIRA AND PNC BANK
 Sale Date: 04/25/2012
 Writ of Execution: 03/15/2012

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.
 SHORT DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:
 The property to be sold is located in the City of Hillside, in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 561 Leo Street, Hillside, New Jersey 07205.
 Tax Lot No. 39 in Block No. 512.
 Dimensions of Lot: 37' x 100'
 Nearest Cross Street: On the north side of Leo Street 387.5 feet east from its intersection with Cornell Place.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$163,821.03***
One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-One and 03/100***

Attorney:
 NEWMAN & SIMPSON, LLP
 32 MERCER STREET
 HACKENSACK NJ 07601
 201-487-0200
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$166,609.21***One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight and 21/100***
 April 5, 12, 19, 2012
 U292256 UNL (\$77.91)

HILLSIDE

PUBLIC NOTICE
 TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
 NOTICE OF SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE AND CLOSED SESSION MEETINGS

The executive and closed session meetings of the Township Council to be held in the Municipal Building on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

- April 23, 2012
- May 7, 2012
- May 21, 2012
- June 11, 2012
- July 16, 2012
- August 6, 2012
- September 4, 2012
- September 17, 2012
- October 1, 2012
- October 15, 2012
- October 29, 2012
- November 19, 2012
- December 3, 2012
- December 17, 2012

Please be advised that some of these meetings may be cancelled.
 U292661 UNL April 19, 2012 (\$14.70)

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WADING POOL

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Committee of the Township of Hillside in the Council Chambers - Municipal Building, Hillside, New Jersey on

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May 9, 2012 at 10:00 am prevailing time, at which time they shall be opened and publicly read for the Wading Pool at the Municipal Pool.

A copy of the Specifications is on file at the Office of the Township Clerk, at the above address. The Specifications may be examined between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the public or those specifically wishing to bid, but not desiring to purchase the said bid documents.
 Specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours upon receipt of a check for non-refundable fee made payable to the Township of Hillside in the amount of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for one (1) set of the Plans and Specifications.

CONTACT SCOTT ANDERSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, 973-926-1110 FOR ACCESS TO THE SITE DURING BUSINESS HOURS ON WEEK DAYS BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 4:00 PM

Bids must be submitted on the Proposal form furnished to the bidder and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder and the Project Name. The bid must be accompanied by a Certificate of Surety from a Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey guaranteeing to furnish a Performance Bond for 100% of the contract in event of award, a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation or partnership who owns ten percent or more of its stock of any class or of all individual partners on the partnership who owns ten percent or greater interest therein, and a Certified Check or Bid Bond for not less than ten percent of the total bid, but not exceeding \$20,000.00.

Each bidder must submit with his bid the documents on the Bid Document Submission Checklist on Page B-1 of the Specifications.

Bidders are required to comply with the Affirmative Action requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27), the Disclosure Statement requirements of P.L. 1977, c. 33 and all the latest amendments to same.

Bidders are required to comply with P.L. 2004, c. 57 (Chapter 57) which amends N.J.S.A. 52:32-44.
 Bidders are required to comply with N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 Administering EEO in Public Contracts.

Bidders are required to comply with the provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1983, effective 1, 1984, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Copeland Act, and the Davis-Bacon Act, and all the latest amendments to same.

No bids shall be received after the time and date specified, and no bids will be received by mail. After receipt of bid, no bid shall be withdrawn except as expressly authorized herein. The Township of Hillside shall award the Contract or reject all bids within 60 days of the bid opening, except that the bids of any bidders who consent thereto may, at the request of the City, be held for consideration for such longer period as may be agreed.

The Township of Hillside reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. The Township of Hillside reserves the right to sever and make awards of all or part of any bids to one or more bidders. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Township of Hillside.

Janet S. Vlaisavljevic
 Township Clerk
 U292660 UNL April 19, 2012 (\$56.35)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN
-NOTICE-
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Take notice that SOS VOL I LLC trading as Sisters of Soul has applied to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the City of Linden City Hall for the issuance of a "new" license for failure to timely renew pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.18 Special Ruling granted by the Director for premises situated at 1314 AB East St. George Avenue, Linden for License #2009-33-002-004.
 The person(s) who will hold an interest in this license is/are:

Cynthia Johnson
 127 E. 10th Avenue
 Roselle, NJ
 50% Partner

Sabir Muhammad
 1514 Plainfield
 South Plainfield, NJ 07080
 50% Partner

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to: Joseph C. Bodek (Municipal Clerk) of The City of Linden, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey, 07036.

SOS VOL I LLC
 Applicant
 1314 AB East St. George Avenue,
 Linden, NJ 07036
 Applicant Address
 April 19, 26, 2012
 U292663 PRO (\$49.30)

PUBLIC NOTICE

MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-002484-12
 Superior Court of New Jersey
 Chancery Division
 Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Mariel Romero
Dilia Palencia Rodriguez, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is plaintiff, and Marco Romero, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-002484-12 within thirty-five (35) days after 4/19/2012 exclusive of such date, or if published after 4/19/2012, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 03/24/2005 made by Marco Romero and Mariel Romero, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Wachovia Mortgage Corporation recorded on 04/01/2005 in Book 11099 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 774 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by Assignment of Mortgage dated 08/17/2011. Plaintiff is also the holder and owner of a note and second mortgage covering the mortgaged premises dated 10/09/2007, made by Marco Romero and Mariel DaCosta Romero to Wachovia Bank, National Association, which mortgage was recorded 10/25/2007 in Book 12330 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 771. Wachovia Bank, National Association is now known as Wells Fargo Bank, NA. Plaintiff does not wish to foreclose this mortgage at this time; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 563-65 Woodland Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092, with a mailing address of 563 Woodland Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092, also being Lot 13 in Block 21.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

YOU, MARIEL ROMERO, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

YOU, DILIA PALENCIA RODRIGUEZ, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.
 File XCZ 153264

JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

"The Fair Housing Act prohibits "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination" in connection with any aspect of a residential real estate transaction. Zucker, Goldberg and Ackerman, LLC, encourages and supports the equal housing practices of the Fair Housing Act in the conduct of its business."
 U292941 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$67.13)

LINDEN

Take notice that application has been made to City of Linden Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of 301 N. Wood Ave., Linden, NJ 07036 to transfer to Karha Liquors LLC trading as K's Liquors for premises located at 355 W. St. George Ave., Linden, NJ the Plenary Retail Consumption With Broad Package Privilege License No. 2009-

PUBLIC NOTICE

32-053-011 heretofore issued to KETKI, L.L.C. trading as K's Liquors for premises located at 355 W. St. George Ave., Linden.

The person(s) who will hold an interest in this permit is/are: Geeta Fozdar, President 100%.

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to: Joseph C. Bodek, Municipal Clerk, City of Linden of 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036.

Geeta Fozdar
 Applicant
 27 Visco Dr.
 Edison, NJ 08820

April 19, 26, 2012
 U292910 PRO (\$49.30)

ELIZABETH

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-002557-12
 Superior Court of New Jersey
 Chancery Division
 Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Victor Rogers
and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is plaintiff, and Victor Rogers, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-002557-12 within thirty-five (35) days after 4/19/2012 exclusive of such date, or if published after 4/19/2012, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 01/22/2010 made by Victor Rogers and Arleny Rogers as mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Prospect Mortgage LLC recorded on 02/08/2010 in Book 12861 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0746 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by Assignment of Mortgage dated 12/07/2010; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 281 1st Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206, also being Lot 330 in Block 2.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

YOU, VICTOR ROGERS, his heirs, devisees and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

YOU, ARLENY ROGERS, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.
 File XF2146290

JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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 U292667 PRO April 19, 2012 (\$58.31)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001666
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F4863810
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: LYNX ASSET SERVICES LLC

PUBLIC NOTICE

VS
 Defendant: FRANCISCO D. CACHETAS; ANNA CACHETAS
 Sale Date: 05/16/2012
 Writ of Execution: 03/14/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
PREMISES ARE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 805 Third Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07202
 LOT NO.: 1359
 BLOCK NO.: 9
 DIMENSIONS OF LOT: Approximately 22x110
 NEAREST CROSS STREET: High 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: \$301,201.37***
Three Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred One and 37/100***
 Attorney:
LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL A. ALFIERI
 30 FRENEAU AVENUE
 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: \$307,896.90***Three Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Six and 90/100***
 April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2012
 U292876 PRO (\$121.52)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001665
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F00346311
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: ANGEL J. GOMEZ & BERTHA GOMEZ
VS
 Defendant: ADA M. ACEVEDO
 Sale Date: 05/16/2012
 Writ of Execution: 03/15/2012
 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.
 The property to be sold is located in: The City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey
 Commonly known as: 553 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07206
 Tax Lot No.: 323W05 in Block 5
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) Approximately 100 x 25
 Nearest Cross Street: Sixth Street
 Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Tax and prior lien info:
 At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - you must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.
 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 Fair Housing Act prohibits "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination" in connection with any aspect of a residential real estate transaction.
 Zucker, Goldberg, and Ackerman, LLC encourages and supports the equal housing practices of the Fair Housing Act in the conduct of its business.
Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None
 The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$330,256.88
Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Six and 88/100***
 Attorney:
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
 200 SHEFFIELD ST
 SUITE 301
 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
 (908)233-8500 XCZ-152389
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$349,144.38*** Three Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty-Four and 38/100***
 April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2012
 U292883 PRO (\$178.38)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001357
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F00046511
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: CROWN BANK
VS
 Defendant: 403-405 FIRST AVENUE, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; JOHN VALENTI; JAMES C. SASSO
 Sale Date: 05/02/2012
 Writ of Execution: 01/17/2012
 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.

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: on the Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth Nearest Cross Street: Fourth Street Approximate Dimensions for both lots: 100.00ft x 50.00ft x 49.18ft x 1.72ft x 15.41ft x 43.32ft x 50.65ft Lot: 523.A; Block: 5
 Pursuant to a municipal tax search dated March 4, 2012, taxes \$1,281.25 open+penalty; \$1,269.89 paid
 2012 1st quarter taxes \$627.05 open+penalty
 Lien: 2009, 2010 3rd party tax lien, Cert. No. 10-00148 sold on 6/8/2011 to the City of Elizabeth in the amount of \$7,834.61
 3rd party tax lien, Cert. No. 08-00137 sold on 6/8/2009 to the City of Elizabeth as of March 16, 2012 the approximate amount due is \$10,667.69
 Being more commonly known as:
 403 First Avenue
 City of Elizabeth, NJ 07206
 Lot: 523.B; Block: 5
 Pursuant to a municipal tax search dated March 10, 2012,
 Subject to: 2011 taxes \$640.62 open+penalty; \$1,910.52 paid
 2012 1st quarter taxes \$627.05 open+penalty
 Lien: 2010, 2010 3rd party tax lien, Cert. No. 10-00149 sold on 6/8/2011 to US BANK CUST EMPIRE IV, CAP ONE in the amount of \$9,818.13
 Being more commonly known as:
 405 First Avenue
 City of Elizabeth, NJ 07206

City of the inventory, chattel paper, accounts, equipment, general intangibles, and fixtures
 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: \$345,568.36***
Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight and 36/100***
 Attorney:
HILL WALLACK LLP
 202 CARNEGIE CTR
 P. O. BOX 1826
 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: \$354,733.70***Three Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two and 70/100***
 April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
 U292194 PRO (\$213.64)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE
 The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on April 9, 2012. A public hearing and final adoption will be held at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway in the Municipal Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza, on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. Copies of said Ordinance are available in the City Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request same.
ORDINANCE - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY
 0-13-12
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 211 "FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND VENDORS, RETAIL" AND CHAPTER 221, "FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND FEES TEMPORARY RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS
 The subject ordinance amends Ch. 217 for temporary food vendors.
 Jean D. Kuc, RMC
 City Clerk
 U292679 PRO April 19, 2012 (\$19.11)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ROSELLE
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001337
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F2372708
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-2
VS
 Defendant: WILLERMINE EXILUS
 Sale Date: 05/02/2012
 Writ of Execution: 09/29/2011

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Roselle in the County of Union, and the State of New Jersey, LOT 17, BLOCK 3902, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 314 CHESTNUT STREET, ROSELLE, NEW JERSEY 07203
 Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 75 feet wide by 180 feet long. Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the Western side of Chestnut Street, 150.00 feet from the Southernly side of West 17th Street.
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
 The sale is subject to unpaid taxes and assessments, tax, water and sewer liens and other municipal assessments. The amount due can be obtained from the local taxing authority. Pursuant to NJSA 46:8B-21 the sale may also be subject to the limited lien priority of any condominium/homeowner association liens which may exist.
 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: \$360,700.43***
Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred and 43/100***
 Attorney:
SHAPIRO & PEREZ, LLP - ATTORNEYS
 14000 COMMERCE PARWAY
 SUITE 200
 MT LAUREL NJ 08054
 (856)793-3080
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$426,979.64***Four Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine and 64/100***
 April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
 U292176 PRO (\$170.52)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on April 9, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at City Hall, Municipal Court/Council Chambers, First Floor, City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey, on May 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

ORDINANCE - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

0-15-12
Title: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM, BY AND IN THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$850,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$809,520 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): Various 2012 Capital Improvements to the Water System
Appropriation: \$850,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$809,520
Grants Appropriated: None
Section 20 Costs: \$170,000
Useful Life: 8.31 years
 Jean D. Kuc, RMC
 City Clerk
 U292690 PRO April 19, 2012 (\$28.91)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001244
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F2978710
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC.
VS
 Defendant: KERSANDRA L. BROWN, MR. BROWN, HUSBAND OF KERSANDRA L. BROWN
 Sale Date: 04/25/2012
 Writ of Execution: 03/15/2012

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.
 The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF LINDEN, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
 Commonly known as: 1035 ESSEX AVE LINDEN, NJ 07036
 Tax Lot No. 6 in Block No. 100
 Dimension of Lot Approximately: 60X100
 Nearest Cross Street: CARNEGIE STREET
BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF ESSEX AVENUE, DISTANT NORTHEASTERLY 340.0 FEET FROM THE POINT FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF ESSEX AVENUE WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF CARNEGIE STREET AND RUNNING THENCE
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
SEWER OPEN + PENALTY \$486.40
TOTAL AS OF February 28, 2012:
 \$486.40

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: \$147,527.12***
One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Seven and 12/100***
 Attorney:
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
 7 CENTURY DR
 MT LAUREL NJ 08054
 PARSIPPANY NJ 07054
 (973)538-4700
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$152,745.20***One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Five and 20/100***
 April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
 U292243 PRO (\$126.42)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on April 9, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at City Hall, Municipal Court/Council Chambers, First Floor, City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey, on May 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

ORDINANCE - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

0-14-12
Title: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$666,665 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): Acquisition and Installation of Equipment and the Undertaking of Various Capital Improvements, as applicable, for the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments and for the Library
Appropriation: \$700,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$666,665
Grants Appropriated: None
Section 20 Costs: \$140,000
Useful Life: 7.44 years
 Jean D. Kuc, RMC
 City Clerk
 U292688 PRO April 19, 2012 (\$30.38)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ROSELLE
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001575
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F3075910
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: WELL FARGO BANK, N.A.
VS
 Defendant: LUIS M. CERVANTES; BEATRICE CERVANTES
 Sale Date: 05/09/2012
 Writ of Execution: 03/07/2012

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 BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, County of UNION, State of New Jersey
 Premises commonly known as: 217 HILLCREST TERRACE, ROSELLE, NJ 07203-2620
BEING KNOWN AS LOT 19, BLOCK 3702 on the official Tax Map of the BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
 Dimensions: 100.0FT X 50.0FT. X 100.0FT. X 50.0FT
 Nearest Cross Street: BONNA VILLA AVENUE

Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
****If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.**
*****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.**

Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
 400 FELLOWSHIP RD
 SUITE 100
 MT LAUREL NJ 08054
 (856)813-5500
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$211,031.53***Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Thirty-One and 53/100***
 April 19, 26, May 3, 2012
 U292532 PRO (\$166.60)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001255
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F5719709
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: THE PROVIDENT BANK
VS
 Defendant: JOSEPH GEDEON AND MIRA GEDEON, HIS WIFE; JOSEPH FRANCOIS; JOHN J. GEDEON
 Sale Date: 04/25/2012
 Writ of Execution: 03/15/2012

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.
 The property to be sold is located in the City of LINDEN, in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.
 Commonly known as: 1501 MC CANDLESS STREET, LINDEN, NJ 07036
 Tax Lot No. 12, in Block No. 131
 Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 40 feet wide by 101 feet long
 Nearest Cross Street: Van Buren Avenue
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$431,341.14***
Four Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Three Hundred Forty-One and 14/100***
 Attorney:
FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C.
 1455 BROAD ST
 BLOOMFIELD NJ 07003
 (973)73-3000
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$450,799.36***Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine and 36/100***
 April 19, 26, May 3, 2012
 U292239 PRO (\$86.73)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001243
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F05562810
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: INVESTORS BANK f/k/a INVESTORS SAVINGS BANK VS
 Defendant: RODEL V. TOLENTINO; MRS. RODEL V. TOLENTINO, WIFE OF RODEL V. TOLENTINO; SHARON E. TOLENTINO
 Sale Date: 04/25/2012
 Writ of Execution: 03/15/2012
 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.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that certain land and premises situated in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being more particularly described as follows: Lot: 1389; Block: 6 on the Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
Nearest Cross Street: Rosehill Place
Approximate Dimensions: 16.50ft x 115.00ft x 16.50ft x 115.00ft
 Being more commonly known as:
19 Stewart Place
 f/k/a 91 Stewart Place
 Elizabeth, NJ 07202
 Pursuant to a municipal tax sale dated February 26, 2012,
Subject to: No amounts due at this time

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: \$171,885.87***
One Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Five and 87/100***
 Attorney:
 HILL WALLACE LLP
 202 CARNEGIE CTR
 P. O. BOX 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: \$186,598.38***One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Eight and 38/100***
 April 5, 12, 19, 2012
 U292247 PRO (\$122.01)

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001572
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F00941111
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2007-OPT4, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-OPT4 VS
 Defendant: KEISHA CANADY, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, NORTH STAR CAPITAL ACQUISITION LLC
 Sale Date: 05/09/2012
 Writ of Execution: 03/15/2012

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.

The property to be sold is located in the municipality of ROSELLE in the County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
 Commonly known as: 330 WHITE STREET, ROSELLE, NJ
 Tax Lot: 3 BLK: 2305
 Dimensions of Lot: 50 feet wide by 94 feet long
Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the SOUTHERLY side of WHITE STREET 51.55 feet from the WESTERLY side of MORRIS STREET

THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$335,188.82***
Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Eight and 82/100***
 Attorney:
 RALPH F. CASALE & ASSOCIATES, LLC
 290 ROUTE 46 WEST
 DENVER NJ 07834
 (973)586-2300
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$341,287.89***Three Hundred Forty-One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Seven and 89/100***
 April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2012
 U292577 PRO (\$125.44)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001347
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F92811
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: VILLANI BUS COMPANY VS
 Defendant: PHILIP BEVIANO, SR. INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE BEVIANO CHILDREN'S TRUST AND THE BEVIANO CHILDREN'S TRUST
 Sale Date: 05/02/2012
 Writ of Execution: 02/27/2012

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.

CONCISE STATEMENT OF DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD
 Municipality: City of Linden
 County & State: Union County, New Jersey
 Street and Street Number:
 Lot 10 - 1113 N. Wood Avenue
 Lot 11 - 1103 N. Wood Avenue
 Tax Lot and Block Numbers: Block 238, Lots 10 and 11
 Dimensions (Size of Property)
 Lot 10 - 33.3' x 221.47'
 Lot 11 - 75' x 221.47'
Nearest Cross Street: East St. Georges Avenue
 Beginning Point:
 Lot 10-Beginning at a point in the Southwesterly side line of Wood Avenue, distant 433.39 feet Northwesterly from the intersection formed by the Northwesterly side line of St. Georges Avenue and the Southwesterly side line of Wood Avenue and from said beginning point.
 Lot 11-Beginning at a point in the Southerly line of Wood Avenue, distant 325 feet Northwesterly along the same from the Westerly side of St. George Avenue.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$60,000.00***
Sixty Thousand and 00/100***
 Attorney:
 GIORDANO HALLERAN & CIESLA - ATTORNEYS
 125 HALF MILE ROAD
 SUITE 300
 RED BANK NJ 07701-6777
 (732)741-3900
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$72,222.22***Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Seven and 22/100***
 April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
 U292177 PRO (\$145.04)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001342
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F00614911
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY VS
 Defendant: KANSKY ALPHONSE; CARROLL J. ALLEN; BIANKA SHIELDS; SOUTH PEARL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
 Sale Date: 05/02/2012
 Writ of Execution: 02/08/2012

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: 969-981
Nearest Cross Street: A TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 6 LOT: 1229 C-A6
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: Unit A-6 NEAREST CROSS STREET: South Pearl Estates Condominium 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: \$219,060.23***
Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Sixty and 23/100***
 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: \$223,594.74***Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Four and 74/100***
 April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
 U292153 PRO (\$143.08)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001696
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F00636911
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: THE PROVIDENT BANK VS
 Defendant: OSCAR CHURAMPI AND YANNY FERNANDEZ HIS WIFE; MARIA CASTANON, TENANT; SHEL-LAH DIAZ, TENANT
 Sale Date: 05/16/2012
 Writ of Execution: 12/30/2011

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: City of Linden
Street Address: 405 West Blancke Street, Linden, NJ 07036
Tax Lot: 7
Block: 286
Approximate dimensions: 117.10' x 150.00' x 120.00' x 25.00'
Nearest cross street: Lumber Street
 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: \$253,729.41***
Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine and 41/100***
 Attorney:
 PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC
 20000 HORIZON WAY
 SUITE 900
 MT. LAUREL NJ 08054-4318
 (956)813-1700
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$260,866.33***Two Hundred Sixty-Six and 33/100***
 April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2012
 U292873 PRO (\$137.20)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001338
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F3808009
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: CARVER FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK VS
 Defendant: LAURETTE BLAISE
 Sale Date: 05/02/2012
 Writ of Execution: 03/14/2012

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.

The property to be sold is located in city of Linden City in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey
 Commonly known as: 1028 Stuart Place, Linden, NJ 07036;
 Tax Lot No. 31 in Block No. 419
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 5680 SF
Nearest Cross Street: Karen Terrace
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: \$365,156.63***
Three Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Six and 63/100***
 Attorney:
 MITZ MC KEEVER LEE, PC
 701 MARKET STREET
 MELLON INDEPENDENCE CENTER
 PHILADELPHIA PA 19106
 (215)627-1322
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$393,111.51***Three Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand One Hundred Eleven and 51/100***
 April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
 U292156 PRO (\$135.24)

ROSELLE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2426-12

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A MAYOR'S SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY

PUBLIC NOTICE

RY BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
 NOTICE is hereby given that Ordinance Number 2426-12 was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a special meeting of the Mayor and Council on April 11, 2012, after 7:00 P.M., 210 Chestnut St., Roselle, NJ.
 Rhona C. Bluestein,
 M.B.A., R.M.C., C.M.C.
 Municipal Clerk
 U292909 PRO April 19, 2012 (\$10.78)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on April 9, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon at a meeting of the governing body to be held at City Hall, Municipal Court/Council Chambers, First Floor, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey, on May 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

ORDINANCE - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY
O-16-12

Title: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2012 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING PROGRAM, BY AND IN THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,125,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING GRANTS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): 2012 Road Reconstruction and Resurfacing Program

Appropriation: \$1,125,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$741,000

Grants: \$205,000 Grant to be Received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and \$140,000 Grant to be received from the Community Development Block Grant Program

Section 20 Costs: \$225,000

Useful Life: 15 years
 Jean D. Kuc, RMC
 City Clerk
 U292687 PRO April 19, 2012 (\$33.32)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001570
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F00192511
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: CROWN BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR TO FIRST BANKAMERICANO VS
 Defendant: PEREZ PROPERTIES II LLC; RAMON PEREZ AND RAMONA PEREZ; WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. L&P WAREHOUSE AND L&P SUPERMARKET
 Sale Date: 05/09/2012
 Writ of Execution: 02/08/2012

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.

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY
 A. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey. Premises are commonly known as: 500-502, and 504-506 Magnolia Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208
 Tax Lot No. 745, and 745A, Block 3
Nearest Cross Street: Fifth Street
B. DIMENSIONS OF LOT: Approximately 3,500 sq. feet and 3,800 sq. feet. Regular lots
 The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$446,527.94***
Four Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Seven and 94/100***
 Attorney:
 ALBERTO ULLOA, P.C.
 1435 MORRIS AVE
 THIRD FLOOR
 UNION NJ 07083
 (908)887-8080
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$460,314.59***Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen and 59/100***
 April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2012
 U292561 PRO (\$125.44)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001579
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F2291407
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: LYNX ASSET SERVICES LLC VS
 Defendant: PIERRE GAUDIN, HIS CO-EVEISES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HIS, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING INC., PALISADES COLLECTION LLC
 Sale Date: 05/09/2012
 Writ of Execution: 02/08/2012

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

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. PREMISES ARE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 826 East Henry Street, Linden NJ 07036
LOT NO.: 16 BLOCK NO.: 122
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: Approximately 510' x 100'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Lincoln 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: \$234,518.84***
Two Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen and 84/100***
 Attorney:
 LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. ALFIERI
 30 FRENEAU AVENUE
 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: \$231,068.88***Two Hundred Fifty-One Thousand One Hundred Six and 68/100***
 April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2012
 U292553 PRO (\$131.32)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001574
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F4624809
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: LYNX ASSET SERVICES LLC VS
 Defendant: AURA O. DIAZ, JOSE J. DIAZ, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GMAZ MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, OTS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNEES
 Sale Date: 05/09/2012
 Writ of Execution: 02/14/2012

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

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. PREMISES ARE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1510 Essex Avenue, Linden NJ 07036
LOT NO.: 2 BLOCK NO.: 43
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: Approximately 510' x 100'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Sherman 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: \$372,439.10***
Three Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Nine and 10/100***
 Attorney:
 LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. ALFIERI
 30 FRENEAU AVENUE
 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: \$380,178.95***Three Hundred Eighty Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight and 95/100***
 April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2012
 U292559 PRO (\$129.36)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE
 The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on April 9, 2012. A pub-

PUBLIC NOTICE

lic hearing and final adoption will be held at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway in the Municipal Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza, on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the City Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request same.

ORDINANCE - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) - PARKING BY PERMIT ONLY IN DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL AREAS 401-50
The subject ordinance establishes residential permit parking on a section of Lenox Pl.

Jan D. Kuc, RMC
City Clerk
U292681 PRO April 19, 2012 (\$17.64)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001344
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F05221110
County: Union
Plaintiff: FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY VS

Defendant: ELIAS VENTURA; ELSA VENTURA
Sale Date: 05/02/2012
Writ of Execution: 03/07/2012

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.

CONCISE DESCRIPTION
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey
PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 215 Geneva Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206

TAX LOT # 824, BLOCK # 5
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 31.60 ft x 100 ft
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 2nd Avenue

A FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY.

THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$405,034.81***
Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Thirty-Four and 81/100***

Attorney:
UDREN LAW OFFICES, P.C.
111 WOODCREST ROAD
WOODCREST CORPORATE CENTER - SUITE 200
CHERRY HILL NJ 08003
(856) 699-4000

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$414,668.88***Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Eight and 88/100***
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
U292205 PRO (\$123.48)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001237
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00067011
County: Union
Plaintiff: KEARNEY FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK VS

Defendant: JAMES CHU
Sale Date: 04/25/2012
Writ of Execution: 03/15/2012

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.

CONCISE DESCRIPTION
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey.
Premises are commonly known as 104 Elmora Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202.

Tax Lot No. 534 in Block 10
Dimensions of Lot: 40.34 ft x 100.58 ft x 39.65 ft x 102.33 ft x 39.70 ft.
Nearest cross street: Situate northwesterly from its intersection with the northwesterly line of Linden Avenue.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$438,698.08***
Four Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight and 08/100***

Attorney:
GACCIONE POMACO, P.C.
524 UNION AVENUE
P.O. BOX 96
BELLEVILLE NJ 07109
973-759-2810

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$448,714.88***Four Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen and 88/100***
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
U292253 PRO (\$80.85)

PUBLIC NOTICE

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on April 9, 2012. A public hearing and final adoption will be held at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway in the Municipal Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza, on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the City Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request same.

ORDINANCE - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND FEES FOR BODY ART PROCEDURES

The subject ordinance establishes regulations for body art procedures.
Jan D. Kuc, RMC
City Clerk
U292676 PRO April 19, 2012 (\$17.15)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

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ORDINANCE - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) - PARKING METERS
The subject ordinance authorizes the removal of parking meters on a section of Broad St.

Jan D. Kuc, RMC
City Clerk
U292683 PRO April 19, 2012 (\$16.66)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

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ORDINANCE - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) - PERMIT PARKING
The subject ordinance authorizes permit parking on a section of Broad St.
Jan D. Kuc, RMC
City Clerk
U292684 PRO April 19, 2012 (\$16.17)

LINDEN

Storage Post, Inc., will sell at Public Auction under New Jersey Lien laws for cash only on May 15, 2012 at 11:00AM and on succeeding days and times as may be necessary at 401 S. Park Ave., Linden, NJ 07036 the property described herein as belonging to:
Paulette Picarelli Thornton #1201: bags; Deandre J. Fraser #1206: TV, bike, bags; Tommy M. Washington Thompson #2252: treadmill, cartons, tire; Francis Woolbury #3214: bedding, headboard, couch; Joyce D. Faulks #3133: TVs, bin, cartons; Jose M. Veras, Jr. #5022: bags, shovel, pallet; Jennora Short #5027: chair, vase; Carnell Baskerville #3172: totes, tools, table saw; Brenard M. Colclough #3012: cartons, bins, luggage; Mariano M. Cerra #2064: cartons, luggage, TV.
Donald Bader & Patrick Williams, Auctioneers as Agents, Storage Post reserves the right to fuse any bid or cancel the auction for any reason.
April 19, 26, 2012
U292672 PRO (\$30.38)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Municipal Council of the City of Rahway has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-11-1 et seq. This contract and Resolution AR-121-12 authorizing it are available for public inspection in

PUBLIC NOTICE

the office of the Municipal Clerk. The contract has been awarded to Bohler Engineering, 35 Technology Drive, Warren, New Jersey 07059 for a fee not to exceed \$20,000.00. The purpose of this contract is to update the City's tax map. This company complies with the requirements of P.L. 2004 c.19 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq).

Jan D. Kuc, RMC
Municipal Clerk
U292693 PRO April 19, 2012 (\$12.74)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT HEARING

- 175 Springfield Avenue
- Woodland Avenue Improvement Project
- Parkview Terrace, Clearview Drive, Oaklawn Road & Midland Terrace Improvement Project
- New England Avenue Improvement Project
- Norwood Avenue Improvement Project
- Beekman Road Improvement Project
- Mile Place & Plain Street Improvement Project
- Sunset Drive Improvement Project

TAKE NOTICE that the Engineer of the City of Summit will meet in the Department of Community Services at City Hall 1212 Springfield Avenue, on Tuesday May 1, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Wednesday May 2, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of giving a hearing to all persons interested in the assessment for benefits conferred by the improvement of various locations by the City by the construction or reconstruction therein of sidewalks and/or curbing, adjacent to those lands designated on the official tax map of the City as:

(175 Springfield) - 09-2858 Lot 16 in Block 3501.

(Woodland) - 09-2879 - Lots 6 to 9 in Block 1904, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 1905, Lots 13 to 16 in Block 1902, Lots 1 to 11 in Block 2001, Lots 15, 16, 23, 24 and 26 to 30 in Block 1203, Lots 8 to 12 in Block 1202, Lots 23 to 33 and 42 to 44 in Block 1101, Lots 1 to 4 in Block 1103, Lots 5 to 7 in Block 1104, Lot 1 and 30 in Block 304, Lots 1 to 11 in Block 303, Lots 1 and 27 in Block 105, Lots 13 to 24 in Block 301, Lots 1 to 9 in Block 302, Lots 14 to 24 in Block 106 and Lot 1 in Block 901.

(Parkview/Clearview/Oaklawn/Midland) - 09-2881 - Lots 1 to 23 in Block 4706, Lots 1 to 10 in Block 4705, Lots 1 to 7 in Block 4708, Lots 1 and 9 to 20 in Block 4704 and Lots 4 to 7 in Block 4601.

(New England) - 09-2883 Lots 2 to 5, 6 to 10 and 7, in Block 1804, Lots 1 to 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 18.51 and 19.01 to 19.07 in Block 1803, Lot 53 in Block 1802, Lot 2 in Block 1306 and Lot 1 in Block 1303.

(Norwood) - 10-2918 Lot 1 in Block 1901, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 1903, Lot 6 in Block 1902 and Lot 1 in Block 1201.

(Beekman) - 10-2920 Lots 2 to 7 in Block 1306, Lots 1 to 14, 16 to 18 and 25 to 42 in Block 1405, Lots 1 to 10 in Block 1701, Lots 3 to 10 and 28 to 34 in Block 1702, Lots 14 to 16 in Block 1703, Lots 1 and 15 in Block 1801 and Lots 47 to 53 in Block 1802.
(Mile/Plain) - 10-2922 Lots 4 to 27 in Block 402, Lots 1 and 3 to 30 in Block 403 and Lots 13 to 29 in Block 404.
(Sunset) - 10-2924 Lots 28 to 37, 37.01 and 38 to 46 in Block 2901 and Lots 1 to 18 in Block 2902.

including all of the structures, appurtenances, site work, equipment, work and materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto and prescribed by Ordinances #09-2858, #09-2879, #09-2881, #09-2883, #10-2916, #10-2920, #10-2922, and #10-2924.

Aaron J. Schrage, City Engineer
David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 4/11/2012
U292753 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$46.55)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This Ordinance amends Chapter VII entitled, "Traffic" by prohibiting right hand turns at red traffic signals at the intersection of (i) Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue and (ii) Morris Avenue and Caldwell Avenue between the hours of 7-9 am and 2-6 pm Monday through Friday.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-10

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved on second and final hearing at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U292758 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$12.25)

MOUNTAINSIDE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on March 8, 2012 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

PUBLIC NOTICE

American Aluminum Company, 230 Sheffield Street, Block 7.M, Lot 28 - Applicant proposed to install solar panels on the roof of a commercial building and also to install a generator in the side yard of a commercial building, with variances.

APPROVED
Pupo, 328 Darby Lane, Block 7.I, Lot 14 - Applicant proposed to construct a second story addition, with variances.

APPROVED
ASC Mountainside Realty, 1450 Route 22, Block 3.C, Lots 9 and 12 - Applicants proposed a site plan, change of tenancy, and change of use for a physical therapy service, with variances.

APPROVED
County of Union Maintenance Garage Building, Echo Lake Park - Applicants proposed a conceptual review and site plan to construct an addition onto the existing maintenance building, and the construction of a retaining wall in the Echo Lake Park.

APPROVED
Ruth M. Rees, Secretary
U292906 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$19.11)

SUMMIT

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12001345
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3966509
County: Union
Plaintiff: BANKUNITED VS

Defendant: ARNALDO BUJOSA
Sale Date: 05/02/2012

Writ of Execution: 11/29/2011
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the CITY OF SUMMIT, County of UNION, State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 7 COTTAGE LANE SUMMIT, NJ 07901
BEING KNOWN AS LOT 13, BLOCK 4005 on the official Tax Map of the CITY OF SUMMIT
Dimensions: 56.00FT. X 76.16FT. X 57.23FT. X 6.59FT. X 59.53FT.
Nearest Cross Street: ORCHARD STREET

The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the property being sold and, if so the current amount due thereon.

**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

***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: \$650,420.98***
Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty and 98/100***

Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP RD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-5500

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$666,448.53***Six Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight and 53/100***
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
U292210 OBS (\$176.40)

SPRINGFIELD

EXPLANATION: This Ordinance amends Sections 27-8 entitled, "Springfield Community Pool Day-Camp Program" by amending the camp's operation hours and camp session fees.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-08

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved on second and final hearing at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U292762 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$11.27)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT

BID NOTICE

CITY OF SUMMIT

PROJECT: TRANSFER STATION TRUCK SCALE REPLACEMENT

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, May 8, 2012 at the Municipal Chamber, First Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey for:

TRANSFER STATION TRUCK SCALE REPLACEMENT

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

A pre-bid conference will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at 40 New Providence 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 NUMBER 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 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.

Charge shall be made or recovery had for publishing any official advertising unaccompanied by such statement of price.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk

Dated: April 19, 2012
U292662 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$40.18)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This Resolution authorizes the Township to purchase Playground Equipment for the Recreation Department in accordance with State Contract A59065, in an amount not to exceed \$47,311.95.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
RESOLUTION 2012-90

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield has a need to purchase playground equipment for the Recreation Department to install at the Springfield pool playground; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to purchase the equipment under State Contract A59065, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$47,311.95; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield may, without advertising for bids therefore, purchase any goods and services under any contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes it to be in the best interest of the Township to purchase the equipment in order to better serve the residents of the Township

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey as follows:

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any contract with BCI Burke Company, LLC, 660 Van Dyne Road, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0549 under Contract A59065 for the purchase of playground equipment in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$47,311.95. A Certificate for the availability of funds (COAF) for the Contract authorized hereby has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U292774 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$30.38)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This Resolution authorizes the Township to purchase 280 cubic yards of Woodcarpet and 249 Dura Drains in connection with the installation of new playground equipment at the Springfield pool playground in accordance with State Contract A59054 in an amount not to exceed \$15,967.00

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
RESOLUTION 2012-91**

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield has a need to purchase Woodcarpet and Dura Drains for the Recreation Department in connection with the installation of new playground equipment at the Springfield pool playground; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to purchase the material under State Contract A59054 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$15,967.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield may, without advertising for bids therefore, purchase any goods and services under any contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes it to be in the best interest of the Township to purchase the equipment in order to better serve the residents of the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey as follows:

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Ben Shaffer & Associates Inc., P.O. Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849 under Contract A59054 for the purchase of 280 cubic yards of Woodcarpet and 249 Dura Drains in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$15,967.00.

A Certificate for the availability of funds (COAF) for the Contracts authorized hereby has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC Township Clerk
U292776 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$33,32)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This resolution awards a professional services contract to Keller & Kirkpatrick, for Design Plans, Specifications and Construction Services for First Aid Squad/Library Parking Lot.

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-88**

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for engineering and related services, for the design and preparation of bidding documents for the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc., for surveying, engineering, bidding and construction coordination services, at a fee not to exceed \$6,800.00, pursuant to Proposal for Professional Services dated March 27, 2012. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Public Contracts Law and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk publish a notice of this action in the official newspaper of the Township within 10 days from the adoption of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Certificate showing the availability of funds for the Contract authorized hereby has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto.

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

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC Township Clerk
U292773 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$32,83)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This resolution awards a professional services contract to Pennoni Associates, Inc., for the design plans, specifications and for the Wabeno Avenue Improvements Project (COAF).

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-87**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for engineering and related services, for the design plans, specifications and for the Wabeno Avenue Improvements project within the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11 1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection; and

WHEREAS, a certificate of available funding has been presented by our CFO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Pennoni Associates, Inc., preparing engineering, bidding and construction documents at a fee not to exceed \$26,000.00, pursuant to Proposal for Professional Services dated March 28, 2012. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11 5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

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

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC Township Clerk
U292766 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$28,42)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This ordinance amends and supplements Section 2-42 of the Code of the Township of Springfield establishing a hiring and promotion procedure for the Springfield Fire Department.

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07**

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved on second and final hearing at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC Township Clerk
U292764 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$11,27)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This ordinance establishes a Cap Bank for the calendar year 2012 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14.

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-09**

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved on second and final hearing at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC Township Clerk
U292760 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$10,29)

SPRINGFIELD

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
NOTICE OF PENDING
BOND ORDINANCE
No. 2012-16 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 April 10, 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 May 8, 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:

THE BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$75,000 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The purposes, appropriations and bonds/notes authorized in this multiple purpose bond ordinance are as follows:

**SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS,
PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS**

A. Rehabilitation of various roads, curbs and sidewalks, including work in the right-of-way and drainage work, as required. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended, the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$580,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$27,700
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$552,300
Period of Usefulness 10 years

B. Undertaking of storm and sanitary sewer improvements at various locations.
Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$15,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$750
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$14,250
Period of Usefulness 40 years

C. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of various Township departments, offices and agencies:

Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) rescue boats with equipment

Department of Public Works ("DPW") and Parks Department various field and park maintenance equipment

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$80,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$3,850
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$76,150
Period of Usefulness 15 years

D. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of a utility truck for the use of the DPW.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$45,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$2,300
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$42,700
Period of Usefulness 5 years

E. Undertaking of various improvements to public buildings and property consisting of (i) replacement of the heating system in the Municipal Building, (ii) replacement of walkway lights at Veterans Park, (iii) various improvements to the Chisholm Community Center, (iv) various improvements to the Public Library, (v) repairs and improvements to flood control dikes at various locations, (vi) repairs and improvements to water channels and streams to improve drainage at various locations, (vii) underground storage tank removal between the Municipal Annex Building and the DPW Garage, (viii) environmental studies and testing at the Fire House, (ix) replacement of fencing at various parks and recreation areas and (x) replacement of the bridge connecting the pool area to the softball field. It is hereby determined and stated that the public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$698,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$33,300
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$664,700
Period of Usefulness 15 years

F. Construction of a walkway on Mountainview Road.
Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$150,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$7,150
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$142,850
Period of Usefulness 10 years

G. Acquisition of new information technology equipment, new communication and signal systems equipment and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of various Township departments, offices, agencies and facilities:

Various Departments, Offices and Agencies computer equipment

Public Library computer equipment

Police Department global positioning system (GPS) for police vehicles light bars and radios for police vehicles

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Fire Department various firefighting and safety equipment

Auxiliary Police body armor vests

Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$185,000
Down Payment Appropriated \$12,450
Bonds and Notes Authorized \$172,550
Period of Usefulness 5 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost \$1,753,000

Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated \$87,500

Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized \$1,665,500

Grants (if any) Appropriated: -0-
Section 20 Costs \$110,000
Useful Life: 11.83 years

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

Linda M. Donnelly
Township Clerk
County of Union
State of New Jersey
U292777 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$107,80)

SUMMIT

**SUMMIT BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNION COUNTY**

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed Bids are sought and requested by the Summit Board of Education (hereinafter called "Owner") for Masonry Repairs at Brayton Elementary School, together with all work incidental thereto, in accordance with Drawings and Specifications prepared by El Associates, 8 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927.

Project Name: MASONRY REPAIRS AT BRAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Description of Contract: Single Overall Contract.

Sealed Bids will be received at the Summit Board of Education Offices at 14 Beekman Terrace, Summit, NJ 07901-1702, on or before 10:00 a.m., Prevaling Time, May 15, 2012. Immediately following, Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the same building, on the same day. No Bids will be accepted after 10:00 a.m.

Bid proposals for the above Contract will be received from Bidders registered with the Division of Revenue and Department of Labor. All Bidders proposing to Bid shall be classified in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-27, as to the character and amount of public work on which they shall be qualified to submit Bid by the Department of Treasury, Division of Property Management and Construction (DPMC). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-33, bidders shall also be prequalified by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA). Bidders shall submit with the Bid current prequalification certificates issued by both DPMC and NJSDA for the following classification:

General Contractor with a DPMC Classification of C008 or C009
General Construction

In addition, the Bidder is required to submit with the Bid, current prequalification certificates issued to the Bidder or its subcontractor by the DPMC and the SDA, for the following DPMC Specialty Trades:

Roofing Membrane Modified Bitumen: C088

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Any Bid submitted without a copy of valid and active prequalification/classification certificates may be rejected as non-responsive to the Bid requirements.

Each Bidder shall submit with its bid, a Consent of Surety as per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-25 from a Surety company licensed to write business in the State of New Jersey, stating that the Surety will provide the successful bidder and its subcontractors with a performance/payment bond in the full amount of the contract.

One (1) prebid meeting will be held at the Brayton Elementary School at

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89 Tulip Street, Summit, NJ 07901, at 3:30 p.m. Prevaling Time, April 26, 2012. This meeting is conducted for the purpose of considering questions posed by Bidders. All Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Meeting minutes will be prepared and distributed to all Bidders who have received bid specifications.

The Bid Documents have been prepared by the firm, El Associates, Architects & Engineers, PA, 6 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927. Telephone Number (973) 775-7777.

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All Bidders proposing to Bid shall be classified in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-27, as to the character and amount of public work on which they shall be qualified to submit a Bid. All Bidders must submit a Business Registration Certificate and a Political Contribution Disclosure Form with their Bid Package.

All Bidders must comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-20 "American Goods and Products to be used where possible."

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Louis J. Pepe, RSBA
Business Administrator/
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Summit Public Schools
U292797 OBS April 19, 2012 (\$89,18)

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Edith L. Merkel, RMC Township Clerk
U292908 EAG April 19, 2012 (\$11,27)

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Calendar #	Name of Applicant & Premises Affected	Variances Requested	Decision of the Board of Adjustment
Cal. # 3197	Ideal Professional Office Leasing LLC, 233 Morris Avenue Block- 4303 Lot- 37	Operate adult counseling & educational center in BB zone	Granted by Resolution
Richard Malanda, Bd. Of Adj. Secretary U292901 UNL April 19, 2012 (\$26,46)			

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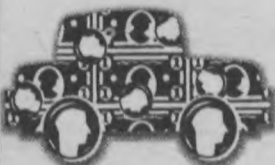
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Commercial real estate remains solid and gains ground

By Rod Hirsch

Newark attorney Frank Giantomasi and his partners made a bold decision two years ago in the heart of the recession. Betting that commercial and industrial real estate development would rebound the lawyers at Genova Burns Giantomasi & Webster expanded the firm's real estate practice and hired seven attorneys.

Two years later the firm has added another partner and has 22 lawyers that specialize in commercial real estate.

"The real estate group is doing nothing but real estate every day," Giantomasi said. "We've got six lawyers alone doing site plans every week."

Giantomasi's Livingston firm merged with Genova Burns in 2010, expanding their presence in Newark.

"We had talked over the years about urban development and predicted what is now happening," he explained.

While Giantomasi concedes there were those who thought he and his partner had miscalculated, their gamble was based on more than just a gut feeling.

"We saw all the ingredients for success and we knew about the incentives coming down the pike," he said.

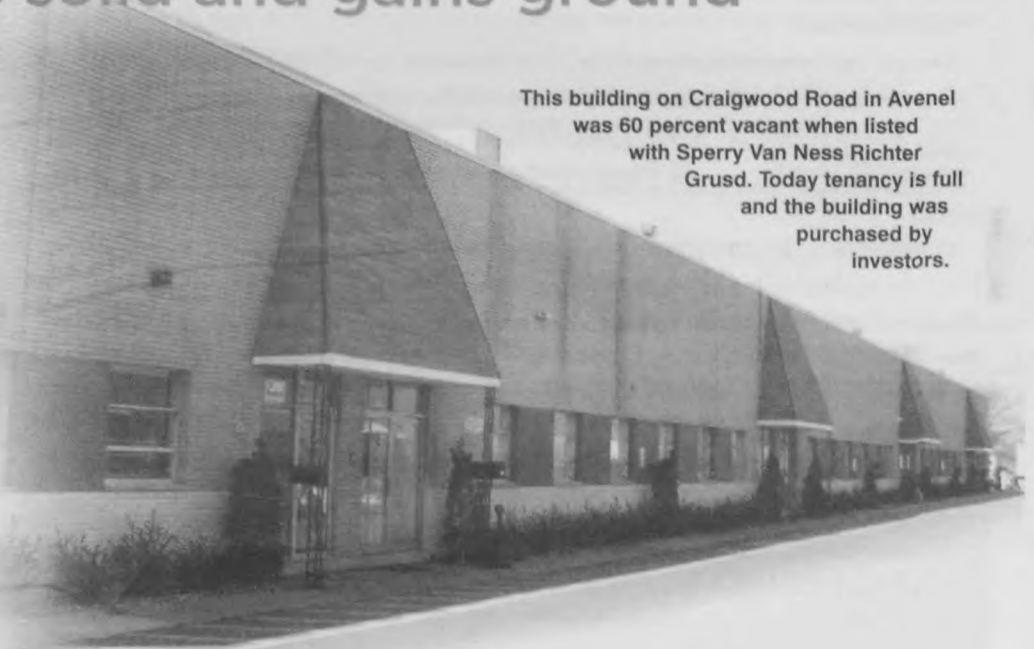
One such incentive was the Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit Program, created by the New Jersey Legislature to encourage business investment in the state. The program provides tax credits of up to the full value of capital investments in large projects within a half-mile of rail stations.

The program has \$1.5 billion committed to 13 projects, nine of which are in Newark, including the new world headquarters of Panasonic.

The \$102.4 million awarded to Panasonic is the largest of \$380 million in grant offers made in the form of tax credits under the program in the past year. Panasonic is relocating from its world headquarters in Secaucus to a 250,000-square-foot space in a \$190 million tower to be built in Newark.

In Union County Wakefern is in line for an award of between \$46 million and \$58 million to build and lease a new 524,000-square-foot warehouse and distribution center on its site in Elizabeth. An existing 350,000-square-foot facility would be demolished.

"Without the Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit Program it would be difficult to justify new construction of office buildings in New Jersey," said Gil Medina, executive managing director at law firm Cushman & Wakefield. "Much of the new construction for office projects like Panasonic in Newark would not happen but for the program."



This building on Craigwood Road in Avenel was 60 percent vacant when listed with Sperry Van Ness Richter Grusd. Today tenancy is full and the building was purchased by investors.

However, Giantomasi believes it is only a matter of time before the construction crews and cranes filling the skies in Newark trundle south to Elizabeth and other Union County locations.

"I'm watching New York City, because as New York City grows, so grows the rest of the country," he said. "We're seeing a resurgence of activity in New York. Go across the

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Crane lifts Hillside

By Michael Daigle

Sustainability is the theme at the Crane Group International manufacturing site in Hillside.

There is the mission of the corporation: To provide sustainable metal frame homes and buildings that are produced using sustainable materials in a method that generates less waste.

Then there is the commitment from Hillside itself, which provided a grant from its Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) fund to help reactivate a vacant Westinghouse site on Chestnut Avenue for Crane's new home.

The UEZ grant will be phased in as Crane adds jobs, according to Hillside

Mayor Joseph Menza. The first \$50,000 of start-up funding will be followed by another payment of \$75,000 when 100 jobs are added, he said.

A third leg of economic incentive for Crane was a \$1 million grant from New Jersey to support the \$4.25 million redevelopment project, including site work and job creation over the next decade.

The state grant was secured while Crane was examining sites in Texas and Louisiana, according to Neal Blasney, the company's president and chief executive officer. New Jersey is located closer to Crane's partners – United Nations Habitat for a Better

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The Canterbury Sales

Is selling a function of clever Jedi Mind Tricks?
Part one of three

By Andy Gole

"These aren't the droids you're looking for."

Obi-Wan Kenobi to storm troopers in Star Wars, Episode 4

"You think you're some kind of Jedi, waving your hand around like that? I'm a Toydarian. Mind tricks don't work on me."

Watto to Qui-Gon Jinn in Star Wars, Episode 1

In attending a sales seminar you might reasonably seek an idea to improve your selling practice. Some attendees seek a quick fix, the "holy grail" of selling, a single line or tactic to close the sale – a Jedi mind trick which will convince the listener "these aren't the droids you are seeking."

Is this reasonable?

Consider the alternative choice sales close: Do you want this product in red or green?

Can offering a choice help a decision-maker make a decision once they have decided to go ahead? Absolutely. Is this okay in a non-significant purchase – perhaps paper clips, when the choice really doesn't matter. Of course.

Will the alternate choice question cause a prospect who isn't convinced or even a skeptic to buy? Very unlikely.

This approach might work with a father talking to a 3-year-old resisting lunch.

Father: Do you want to eat your lunch with a fork or a spoon?

Daughter: A spoon!

Now dinner.

Father: Do you want to eat your dinner with a fork or a spoon?

Daughter: No.

The conclusion is that the alternate choice question – when assumptive, when the prospect isn't convinced – typically works once on a resistant 3-year-old.

Can this approach be a Jedi Mind trick to victimize decision-makers who aren't thoughtful, who act like a 3-year-old? Absolutely. But this gives selling a bad name.

In *The Ultimate Question*, Frederick Reichheld distinguishes between good and bad profits. Good profits mean win/win – both the buyer and seller win. With this result the seller gets introductions and referrals.

Bad profits mean the seller victimizes the buyer. This can happen with inappropriate use of the alternate choice question. With bad profits – operating on a short-term hit-and-run basis – we don't build a network of referrals.

A more common example of bad selling leading to bad profits and hit-and-run relationships is an inappropriate appeal to emotion.

For example, "Everyone is wearing this style." The implication is that you should buy it because you will be popular, regardless of your needs or tastes.

There is nothing wrong with including an emotional appeal in our selling. In fact, buyers would be less than human if they made decisions that ignore legitimate emotional needs. The challenge turns on the definition of legitimate.

Are you looking at the long-term interest of the prospect, as if you are on the prospect's board of directors, or are you taking a short-term, narrow self-interest approach?

In a proper selling method – where the decision is material and potentially risky to the buyer – the seller has to discover the buyer's needs and deliver three challenging proofs:

1. The salesperson – Who must sell him/herself as an authentic/credible source of solutions to problems.
2. The solution – The seller has to sell two parts: (a) the actual forms of the solution, as a product or service; and (b) the economic justification.
3. The company – The seller must convince the prospect the company is a quality/consistent supplier of such solutions.

This is a significant intellectual and emotional task. There are no simple Jedi Mind tricks for the serious salesperson.

In part two, I will discuss how we achieve this on both a rational and emotional basis.

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Urban Future, BASF and Benjamin-Moore Paints, he said.

Crane's ultimate goal is to have 900 employees working three shifts at the Hillside site, according to Menza.

"This is phenomenal," he said.

Crane Group International was founded in South Africa in 2004 and took over the Hillside site in September. It has been in operation since January.

As an exporter of manufactured goods the company takes advantage of the port of New York and New Jersey and the state's rail and highway systems, according to Blasney.

"Imagine, we manufacture locally and ship internationally," he said.

The company makes steel-framed structures that can be used for homes, offices, libraries and other buildings, and which can rise up to a five stories, according to Blasney.

"We are not just making buildings but are creating communities," he said.

This is especially true in the international markets, where collections of Crane buildings can be used to form a village center, he said. A primary U.S. market is North Dakota, where a booming oil field has drawn more workers than the local housing market can accommodate, Blasney said.

Crane's structures are designed to fit into a 40-foot shipping container. The one-floor Galvanized steel buildings contain everything that is needed to erect the structure, including heating and air conditioning systems, plumbing and appliances, Blasney said. The walls are insulated, the windows and exterior doors are Energy Star-rated and Benjamin Moore supplies anti-microbial paint.

"The buildings are highly energy-efficient and sustainable," Blasney said.

Crane's manufacturing process also is efficient and designed to reduce waste, according to Blasney. The company can manufacture 30 containerized buildings a day and the

structures can be erected with unskilled labor in a little as seven days.

"We are installing communities, not just houses," Blasney said. "That is why we hooked up with the United Nations."

Working within the Hillside UEZ means Crane is hiring local steel workers, according to Blasney.

That is good news for the city, Menza said.

Hillside once relied on Bristol-Myers Squibb for most of its jobs, according to the mayor. After the company moved out, like many of New Jersey's former manufacturing towns Hillside has been struggling to find its economic footing since.

The city of 21,400 had an unemployment rate of 10.1 percent last year, slightly higher than the state's rate of 9.1 percent.

The Crane plant is hard up against Route 78 and visible to thousands of daily commuters. Menza said the company has cleaned up the site and uses the vast parking lot as a display area for its homes.

"This can begin to replace the Bristol-Myers jobs," Menza said. "It can be a rallying cry."

Crane is just one sign of stirring life in the local business economy, Menza said. A new 7-Eleven replaced a bar that was known as a trouble spot and a new Dunkin' Donuts will replace a vacant house.

Adding jobs will help highlight the affordability of the township, where a home can be purchased for less than \$200,000, he said.

Hillside is poised to take advantage of the revived direction of state planning that could benefit older urban and suburbanized areas, Menza said. The city is close to Newark-Liberty International Airport and has highway access with Routes 22 and 78 and ample public transportation.

With the addition of Crane, Menza said, "We are changing the way we do business."

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Commercial real estate remains solid and gains ground (Continued from page 1)

river and Hoboken is full, Jersey City is building at a madcap pace and Newark has cranes up all over the place.

"I think Elizabeth is next . . . there's lots of prime territory for commercial expansion between Newark and Elizabeth. No doubt about it, there will be a spillover into Union County."

Giantomasi expects Union County to explode in the next few years as the port continues to grow, bolstered by the Bayonne Bridge project, which will raise the traffic deck to allow bigger container ships to pass underneath. He predicts a surge in commercial development will parallel the project, which is slated to begin 2014.

"You're going to need additional industrial, warehouse and yard space and that will be followed by commercial development. That's what I see coming," he said.

Ian Grusd, managing director at commercial real estate firm Sperry Van Ness Richter Grusd, shares Giantomasi's optimism, based on positive signs over the past year.

"There's been a substantial improvement in the overall market," he said. "Activity is really night and day in terms of people actively exploring options to lease and to purchase facilities. That's mostly specific to industrial real estate."

Last year brought an encouraging decrease in the vacancy rate for commercial properties in Union County. The county's overall vacancy rate decreased by 3.1 percent, with 433,000 square feet in leasing activity, a 1.1 percent increase over 2010, according to Medina. The state saw its highest leasing activity since 2008, he added.

"That helps to reassure that the market is rebounding from the recession," Medina said. Grusd concurred.

"There's not a lot of inventory for sale so the leasing market is benefiting from the increase in demand," he said. "That has a positive impact on the leasing market. There (are) not a lot of alternatives. We have clients where we cannot find the type of space they are looking for.

"It's a different picture than people would think."

Commercial and industrial real estate in Union County commands higher prices than most other areas of New Jersey, according to the 2011 CoStar Northern New Jersey Market Industrial Report. CoStar Group, Inc. is a provider of commercial real estate research and information services for property investors and sales professionals.

Union County has a total of 89 million square feet of inventory, of which 8.9 percent is vacant, according to the report.

The Central Union (County) Industrial area, including the area adjacent to the port, with an inventory of 11.1 million square feet, had a vacancy rate of just 3.5 percent and space leased at a rate of \$5.09 square foot, according to the report. The Route 78/Route 22 East corridor in Union County, with an inventory of 23 million square feet, had a vacancy rate of 8.2 percent, with \$4.66 as the average price per square foot.

Historically, the vacancy rate in Union County is lower than other markets, according to Grusd, who compared 2011 statistics between Union and Middlesex County.

"Union County is unique in comparison to Middlesex County," he said. "Union County has a very high percentage of owner-occupied properties and as long as they are operational, they can pay their debt and are not having financial difficulties.

"In Middlesex County, a lot of the commercial property is owned by investors and developers. If they lose a tenant, they might eventually replace them, but not the debt service."

In other words, the owners must continue to absorb the mortgage payment each month because the property was not producing sufficient income when vacant.

"The vacancy rate the past two years in Middlesex County has consistently been above 10 percent," Grusd said. "In Union County, it's rarely above 8 percent."

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Inside Views

And you thought April 15, 2012 was bad

Just wait.

This year we may see the largest tax increase in history. Larger than the Bush I increases. Larger than the Clinton increases. So serious is the situation that many are referring to it as Taxmageddon.

Here's what is going to happen. At midnight on December 31, 2012, the Bush II tax cuts are scheduled to end. I'm sure a lot of folks are saying, "Good, finally those rich SOB's will start paying their fair share!"

But what few people bother to understand is that the cut for the top earners was the smallest. And because the top 1 percent is only 1 percent, there aren't that many of them. The biggest increases, both in percentage and aggregate, will fall on the middle class.

To add insult to misery, the Medicare tax will be increased for families making more than \$250,000 on January 1, 2013, just seconds after the income tax increase. This is a tax to pay for the Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare reform, and falls mainly on small business owners. Their Medicare tax will increase by 0.9 percent to 3.8 percent. For the first time it also will be applied to investment income and estates and trusts. This will mean that Warren Buffet will have to start paying more than his secretary.

Also, itemized deductions and exemptions are to be limited and the capital gains tax will increase from 15 percent to 20 percent. The dividend tax will increase from 15 percent up to your current tax level and a high of 39.6 percent. Folks, mainly seniors who depend on dividend income will see a substantial decrease in the amount left over for their living expenses.

Estate taxes will increase in 2013, as well. Family businesses tend to be hurt the most by a high estate tax and often the business is sold at a fire sale to pay the death tax. Currently the estate tax is 35 percent on estates valued at over \$5 million. On January 1, the rate increases to 55 percent and the exemption falls to \$1 million.

On the business side, deductions for state and local sales taxes, research and experimentation and a 15 year depreciation also will be coming to an end. The active financing exception has been part of the tax code for more than 90 years and the research and development tax credit has been on the books for 30 years. Both will end at the end of the year.

Finally, the fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT) also expired and an estimated 30 million families will begin paying the dreaded AMT on their 2012 earnings. New Jersey already has an exceptionally high portion of its families paying this tax and many more will be joining the ranks.

Given the dysfunctional state of Congress, compromise on these issues may prove elusive. And tax increases of this size could very well stall our already tenuous economic recovery, much as it did in 1937 when worry of the deficit resulted in large tax increases that sent the economy hurtling back into recession.

I can very easily see scenarios where because of the hope of pleasing their most radical base, neither Democrats nor Republicans can compromise.

While compromise may happen, and may head off the impending disaster, it is not really what is needed. The tax system of the United States is way too complicated. It is hard to rationalize and get in balance so that it is efficient and effective.

Next month we'll explore some options that could change all that.



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Where the Chamber Stands...

Keep property tax iron in local fire

Ronald Reagan once said that if politics is the world's second oldest profession it bears a striking resemblance to the first. New Jersey Democrats should blush at the comparison as they are brazenly selling themselves for political capital with voters through two proposals to lower property taxes through income tax credits.

Democrats in the Senate have proposed providing property tax relief by allowing residents who earn up to \$250,000 annually to deduct 10 percent of their property taxes from their income taxes, capping at \$1,000 in 2015. Someone paying \$7,500 in property taxes would pay \$750 less in income taxes. The plan would cost the same as Gov. Christie's proposal to cut income taxes across the board by 10 percent, according to Democrats.

The Assembly plan is similar but doubles the tax credit to 20 percent, capping at \$2,000 in 2015. Someone paying \$7,500 in property taxes would pay \$1,500 less in income taxes. The difference would be funded in part through an income tax increase on millionaires.

The Democratic proposals to lower property taxes through income tax credits is an attempt to steal some of the public goodwill the governor gained with his income tax cut plan. It is political gamesmanship at its most creative.

The move also relieves the wrong people of their governing responsibilities.

While Christie's proposal to cut income taxes has been criticized in some quarters as politically motivated and questioned by Standard & Poor, at least it is a governor proposing action on a state issue – income taxes. The Democratic proposals to provide property tax relief through income tax credits are an attempt by the Legislature to influence a local issue – property taxes.

Property taxes are the responsibility of local government. While New Jersey imposed a 2 percent cap in property tax hikes the state did not tell local governments how to spend their money – or to not spend it. Those are local decisions made by municipal and county governing bodies and school boards.

These bodies decide how much taxpayer dollars will be spent on everything from snow removal, police and summer concerts in the park to students per class, football uniforms and gifted and talented programs. They decide whether or not to share services with other municipalities, counties and school districts.

And just as it is the responsibility of local governments to decide how to spend property tax dollars it is their job to bring down those taxes, as well, not the job of the Legislature. Providing property tax relief through income tax credits simply takes these governing bodies off the hook.

Also overlooked in this discussion is how cutting property taxes through income tax credits is unfair to New Jersey's businesses, which pay nearly 40 percent of the state's property taxes while getting the least return for their dollars. Cutting their property taxes directly would be much more beneficial to them – not to mention those they employ.

In addition, cutting property taxes through income tax credits is just plain inefficient. For too long New Jersey taxpayers have watched as their property taxes are sent to Trenton and then returned to local governments and how what little property tax relief they get comes in the form of rebates and credits. The time has come to simply leave taxpayer money in their pockets rather than making the convoluted trip to Trenton and back through another gimmick designed to gain voter approval.

Property taxes are a local issue and should be addressed locally. Yet New Jersey voters, like those nationwide, show a lack of interest in going to the polls. Less than a third of state residents cast a vote in last November's elections. Voting in municipal and board of education elections is close to anemic. And how often are municipal, county and board of education meetings broadly attended, other than by a few diehards?

If New Jersey residents and businesses believe their property taxes are too high, as nearly all do, they should do something about it where the biggest impact can be made – in the towns and counties in which they live and own property. They should attend town council and county freeholder meetings. They should cast their ballots at every election. They should make their concerns heard.

They should not look to the state Legislature to provide property tax relief through just one more publicity stunt designed only to gain their favor.

As Plato said, one of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is you end up being governed by your inferiors.

Capital Page...

Sen. Joe Kyriilos (R-13) Economic Growth Committee

Business needs a partner in government not an adversary

Business gets a bad rap in America. I don't know why. Maybe it lacks "romance," or maybe we just take it for granted.

We think it will always be there, providing us with our needs in a market environment that allows us to select what we decide best suits us from an ever-expanding set of choices. Whether we call ourselves consumers, customers or clients, businesses of all shapes and sizes provide us with what we need day in and day out.

And not only do they provide us with what we want, they think about what we might want in the future – then they put their capital on the line to develop new products and services that anticipate our needs.

Even better, through our system of free enterprise, businesses compete with each other to bring us all the goods and services we can think of at the lowest possible cost to us. And all we have to do is shop and compare.

We take this for granted, never stopping to peek behind the curtain at the magicians who provide for us everything that we expect to be there, every day. Look at any single product or service we use and there are a thousand risks, costs and considerations that go into bringing it to us at a price we can afford.

But business is more than just the delivery of all our wants and needs. It is also the way we earn the means to obtain those wants and needs. Business provides the staple of employment for most of mankind. And for those whose circumstances are that they cannot work, business provides the tax revenues – whether directly or through those they employ – to create a safety net to see them through.

All governments rely on business and those they employ to fund their operations, whether it is a road repair crew or a jet fighter patrolling the Persian Gulf. Business is the cornerstone of every enterprise of man.

Insight *Now is the time for meaningful tax relief in New Jersey*

By Paul Fader

The state budget process starts every February immediately following the governor's budget address and typically ends moments before midnight on June 30, when the state is constitutionally required to pass a balanced budget for the next fiscal year.

During the budget process legislators from both parties have the opportunity to leverage their votes for the budget in order to get line items added or to get the administration to agree to support certain legislation. This is the time of year when legislation moves quickly, deals get done and compromises are made – and this year's budget process will be no exception.

What is unique about this year's budget process is that we are not hearing much about legislators negotiating with the governor's office over municipal funding formulas or pet projects in their home districts. Rather, for the first time in recent memory the Republican governor and Democratic Party leadership in both the Senate and Assembly are arguing over competing tax cut proposals. The debate is not if taxes should be reduced but which tax provides the most tangible and beneficial results for the most New Jersey residents.

Despite this ongoing debate, both the administration and Democrats in the state Legislature seem to be in agreement on one fundamental fact – New Jersey residents are over-taxed and we need to take the necessary steps to make New Jersey a more affordable place to live. Where both branches of government differ is how exactly to implement meaningful tax relief.

Gov. Chris Christie has proposed an across-the-board 10 percent income tax cut implemented over three years that aims to put more money into the pockets of every New Jersey resident. Critics of the plan argue that since this tax reduction is based on salary, it disproportionately favors the wealthy in our state.

Senate President Stephen Sweeney, on the other hand, has proposed a 10 percent property tax deduction for all New Jersey families making less than \$250,000. The Senate president argues that his plan will do more to alleviate pressure on homeowners in a state known for

Business is so much the engine of good you would think it would be on the receiving end of more praise than it is. Instead, there are many who look on business as their mortal enemy. For them, business must be controlled and highly regulated.

In government, these enemies of business look on profit as a form of sin. They never seem to understand that higher profits generate higher revenues to fund government and help people. They foment a culture of government that is hostile to business and a regulatory system that is adversarial. They look to high taxes to leaven individual incentive and the spirit of enterprise – and call it "fairness" – even as they forget that freed capital is used to create new jobs, to discover new products.

That's not my way. My whole career has been spent in the knowledge that business – not government – is the engine of growth. I have always worked to reduce regulation – the size and scope of government – so that by shrinking government we can cut taxes and debt and free up capital so that individuals and businesses can invest in our communities, our state, our America.

This is the pattern of growth in America. This is the lesson that some seem to have to re-learn over and over again.

That's why I've opposed nearly \$12 billion in new taxes – including new taxes on businesses, sales tax increases and business fees. It's why I've opposed \$11 billion in new debt and why I supported Gov. Christie's tough new local property tax and spending cap. It's why I supported tort reform and opposed health care taxes. And it's why I oppose Obamacare.

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Although these three proposals take different approaches, they are actually all focused on achieving the same goal – doing what's right for our state by alleviating a particularly high tax burden for as many residents as possible.

A recent study published by the nonpartisan Tax Foundation ranked New Jersey last on its "State Business Tax Climate Index," a ranking of how state tax systems compare to one another. According to the report, New Jersey has "the third-worst individual income tax, the fifth-worst sales tax, the 13th-worst corporate tax and the second-worst property tax [rate]" in the country.

Considering that all three proposals would in some way improve New Jersey's tax climate, this year's budget process offers a unique opportunity for both parties to work together to achieve a common end goal.

The next few months are a critical time for New Jersey's economy and all indications are that the leaders in both parties understand that something needs to be done. What isn't exactly clear is if our Republican governor and our Democrat-controlled Legislature have the fortitude to put partisan politics aside and agree on a compromise that will result in some sort of tax relief for New Jersey residents, regardless of what that tax relief might look like.

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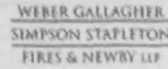
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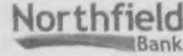
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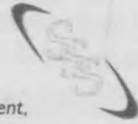
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Not every sector of commercial real estate is rebounding, however. Retail still has problems.

"The retail sector continues to lag for the obvious reasons," Grusd said. "There's a lot of competition from online retail sales and consumers still remain conservative in terms of spending."


Unlike the early 1990s, the U.S. commercial real estate industry entered the recent recession with strengths, according to Medina.

At 9.7 percent, the national vacancy rate was comparatively low going into the recession, he said. The amount of new construction underway was also modest compared with past cyclical peaks, he added.

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