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Letters to Santa show lasting effects of Sandy, economy

By Cheryl Hehl
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Santa Claus gets lots of letters, especially from kids in Union County. And there were countless letters this year that Santa's elves shared with *LocalSource*, with many mentioning superstorm Sandy.

Although taking this major storm in stride, most kids expressed concern that next time a hurricane hits, they would like their families to be better prepared. But many young residents are also showing their understanding of the harsh economic climate in their letters.

An 8-year-old named Jack from Linden asked Santa to use "his judgement" and bring him whatever he thought

would be nice this year, however he had one special request.

"Santa, I hope you and Mrs. Claus can understand because you live in the North Pole, but what if your power went out? What if you had no heat or lights? What would all the elves do? How would you get any work done?"

"I hope that helps you understand how we felt after Hurricane Sandy," he continued. "It was a bunch of days before we had heat or lights and Mommy said she was going off the deep end. So could you please bring us a generator? Daddy said we can't afford one but if the lights go out again, I don't want Mommy going off the deep end, wherever that's located," he said.

Amilyn, a 7-year-old from Rahway, also mentioned a generator on her list, among other things like flashlights and warm blankets. She asked Santa if he could bring her an American Girl doll, even though she knew they were expensive, but would be happy with a "build a bear" just the same.

Alex, 5, of Cranford explained his mom was helping him write his letter to Santa, because his writing skills still were a "work in progress."

"Santa," he wrote, "do you think you can bring me a train set for Christmas?" the kindergarten student asked, also requesting that the jolly man not forget his sisters

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Firefighter from Union involved in extortion case

By Cheryl Hehl
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UNION — A township fireman's job is on the line early next year once an FBI case involving him wraps up.

Last May a federal grand jury charged John Balsamo, 48, of West Long Branch, with conspiring to collect a debt using extortion and threats of harm.

Timothy Kelly, 36, a Union firefighter, teamed up with Balsamo, a former Essex county sheriff's officer, in addition to an Oceanport man, to make an Ocean County victim believe the \$50,000 he borrowed from Kelly was actually owed to a mob figure referred to as the "old man."

In February, Kelly and Robert Bantang Jr., 43, pleaded guilty to conspiring to collect a debt from the victim using extortion. But the story behind the charge goes much deeper and sounds like a scene from the former HBO television series "Soprano's."

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Photo Courtesy of Jim Lowney/County of Union

MERRY CHRISTMAS! — Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, right, Sgt. Marianne Hopko and Officers MaryBeth Gray and Tara Halpin thank the employees from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in Cranford for the donation of several hundred toys, children's clothing and gift cards to the Union County Sheriff's Officers 'Tree of Hope' holiday drive for needy children. Contributions of money, toys and clothing can be sent to: Union County Sheriff's Officers Tree of Hope, Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, N.J., 07207. For more information, call 908-629-2158.

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In Hillside, the mayor is once again at odds with municipal employees, making allegations of illegal activity regarding payroll by the police chief, but the chief's lawyer contends Menza is at fault, not his client. Menza repeatedly said he is preparing documents for the State Attorney General's Office.

Mayor battles police chief on over-budgeted payroll

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HILLSIDE — The mayor lashed out at the police chief last week for a \$220,000 shortfall in the 2012 budget, threatening to file charges with the state attorney general over the matter.

Mayor Joseph Menza claimed Police Chief Robert Quinlan deliberately went over his \$7.7 million annual budget for department salaries, but the attorney representing the police chief who has served the township for 34 years, 13 as police chief, said nothing could be further from the truth.

Quinlan's attorney, Vito Gagliardi Jr., said the entire issue of the amount needed for the police department budget is a matter of collective bargaining and the police chief was not involved in any way with those negotiations.

Menza, though, said he warned Quinlan a few months ago that he was going over the budgeted amount for the year because of promotions and overtime.

"I told him before Sandy hit that if he continued the way he was going, he would be over budget," the mayor said last week in an interview with *LocalSource*. In addition, he said he informed Quinlan that if the police chief needed more money in his budget, he would have to come before the counsel. But he never did, the mayor added.

Menza maintained that instead of looking for ways to cut his budget, Quinlan put

seven police officers on acting assignments, which required an employee to be paid an increased salary after 15 days.

"Chief Quinlan never came to council about this and if I challenge him on it he's going to say I can't interfere with what he's doing," the mayor said.

Using Fire Chief Dominick Naples as an example, Menza pointed out that when the fire department head was going down the same road, the problem was quickly resolved.

"He took steps to ensure he was not over spending," the mayor added, but he said Quinlan never took those same steps.

"I told him he wasn't going to make payroll in December," Menza said, adding that now that the township does not have a Chief Financial Officer, there is no one to make money transfers.

More importantly, Menza believes what the police chief did is a crime.

"This is a fourth degree crime if you deliberately overspend a budget," the mayor said, specifically mentioning an article written by attorney Edward Kologi for the League of Municipalities that clarifies this particular crime.

In the article titled "The Criminal Consequences of Public Office, Don't Cross the Line," Kologi discusses precisely what constitutes criminal conduct by a public official or municipal, county or state official.

Kologi, who is considered a powerful Union County Democrat, cites numerous
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Appeals court overturns verdict, admonishes judge for decision

By Cheryl Hehl
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ELIZABETH — A New Jersey appeals court has thrown out a \$1.1 million wrongful discharge lawsuit against the board of education, saying hearsay testimony involving a motive could have prejudiced the jury.

The 18-page appellate decision said the alleged statements made out of court by a former board member and admitted in court by Superior Court Judge Lisa Chrystal over defense objections, fit none of the hearsay legal standards which allow the testimony to be admissible.

In fact, the court admonished Chrystal for allowing hearsay under these circumstances, saying there was no legal basis for her decision.

According to the appellate decision, which *LocalSource* obtained, the panel held that because of "plain error or abuse of discretion analysis," the matter had to be reversed because Chrystal allowed the admission of hearsay testimony allegedly made by a former board member after her term expired.

The case was brought against the school board and superintendent Pablo Munoz by Anthony Pace, 63, who, along with 15 other security guards, lost their jobs as a result of 2006 staff reductions.

The original jury, which found for Pace, was one of 15 security guards that did not have their contracts renewed by the district as part of a staff reduction. Pace, however, felt that losing his job was the result of unfair treatment by the district.

Pace claimed he lost his job because of filing a workers compensation claim against the district while he worked there. However, upon appeal, that decision was found to be on very shaky ground legally.

In an 18-page statement, the appellate court said Chrystal improperly allowed two witnesses to repeat statements made by former Elizabeth Board of Education member Carol Cascio, who told several former employees of the district that someone on the board wanted to get rid of employees filing frequent compensation claims against the school district.

The district took the position that the employee contracts were not being renewed in 2006 because of a \$30 million budget shortfall, but the lawsuit claimed there were other reasons for Pace's dismissal.

An employee with the district for 15 years, Pace had a number of incidences where either a work-related injury or other problems resulted in him being absent from work.

For example, according to the appellate court, in testimony it was revealed that Pace's absenteeism was "above the norm."

It included 13 days in 2005-2006, six days in

2004-2005, 16 days in 2003-2004 and twenty-two other days prior to that. Also factored into the decision by an immediate superior to not renew Pace's contract, according to the decision, was the fact he took frequent breaks and repeatedly failed to have someone cover for him during that period of time.

One of Pace's witnesses during the first trial was a former employee, Francesco LaFace, a former board of education electrician, who also had a workman's compensation claim pending against the board.

LaFace recounted a conversation he had with Cascio, a former board member, who had been a member in the 2005-2006 school year. LaFace said Cascio told him that she had been in a closed door board meeting when the board discussed his situation along with others who have pending claims against the school board.

Another former employee, Vito Nufrio, previously the vice-principal at Edison House, and the last school Pace was employed at by the district, said in testimony that this same former board member indicated to him that the areas of reduction they were looking at "were people who had compensation cases" against the district.

Nufrio said he told Cascio he better be careful himself since he also had a compensation case pending against the district for an injury he received in 2003.

The appellate court said virtually the only evidence connecting the plaintiff's work-related injury and any disability or perceived disability or workman's compensation claim with his contract's renewal, were the statements allegedly made by Cascio, the appellate court said. And the admission of the statements "is so consequential that it is clearly capable of producing an unjust result," the decision said.

The court said it believed the statements made by Cascio were not only hearsay, but "hearsay within hearsay," putting reliability into serious question.

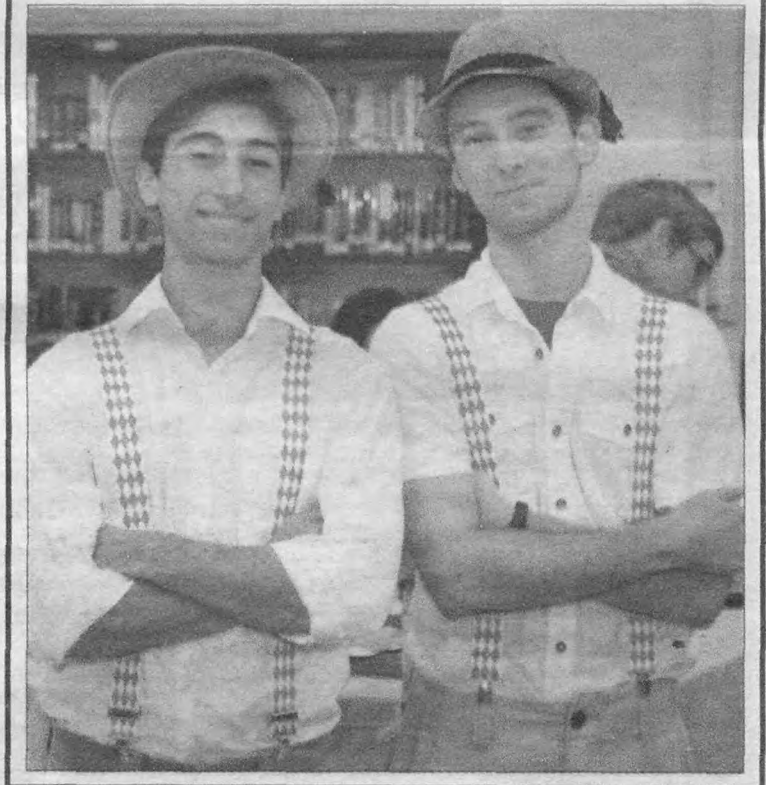
"These statements raised the specter that the Elizabeth Board of Education acted improperly, while providing no details or names," the court said.

"Without the statements, on this record, plaintiff could not have connected the nonrenewal with any disability, actual or perceived, or the nonrenewal and realization for a workman's compensation claim," the appellate court said.

Elizabeth Board of Education President Fernando Nazco said in a statement that despite the lengthy appeals process the district was "ultimately satisfied that the court determined the board was completely justified in its non-renewal of Mr. Pace, and any allegations that the district acted improperly were completely baseless."



PROST! — The Linden High School German Club recently celebrated Oktoberfest, including 11th-grader Nicole Tarnawski with her pretzel glasses adding to the festive spirit. Below: Linden High School 12th-graders Ryan Bertani and James Ferretti display their Lederhosen.



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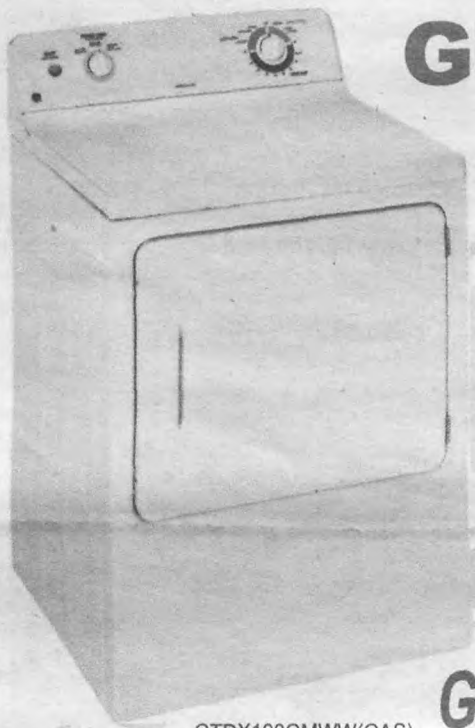
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Letters show kids are just happy to have a Christmas

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wanted dolls this year and their own cell phones.

"Mommy said that there is no way Santa is bringing cell phones to anyone in this house, but I had to ask since I promised," Alex noted.

Jamel, 9, of Roselle asked Santa for a laptop computer, but admitted he knew that "was pushing it."

"I know the economy has been bad, I hear about it every day from my dad and mom. But maybe since Christmas comes only once a year and this could be the last year I really need presents since I'm growing up way too fast Mom said, maybe you can make an exception," the 9-year-old inquired.

"I always leave cookies for you on the table, but last year I saw Dad eating them, so I'm not too sure you even got any of them," Jamel wrote.

Ashley, a 7-year-old from Union was just happy to write to Santa and let him know she had been a good girl all year and had not even kicked or bitten her little brothers in "a lot of days."

"How is the weather at the North Pole?" she wrote, also asking Santa to remember to eat the cookies they would be leaving for him "in the usual place."

Ben, a 6-year-old in Linden, wrote a letter that was short and to the point.

"Could you please bring me a baby brother or sister? I don't know if you can do that, but if you did I would be very happy and so would Mommy. I will leave some carrots for your reindeer outside on the back porch," he said, adding that if the carrots were not there, that meant "the regular deer came and ate them."

In Clark, 7-year-old Angelina was very concerned about whether Santa would be able to find her house since she had moved from New York during the summer.

"I hope you can put my new address in your book in time so there are no mistakes. There were other kids living here last Christmas and I don't know if they were naughty or nice, but I have been a very good girl. So if you can, you can bring me drawing set and lots of crayons because my dog eats them all," she said.

Meanwhile, in Summit, an 8-year old little girl named Sara from Summit asked Santa if he could please find her daddy a job because he "was really worried."

"Santa, I don't know if you can help, but ... my Dad is a hard worker but he was laid-off from his job last summer and things have been very hard for our family," she explained.

Sara did not ask for anything for herself, but she did ask that Santa bring her little brother a bike and her sister a Barbie doll.

Jesus, 7, of Elizabeth inquired about Santa and his wife as well as all the elves and reindeer. He said he was writing for his five brothers and sisters because Santa already had enough mail to read.

"My brothers want bikes, and my sisters are pretty little so you could bring them whatever you want. The most important thing is that you know we have been very good children all year, helping mom and obeying even though it is hard sometimes. Like when we are all chasing each other around the house and playing. After all, we are just little kids and we like to play. You understand that, don't you Santa?"

In Union, a 4-year-old named Owen asked Santa for a "big truck," and Thomas the Train boots.

"Mommy is helping me write this letter because I am still little. But I have been a very good boy. I will leave cookies for you on the special Santa plate, so be sure to eat them all," he said.

Bethany, 9, of Rahway wrote a long letter to Santa, explaining that even though her friends were trying to convince her there was no Santa Claus, she still believed in him.

"If you could bring me a diary and a pink cell phone with fake diamonds, that would be great," she said, mentioning that even though her Mom was not in favor of anyone her age having a cell phone "all of my friends have them, which you probably already know."

One child even wrote a letter explaining that his family had been staying at Grandma's for many weeks and would be getting back into their home right before Christmas.

"So you can forget the letter I wrote you a few weeks ago giving you my Grandma's address, because we are going home and that is the best Christmas present I will be getting this year," said Jordan, an 8-year old from Linden.



A CHRISTMAS LEGACY CONTINUES — Every year for the past 35 years, Sam Casternovia, his wife Lynne, and for the last 18 years, daughter Samantha, have shared Christmas dinner with hundreds of families in need. This year the legacy continues. Samantha's favorite part of Christmas has always been the family turkey dinner giveaway. After days of preparation, family and friends joined together early Sunday morning, sharing coffee, pastries, and good times to help package and deliver complete turkey dinners to families' homes, all with a final blessing from their friend, Pastor Clem. Sam has been suffering from cancer and this year the job as head coordinator had been passed to Samantha to continue the Christmas dinner giveaways. Samantha said, "It's an honor to take on the responsibility to continue my family's tradition."

Santa will visit SAGE resale shop

On Dec. 22 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Santa is scheduled to make an appearance at SAGE Eldercare's Resale Shop, 31B Chatham Road, Summit. For that day only, shoppers will be given a 10 percent discount on their total purchase during normal business hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We are excited to welcome Santa to our store," said Rose Rittweger, manager of the SAGE Resale Shop. "Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own cameras and take photos of their children with Santa. We're also giving a 10 percent discount to all purchases in the store for that day, which is something we've not done in the past."

Featuring a variety of goods, including furniture, housewares, china, linens, jewelry, clothing, bric-a-brac, collectibles and books, the Resale Shop ensures a continual turnover of merchandise. It was reported that the second-hand store's unusual variety and exceptional quality of goods, along with reasonable prices, have attracted shoppers and collectors from Summit and the surrounding areas since it opened its doors in 1959.

Proceeds from the Resale Shop help support SAGE Eldercare's programs for area seniors, including their Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, HomeCare, InfoCare, Bill Paying Service, Small Home Repair Service, Fall Prevention and Shopping and Errand Service. The Resale Shop also accepts donations during regular store hours, from individual items to partial or full estate donations. The Resale Shop is located at 31B Chatham Road in Summit and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 908-273-5564 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.

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Union firefighter involved in extortion case

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The FBI indictment alleged that in March 2011 Balsamo approached the victim, an Ocean County contractor building a restaurant in Brick, and warned him the "old man" wanted him beat up because he failed to repay the debt.

During the same incident, according to the indictment which *LocalSource* obtained, Balsamo allegedly told the victim if he brought his "boys" it would have "gotten done right in here, right in this place, right like this, in front of everybody. And your wife gets it, too."

Balsamo also told the victim the "old man" has been promoted, implying he now was higher in the organized crime ranks, according to the indictment and federal authorities.

The issue began as early as November 2009, but the indictment does not name Kelly and Bantang as defendants.

But the indictment specifically mentioned that Balsamo and "others" participated in the "use of extortionate means," that is, "involving the use of express and implied threats of violence."

"The object of the conspiracy was to threaten violence and economic harm to the victim and others in order to collect an extension of credit made by Timothy Kelly to the victim and to punish the victim for the non-payment of that extension of credit," the indictment reads.

The indictment goes on to explain that it was part of the conspiracy that Kelly would periodically meet with the victim to collect payments on the \$50,000 extension of credit that Kelly had made to the victim in November 2009.

It was further part of the conspiracy, the indictment said, that when the victim experienced difficulty making additional payments towards the debt in the fall of 2010, Balsamo informed the victim that "the \$50,000 had been supplied by an individual associated with organized crime," and he had been sent by Kelly to speak to the victim about payment.

Balsamo, authorities said, also received a Rolex watch and \$2,500 in cash from the victim towards the payment of the debt. Balsamo also showed the victim a key, which he claimed would allow him to gain access to the job site where the victim's restaurant was being constructed.

After that, Kelly and Balsamo solicited Bantang to visit the Brick construction site and allegedly threatened the victim about the money he owed, and based on instructions from Kelly and Balsamo, conveyed specific threats to the victim at the construction site on three occasions.

In particular, the indictment indicated, Bantang told the victim he was sent by the "old man." In March 2011, Kelly and Balsamo again went to Brick to the now completed restaurant of the victim, and told the victim he had

until Saturday at 10 a.m. to pay the debt.

In conversations that took place at that time, Kelly told the victim he had made his "bones" when he was 16-years-old and was not used to "sweet toeing around."

Kelly, the indictment explained, also threatened the victim saying "you deserve a beating just out of principle."

Balsamo told the victim in March that he had to pay the full remaining amount of the loan because he had "missed too many payments." Kelly told the victim he had until April 1 to hand over \$70,000, the revised amount demanded to satisfy the loan. Authorities said Kelly told the victim he did not care how the victim got the money and that it was not his problem.

Late last week Township Administrator Ron Manzella confirmed that Kelly was still working as a Union firefighter.

"He is still employed by the township, but although we have not taken any action on this matter, we will be as soon as the FBI has completed their case," he said.

Manzella explained that the incident Kelly was involved in "appeared to be of a criminal nature, but during an investigation you are innocent until proven guilty."

"I will be taking action because certain crimes that employees are involved in make it so you can lose your job and never work in government again," the township administrator said.



'CORE' CURRICULUM — Kindergarteners at Frank K. Hehny Elementary School in Clark, including Mackenzie Thompson and Ryan Rodrigues, kindergarteners from Mrs. Gathercole's class, had their annual 'Applefest' recently. They brought in homemade apple-themed items to swap with the rest of the school for non-perishable food items for donation to a local food bank.

Office to close for the holidays

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the offices of this newspaper will close at the end of business on Friday, Dec. 21, and will not reopen until Monday, Dec. 31 at 9 a.m. The office also will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day, and will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.

We will be available on a limited schedule by phone, at 908-686-7700.

Deadlines for the issue of Friday, Dec. 28 are:

- Legal ads, Thursday, Dec. 20, at noon.
- Ads, Friday, Dec. 21, noon.
- Classified ads, Friday, Dec. 21, 5 p.m.

Deadlines for the issue of Friday, Jan. 4, are:

- Editorial, Monday, Dec. 31, 9 a.m.
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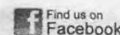
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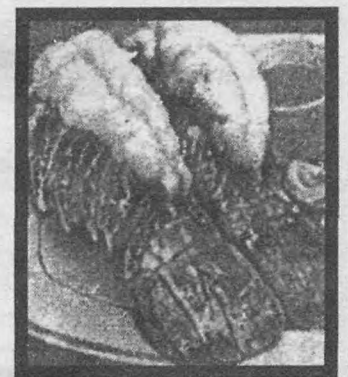
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Local dancers perform at Disney World

The Susie Karlik's Dance Sensation Company Dancers members became stars of their own Disney show on Nov. 5, when they traveled from Roselle Park to Downtown Disney at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida to take part in a Disney Performing Arts Program.

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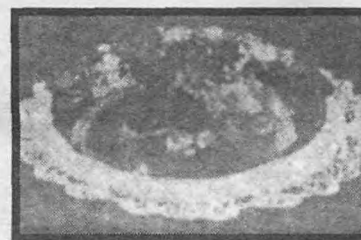
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Two new databases available at Springfield Library

Springfield Public Library has announced that it now offers two additional databases free for all library patrons. All that is required to access these highly useful databases from home is a library card.

Pronunciator is the world's largest language-learning service, with 60 of the most popular languages, and 3,000 available courses. Pronunciator also includes English as a Second Language for 50 non-English languages. For example, a Spanish speaker can learn Chinese in a Spanish context, without having to go through English.

Pronunciator is focused on quickly building conversational skills through a suite of interactive online drills, scored quizzes, and downloadable audio lessons and phrase books. Pronunciator offers five possible levels of instruction for each language, covering vocabulary, verbs, simple sentences, and conversation.

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The second new database is ProQuest Historical newspapers: The New York Times (1851-2009) with Index (1851-1993.) This database provides genealogists, researchers and scholars with online, easily-searchable first-hand accounts and unparalleled coverage of the politics, society and events of the time. The Index (1851-1993) provides search capability using subject terms and topics for focused and targeted results in combination

with searchable full text, full page, and article-level images from the Historical New York Times.

Stop by the Library for an introduction to these databases, or access the programs via the library website at www.sfplnj.org.

For more information, contact the Reference Department of the Library at 973-376-4930 x228 or send an e-mail to questions@sfplnj.org.

Book club to meet on Jan. 3

The Springfield Free Public Library's Book Discussion Group will meet on Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. to discuss "Fall of Giants" by Ken Follett. This novel is Part 1 of Follett's Century Trilogy. "Winter of the World" is the sequel. The book follows the fates of five interrelated families — American, German, Russian, English, and Welsh — as they move through the dramas of the First World War, the Russian Revolution and the struggle for women's suffrage.

Discussions will take place at 7 p.m. in the Palmer Museum. Refreshments will be served. New members are welcome. To reserve a copy of the book, call 973-376-4930 Ext. 229, or send an e-mail: questions@sfplnj.org. The Springfield library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

All programs are free and open to the public. Assistive listening devices are available upon request. For additional information, call the library at 973-376-4930 or visit the library's website at www.sfplnj.org.

In addition, other book discussion events include: Jan. 17 at 10 a.m., The Great Books Discussion Group's "The Seven Deadly Sins Sampler: "Sloth," Chekhov's "The House with the Mezzanine" and Mason's "Shiloh."

The Lunchtime Film Series will present the first film in the next Recent Hits Series on Jan. 7, 2013 at 1 p.m.

Lunchtime film series will continue in January with 'Recent Hits'

On Jan. 22 at 1 p.m., the Lunchtime Film Series will present the second film in the Recent Hits Series.

The library will continue its computer training program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, by appointment. One can sign up for an individual half-hour lesson on basic computing skills. Visit the Reference Desk or call 973-376-4930 Ext. 228. Space is limited.

Scrabble Night will continue Mondays at 7 o'clock. Chess is on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

The knitting group, the Knit Wits, will meet at the library on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

'A responsibility' to locate those in need

The Springfield Township Public School District has reported that it has a responsibility to locate, identify and evaluate all resident students who are in need of special education and related services including preschool children, three to five years of age, pupils with disabilities attending public and non-public schools and highly mobile pupils such as migrant workers' children and homeless children regardless of the severity of their disabilities.

Parents with concerns about their child can contact Kathryn Warlick, supervisor of Special Services, at 973-376-1025 Ext. 2595 or by writing to Springfield Public Schools, Department of Special Services, 139 Mountain Ave., Springfield, N.J. 07081.

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Mayor, police chief at odds

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ways the law can be broken by officials and public employees, specifically N.J.S.A. 2C:30-4, or Disbursement of Money or Incurring Obligations by Public in Excess of Appropriations. This law involves a public official, Menza said, incurring obligations in excess of the appropriation and limit of expenditure provided by law for that item.

The mayor believes Quinlan broke that law and is "drawing up papers to submit to the State Attorney General's Office."

Menza also said he spoke with Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow about the problem last week to enquire if Quinlan was charged by the state if he had the right to suspend him.

"I'm between a rock and a hard place here, he's a department head and he was allotted \$7.7 million for salaries. If that isn't enough, he needs to go to council and tell them that," Menza said, adding "where do I get the money from, other accounts?"

"Why should I have to take money from another account or department budget when this was reckless and intentional?" he alleged.

The mayor said Quinlan attempted to reduce the bloated budget by offering \$160,000 in police department forfeiture funds, but he said he has to keep those promotions in place," Menza said, adding that forfeiture funds cannot be used for salaries.

Menza admitted that people will think "the mayor is fighting again," but he said he refused to back down on this issue.

Although *LocalSource* spoke with Quinlan on Friday, he preferred that his attorney, Vito Gagliardi Jr., be contacted regarding this particular issue.

"Maybe the mayor is looking for a scapegoat," Gagliardi said Monday evening, explaining that police department salaries involve a collective bargaining contract,

which is handled between the township and police union.

"The chief of police is not a part of negotiations," Quinlan's attorney stressed.

The attorney pointed out that the law Menza cited also involves due diligence by a governing body. In fact, N.J.S.A. 2C30-4 specifically states that prior to voting, "a public official must be satisfied through appropriate information or documentation that funds are in fact available for such purpose."

"The mayor is trying to shift some of the blame on a dedicated employee whose service to the community has been impeccable for 34 years," Gagliardi said, adding the mayor's behavior was "a disgrace."

"That law also mentions that 'a member of the governing body commits a crime of the fourth degree if he or she purposely or knowingly votes for the disbursement of public monies in excess of the appropriation for that particular item, or incurs obligations in excess of the appropriation and limit of expenditure provided by law for that item.'"

The attorney also pointed out that when the mayor put the 2012 budget together he never consulted Quinlan, or asked him what he would need for salaries and overtime.

"Last month when the mayor brought this issue to the police chief's attention, the chief made suggestions and presented a proposal on how to correct the budget shortfall, but we never heard back," Gagliardi said, adding "this was not the chief's doing."

Quinlan's attorney said the mayor misled the offer of forfeiture funds, "because we specifically said it would be for overtime."

"Besides, any forfeiture funds that were used has to be signed off by the prosecutor's office anyway," Gagliardi said.

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OPINION

Merry Christmas

EDITORIAL

If that cold snap in the air and the decorations adorning many houses and businesses have caused you to conclude it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, it feels this way for a good reason. The first day of winter, or the winter solstice, takes place on Friday, Dec. 21, with Christmas following next week. At one time, Christmas coincided with the southern winter solstice, in part because Christians consider Jesus to be the "Sun of righteousness" prophesied in the Bible in the book of Malachi. This celebration used to occur Jan. 6, but with the switch from the older Julian calendar to the modern Gregorian calendar, that date has subsequently moved to Dec. 25.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians worldwide consider the Messiah and son of God. According to biblical accounts, particularly in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph, were traveling to Bethlehem and could find no room to stay the night. Forced to spend the night in a stable, Jesus was born in a manger, surrounded by farm animals. Three kings, or Magi, followed the Star of Bethlehem to Jerusalem, where they informed Herod the Great that they were looking for the "King of the Jews." Herod was alarmed, but told them when they found this king to return to him, so that he could honor him as well. The Magi found Jesus and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, a practice of gift-giving we still imitate to this day. Warned not to return to Herod, who, feeling threatened, would later reportedly institute a widespread massacre of boys 2 years of age and younger, the Magi returned to their own kingdom by another route. To keep Jesus safe, Mary and Joseph left Galilee to settle in Nazareth, fulfilling the prophecy that Jesus would be called a Nazarene.

Through the years, our culture has taken aspects of this

story and adapted it with elements of other faiths and practices. The Christmas tree we put up every year to place gifts beneath was actually an adaptation of pagan tree worship dedicated to Thor, a Norse god. The bows of holly were meant to protect against pagans and witches, the thorns and red berries representing the Crown of Thorns worn by Jesus at his crucifixion and the blood he shed. Even the colors of Christmas — red and green — are significant, red symbolizing the blood Christ shed and green symbolizing everlasting life, much as the evergreen doesn't lose its leaves in the winter. Even the candles, usually found in windows, mean something; to Christians, they symbolize that Jesus is the ultimate light of the world.

While one of the criticisms popularly directed at the modern celebration of Christmas is that it has grown too commercial, with not enough attention focused on its religious origin, perhaps that thought needs to be reconsidered this year. After the destruction left behind in the wake of Superstorm Sandy, giving might be just the kind of Christmas spirit which needs to be exercised. So many people lost so much that such gifts might seem paltry when compared to the need, but every gift means something when it is given with the spirit of thanksgiving that we survived and will overcome whatever obstacles we now face.

As you go through your traditional holiday activities, take a little time to donate some food, clothing or other necessities to those still in need. Look to any of the numerous toy drives still taking place in neighborhoods throughout the Garden State. If nothing else, write a check and give a little to help those who, without your charity, might have a very blue Christmas.

We ask everyone to remember the true meaning of generosity and caring, and to have a merry Christmas.

A passion for books in Union County

The passion for books of Lois Cantwell and Andrea Hirschfeld is undoubtedly shared by many. Their Union operation, bookBgone, makes their passion special and their hard work well worth it.

First, the facts on their operation. Through their efforts they have collected an estimated 30 tons of books which have been redistributed and appreciated by libraries devastated by floods, schools in financial distress, and other unique groups spreading the joy of the printed word.

How often have book lovers pondered what to do with a book just completed? Libraries really don't want them, and flea markets are an inefficient distribution for most. Sadly, they get relegated to closets collecting dust. For most of us, there is something immoral about throwing in the trash a book that was a friend.

"I knew there are people who want these books," said Cantwell as she helped develop an impressive redistribution system.

Operating from a small office suite on Morris Avenue, and a portion of the cellar they borrow, these two book lovers have developed quite an impressive redistribution system. bookBgone is not a non-profit operation. They don't accept financial contributions. They confess that the occasional

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

use of a borrowed van would be of immense help. The stories of their past distribution efforts would in itself make an interesting read. After storms and floods ravaged the Midwest they stepped up with replacement books. More locally, the barbershop in Newark that keeps kids busy reading, a church program in Cranford, and recently flood-hit Jersey Shore facilities all got deliveries of boxes of books.

Touring their offices cramped with books awaiting a new life, you view recent best sellers, cook books, sports books and virtually every other category. They speak about the receipt of a huge number of mint condition comic books that found a new life entertaining wounded warriors in veterans hospitals. There are also special deliveries to teen moms and early childhood programs that got pre-natal information books. A music settlement house got a delivery of music related books and sheet music. Hospitals and assisted living programs are recipients of popular fiction.

Cantwell and Hirschfeld tell the story of

a call they got from a man moving out of state claiming to have a "ton of books." They should have taken him literally. As with the smaller orders, the used books found their way back to Union, and were then slated for delivery to new owners.

Within the operation itself is something of an economic lesson in receipt and distribution. Outside the office are the neatly stacked sealed books in cartons waiting for redistribution. Outside in the parking lot is the frequent unpacking and then repacked of books awaiting deliveries to new homes.

The matching operation of available books for effective re-deployment is the other aspect of the operation. There was the home visit program in Passaic County that received the overflow of books from an Essex non-profit. New charter schools are a major receipt of books for their start-up operation.

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Christmas past can make all the difference

As Christmas neared and the malls began bustling with shoppers, and the radio played songs I'd heard since childhood, nothing felt the same to me.

I wondered how it would be possible to muster up that same old holiday magic when so many terrible things happened to my family in the last few months. With my son still awaiting a liver transplant, and our shore house destroyed by a catastrophic storm, I felt more numb than merry. Yet, in spite of it all, I found myself thinking back to the when life seemed so much easier.

But, as I thought back on Christmas past, I realized the ones that really stood out the most were not perfect at all. And in particular, the year I turned ten.

As children we all remember the magic and excitement building as the days until Christmas slowly dwindled down. Nothing was more exciting than seeing Mom dragging the holiday decorations down from the attic and watching as she lovingly placed each treasured item around the living room.

It was finally Christmas. And one of the most special moments was always when Mom brought down the Nativity set and we were allowed to set up the scene for Christ's impending birth. Although my older brother and I argued about the placement of the figures, we did agree that baby Jesus did not go in the manger until Christmas morning.

Although most people just went out and bought a tree and set it up, Pop considered getting his tree an artistic endeavor of the highest magnitude and priority. Regardless of what happened, one way or another, Pop had to have a perfect Christmas tree.

Thinking back, I always wondered why Pop waited so long to get that tree every year. As I grew older, I realized the closer it got to Christmas eve, the better opportunity there was to save a few dollars. Not that this prevented us from having a glorious tree. Not a chance. Pop was a master at selecting a tree in need of help and nabbing a bundle of branches along with it at no cost so he could create his masterpiece.

Later, when the angel was placed on the tree top with great ceremony, I was filled with awe and amazement at how everything came together so magically each and every Christmas.

But when I was ten, that would all change for me.

That Christmas eve I heard Pop in the basement making a ruckus and using language that usually resulted in the dreaded bar of soap in our mouths. Thankfully, Mom was sound asleep, exhausted from decorating, cleaning, baking cookies and trying to keep us kids from self-combusting before the big day. So I decided to see what all the noise was about before it woke Mom.

Sneaking down the cellar stairs, I peaked around the corner and there was

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Pop, crouched over what looked to be red shiny bicycle parts and all the hardware that holds it together. Usually even tempered and calm, Pop looked as though he had reached the end of his rope. Gazing heavenward, fingers raking through his blond wavy hair that so resembled my own, he seemed to be begging God to please help him figure out how to put that bike together.

Bike? What bike? Why was Pop trying to put a bike together? Everyone knew it was Santa who brought bikes, right? No longer afraid of Pop seeing me, I stood openly at the bottom of the stairs and stared at Pop until he realized he was no longer alone. Eyes softening when he saw me, he tried his best to hide what he was doing, but it was too late. I knew. And that was okay because Pop was in trouble and that was more important to me than any old myth about Santa that I was beginning to question anyway.

The only thing I could think of was finding a way to help Pop. He was my hero. He was the one who stood up for me, made all my fears go away and taught me that no matter what happened, everything would be okay in the end.

"What's wrong, Pop?" I inquired and without hesitation he explained that he bought the red bike at a real bargain for my little brother and couldn't put it together because the instructions were in German.

I smiled at him, the way he had smiled that same comforting way to me a thousand times before and told him with confidence that everything would be okay. His azure blue eyes questioned such a promise, but he smiled back and turned back to the frustrating task, telling me to go to bed and he would be up to tuck me in soon. But I knew there would be no sleep that night.

I hurried up the stairs, put a coat on over my nightie, donned a pair of boots and hurried up the street to the big Victorian house on the corner, the one everyone steered clear of because it was said the recluse that lived there was crazy.

Even though I was equally afraid of the old man and the stories I had heard, I braved the brambles that obscured the rickety steps leading to that ornate front door and bravely banged on the glass as hard as I could.

Heart pounding, I fought the urge to run down the stairs and back up the street to the safety of home. I knew the man who lived there just might be able to help Pop and that was worth everything right now. Even more than the fear that made my heart pound and teeth chatter.

As I waited impatiently, I could see a dim light in the hallway and a shadowy fig-

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ure approaching the front door. Holding my breath, I watched as the knob slowly turned and the door creaked open.

A kindly man with a beard and glasses looked down at me, but when I opened my mouth to speak, no words came out. The man crouched down, took off his glasses and asked with a thick accent what he could do for me. Finally able to speak, I pointed towards our house, trying to explain about the bike, Pop, Christmas morning, Santa and my little brother. Although the words came fast and furious, the old man seemed to grasp that his help was needed and quickly grabbed his coat.

Together we walked hand and hand through the softly falling snow until we reached the side door of our little Cape Cod house, hurrying down the stairs to where Pop still was struggling. He looked up, somewhat surprised to see me and the recluse from up the street, but gracious enough to stand and welcome him to our home.

"Pop, this is Mr. Steiner, he's from Germany. I think he can help you," I said proudly. Pop looked at me and then Mr. Steiner, unsure of what was going on, but grateful nonetheless.

Shaking Mr. Steiner's hand while explaining the predicament, the two commiserated about the dilemma before them while I reveled in the fact that everything was going to turn out okay.

Although I was only 10-years-old at the time, I discovered quite by accident the real magic of Christmas comes from caring about others and making them happy. It didn't matter at all that a childhood myth had been dispelled for me because at that moment, the only thing that mattered was I as able to solve Pop's problem. Like he had done for me so many, many times throughout my childhood.

I watched patiently as Mr. Steiner carefully read through the instructions, translating each step for Pop until the bike began to come together. Soon the two stood up and looked down at the beautiful shiny red bike with training wheels before them; the only thing my little brother asked Santa to bring him that year.

Later, as Mr. Steiner sat having coffee with Pop, I listened as the older man told the story of how he, his wife and children had been removed from their home one Christmas eve, separated and taken to different concentration camps in Germany. Rolling up his sleeve, he showed Pop the numbers on his wrist, hesitated for a few seconds and then in a voice that shook slightly, said that he never saw his family again.

I ran and put my arms around Mr. Steiner's neck, hugging him long and hard, sobbing into his neck as he hugged me back just as hard, patting my back and saying over and over that it was "okay my little one."

From that night on, we became the best of friends and remained so until he died many years later. Although there have been many Christmas mornings since, I never forgot this one, because it taught me the holiday spirit has nothing to do with a jolly old fat man, but rather in what we do for others. Whether it is wrapped up in a pretty package, tied with a beautiful bow, or just reaching out to someone who is lonely, it is in giving that we truly understand the magic that surrounds the celebration.

Once I remembered that very early Christmas morning so long ago, it wasn't long before I was humming along with the radio, baking cookies and feeling the joy of Christmas in my heart.

Although life will always be filled with tragedies, sickness and heartbreak, the magic of Christmas has a way of softening the harsh edges of pain and letting the magic come in, if only for awhile. Merry Christmas, my friends.

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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign underway

The Linden Police Department will be cracking down on drunk drivers as part of the annual holiday season "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" statewide campaign. Beginning Dec. 7, and running through Jan. 2, local and state law enforcement officials will conduct saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints looking for motorists who may be driving while intoxicated.

As a concentrated national effort, the campaign helps to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through high-visibility enforcement and public education tools, including posters, banners and mobile video display signs. Launched nationally in 1999, the program works to combat drunk driving during some of the busiest travel times of the year.

"This is a critical law enforcement program that can save lives during a time of the year when impaired driving traditionally increases by nearly 10 percent," said Linden Police Traffic Bureau Commander Sgt. Michael Babulski. "Our department's drunk driving arrests are up 40 percent from last year. Drunk driving continues to be a problem, and we will continue to address it."

Last year in New Jersey, 152 people were killed as a result of alcohol-impaired crashes. That number represents 24 percent of the 627

traffic fatalities reported in the state in 2011.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Year End Crackdown offer the following advice:

- Take mass transit, a taxicab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- Spend the night where the activity is held.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement. In New Jersey, drivers may dial #77 on their cell phones to report a drunk driver.
- Always buckle-up, every ride. It's your best defense against an impaired driver.
- If you're intoxicated and traveling on foot, the safest way to get home is to take a cab or have a sober friend or family member drive or escort you to your doorstep.

Motorists are also asked to subscribe to the pledge of the Ensign John R. Elliot HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers: Drive sober, be a designated driver and don't let friends drive drunk.

Under the effort, local businesses and community groups, law enforcement agencies, and schools work together to keep drunk drivers off the road. Started in New Jersey by the Elliot family following the tragic death of their son, John, in a head-on collision with a drunk driver, the campaign has become a national model for preventing drunk driving.

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Cranford police arrest three for attempted burglary

On Dec. 12, Cranford Police arrested three individuals in connection with the attempted burglary of a High Street residence.

Police initially responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on the 500 block of High Street at 9:46 a.m. An alert neighbor observed a white Chevrolet Impala parked on High Street. When two males exited the vehicle and approached a residence on the block, the neighbor contacted police. The suspects knocked on the front door of the house before walking to the rear yard.

Officer Spencer Durkin and Sgt. Guy Patterson arrived within moments and observed the suspects on a rear yard deck. The males attempted to flee the area but were quickly apprehended at an adjacent property. A third suspect was located in the parked vehicle, along with a 14-month-old female in a car seat. Responding officers observed evidence that the suspects had attempted to gain entry to the rear of the targeted home, as well as possible burglary proceeds in the parked vehicle. The three subjects were placed under arrest, and the child was transported to police headquarters, where she was eventually turned over to a family member. Arrested were Isaiah Thomas, 19, Cory Collins, 19, and Calvin Steed, 25, all of Roselle. The three subjects were charged with conspiracy to commit Burglary and Receiving Stolen Property. In addition, Thomas was charged with Criminal Mischief, Possession of a Weapon, Possession of Burglary Tools and criminal attempt. Steed also was charged with criminal attempt. All issued charges are crimes of the third degree.

Following an investigation by Detectives Ryan Greco and Michael Andrews, police were able to link the suspects to additional burglaries in several different communities.

Cranford Police Chief Eric Mason was quick to acknowledge the actions of an alert citizen and by the quick response and arrests. "This case was successfully resolved in a timely fashion," he said, "primarily because a Cranford resident stepped up and took action in the face of possible suspicious activity." The three subjects were transported to the Union County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail. They were scheduled for a first court appearance on Dec. 14, in Superior Court.

Roselle Park

• Dec. 7: Roselle Park Patrolman Joshua Medrano arrested Daniel Okai, 19, of Newark at 11:18 p.m. for possession of marijuana and underage possession of alcohol.

• Dec. 8: Mariojohn Cassitta, 29, of Roselle Park and Christopher Robinson, 46, of Roselle were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia during a traffic stop by Patrolman Mitchell White. Cassitta was turned over to the Westfield Police Department on outstanding warrants.

• Dec. 8: Harold Chavez, 41, with addresses in Roselle Park and Elizabeth,

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was arrested by Patrolman Alexander Lanza for hindering apprehension and contempt of court. Lanza was on patrol on the 400 block of Maplewood Avenue when he observed an unoccupied parked vehicle. He stopped to render aid but was told by the driver that everything was okay. As he was about the leave, the passenger stated she needed the officer's help getting her car back. She explained that several months ago, she allowed a friend, Chavez, to borrow her 1997 Honda Accord. Since then, he has refused to return her vehicle. She directed Lanza to a nearby residence, where Chavez and the vehicle were located. Chavez was immediately uncooperative and provided false information to Lanza about his identity. Chavez was found to have several aliases including Harold Chaves, Eduardo Huertas, Eduardo Velez and Felix Pineda. Chavez was found to have warrants from Elizabeth, Woodbridge, Newark and the Union County Sheriff's Department. The vehicle was returned to the complainant while Chavez was released to the Union County Sheriff's Department.

• Dec. 8, 9: Roselle Park policemen are investigating three apartment burglaries reported during the weekend. The first occurred at 60 East Westfield Ave. Saturday afternoon. An unknown suspect forced entry to the basement apartment through a ground level window. A computer and assorted jewelry were taken from the apartment. The second burglary occurred between Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon at 222 East Westfield Avenue. Again, the suspect gained entry through a ground level window. This time, jewelry and a bottle of liquor were stolen from the home. The last incident happened at 300 East Westfield Ave. between Thursday afternoon and Sunday evening. The burglar forced entry again to a basement level apartment, however, the occupant reported that nothing was missing from the apartment. Police-men have been canvassing the area trying to locate witnesses and have increased uniformed and plainclothes patrols in the apartment complexes. Anyone with information on the burglaries are urged to contact Det. Hussam Assad at 908-245-2300.

• Dec. 9: Phillip M. Szabo, 34, of Linden was arrested while officers were investigating a noise complaint at Colfax Manor at 10:30 p.m. Patrolman Lanza charged Szabo with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

• Dec. 9: Austin Kellogg 4th, 34, of Roselle Park was arrested by Patrolman Lanza on outstanding warrants from Jersey City and Bound Brook. He also was issued an ordinance violation for possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

• Dec. 9: Patrolman Matthew Hopkins
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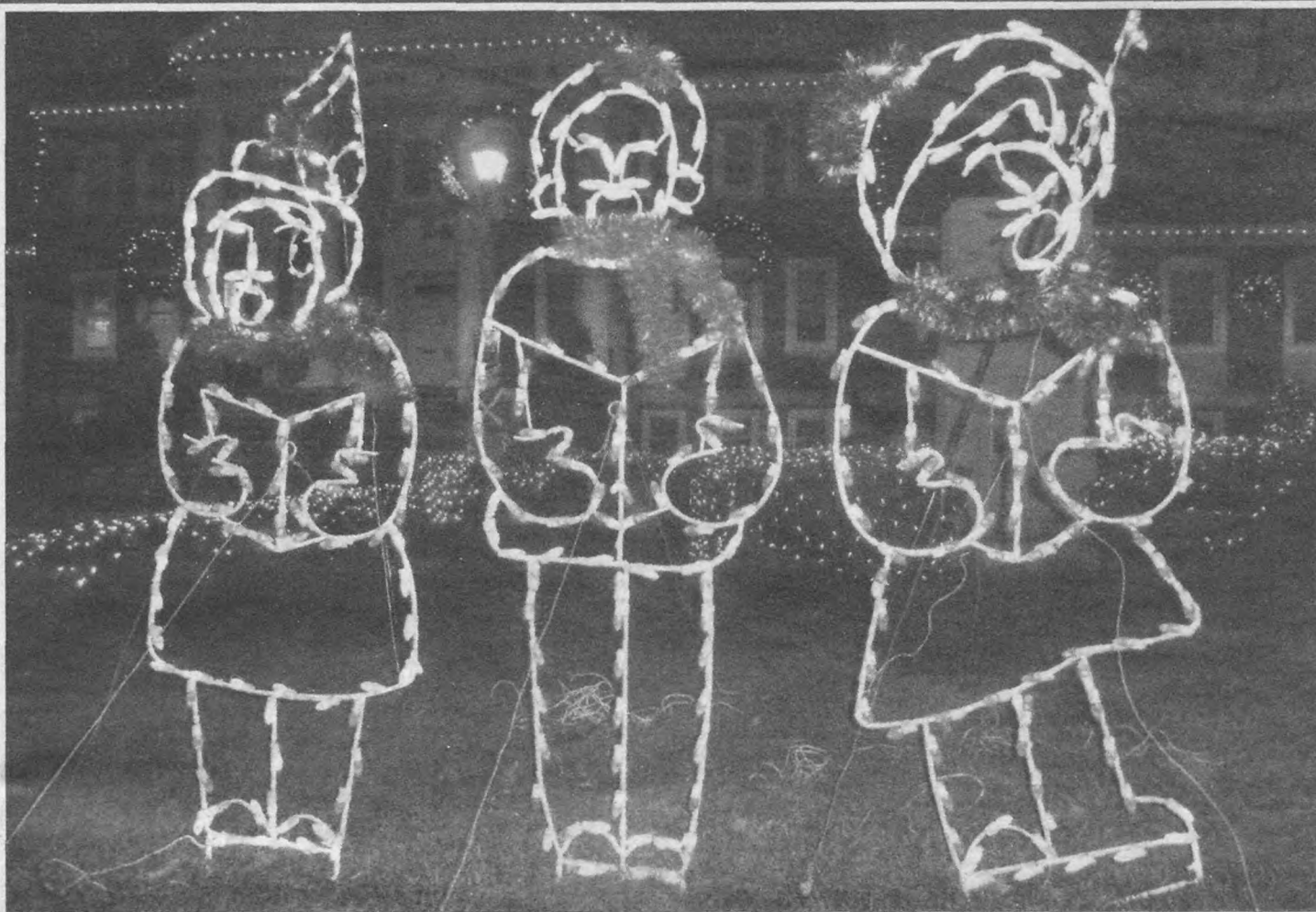


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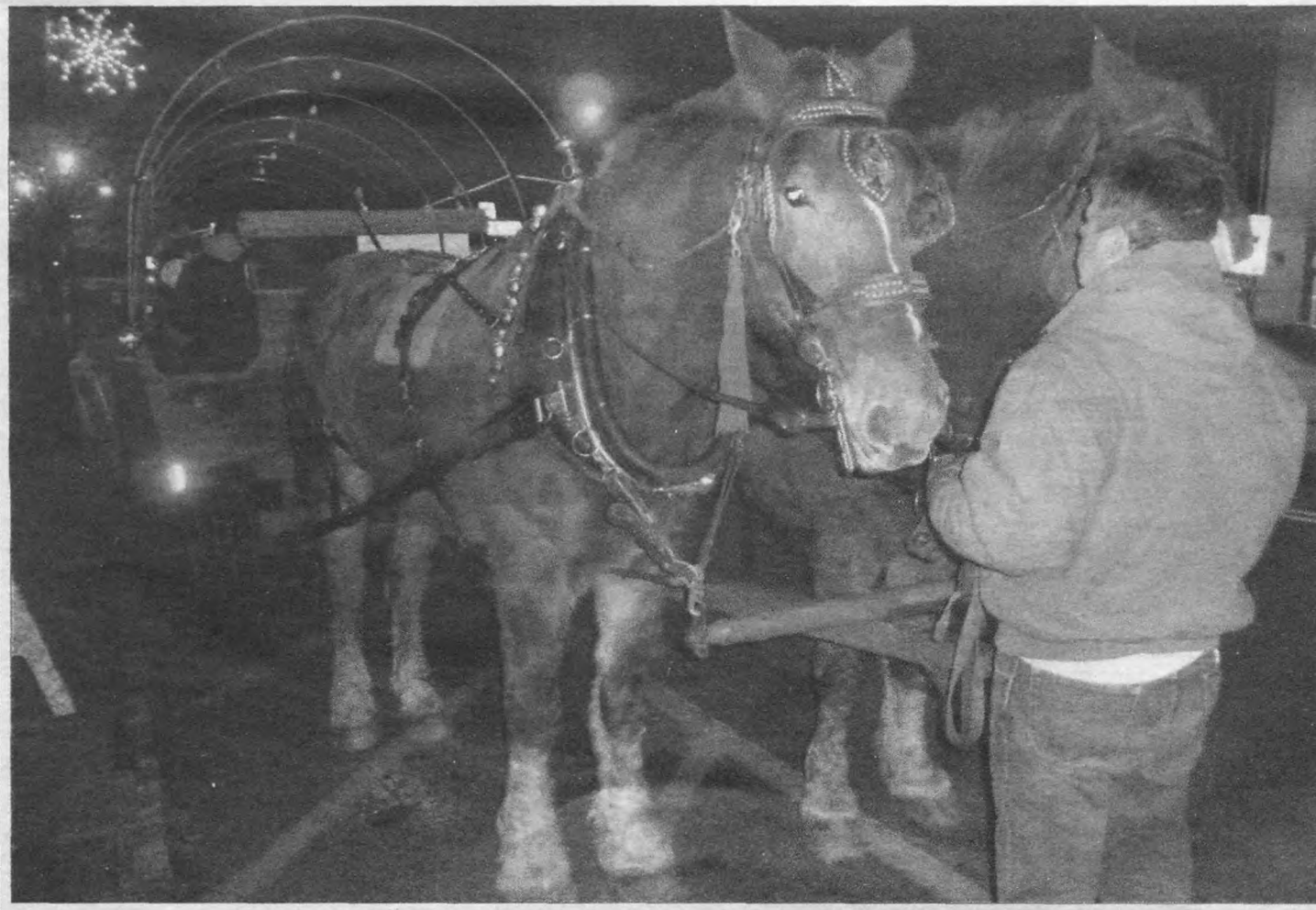
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'TIS THE SEASON — Above: A holiday display decorates the lawn in front of Union town hall. Below: A horse-drawn carriage gives out rides near the town's movie theater on Stuyvesant Avenue.



'Performing with Friends' a success in Fanwood

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA Performing Arts Program hosted "An Afternoon of Performing Arts with Friends" on Dec. 2. It was a way to introduce the program to the community and was helped by the local craft artisans, culinary chefs, and artwork displayed by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School art students. The festivities began with participants partaking of various dishes from local eateries. Everyone was then invited to view artwork on display from Miss Aker's Airbrush class from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Highlighting the celebration were performances from the New Jersey Youth Theatre as well as the Y's Dance Company, a group of dancers ranging in age from 7 to 12. These young dancers, some of whom have never danced before, take three to four dance classes a week, then rehearse for two hours each Saturday. Dance Company participants, Sean Chukwu, Whitney Chukwu, Aloka Nanayakkara, Elizabeth Parvin, Elizabeth Rehwinkel, Madeline Rehwinkel and Amy Walejewsky, demonstrated their dedication and love of dance as they performed selections from "The Nutcracker Suite" for the assembled guests.

The NJYT performed musical numbers including "Some Things Are Meant To Be," sung by Jamie Asreen; "I Love Paris," sung by Kelly Plescia, and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," sung by Samantha Tropper. Accompanist Ryan Kiel also gave a rendition of "All I Want For Christmas" on the piano.

Also on display and available for purchase was the work of local craft artists, such as Meghan Whitney of Purse and Pouch, who displayed custom handmade fabric bags; Gailmarie Sprague, who offered custom-made chocolates; Jennifer Segansh, who presented botanically based skin care products, and Sydney Hopen of Just Bead Yourself, who displayed her own jewelry creations.

The afternoon concluded with the presentation of two door prizes, a \$25 gift certificate from Gigi's Dancerwear of Rahway and a \$100 gift certificate from Just Bead Yourself of Westfield. The event was a success and a way to introduce the performing arts program being offered at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA.

The Y is the nation's leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. For information on membership or programs, or to request a schedule of classes, call the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA at 908-889-8880 or visit the Y's website at www.fanwoodscotchplain-symca.org. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify, it was announced.



Happy Hanukkah

Union County Freeholders join Rabbis of Bris Avremy in lighting a Menorah in Phil Rizzuto Park in Elizabeth celebrating Hanukkah. They are joined by, from left, Ron Zuber, Director of Union County Parks and Community Renewal, Vernell Wright, Christopher Hudak, Shterney Kanelsky, Rabbi Mordechai Kanelsky, Yuri Libson and Rabbi Avremy Kanelsky.

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Candlelight Christmas Eve at Calvary Assembly in Union

On Dec. 24, starting at 6 p.m., Calvary Assembly will hold a Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion Service at its Union campus. There will not be a service on the night of Dec. 23. There will be a Wednesday night service on Dec. 26.

On New Year's Eve, the church will begin at 8 o'clock at the Union campus with a service of praise, testimony and encouragement from God's Word. After service, the group will have dinner in Fellowship Hall. Shortly before midnight, there will be a gathering for prayer to bring in the New Year. There will be no service on the evening of Dec. 30. There will be a Wednesday night service on Jan. 2.

Visit www.CalvaryAssembly.tv or call 908-964-1133 for more information.

Last chance to donate toys to Coldwell Banker toy drive

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Union will hold its annual collection of new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Toys for Toys Foundation at its 367 Chestnut St. office every day between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 20.

"The generosity of the Union community has been shown time and time again during our annual toy drive, and we hope to make this year even better than the last," said Jim Schoening, branch vice president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Union.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Union can be reached for more information at 908-688-3000 and visited online at CBMoves.com/Union.

Grace Lutheran's Christmas schedule

Grace Lutheran Church and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, will celebrate the Christmas season with the following schedule of special services in celebration of Jesus' birthday: Christmas Eve Children's Worship Service at 4 p.m.; Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship at 7:30 p.m.; Christmas Day Communion Worship Service at 10:30 a.m., and New Year's Eve Communion Worship at 7:30 p.m.

The church has extended an invitation to the community to join in on these special worship services. All of these worship services, excluding the Christmas Eve worship services, are interpreted for the deaf, as well as is the weekly Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce food drive

In the spirit of holiday giving, Union Township Chamber of Commerce and its member businesses are conducting a food drive during this month. Members of the community are invited to visit the participating businesses and donate a non-perishable item or supermarket gift card.

"Proceed from this drive will go the Union Food Pantry, which will see that the items are delivered to those in need from our area," said James Masterson, chamber executive director.

"We are grateful to one of our newest members, the Leaf Group of Union, for helping us to coordinate this important effort."

Locations for drop off are: Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Ave.; Maplecrest Ford Lincoln, 2800 Springfield

Ave., Omega Financial, 1872 Morris Ave., and Paul's Garage, 983 Lehigh Ave. All are located in Union. The drive will end on Dec. 21.

Library to hold college planning seminar, Dec. 22

The Heartland Institute of Financial Education, a national non-profit organization, whose mission is to promote financial literacy across America, will conduct a program providing families with college planning solutions at Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., on Dec. 22 at 1 p.m. This is an admission free program.

It is the goal of HIFE to help young Americans obtain a college education. For those who have a student that is entering college or currently in college, this is an opportunity to find out more about how to position a student to qualify for grants, student loans and scholarships and to learn more about how to "Fund The Future" for a child's education.

For more information, visit www.youseemore.com/UnionPL/default.asp.

Library programs in December

The Children's Department of the Union Public Library has scheduled programs at the main library during the month of December:

The Saturday Storytime and Craft Program will be held on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 11 a.m. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration is required.



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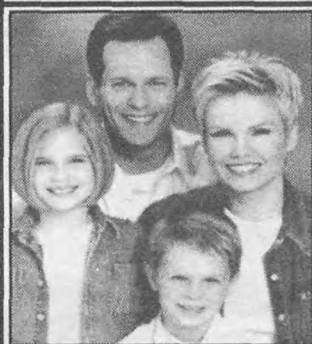
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Liberty Science Center visits Clark school

Students at Frank K. Hehnly Elementary School in Clark were energized with a fun assembly from Liberty Science Center. Students in grades K-3 went on a journey with Sam the Dragon through the digestive system, in "Little Dragon's Digestive System." A few volunteers from each class got the chance to climb into a giant mouth, slide down an esophagus and end up in a churning stomach before squeezing through the small and large intestines.

The obstacle course introduced the students to the names and functions of the basic parts of the digestive system. Students in grades four and five observed how Newton's Laws and sports all have one thing in common — science, in the "Science Sportacular." Newton's Laws were demonstrated using various sports equipment. The students learned how a pitcher makes a baseball curve and several volunteers joined in a momentum race. The science educators even showed the students the concepts related to helmet safety.

Fourth grade demonstrates true holiday spirit

In the spirit of the holidays, fourth grade students in Frank K. Hehnly Elementary School in Clark, decided to donate their class gift money to charity rather than receive gifts themselves. Teacher Ellen Tamburino also chose to donate her holiday class gift money. The class participated in a special K-Kids Project, "Kids Helping Kids for Operation Reach the Beach." K-Kids, under the direction of school nurse, Donna Kircher, decorated brown paper bags and filled them with various toys, treats and gift cards for the children affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Operation Reach the Beach will be delivering them to children in all areas affected by the hurricane during the holiday season. The money from teacher Tamburino and her class was used to purchase various gift cards for the holiday bags.

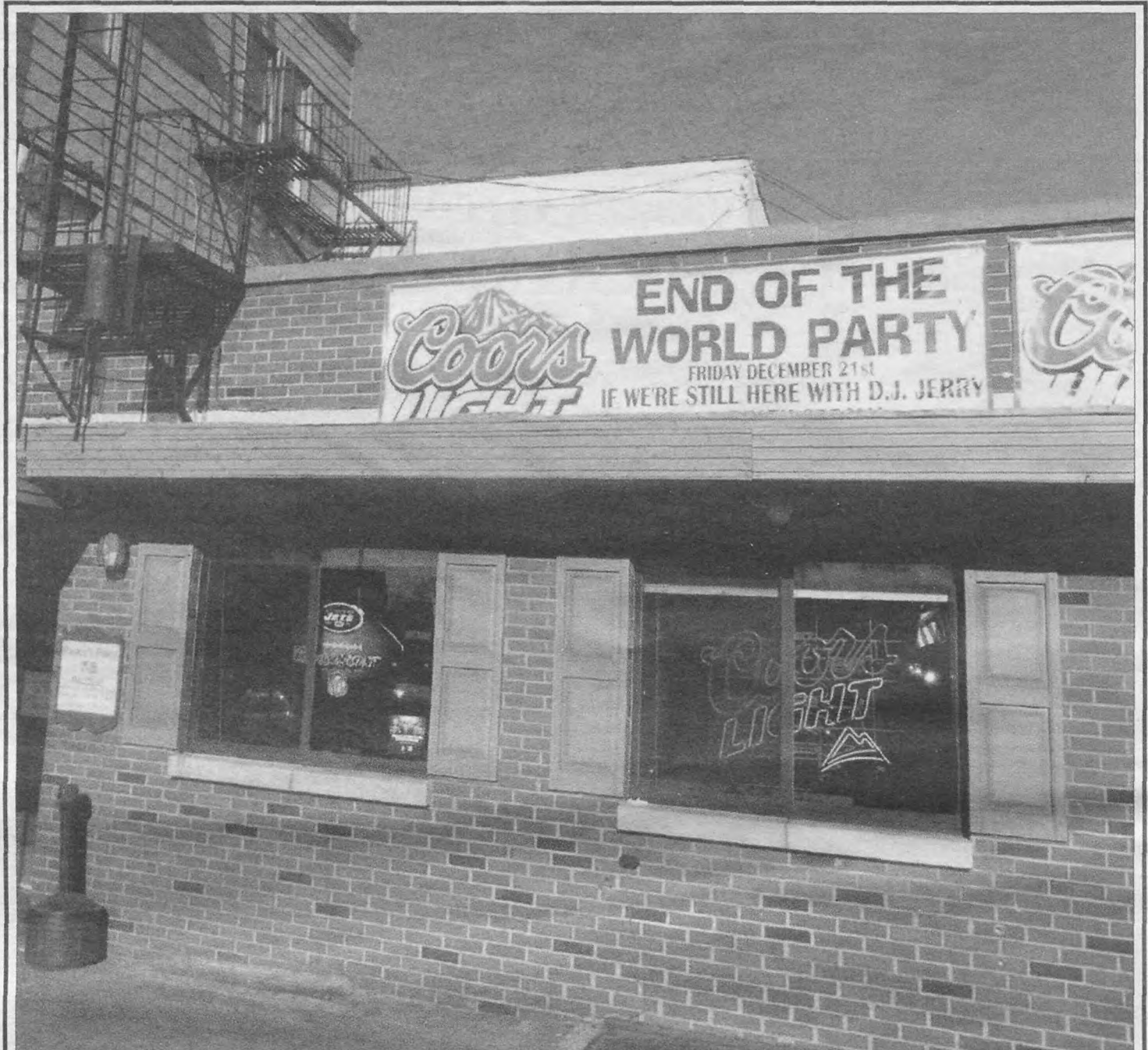


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JUST IN CASE — Some local establishments are taking advantage of the impending Mayan apocalypse predictions for Dec. 21. And while some may fear the end of the world is fast approaching, the news must go on. Whether or not the world ends on Friday, Dec. 21, *LocalSource* will still be here. Happy holidays and see you next week, or not ...

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
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conducted a traffic stop on West Westfield Avenue of a black 2005 Audi A6 for various traffic violations. The driver, Marcer Mangual, 36, of Belleville was found trying to conceal a replica handgun beneath the driver's floor mat. A further search revealed another replica handgun, 10 packages of suspected crack cocaine hidden in the center console and a white plastic Halloween mask. Both of the replica handguns had their orange safety tips removed. Mangual is currently incarcerated in the Union Coun-

ty Jail on \$60,000 bail. The Roselle Park Police Department is assisting local law enforcement agencies in trying to determine if Mangual is suspect in recent armed robberies.

• Dec. 11: A borough woman was charged with DWI after flipping her vehicle. Roselle Park Police responded to the one vehicle crash on West Colfax Avenue at approximately 2 p.m. Police found the 2012 Nissan Altima in the roadway near the Donald Place intersection. As police were removing the driver, Deborah L. Angus, 53, they observed

an infant secured in a child safety seat in the rear seat. The baby was removed by Sgt. Aldo Cosentino and Patrolman Matthew Hopkins, who crawled into the overturned and heavily damaged vehicle. Patrolman Mitchell White responded and took custody of Angus, who appeared intoxicated and smelled of alcohol. Angus, who was babysitting for the child at the time of the crash, crossed over the westbound lane and struck a tree on the front lawn of a nearby home before overturning her vehicle. Angus did suffer serious, but non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to Overlook Hospital, Summit. The child was not injured and was reunited with her parents at the crash site. Angus was charged with DWI, failure to keep right, reckless driving, DWI with a minor in the vehicle and child neglect, a fourth degree crime. Angus will appear before a Union County judge.

Linden

• Dec. 11: An off-duty Linden Police officer observed three individuals walk up to a residence at 11:35 a.m. on the 2700 block of Orchard Terrace and take a mail parcel from the front foyer of the residence. The officer contacted Linden police while following the three male youths to a house on nearby Berlant Avenue. Arriving officers surrounded the house and rang the doorbell. One of the youths, age 16, who lives at the residence, answered the door. The off-duty officer identified him and an accomplice, age

16, also of Linden, while the third male ran past the officers out the front door. The first two juveniles were placed under arrest. Officers called for Union County Sheriff's Dept. K-9 officer to respond with his dog to search for the third suspect, who fled into a nearby backyard.

The officers located the stolen package, which contained wrapped Christmas presents and returned them to the victim homeowner. Charges against the youths are pending an investigation by the police department's Juvenile Bureau and may include burglary and theft. The two were released to their parents. The third individual, also a Linden resident, has been identified and is being sought by authorities.

• Dec. 14: Linden police officers were sent at 2:30 p.m. to the 10 block of East 15th Street on a suspicious person. The officers were told that the suspicious person was Oscar S. Camacho, who was wanted for an armed robbery. As officers arrived on the scene, they were directed to a residence where Camacho was identified and placed under arrest without incident.

Camacho told police that he was a former tenant at the residence and returned with his girlfriend to pick up some of his belongings. Camacho was charged with a robbery of Vikos Party Rentals, 218 W. Elizabeth Ave., on Nov. 30, where he fought with a clerk while armed with a knife after demanding money.

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 ANTHONY — Mary N., of Union; Dec. 14. Was division manager.
 BULWIN — Barbara J. Franz, formerly of Roselle Park and Kenilworth; Dec. 11. Was senior administrative assistant.
 CHIRICHELLA — Michael A. "Mickey," of Rahway; Dec. 9. Was designer, engineer.
 DRUKAS — George J., of Rahway; Dec. 7. Was retired spray painter, dispatcher.
 DZUBAK — Charles E., of Rahway; Dec. 9. Volunteered at St. Jude.
 ENGLER — Karl H., of Union; Dec. 14. Was owner of Union pork store.
 FESHCHUR — Anna Kleban, of Linden; Participated in fundraisers.
 FRITZ — Annette Levine, formerly of Mountainside; Dec. 13. Was past president of temple.
 GAGLIARDI — Carmela "Millie," formerly of Linden; Dec. 12. Was Linden police matron.
 GOODWIN — George J., formerly of Cranford; Dec. 12. Was school teacher, coach.
 GUBERNAT — Bertha, of Union; Dec. 14. Was 100 years old.
 HARMON — Tia J., of Roselle; Dec. 9. Funeral services held.
 HENN — Anastasia "Nancy," formerly of Cranford; Dec. 14. Survived by daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren.
 HORN — Richard, of Summit; Dec. 13. Was manufacturing executive.
 JAFFE — Sadie, of Cranford, formerly of Springfield; Dec. 15. Was 50-year-member of temple.
 KLEINSORGEN — Edward M. Jr., formerly of Cranford; Dec. 7. Was self-employed computer consultant.
 KOSTAKOS — Ann Marie, of Union; Dec. 7. Was bank manager.
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 MALINCHOK — John Jr., of Linden; Dec. 11. Was department manager, Scoutmaster.
 MALPERE — Sarah, of Cranford; Dec. 8. Was 100 years old.
 McINTOSH — Bertha Elizabeth, of Linden; Dec. 8. Was hospital supply supervisor.
 MESSANO — Filumena, of Mountainside, formerly of Hillside; Dec. 9. Retired from Hillside company.
 MONUS — Joseph, of Union; Dec. 13. Was longtime truck driver.
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 RABKE — Olga, formerly of Union; Dec. 11. Was teacher, dancer.
 RICHVALSKY — Joseph J., of Linden; Dec. 9. Was past commander of VFW Post.
 RISLEY — Doris M., of Roselle; Dec. 8. Was school crossing guard.
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 RUEGAMER — Sidonia, of Cranford; Dec. 13. Emigrated from Germany.
 SANSONE — Rose Cecelia Trezza, of Hillside; Dec. 9. Funeral liturgy held.
 SHELL — Robert T. Sr., of Rahway; Dec. 7. Was longtime pharmaceutical technician.
 SIMONE — Mary Anne, of Union; Dec. 14. Was member of seniors.
 STOFIK — Helen Eleanor, formerly of Union; Dec. 9. Was active in Springfield church.
 STULACK — Jayson A., of Roselle Park; Dec. 11. Was lifelong resident.
 WALSH — Patrick A., formerly of Linden; Dec. 7. Was retired truck driver.
 WHITE — Myra J., of Rahway; Dec. 12. Was longtime bookkeeper.
 WYSOCKI — Irene E., of Clark; Dec. 13. Was prefect in church.
 YOUCHOCK — Ruth V., of Cranford; Dec. 12. Was secretary, telemarketer.

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RAHWAY NEWS

Registration open for Arts Guild classes beginning Jan. 14

Registration is open for winter art classes for adults, teens, to 16 years old, and children, seven to 11, at Arts Guild New Jersey. Winter classes begin the week of Jan. 14, including several new options, in addition to familiar favorites. Classes meet once a week for eight weeks. Whether students are challenging themselves by taking their skills to the next level, or trying a new technique for the first time, there is something for everyone at Arts Guild New Jersey. For complete course descriptions and class schedules, access the online course catalog at www.agnj.org, Art Classes page, or call 732-381-7511 to request a printed flyer. Class locations specified next to each class description: either 1670 Irving St. for traditional Arts Guild New Jersey building on Irving Street, or Senior Center Annex, 125 W. Milton Ave., for the Annex space on Milton Avenue. Registration is accepted online, in-person, or by mail. To register in person, visit the office at 1670 Irving St. in Rahway, Monday to Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

RHS trumpet player accepted into New Jersey All State Ensemble

Phillip Schroeder, a sophomore trumpet player at Rahway High School, was accepted into the New Jersey All State Jazz Ensemble after auditions earlier in the school year. Schroeder is one of five trumpet players in the state to perform in this ensemble. The New Jersey All State Jazz Ensemble under the direction of David Dempsey, performed Nov. 16 in concert at Newark's NJPAC.

Rahway High School's Marching Band finished its competitive season on Nov. 11, at Washington Township High School in Sewell, at the USBands New Jersey State Marching Band Championships, moved from Rutgers Stadium because of the effects of Hurricane Sandy. After two days of rehearsing to recover time lost due to the hurricane, the Marching Indians performed and finished with a score of 92.5, the second highest score in school marching band history. The Marching Indians finished in sixth place among the best bands in the state. On the following day, Sunday, Nov. 12, the marching band participated in a ceremony honoring the city of Rahway's Veterans Day Program.

Register for mayor's B-day breakfast

One of the favorite events run by the Division of Senior Services is Mayor Proctor's Birthday Breakfast. Resident seniors and guests will be invited to the Rahway Senior Center and treated to a full breakfast during their birthday month, along with other members of the club. To register, call 732-827-2016. Everyone registered will receive an invitation in the mail with the date and time of the particular breakfast. Anyone previously registered who has not responded to the invitation in the last year must re-register.

Senior Center announces social, recreation programs

Rahway Senior Center has announced its program of social, recreational and educational activities. The center offers a variety of art, exercise, dance, and craft classes. It also has a garden club, digital photography class, memoir writing and an introduction to the Internet class in collaboration with Rahway Public Library. For the latest newsletter or more information, call 732-827-2016.

What's Going On?**FLEA MARKET**

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 23, 2012**

EVENT: Holiday Flea Market & Collectible Show
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TIME: 9AM - 5PM Indoors/Outdoors
ADMISSION: FREE
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EVENT: Holiday Flea Market & Collectible Show
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TIME: 9AM - 5PM Indoors/Outdoors
ADMISSION: FREE
DETAILS: For information call 201-998-1144 or events@jcpromotions.info
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CHRISTMAS DAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

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ROSELLE NEWS

Holiday ice skating, Dec. 22

Mayor Jamel C. Holley has announced that Roselle will hold events to celebrate the holiday season. As of now, the mayor, the Borough Council and the Department of Recreation have only one event left, but have not ruled out adding more to the borough's calendar, it was reported.

"The holiday spirit in Roselle is up and running," Holley said. "These events are meant to bring the community together, so we can celebrate the holidays as neighbors, before we celebrate it with our families."

On Dec. 22 at 6 p.m., Holley, the Borough Council and the Department of Recreation will host the Winter Wonderland Ice Skating Holiday Event at Warinanco Park.

Roselle First started by mayor and council

As part of the Roselle First initiative to create employ-

ment opportunities for borough residents, Mayor Jamel Holley and the Roselle Borough Council has announced the formation of the Roselle First Security Certification program.

Through a partnership with the Union County Workforce Investment Board and Frontline Academy, Roselle residents can participate in a comprehensive four-week training and certification program in the security and customer service fields.

Those participating in the program will earn the Security Officer Registration Act certification, called SORA, allowing them to work as certified security officers in New Jersey. It was announced that this is the ideal time to undergo training, as companies are eager to find trained security officers for the holiday season.

"This program is just one cog in the Roselle First machine," Mayor Holley said. "It's an incredible opportuni-

ty that we are proud to offer Roselle residents as part of our ongoing initiative to create job opportunities and improve the local quality of life."

The program offers guaranteed job placement for graduates through Frontline Academy, the training provider. Holley said he hopes that it will place Roselle residents on rewarding career paths, as many Frontline Academy graduates are immediately offered employment in the field.

"My team is striving to give Roselle residents viable tools they can use to better themselves, provide for their families, and contribute to the growth of this community," Holley said. "We continue to identify new opportunities to make Roselle residents more career-ready and focused on taking the next step in their lives."

Those interested in participating in the program must be Roselle residents. For more information, residents can contact the Roselle First office at 908-245-1759.

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Holiday Recipe Contest winners announced

We are so excited to tell you that the winners have been selected for our Holiday Recipe Contest! So many delicious submissions were received, but we have narrowed it down to first-, second- and third-place winners in the contest categories of Entrees, Appetizers and Desserts.

All nine winners and the titles of their entries are listed below. The contest called for a favorite recipe, not necessarily one that was original. When judging, we looked for recipes which were simple, delicious and festive, a perfect combination for the busy holiday season. It was great to see such diversity!

We have also included on this page the complete recipes of the three first-place winners, and all nine recipes are posted on our websites, essexnewsdaily.com and unionnewsdaily.com.

All winners will receive prizes donated by Oxo brand kitchen gadgets, which have donated their fabulous kitchen tools for the Holiday Contest.

Thank you all for your participation. Sharing recipes is a wonderful way to create and pass on traditions, especially during the holiday season. Enjoy!

— Alma Schneider

Entrees

- First place: Spinach and Cheese Pie, submitted Susan Tarnofsky, West Orange.
- Second place: Five Grain Delight, from Perla Mondriguez, West Orange
- Third place: Family Sausage Lasagna, from Jamie Menake, Bloomfield.

Appetizers

- First place, Pumpkin Dip, submitted by Tina Ciravolo, Kenilworth.
- Second place, Seared Tuna Nachos with Wasabi Mayonnaise, from Lisa Haberman, Glen Ridge.
- Third place, Sweet Potato Casserole, Christina Malhotra, Glen Ridge.

Desserts

- First place, Gingerbread Biscotti, submitted by Virginia Barnstoff, Bloomfield.
- Second place, Aba's Cuban Rice Pudding, from Ana and Elaine Espinosa, Glen Ridge.
- Third place, Sweet Potato Dessert, from Robin Matthews, West Orange.

Spinach and Cheese Pie

First place, Entrees
Submitted by Susan Tarnofsky

The following recipe can either be used as a light main course or cut up into smaller pieces, as an appetizer.

Ingredients

- 1 large onion, chopped into medium-size pieces
- 1 16-oz. bag of frozen spinach, defrosted
- 1 16-oz. container of cottage cheese
- 1 egg
- 3 Tbs. grated cheese
- Several Tbs. grated cheddar, or other sharp cheese

- 1 tomato, optional
- 1 to 2 Tbs. canola, or other oil

Method

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
- Saute chopped onion in oil over medium heat until onion is translucent.
- Set aside and place in mixing bowl.
- Squeeze moisture from spinach and add to the bowl.
- Add cottage cheese, grated cheese, salt and pepper to taste.
- Beat the egg and add to bowl, mixing together all the ingredients.
- Place mixture into a lightly greased pie pan, approximately 8 inches in diameter, smoothing to an even thickness.
- If desired, cover mixture with tomato slices; roasting tomato first is best, but not necessary.
- Sprinkle cheddar cheese over top of pie;

use enough so there is a light covering over the mixture.

Bake until cooked through; the top should be browned and bubbly.

Slice and enjoy!

Note: The nice thing about this recipe is that the amounts of the ingredients can be approximate and it always tastes good.

Pumpkin Dip

First prize, appetizers
Submitted by Tina Ciravolo

Ingredients

- 6 oz. whipped cream cheese
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 tsp. maple syrup
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Method

Puree all ingredients in blender until smooth. Serve with pumpernickel sticks or pretzel chips. Delicious!

Gingerbread Biscotti

First place, Desserts
Submitted by Virginia Barnstoff

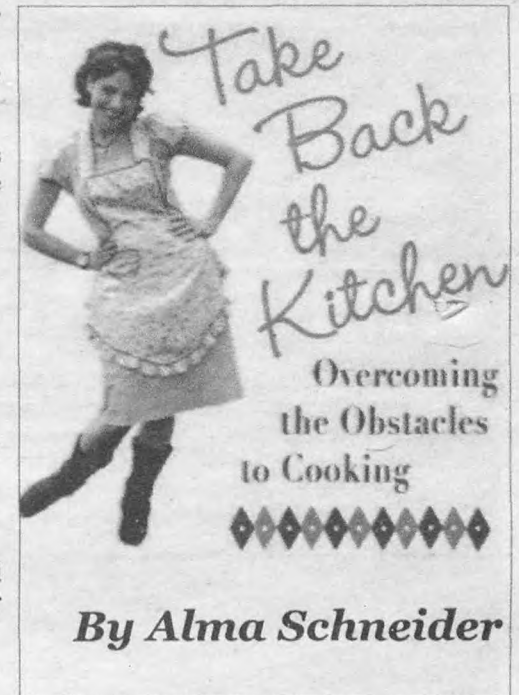
Yield: Four dozen

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup white sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 Tbs. baking powder
- 1 1/2 Tbs. ground ginger
- 3/4 Tbs. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 Tbs. ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg

Method

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a cookie sheet. In a large bowl, mix together: oil,



By Alma Schneider

sugar, eggs and molasses.

In a second bowl, combine: flours, baking powder, ginger, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg.

Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients to form a stiff dough.



Divide the dough in half and roll each into a log about the length of the cookie sheet. Place both loaves on the cookie sheet and pat down, flattening the logs to 1/2-inch thickness.

Bake for 25 minutes.

Remove loaves from oven and set aside to cool slightly. When cool enough to touch, cut each loaf into slices on the diagonal, about 1/2-inch-thick.

Place the sliced biscotti onto the cookie sheet and bake an additional 5 to 7 minutes on each side, or until toasted and crispy.

Remove from oven and cool on racks.

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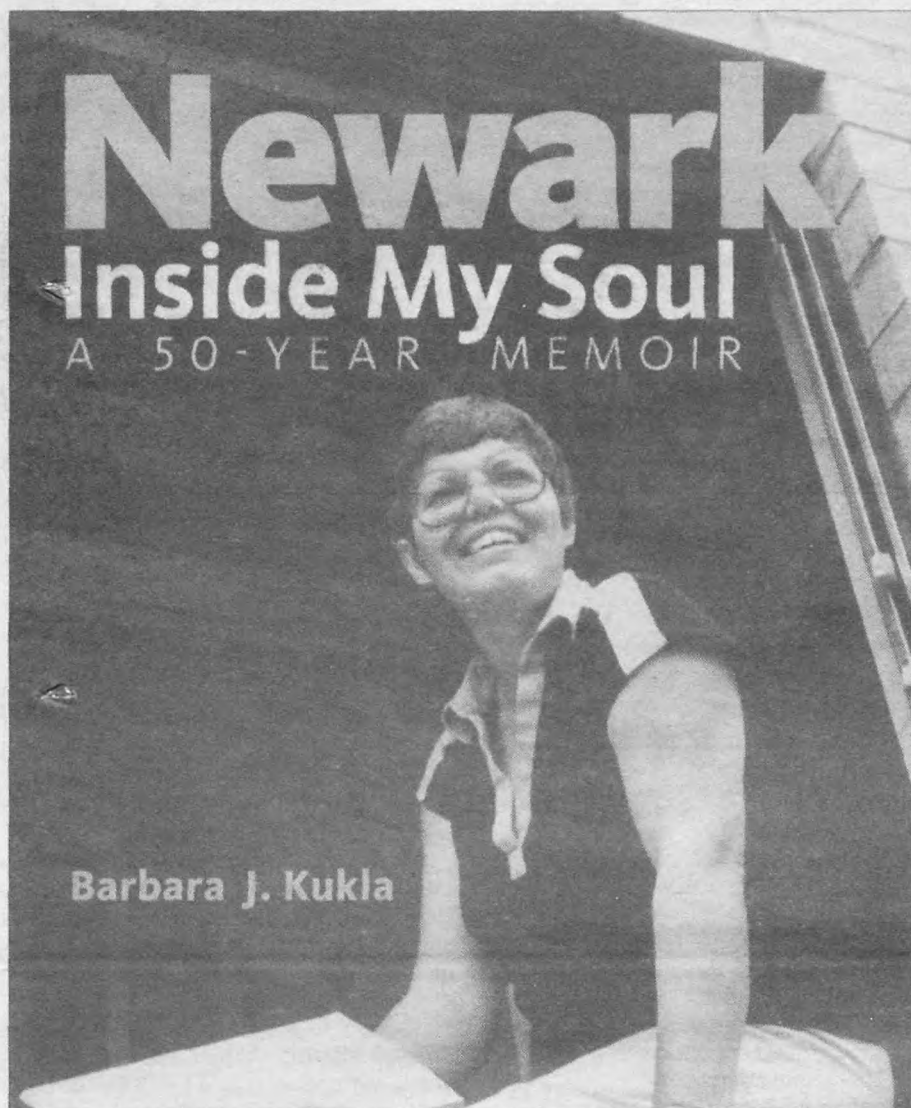
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Nostalgia is a big part of 'Newark Inside My Soul'



A reviewer can take a nostalgic journey through a lifetime of journalistic events merely by reading Barbara J. Kukla's "Newark Inside My Soul. A 50-Year Memoir."

This warm, heartfelt, inspiring book, written by the West Orange author and published by Swing City Press in West Orange, has a tendency to bring back numerous memories of a reviewer's hometown, its schools, environment, and its peoples. In addition, Kukla has opened up previously closed curtains toward personal adventures in major newsrooms during a period of skepticism in the 1950s and 1960s of women employed in journalism.

She joined the *Newark Star-Ledger* in late 1967, and following a period of time as a reporter, created a weekly edition called "Newark This Week."

During her years at the *Ledger*, Kukla not only covered general stories, but also had served as the paper's Sunday city editor. And throughout her exciting career, she personally interacted with the inhabitants of Newark, who greatly influenced her, and became seriously involved in the city's cultural and political life. In fact, Kukla created a scholarship fund in memory of a Newark-born community activist, Connie Woodruff, for Newark public school students, which is still going strong 15 years later.

This is her fourth book — she wrote "Swing City: Newark Nightlife, 1925-50," "Defying the Odds: Triumphant Black Women of Newark," and "Sounds of Music: The Dolores Collins Benjamin Story," a biography of the founder of the North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club.

She produced three calendars to benefit The Friends of Barbara J. Kukla Scholarship Fund: "Remembering Connie: A Life Well-Lived," "Newark Songbirds: Jazz Through the

ON THE SHELF

BY BEA SMITH

Years," and "Rejoice! Newark Gospel Greats." She also serves on trustee boards of The Leaguers Inc., New Jersey's largest Head Start program, the Newark Public Schools Historical Preservation Committee and the North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club. And in "Newark Inside My Soul," she discusses every part of her life in full. The book is rich in details and in photographs.

She talks about many people in Newark, who influenced her and whom she had helped, including her adoption of a daughter, Dashanta Faucette-Knight, who has since made her a grandmother and to whom she has dedicated this book. Kukla even has a chapter about her association with Whitney Houston and her family.

Kukla retired from journalism in 2004 after 43 years. This particular chapter in the book has touched home once again, at least for me. For this reviewer, who has been in the business of journalism for more than 61 years, is now ready to turn off the computer, and retire with the new year.

Kukla offered a talk about her experiences in the newspaper world and her latest book on the evening of Dec. 13 at West Orange Public Library. "Newark Inside My Soul" was then placed in a special section on the shelf of this reviewer's book case. Nearby is an empty space awaiting the occupancy of a yet-to-be-written book by Bea Smith, who with the new year begins a new life in retirement.

Happy holidays, and a have happy new year.

With 'The Nutcracker', the holidays are nearly complete

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Christmas would not be a complete holiday here in New Jersey without the celebration of a performance of Peter Illyich Tchaikovsky's classical ballet, "The Nutcracker."

No matter where it is staged, adults and children alike look forward to its magic, its dancing, its fabled story — and most of all, its music. And for those who have found it, for example, at the Digiplex Cranford Theater, there is a special treat in store. This one is the Bolshoi Ballet version of "The Nutcracker," filmed live by Ballet in Cinema from Emerging Pictures on the Bolshoi State Theater stage in Moscow, Russia, and it is absolutely exquisite. One couldn't ask for a more appropriate gift for the holidays.

Some years ago, artistic director of the New Jersey Ballet Co., Carolyn Clark, presented her own splendid interpretation at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn during the holidays. It was there, entertaining thousands annually for many years, and this reviewer apparently became closely acquainted with all that took place on that stage.

So, when the Bolshoi Ballet's production was offered at the Cranford Theater Sunday afternoon, it appeared that a ballet aficionado, in astonishment, could relish and appreciate the many changes, thanks to Choreographer Yuri Grigorovich and his own interpretation of "The Nutcrack-

er." Although the simple story rather loosely remained intact, Grigorovich took wide advantage of the incomparable music of Tchaikovsky, changed some of the scenes and utilized adults in all of the roles, adding more elegant movements, moments and charm to the Bolshoi's exceptional dancers. Even the name of young Clara was changed to Marie.

In the beginning, the Christmas party at the Stahlbaum home may not be as eloquent as the Clark version, but it is appealing and entertaining. The Stahlbaum children, Marie and Fritz, welcome their godfather, Drosselmeyer, who is disguised as a magician, to the party. He brings life-like toys that perform, and Marie's is a Nutcracker doll, which Fritz, in jealousy, breaks.

As a magician, Drosselmeyer makes the Christmas tree grow, and the toys come alive. But an army of mice appear, led by the Mouse King, who battles against a now grown Nutcracker doll, who has been transformed into a prince. Before long, Marie falls asleep, and dreams of adventures in a wonderland of snowflakes, guided by her prince.

They travel in a boat through a magical kingdom of snow with the live dolls, and ultimately, the dolls perform various dances from various countries, including Spain, India, China, Russia and France. The dancers, in authentic costumes, are truly overwhelming.

When Marie awakens, she finds herself by the family Christmas tree, clutching the unbroken Nutcracker doll.

If the story sounds a little different, it is.

But the fabulous dancing by Nina Kapstova as Marie, and the display of energy by Artem Ovcharenko as the Nutcracker/Prince, are worth the price of admission.

The Bolshoi audience actually went wild with applause, particularly while witnessing the ballet numbers by the Harlequin, Vyacheslav Lopatin and Columbine, by Anna Tikhomirova and the entire company, many of them male dancers.

Outstanding, however, was the magnificent performance of Denis Savin, as Drosselmeyer. He is, without a doubt, one of the finest, breathtaking actor-dancers in the whole company.

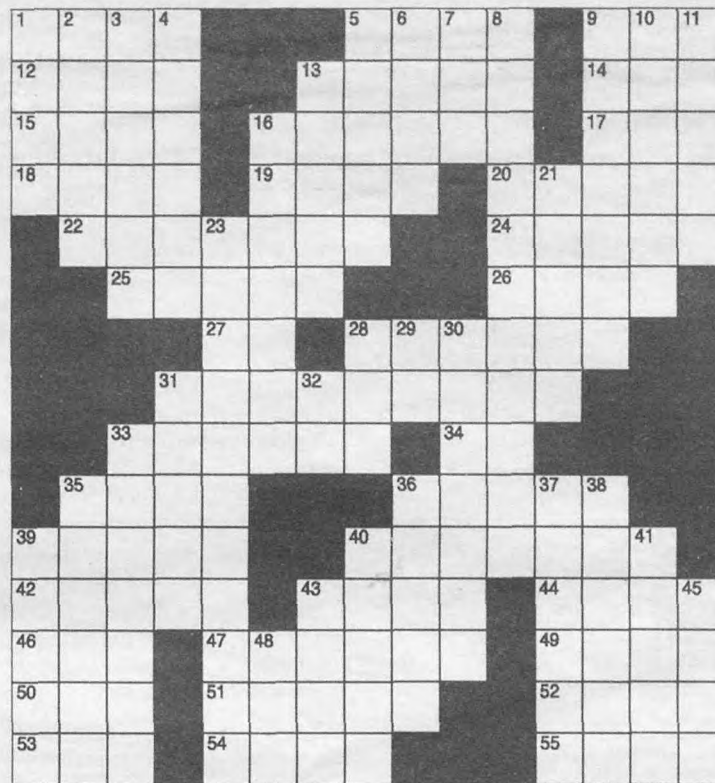
The Bolshoi Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker," which was shown at the Cranford Theater Monday Wednesday evening, will be shown tonight at 7 o'clock. As an added attraction for the holidays, the Cranford Theater will screen a film of a live performance of "The Nutcracker," staged by the Royal Ballet in England on Dec. 23 and Dec. 27 at noon and Dec. 30 at 7 p.m.

Whichever version a theater-goer attends, Bolshoi or Royal, it will certainly complete a perfectly festive holiday season.

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ARIES, March 21 to April 20.

Both social and business communication require some tact this week, Aries. You can handle it, and you should be prepared to meet some interesting people.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21.

Taurus, your confidence and energy are strong, but you seem to be having difficulty sitting still for enough time to get a handle on other people's opinions and viewpoints.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21.

New options present themselves that are excellent for educational pursuits, Gemini. Friends will be supportive of any ideas that you devise, even if they seem a little off-center.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22.

Cancer, this week you could gain the attention of people in high positions. Use the opportunity to get your best points heard if you have the chance.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23.

Leo, this should be one of those glorious weeks when you have the feeling that everything is moving along smoothly and according to your master plan.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22.

Virgo, your confidence is high and there is just about nothing that you fear or think you cannot handle this week. Float along on these feelings of euphoria for a while.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23.

Libra, you will show leadership in your profession over the next several days. This also will extend into your personal life, where you may have more energy in home affairs.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22.

Scorpio, indulge your curiosities, as your imagination and creativity are very high. Projects that require artistic work or writing should be the top priority on your list.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21.

Sagittarius, this is a good week to explore new business opportunities. Apply your efforts to solving some complex problems that others have shied away from.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20.

Capricorn, your feelings of restlessness might be because you're not accustomed to sitting still for too long. You will think of ways to fill the time.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18.

Broaden your social contacts, Aquarius, and this way you will extend your professional reach as well. There always are opportunities for networking.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20.

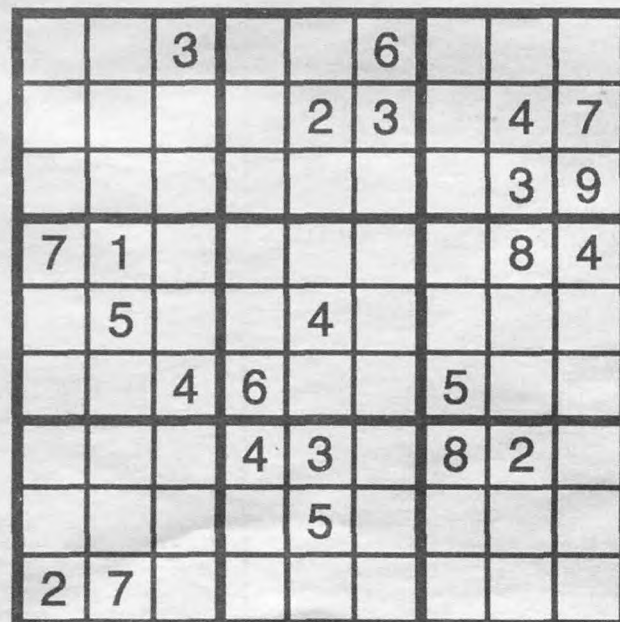
You may find that needs at home quickly drain you of any energy, Pisces. Simplify your routine to find some relief.

SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

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

ANSWERS APPEAR IN
OUR CLASSIFIEDS SECTION



Level: Intermediate

WESTFIELD NEWS

Majestic Winds to perform Sandy fundraiser, Dec. 20

Today at 7:30 p.m., Majestic Winds, the professional wind band of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, will perform its inaugural concert for the benefit of victims of hurricane Sandy. This performance will take place at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Westfield at 229 Cowperthwaite Place. This event is open to the public, and while there is no charge for admission, a freewill offering for the benefit of storm victims will be accepted. Majestic Winds will be under the direction of Howard Toplansky, a staff instrumental music instructor at the NJ Workshop for the Arts.

The program also will offer "Folk Dances" by Dimitri Shostakovich and several marches, which include "The Governor's Own" by Alton Adams and "Symphonia" by Merle Evans. Adams has the distinction of having been the first African-American United States Navy Bandmaster and Evans was the director of the Barnum and Bailey Circus band for more than 50 years. He was considered the "Toscanini" of circus conductors. Rounding out the concert will be "Waves of the Amur Waltz" by Max Kyuss, "La Bella Roma" by John Cacavas and "Rhapsodic Episode" by Charles Carter.

For further information about the concert or to learn

how to become a member of Majestic Winds, call 908-789-9696 or e-mail at njwaband@att.net.

Auditions to be held for Westfield Community Players upcoming show

Westfield Community Players will hold auditions for "Olympus on My Mind," a musical comedy spoof about the mythical god Jupiter. Auditions are Jan. 6, 2013 from 2 to 6 p.m., Jan. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. with callbacks on Jan. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Auditions will be held at the theater located at 1000 North Ave., West, Westfield. The show will run from May 4 through May 18. For submission of early audition forms and more information, contact www.westfieldcommunity-players.org. Character breakdown is as follows: Jupiter-Amphitryon, eternal middle age, Greek god-Commander-in-chief of Thebes; a dual role and male lead, strong high baritone; Mercury, 20s to 30s, Jupiter's mischievous son, lyric baritone; Alcmena, 20s to 30s, beautiful wife of Amphitryon, soprano; Sosia, 30s to 40s, clownish servant to Amphitryon, baritone character voice; Charis, middle aged, shrewish lusty maid to Alcmena, strong alto belting voice; Tom, Dick and Horace, strong comedic singer/dancers; Tom doubles as Amphitryon in some scenes; all double as Theban generals and slaves. Delores,

20s to 30s, ditty, curvy leading lady of the play whose furrier husband backed the play to get her in the chorus, strong mezzo belting voice.

'The Dixie Swim Club' debuts Jan. 5

Westfield Community Players continues its season with the A Jones Wooten Hope comedy-drama, "The Dixie Swim Club." The show will open Jan. 5, and will run weekends through Jan. 19. The theater is located at 1000 North Avenue West, Westfield. There is a charge. Tickets can be reserved by calling the 24 hour tape 908-232-1221.

The show is directed by Wanda S. Maragni of West Orange, produced by Joanne Lemenille of Clark and stage managed by Barbara Ruban of Springfield. The cast features Debbie Badal of Mendham, Linda Hatcher of Warren, Mary Webb of Cranford, and Keyren Burgess and Renee Litwin of Scotch Plains.

Continuing the opening night tradition, audience members are invited to a reception with the cast and crew following the final curtain.

Funding is made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Township of Hillside will receive request for qualifications on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the Office of the Township Clerk, Township of Hillside Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, NJ for the Provisions of Each of the Following Services January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013:

Environmental Engineering Services
Economic Development &
Redevelopment Attorney Services
Computer Software and
Consulting Services
Attorney to the Board of
Health Services

Request for Qualifications/Proposals
Health Reimbursement Arrangement
(HRA) Administrative Services

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

Requests for Qualifications may be obtained beginning Thursday, December 13, 2012 at the Office of the Township Clerk, Township of Hillside Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey during normal business hours between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Questions should be directed to Diane M. Rowe at 973-926-3000.

Request for Qualifications must be made in the form required by the specifications and one (1) original and three (3) copies must be delivered to reach the Office of the Township Clerk, prior to the stated time for the receipt of Request for Qualifications.

All information requested in the Request for Qualifications must be provided or the proposal may be disqualified. Proposals must be sealed and labeled "PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE [specify the position in question]" and received no later than 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2012. The Township of Hillside reserves the right to terminate the process as to any position at any time, to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFQ process, and to accept any proposals which, in their judgment, are most advantageous and other factors considered, and will best serve the interest of the Township. Proposal Statements will not be accepted by facsimile transmissions or e-mail.

Proposals are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

Diane M. Rowe, RMC
Township Clerk
U302363 UNL Dec. 20, 2012 (\$37.24)

PUBLIC NOTICE

KENILWORTH

KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

The Kenilworth Board of Education is seeking qualified individuals to replace one (1) recently vacated seat.

• Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be able to read, write and be a resident of Kenilworth, NJ for 1 year, and a registered voter.

• Interested individuals are to send a letter of intent to the Kenilworth Board of Education c/o Vincent A. Gonnella, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 426 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ 07033.

• Letters must be received in the Board of Education Office by 3:00 p.m. on January 10, 2013.

• Candidates must be prepared to attend a Special Board of Education Meeting on January 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room, Brearley School, Kenilworth, NJ, at which time an interview will be conducted.

• The term of office, once filled, will last until the organization meeting of the Board of Education in January 2014.

Vincent A. Gonnella
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
Kenilworth Board of Education
U302364 UNL Dec. 20, 2012 (\$19.60)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinafter set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberg-

PUBLIC NOTICE

er Park, Union, New Jersey, on December 18, 2012.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266-59 SCHEDULE XVIII ENTITLED "TIME LIMIT PARKING" BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. (This ordinance affects Grandview and Woodland Avenues)
U302473 UNL Dec. 20, 2012 (\$11.27)

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Please take notice of the following scheduled meetings for the Hillside Zoning Board of Adjustment from January 2013 - December 2013:

January 9 & 23, 2013
February 13 & 27, 2013
March 13 & 27, 2013
April 10 & 24, 2013
May 8 & 22, 2013
June 12 & 26, 2013
July 10 & 24, 2013
August 7 & 21, 2013
September 11 & 25, 2013
October 9 & 23, 2013
November 13 & 27, 2013
December 11, 2013

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building Court Room, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time. The Zoning Board of Adjustment reserves the right to go into executive and closed session during these meetings. Thank you.

Hope M. Smith
Secretary to the Zoning
Board of Adjustment
U302359 UNL Dec. 20, 2012 (\$17.64)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinafter set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberg Park, Union, New Jersey, on December 18, 2012.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266.66.2 "RESIDENTIAL PERMIT EXEMPTIONS" BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. (This ordinance affects Woodland & Grandview Avenues)
U302474 UNL Dec. 20, 2012 (\$11.27)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION

UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Organization Meeting of the Board of Education Scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2013 will also serve as the January 2013 Worksession. THERE WILL BE NO WORKSESSION ON JANUARY 8, 2013. The Board may go into executive (closed) session for any permissible purpose under N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. The Board may also discuss and/or act upon any issues that may properly come before the Board. Action may be taken.

JAMES J. DAMATO
BOARD SECRETARY/
GENERAL COUNSEL
U302358 UNL Dec. 20, 2012 (\$10.78)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 10, 2013, at 9:35 A.M. SHARP!!! (Prevailing time), sealed bids will be opened and read in public by the Purchasing Agent in the Township of Union, Town Hall, 1976 Morris Avenue, Main Meeting Room, Union, New Jersey for:

HVAC PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION BUILDINGS FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.

The Township of Union Department of Purchasing will receive sealed bids for H.V.A.C. SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, at the Main Meeting Room Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., Township of Union, Union County, New Jersey on Thursday January 10, 2013 at 9:35 a.m. sharp, local prevailing time, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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

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

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

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

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

In accordance with the Public Works Contractor Registration Act of P.L. 1999, c. 238 (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq.), no contractor shall bid on any contract for public work as defined in section 2 of P.L. 1963, c. 150 (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.26) unless the contractor is registered pursuant to this act. No contractor shall list a subcontractor in a bid proposal for the contract unless the subcontractor is registered pursuant to the Public Works Contractor Registration Act at the time the bid is made. No contractor or subcontractor, including a subcontractor not listed in the bid proposal, shall engage in the performance of any public work subject to the contract, unless the contractor or subcontractor is registered pursuant to that Act.

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

All business organizations that do business with the Local Contracting Agency are required to be registered with the State. Proof of that registration should be provided to the Township with its bid. The Township may not enter into a contract with the business absent such certificate P.L. 2004 C 57.

One (1) copy of the bid must be fully executed and presented on the proposal form provided. A representative of the Bidder, when called for by the Purchasing Division, and not before or after must present bids in person. BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL. Specifications are not to be submitted with bid documents.

By Order of the Township of Union Committee
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk
U302366 UNL Dec. 20, 2012 (\$62.72)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12005094
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F05565510
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. VS
Defendant: MANUEL SILVA; CELIA M. SILVA
Sale Date: 01/16/2013
Writ of Execution: 05/02/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in: The Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey
Commonly known as: 1029 Salem Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205
Tax Lot No.: 30 in Block: 1712
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 34 x 99

Nearest Cross Street: Mading Terrace
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Subject to 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.

Subject to Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): The plaintiff has obtained a letter of indemnification which will insure the successful bidder at sale in respect to:

- Judgment #: J-126974-1990
- Judgment #: J-114649-1991
- Judgment #: J-074837-1993
- Judgment #: J-197225-1997
- Judgment #: J-088453-2004
- Judgment #: J-050527-1991
- Judgment #: J-198479-1991
- Judgment #: J-088666-2005
- Judgment #: J-037154-1998

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."

Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$309,446.41***
Three Hundred Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six and 41/100***

Attorney:
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
200 SHEFFIELD ST
SUITE 301
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
(908)233-8500 XWZ-144948
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$319,641.64***Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty-One and 64/100***
Dec. 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 2013
U302265 UNL (\$203.84)

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice of the following scheduled meetings for the Hillside Planning Board from January 2013 - December 2013:

- January 2 & 16, 2013
- February 6 & 20, 2013
- March 6 & 20, 2013
- April 3 & 17, 2013
- May 1 & 15, 2013
- June 5 & 19, 2013
- July 3 & 17, 2013
- August 7 & 21, 2013
- September 4 & 18, 2013
- October 2 & 16, 2013
- November 6 & 20, 2013
- December 4 & 18, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building Court Room, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time. The Planning Board reserves the right to go into executive and closed session during these meetings. Thank you.

Hope M. Smith
Secretary to the Planning Board
U302361 UNL Dec. 20, 2012 (\$17.64)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12004927
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00063612
County: Union

Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES AMQ 2006-HE7 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES AMQ 2006-HE7 VS

Defendant: DAMIAN OJEDA AND SARA OJEDA, HIS WIFE
Sale Date: 01/09/2013
Writ of Execution: 09/10/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 72 Erie Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206
TAX LOT # 404, BLOCK # 5
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Second Avenue

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 215 x 100
A FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY.

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 N.J.S.A. 46:8B-21 the sale may also be subject to the limited lien priority of any Condominium/Homeowner Association liens which may exist.

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 only be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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: \$440,492.30***
Four Hundred Forty Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Two and 30/100***

Attorney:
MILSTEAD & ASSOCIATES, LLC
220 LAKE DRIVE EAST, SUITE 301
CHERY HILL NJ 08002
(856)482-1400
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$454,290.63***Four Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety and 63/100***
Dec. 13, 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 2013
U301958 PRO (\$196.00)

LINDEN

Storage Post, Inc., will sell at Public Auction under New Jersey Lien laws for cash only on January 14, 2013 at 11:00AM and on such succeeding days and times as may be necessary at 401 S. Park Ave., Linden, NJ 07036 the property described herein as belonging to:
Raymond Velez c/o Richard Velez

PUBLIC NOTICE

#3307: bags, grill, household items; Estate of Edward M. Green #3253: bins, cartons, luggage; Eugene Anton #3037: mechanical parts, totes, cartons; Andrea Romage #3245: luggage, cartons, bags; Cynthia Louise Fuller #3235: bins, cartons, furniture; Wayne L. Jones #3093: mannequins, rocking horse, cartons; Yvonne B. Tomlinson #3060: refrigerator, cartons, VHS tapes; Hertelou P. Jean #2262: bikes, cartons, shelving; Paul Rhaburn #2205: speakers, items; Alicia Ortega #2158: bed, furniture, grill; Teresa Byrd #2117: TV, dresses, headboard; Patricia A. Kelly #2015: cartons, bags, furniture; Laduane M. Roberts #2065: totes, cartons, printer; Felix Morales #1108: speakers, amp, totes; Indeya Fletcher #7048: totes, luggage, cabinets; Milene Sofia Azenha #3229: totes, cartons, chairs; Jean Delfin #2045: PCs, cartons, DJ equipment; Sharon Ely #1018: clothes, cartons, furniture; Nadine Maignan #1012: cribs, bags, crates; Arlene Rodriguez #1013: TV stand, desk, carton; Jamile Robbins #6030: totes, luggage, refrigerators; Gregorio A. Torrestorres #5034: cartons, totes, furniture; Kevin Pagan #7019: TV, totes, amp.

Donald Bader & Patrick Williams, Auctioneers as Agents. Storage Post reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel the auction for any reason.
December 20, 28, 2012
U302459 PRO (\$49.00)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12005097
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3711710
County: Union

Plaintiff: ONEWEST BANK, FSB VS

Defendant: MARGARET E. PETERS, ROBERT W. PETERS
Sale Date: 01/16/2013
Writ of Execution: 10/16/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey
Commonly known as: 519-523 WESTMINSTER AVE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07208 with a mailing address of 521 WESTMINSTER AVE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07208
Tax Lot No. 1803 in Block No. 11
Dimensions of Lot Approximately: 62.05X157

Nearest Cross Street: PARKER ROAD
BEGINNING IN THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE AT A POINT THEREIN DISTANT 223.15 FEET NORTHEASTERLY, MEASURED ALONG THE AFORESAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF PARKER ROAD; THENCE

"THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION."
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
WATER OPEN-PENALTY \$267.14
4th QTR TAXES 2012 OPEN \$2,677.58
TOTAL AS OF November 5, 2012: \$2,944.72

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: \$348,243.36***
Three Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Three and 36/100

Attorney:
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
7 CENTURY DRIVE
SUITE 201
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: \$363,844.04***Three Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Four and 04/100***
Dec. 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 2013
U302347 PRO (\$168.56)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12005090
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00114212
County: Union
Plaintiff: BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS

Defendant: SAUL SANCHEZ, DOLORES SANCHEZ, HIS WIFE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, COMMISSION EXPRESS OF CENTRAL JERSEY, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, HOME SUPPLY & LUMBER CENTER INC, PAT MAT GROUP LLC D/B/A COMMISSION EXPRESS OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY, HANN FINANCIAL SERVICE CORP, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REMAX PROFESSIONALS (TENANT)
Sale Date: 01/16/2013
Writ of Execution: 11/09/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF LINDEN, County of UNION and State of New Jersey
Commonly known as: 821 NORTH WOOD AVENUE, LINDEN, NJ 07036
Tax Lot No. 2 (F/K/A 2, 10, 22 and 23) in Block No. 241
Dimensions of Lot Approximately: 100 X 150

Nearest Cross Street: Gibbons Street
BEGINNING at a point in the Southwesterly side of Wood Avenue at a point distant 198.57 feet Northwest-erly from the corner formed by the intersection of said side of North Wood Avenue with the Northwesterly side of Gibbons Street, said point being also distant 200 feet South-easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of said side of North Wood Avenue with the Southeasterly side of Gesner Street; thence run-

"THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION."
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES

Sewer:
Linden City, 301 North Wood Avenue
Linden NJ 07036, 908-474-8431
Acct 4516 0, 07/01/2012 - 12/31/2012
\$49.05 OPEN PLUS PENALTY
\$49.05 OPEN PLUS PENALTY OWED IN ARREARS

Sewer charges are based on prior Water consumption
Confirmed Assessments: None
Liens: Year 2010 Type: 3RD PARTY
SEWER AMOUNT: \$5986.37
Cert No 10 00150 Sold 06/03/2011 To US BANK CUST PRO CAPITAL LLC

Lien amount is subject to subsequent taxes + interest. Must call prior to settlement for redemption figures.
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: \$357,658.06***
Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Eight and 06/100***

Attorney:
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
7 CENTURY DRIVE
SUITE 201
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: \$364,293.75***Three Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three and 75/100***
Dec. 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 2013
U302356 PRO (\$221.48)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12005073
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F04293110
County: Union
Plaintiff: LYNX ASSET SERVICES LLC VS

Defendant: MAURICIO V. SILVA; MARIA F. SILVA, HIS WIFE; MAURICIO J. SILVA; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PAL-

PUBLIC NOTICE

ISADES COLLECTION LLC; LOUIS P. ALLORA, MD; JOSHUA S. LANDSMAN, D.D.; SOVEREIGN BANK; SHORE UROLOGY; HOSPITAL CENTER AT ORANGE; UNION COUNTY ANESTHESIOLOGY; GEORGE JORGES FEIN FURNITURE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Sale Date: 01/16/2013

Writ of Execution: 11/02/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

PREMISES ARE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 151 BROADWAY, ELIZABETH, NJ 07206

LOT NO.: 29.A W02

BLOCK NO.: 2

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 25X100

NEAREST CROSS STREET: SECOND 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: \$571,117.79*** Five Hundred Seventy-One Thousand One Hundred Seventeen and 79/100***

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: \$583,891.30***Five Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-One and 30/100***

Dec. 20, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 2013

U302451 PRO (\$139.16)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF RAHWAY
PUBLIC NOTICE
BOND ORDINANCE
STATEMENTS AND SUMMARY
0-35-12

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on December 10, 2012 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$67,393.20*** Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three and 20/100***

Attorney:

MILSTEAD & ASSOCIATES, LLC

220 LAKE DRIVE EAST, SUITE 301

CHERY HILL NJ 08002

(856)482-1400

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$70,864.16***Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Four and 16/100***

Dec. 13, 21, 28, 2012, Jan. 3, 2013

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12004933

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F00051212

County: Union

Plaintiff: LNV CORPORATION

VS

Defendant: FRANK PAPA; GRANT

SUPPLY COMPANY INCORPORATED;

STATE OF NEW JERSEY; HARCO

NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Sale Date: 01/09/2013

Writ of Execution: 09/28/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 115 Locust Street, Roselle, NJ 07203

TAX LOT # 27, BLOCK # 3802

NEAREST CROSS STREET: First Avenue

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 32 x 120

A FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY.

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.

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 only be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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: \$67,393.20*** Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three and 20/100***

Attorney:

MILSTEAD & ASSOCIATES, LLC

220 LAKE DRIVE EAST, SUITE 301

CHERY HILL NJ 08002

(856)482-1400

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$70,864.16***Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Four and 16/100***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Union, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on December 10, 2012. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the City Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request same.

ORDINANCE - CITY OF
RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY
0-32-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FROM ST. GEORGES CENTER ASSOCIATES, LLC OVER A PORTION OF LANDS LOCATED AT 998-1110 ST. GEORGES AVENUE, ALSO KNOWN AS A PORTION OF LOTS 1 & 2 IN BLOCK 140 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING SAME

Jeffrey J. Jotz, RMC
City Clerk

U302367 PRO Dec. 20, 2012 (\$17.64)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12005101

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F04004110

County: Union

Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

VS

Defendant: MAR A. BARLAAN, MERLY BARETE BARLAAN

Sale Date: 01/16/2013

Writ of Execution: 07/26/2012

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 1009 MADISON AVE ELIZABETH, NJ 07201. Tax Lot No. 834 in Block No. 12. Dimensions of Lot Approximately: 33 X 150.

Nearest Cross Street: ALINA STREET Beginning at a point in the southeasterly line of Madison Avenue, said point being distant 91.10 feet northeasterly from the intersection formed by the southeasterly line of Madison Avenue and the northeasterly line of Alina Street, running thence

"THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION." PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES WATER OPEN + PENALTY \$887.41 TOTAL AS OF October 20, 2012: \$887.41

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: \$617,123.78*** Six Hundred Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Three and 78/100***

Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC 7 CENTURY DRIVE SUITE 201 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: \$841,826.86***Eight Hundred Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Six and 86/100*** Dec. 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 2013 U302355 PRO (\$160.72)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY PUBLIC NOTICE BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARY 0-34-12

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on December 10, 2012 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STORM SEWER ON DONALD AVENUE, BY AND IN THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. APPROPRIATING \$140,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$133,300 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s): Improvement of Storm Sewer on Donald Avenue

Appropriation: \$140,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$133,300

Grants Appropriated: None

Section 20 Costs: \$28,000

Useful Life: 20 years

Jeffrey J. Jotz, RMC City Clerk U302369 PRO Dec. 20, 2012 (\$28.42)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12005070 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F00814212 County: Union Plaintiff: PNH MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS Defendant: FLORIN V. DOBRE, MRS. FLORIN V. DOBRE, HIS WIFE Sale Date: 01/16/2013 Writ of Execution: 10/15/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the BOROUGH of ROSELLE, County of UNION, State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 526 SHERIDAN AVENUE, ROSELLE, NJ 07203-1570

BEING KNOWN as LOT 16, BLOCK 903 on the official Tax Map of the BOROUGH OF ROSELLE

Dimensions: 100X40X100X40 Nearest Cross Street: SIXTH AVENUE The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by 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 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 only be entitled to 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.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$261,364.39*** Two Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four and 39/100***

Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD 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: \$273,382.45***Two Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Two and 45/100*** Dec. 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 2013 U302345 PRO (\$178.36)

LINDEN

Public Notice

SHADE TREE COMMISSION 301 NORTH WOOD AVENUE LINDEN, NJ 07036

THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE LINDEN SHADE TREE COMMISSION WILL BE HELD IN THE PLANNING BOARD ROOM, 3RD FLOOR OF CITY HALL, LINDEN, NEW JERSEY. ALL MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, CONVENING AT 7:00 PM, OR SOON THEREAFTER AS THE COMMISSION ASSEMBLES.

7:00 PM

Thursday, January 3, 2013
Thursday, February 7, 2013
Thursday, March 7, 2013
Thursday, April 4, 2013
Thursday, May 2, 2013
Thursday, June 6, 2013
NO MEETING IN JULY
Thursday, August 1, 2013
Thursday, September 5, 2013
Thursday, October 3, 2013
Thursday, November 7, 2013
Thursday, December 5, 2013
U302373 PRO Dec. 20, 2012 (\$16.66)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12004923 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F00402412 County: Union Plaintiff: FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS Defendant: FELICITA MARTINEZ Sale Date: 01/09/2013 Writ of Execution: 10/04/2012

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

Property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION, State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 36-38 SOUTH 5TH STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ 07208-1116

BEING KNOWN as LOT 1180, BLOCK 5 on the official Tax Map of the CITY OF ELIZABETH

Dimensions: 52.00ft x 100.00ft x 52.00ft x 100.00ft Nearest Cross Street: Second Avenue The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by 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 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 only be entitled to 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.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$463,684.64*** Four Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Four and 64/100***

Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD 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: \$475,408.89***Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eight and 89/100*** Dec. 13, 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 2013 U301959 PRO (\$178.36)

RAHWAY

RESOLUTION CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY

The following Resolution was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council on December 10, 2012:

AR-264-12
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE FOR TAX COLLECTION SERVICES

Jeffrey J. Jotz, RMC City Clerk U302396 PRO Dec. 20, 2012 (\$9.31)

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12005078 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F01129612 County: Union Plaintiff: POLICE AND FIREMEN'S SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY ITS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY VS Defendant: HECTOR MUNOZ, ROBIN MUNOZ, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Sale Date: 01/16/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

Writ of Execution: 11/13/2012 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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

MUNICIPALITY: Roselle County: UNION STATE OF N.J. STREET & STREET NO: 139 West 4th (Fourth) Avenue TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 4001 LOT: 5 DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 170.00' x 100.00'

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Beginning at a point in the southerly line of Fourth Avenue, distant 250.00' easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the said southerly line of West Fourth Avenue with the easterly line of Locust Street and running thence 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: \$264,372.34*** Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two and 34/100***

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: \$270,353.47***Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Three and 47/100*** Dec. 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 2013 U302362 PRO (\$162.68)

LINDEN

Board of Adjustment

RESOLUTION FIXING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, that the Regular Meetings of the Linden Board of Adjustment will be held in the Planning Room, on the third floor of City Hall, Linden, New Jersey. All meetings shall be held on the second Monday of each month, (*) with the exception of October and November, convening at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the Board assembles.

Monday, January 14, 2013
Monday, February 11, 2013
Monday, March 11, 2013
Monday, April 08, 2013
Monday, May 13, 2013
Monday, June 10, 2013
Monday, July 08, 2013
Monday, August 12, 2013
Monday, September 09, 2013
Monday, October 21, 2013 (*)
Monday, November 18, 2013 (*)
Monday, December 09, 2013

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

Be it further resolved, that the procedure at all meetings for the year 2013 shall be governed by Robert's Rule of the Order and are subject to the Open Meeting Act and conducted accordingly. U302376 PRO Dec. 20, 2012 (\$22.05)

LINDEN

Linden Economic Development Corp.

Subject: Linden Economic Development Corp. 2013 Meeting Dates

All LEDC monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the Month at 8:00 am in the City of Linden Council Caucus room, located on 2nd floor rear of City Hall. Only exception is the month of January 2013 where New Years Day

PUBLIC NOTICE

Holiday falls on the first Tuesday. January 2013 monthly meeting is re-scheduled to the following Tuesday.

The following are the 2013 meeting dates schedule:

January 8th
February 5th
March 5th
April 2nd
May 6th
June 4th
July No Scheduled meeting
August No Scheduled meeting
September 3rd
October 1st
November 5th
December 3rd

Ron Stefanowicz CSP, CDP Executive Director U302374 PRO Dec. 20, 2012 (\$19.11)

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12005079 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F01037411 County: Union Plaintiff: NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY VS

Defendant: BENJAMIN T. HARLEY, MRS. HARLEY, WIFE OF BENJAMIN T. HARLEY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Sale Date: 01/16/2013 Writ of Execution: 11/16/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

MUNICIPALITY: Roselle Borough County: UNION STATE OF N.J. STREET & STREET NO: 932 Chestnut Street TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 4303 LOT: 9 DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100' x 50' NEAREST CROSS STREET: 50' from Tenth 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: \$272,762.46*** Two Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two and 46/100***

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: \$277,762.16***Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two and 16/100*** Dec. 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 2013 U302360 PRO (\$145.04)

LINDEN

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND PRESCRIBING THE RULES GOVERNING THE PROCEDURE AT ALL MEETINGS FOR 2013

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LINDEN

That the Regular Meetings of the City of Linden Planning Board will be held in the Planning Room, City Hall, Linden, New Jersey. All meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, convening at the prevailing time listed below, or as soon thereafter as the Board assembles.

7:00 P.M.

January 8, 2013
February 12, 2013
March 12, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

April 9, 2013
 May 14, 2013
 June 11, 2013
 July 9, 2013
 August 13, 2013
 September 10, 2013
 October 8, 2013
 November 12, 2013
 December 10, 2013

Be it further resolved, that the procedure at all meetings for the year 2012 shall be governed by the Robert's Rule of the Order and the Open Public Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

U302375 PRO Dec. 20, 2012 (\$21.07)

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12004930
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F05749310
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: ONE WEST BANK, FSB
 VS

Defendant: ILCA DASILVA, LUIS
 FRANCO AND SOVEREIGN BANK
 Sale Date: 01/09/2013
 Writ of Execution: 09/28/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Roselle.

In the County of Union and the State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 730 East 2nd Avenue

Block 302 Lot 3

Dimensions of Lot (approximately): 100' x 50'

Nearest Cross Street: Hawthorne Avenue

Subject to: \$0.00

"THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION."

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$311,627.17***
 Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Seven and 17/100***

Attorney: MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, PC
 216 HADDON AVE
 SUITE 303
 WESTMONT NJ 08108
 (856)858-7080

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$320,207.28***Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Seven and 28/100***

Dec. 13, 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 2013
 U301961 PRO (\$143.08)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12005104
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F2346110
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
 VS

Defendant: DARWIN HENRIQUEZ,
 BEURIS HENRIQUEZ
 Sale Date: 01/16/2013
 Writ of Execution: 11/26/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth
 COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.
 STREET & STREET NO: 213 Amity Street

TAX BLOCK AND LOT:
 BLOCK: 9 LOT: 2

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 27.01' x 84.58'

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Second Avenue

SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE

The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further

PUBLIC NOTICE

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: \$397,247.44***
 Three Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Seven and 44/100***

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: \$398,863.79***Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three and 79/100***

Dec. 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 2013
 U302365 PRO (\$139.16)

LINDEN

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN BOARD OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL FOR THE YEAR 2013

THAT, the Regular Meetings of the City of Linden Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control will be held in the Council Office, City Hall, Linden, New Jersey. All meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise designated at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Board Assembles.

REGULAR MEETINGS

- JANUARY 9, 2013
- FEBRUARY 13, 2013
- MARCH 13, 2013
- APRIL 10, 2013
- MAY 15, 2013
- JUNE 12, 2013 License Renewals
- JULY 10, 2013
- AUGUST 14, 2013
- SEPTEMBER 11, 2013
- OCTOBER 9, 2013
- NOVEMBER 13, 2013
- DECEMBER 11, 2013

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the procedure of all meetings for the year 2013 shall be governed by the Robert's Rules of Order, and the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$311,627.17***
 Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Seven and 17/100***

Attorney: MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, PC
 216 HADDON AVE
 SUITE 303
 WESTMONT NJ 08108
 (856)858-7080

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$320,207.28***Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Seven and 28/100***

Dec. 13, 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 2013
 U301961 PRO (\$143.08)

LINDEN

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND PRESCRIBING THE RULES GOVERNING THE PROCEDURE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR 2013.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF LINDEN:

THAT, the Regular Meetings of the Board of Health will be held in the Board of Health Office, 605 South Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey. All meetings shall be held on the dates

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BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
 BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
 2013 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

This Notice is being sent, for notification purposes, as per the Open Public Meetings Act Requirements, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-18. Unless otherwise advertised, all meetings shall be held at the Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ at 8:00 P.M., first and third Tuesday of the month.

	WORK SESSION	REGULAR MEETING
January	*15	22
February	5	19
March	5	19
April	*9	16
May	7	21
June	4	18
July	2	16
August	6	20
September	3	17
October	1	15
November	5	19
December	3	17

Reorganization Meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2014 7:00 P.M.

*Note: date change
 Martha Lopez, RMC, Borough Clerk
 U302401 OBS December 20, 2012 (\$29.40)

PUBLIC NOTICE

listed below and convened at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Board of Health assembles:

- January 15, 2013
 (Organization & Regular Meeting)
- February 19, 2013
- March 19, 2013
- April 16, 2013
- May 21, 2013
- June 18, 2013
- September 17, 2013
- October 15, 2013
- December 10, 2013

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the procedure of all meetings for the year 2013 shall be governed by the Robert's Rules of Order and the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

U302397 PRO Dec. 20, 2012 (\$19.60)

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12004928
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F00204911
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: MAGYAR BANK, A BANKING ENTITY ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 VS

Defendant: GCA PROPERTIES, LLC, A NEW JERSEY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Sale Date: 01/09/2013
 Writ of Execution: 10/23/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Roselle

In the County of Union and the State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 111-15-17 West 2nd Avenue

Tax Lot #: 12 in Block #: 3901

Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 29 ft. x 109.9 ft. (approx. 3,161 sq. ft.)

Nearest Cross Street: Chestnut Street

THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$4,283,882.01***
 Four Million Two Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two and 01/100***

Attorney: SCHILLER & PITTINGER, P.C. - ATTORNEYS
 1771 FRONT STREET
 SUITE D

SCOTXH PLAINS NJ 07076
 (908)490-0444

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$4,340,535.59***Four Million Three Hundred Forty Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five and 59/100***

Dec. 13, 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 2013
 U301963 PRO (\$121.52)

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12005075
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F929911
 County: Union

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Plaintiff: FIRST EQUITY ASSETS II LLC
 VS
 Defendant: ANTHONY STEVENS AND SHANDORA STEVENS, H/W
 Sale Date: 01/16/2013
 Writ of Execution: 10/16/2012

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
 PREMISES ARE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 320 DRAKE AVENUE, ROSELLE, NJ 07203

LOT NO.: 805 BLOCK NO.: 10
 DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 37.5 X 100
 NEAREST CROSS STREET: EAST THIRD 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:
 3RD & 4TH QTR 2012 TAXES THROUGH 12/1/12 - \$4,432.26

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$304,892.74***
 Three Hundred Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Two and 74/100***

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: \$313,024.35***Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Twenty-Four and 35/100***

Dec. 20, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 2013
 U302433 PRO (\$121.52)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
 ASSESSMENT LIST IS READY**

Springfield Tax Assessor, Edward Neil Galante has announced that the assessment list for the 2013 tax year will be available for inspection by any taxpayer on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at the Assessor's Office, 100 Mountain Avenue between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Edward Neil Galante
 Tax Assessor
 U302407 OBS Dec. 20, 2012 (\$8.82)

SPRINGFIELD

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD,
 NEW JERSEY**

PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE THAT ON THE 2 DAY OF JANUARY AT 7:30 P.M. A HEAR-

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ING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE SPRINGFIELD PLANNING BOARD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 100 MOUNTAIN AVE, SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY, ON APPLICATION # 1-2013-S REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF DISCOVERY CHILDCARE FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND VARIANCE OR VARIANCES FOR AND ANY OTHER VARIANCES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY AS EVIDENCED BY THE PLANS NOW ON FILE OR AS MAY BE MODIFIED AT THE REQUEST OF THE PLANNING BOARD SO AS TO PERMIT A STATE LICENSED CHILDCARE CENTER. THIS APPLICATION IS MADE FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 16, 18, AND 20 CENTER ST. SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY, KNOWN AS BLOCK 706 LOT 15 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD TAX MAP, WHEN THE CALENDER IS CALLED, YOU MAY APPEAR EITHER IN PERSON OR BY AGENT OR ATTORNEY, AND PRESENT ANY OBJECTIONS WHICH YOU MAY HAVE TO THE GRANTING OF THIS APPLICATION. ALL PAPERS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION MAY BE SEEN IN THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP LOCATED IN THE ANNEX BUILDING, 20 NORTH TRIVETT AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY.
 U302491 OBS Dec. 20, 2012 (\$23.03)

SPRINGFIELD

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
 TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
 MEETING DATES FOR 2013**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield for the year 2013 will be held the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

Executive Sessions will start at 7:00 P.M. and the Regular monthly meetings start at 7:30 P.M. prevailing time.

The following are the dates for the Board of Adjustment meetings for the year 2013:

- Tuesday, January 15, 2013 (Re-organization & Regular Mtg.)
- Tuesday, February 19, 2013
- Tuesday, March 19, 2013
- Tuesday, April 16, 2013
- Tuesday, May 21, 2013
- Tuesday, June 18, 2013
- Tuesday, July 16, 2013
- Tuesday, August 20, 2013
- Tuesday, September 17, 2013
- Tuesday, October 15, 2013
- Tuesday, November 19, 2013
- Tuesday, December 17, 2013

All Special Meetings of the Board of Adjustment will be advertised separately.

Robert C. Kirkpatrick
 Board of Adjustment Secretary
 U302402 OBS Dec. 20, 2012 (\$22.05)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ANNUAL NOTICE OF THE 2013 REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Summit that the 2013 Regular Meetings of the Board shall be held in the Summit City Hall Building in Summit, NJ on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The meetings shall be held in the Janet Whitman Room located at 512 Springfield Ave. on the 2nd Floor, on the following dates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Regular Meeting shall be held in the locations designated in the following schedule:

JANUARY 23	SUMMIT CITY HALL - JANET WHITMAN ROOM
FEBRUARY 27	512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ
MARCH 27	SUMMIT CITY HALL - JANET WHITMAN ROOM
APRIL 24	512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ
MAY 22	SUMMIT CITY HALL - JANET WHITMAN ROOM
JUNE 26	512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ
JULY 24*	SUMMIT CITY HALL - JANET WHITMAN ROOM
AUGUST	512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ
SEPTEMBER 25	COMMUNITY ROOM-VITO A. GALLO BUILDING
OCTOBER 23	12 CHESTNUT AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ
NOVEMBER 27	NO MEETING
DECEMBER 11	SUMMIT CITY HALL - JANET WHITMAN ROOM
	512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ
	U302460 OBS December 20, 2012 (\$37.24)

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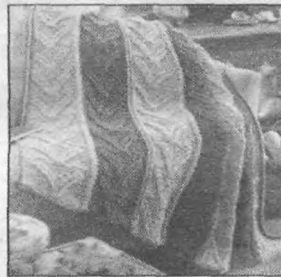
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The Cranford girls' basketball team is sparked by stellar senior returning starters, from left, Jess McCoy (No. 20), Jenna Goeller (No. 4) and Kaitlin McGovern (No. 24).

Cranford girls' basketball opens with solid road win

Standout McCoy nets game-winning basket

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — Cranford standout senior Jess McCoy didn't make her first field goal until there was just 3:50 to go in the third quarter. Her seventh shot from the floor gave the visiting Cougars their fourth lead.

Cranford, as a team, missed its first nine shots of the fourth quarter.

However, after player-of-the-game Mallory George of host Governor Livingston gave the Highlanders their third and final lead by hitting a shot in the lane, McCoy was there again for the Cougars, coming through in the clutch.

Despite not filling up the hoop as much as she normally does earlier in the game, McCoy hit a jumper from the left side with just over a minute left — which were the only points Cranford scored in the fourth quarter, giving the Cougars their seventh lead and the advantage for good — and then came up with a steal shortly afterwards.

Cranford then held on in the final minute, surviving an almost-steal at halfcourt by GL sophomore Sara Dilly with less than 20 seconds left, to post a thrilling, come-from-behind 37-36 Union County Conference-Watchung Division triumph over the Highlanders.

Last Friday afternoon's season-opening game between last year's top two teams in Union County took place at GL's Red Gym. It was also the first Watchung Division game for both teams, each moving up after GL won the Mountain Division last year en route to a school-best 26-2 finish and Cranford finished second.

McCoy, in not one of her strongest games, still managed to finish with 13 points, eight rebounds and four steals. Although she did not make a field goal in the first half, including missing a lefty layup after a steal, she got Cranford through a tough division opponent by producing as her team's go-to player.

"We're always a second half team," said McCoy, who scored 10 of her 13 points in the second half.

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ROSELLE CATHOLIC 2012-2013 BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

BOYS'

Roselle Catholic took a 2-0 record into Monday night's home-opener vs. Newark Vo-Tech.

In last Friday night's 73-65 Union County Conference-Watchung Division victory over The Patrick School of Elizabeth at Kean's Harwood Arena in Union, first-year player Malachi Richardson — a 6-6 sophomore — paced the Lions with a 22-point effort.

Second-year player Tyler Roberson, a Union transfer who will continue on scholarship at Syracuse, paced Roselle Catholic with 22 points in last Sunday's 71-58 win over Pope John in the 14th annual Tip-Off Hoop Group Showcase at West Orange.

Roberson, RC's Showcase MVP, also scored 13 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in the division win over The Patrick School.

Dec. 14: Roselle Catholic 73, The Patrick School 65 - at Kean (road)

Dec. 16: Roselle Catholic 71, Pope John 58 - at West Orange

Dec. 17 Newark Vo-Tech

Dec. 20 Plainfield, 7 p.m.

Dec. 27 LaSalle, 7:30 p.m. - at Widener University

Dec. 29 Truman, 1 p.m. - at Philadelphia University

Jan. 3 Monteverde, Fla., 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 5 Seton Hall Prep, 7 p.m. - at Kean University

Jan. 8 Union, 7 p.m.

Jan. 12 Elizabeth, 7:15 p.m. - at Kean University (road)

Jan. 16 The Patrick School, 7 p.m.

Jan. 17 at Linden, 7 p.m.

Jan. 20 Walnut Hills, 4:45 p.m. - Ohio

Jan. 22 at Plainfield, 7 p.m.

Jan. 24 Elizabeth, 4 p.m.

Jan. 29 at Union, 4 p.m.

Feb. 1 Gill St. Bernard's, 5:15 p.m. - at Prudential Center

Feb. 5 Linden, 7 p.m.

Feb. 7 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.

Feb. 8 at Westfield, 7 p.m.

Feb. 10 Bishop Kearney, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS'

Junior forward Tori Pozsonyi and senior Renee Oliver scored 13 points each to lead Roselle Catholic to a season-opening 61-50 Union County Conference-Watchung Division victory last Friday over visiting Linden.

Junior guard Katie Tobie scored eight of her 10 points in the second quarter, including a 3-pointer. Pozsonyi sank six points in the second.

Sophomore Allieyah Cabbage, in her first varsity start, scored six points in the first quarter, which is what she finished with. Cabbage produced a steal and a layup at the first-quarter buzzer to give the Lions an eight-point lead.

Oliver, who last year transferred from Scotch Plains, also grabbed 10 rebounds to post a double-double.

Linden's high scorers were Deshay Jenkins with 13, Jada Lewis with nine, Keajah Hall with eight and Maya Hall with six.

Dec. 14: Roselle Catholic 61, Linden 40 - at Roselle Catholic

Dec. 18 Union - at Roselle Catholic

Dec. 20 at Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.

Jan. 3 St. Rose, 6 p.m.

Jan. 4 Cranford, 7 p.m.

Jan. 6 Paramus Catholic, 7 p.m. - at Kean University

Jan. 8 at Governor Livingston, 4 p.m.

Jan. 10 at Summit, 7 p.m.

Jan. 11 Plainfield, 7 p.m.

Jan. 15 New Providence, 7 p.m.

Jan. 17 at Linden, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 18 at Union, 4 p.m.

Jan. 21 North Bergen, 6 p.m.

Jan. 22 Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.

Jan. 24 at Cranford, 4 p.m.

Jan. 28 Governor Livingston, 7 p.m.

Feb. 5 at Plainfield, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 7 at Roselle, 4 p.m.

Feb. 10 Middle Township, noon - at Mainland

Feb. 21 Summit, 7 p.m.

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Cougars come back to beat GL in season-opening action

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"Jess really got into a rhythm in the second half," Cranford sixth-year head coach Jackie Dyer said.

Cranford overcame a 14-8 deficit after the first quarter to get the game to a score of 20-20 at intermission. The Cougars then outscored GL 15-11 in the third quarter, taking a lead by as much as six points at 32-26 when McCoy and junior Kerry Wischusen connected on back-to-back 3-pointers.

"We didn't start out so well, but we stayed calm and kept our composure," said McCoy, who gave a verbal commitment to play at Division 3 Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where she will study biology. "In the second half I was more relaxed."

George, a returning starter like McCoy, scored in every quarter for the Highlanders. In addition to her game-high 20 points, she also grabbed nine rebounds, three of them on offense.

In the first half, she was fouled three times going to the basket and made all five of her free throw attempts. She was a force inside for the Highlanders and had to pick up the slack with fellow senior starters Erin Ferguson and Alyssa Cranston out with injuries.

"That's what we expect from Mallory," GL sixth-year head coach Andy Silvagni said. "She's a tough kid, who has played four years and we expect that from her every night."

Cranford was minus returning starter Mairead McKeary, the junior also out with an injury.

Pacing Cranford in scoring was returning senior point guard Jenna Goeller, who netted 14 points, including three 3-pointers. Her only free throw gave Cranford its second lead at 8-7, her third 3-pointer tied the game at 20-20 with 1:50 to go in the second quarter and her only points of the second half - a layup in the third quarter - gave the Cougars their third lead at 24-22.

"When we got the game to 20-20, we knew we had to stop George in the second half because she had 12 points at halftime," said Goeller, who also had 12 points at intermission for her team.

George's final two of three baskets in the third quarter produced the game's fifth and sixth ties, which were the final two times the hotly-contested clash was deadlocked.

"Mallory's a great player, so we had to pull together as a team and help a bit more on defense," Goeller said.

Cranford's other returning senior starter, Kaitlin McGovern, finished with five points and six rebounds. Her final point, on a free throw early in the third quarter, tied the game for the fourth time at 22-22.

McGovern was proud to say that she just found out last Thursday that she was accepted to Brown and that she will attend the Ivy League school. McGovern said that she also seriously considered Ivy League school Cornell, private Big Ten school Northwestern and also Lehigh.

"I just found out I got in, so I was a little reeling from that," McGovern said. "They have a really good engineering program and I want to be an engineer. I also like Providence (Rhode Island, where the school is located)."

"I can't be prouder of her and Jess," Dyer said. "We have a saying, 'academics come first.' They work hard both in the classroom and on the court."

McGovern was one of Cranford's unsung players a year ago, her performance on defense a big reason why the Cougars were able to post a final record of 24-5.

Because of the rivalry Cranford has with GL, she knew it was going to be another battle until the end.

"We were kind of nervous because this was our last first game together," McGovern said, speaking of herself, McCoy and Goeller. "We came out a little shaky, but we picked it up and so did they (GL). It came down to the wire on the first day, but I'm happy because we won."

Dyer will take the victory, but realized that it was not a performance to brag about. Not many teams escape an opposing gym with a victory after scoring only two points in the fourth quarter.

"I didn't even realize that we scored just one basket in the fourth quarter," Dyer said. "I thought it was an all-around sloppy game by both teams."

When it looked like Cranford might begin to build separation after the consecutive McCoy and Wischusen third-quarter 3-pointers, GL came right back and wouldn't allow it.

"When you play against teams like Governor Livingston you can't get comfortable with a six-point lead," Dyer said. "They're not going to ever give up."

GL had the ball with 56.9 seconds left and down only one point. The Highlanders, after four passes, missed one shot, with a scramble on the floor resulting in a jump ball in Cranford's favor.

Following a timeout, the Cougars then passed the ball around before Dilly almost stole it away. McCoy recovered the loose ball and Cranford then managed a few more passes before McCoy was fouled with two seconds left. After Cranford passed the ball in, McCoy dribbled away the final two seconds.

"I thought our girls played tough and played basketball the way we expected them to play," Silvagni said. "We're happy. The ball just didn't bounce our way. There's a long season to go and a lot to improve on."

GL and Cranford split Mountain Division games last year and then GL beat Cranford in the Union County Tournament championship game for its first county title.

"That's one of our goals, to win the county this year," McCoy said. Cranford won the UCT once, in 2006.

UCC-WATCHUNG DIVISION

GIRLS' BASKETBALL AT GL'S RED GYM

CRANFORD (1-0, 1-0)	8	12	15	2-37
GL (0-1, 0-1)	14	6	11	5-36

CRANFORD COUGARS (37):

20-Jess McCoy, senior, 2-2-3-13
 32-Kerry Wischusen, junior, 1-1-0-5
 4-Jenna Goeller, senior, 2-3-1-14
 24-Kaitlin McGovern, senior, 1-0-3-5
 15-Carly Maucione, junior, 0-0-0-0
 11-Sarah Ross, freshman, 0-0-0-0

Starters: McCoy, Wischusen, Goeller, McGovern, Maucione

Totals: 6-6-7-37

GOV. LIVINGSTON HIGHLANDERS (36):

15-Mallory George, senior, 7-0-6-20
 23-Patrice DiTommaso, junior, 0-2-0-6
 5-Marielle Jankowski, senior, 0-0-2-2
 13-Haley Berliner, sophomore, 2-1-1-8
 21-Sara Dilly, sophomore, 0-0-0-0

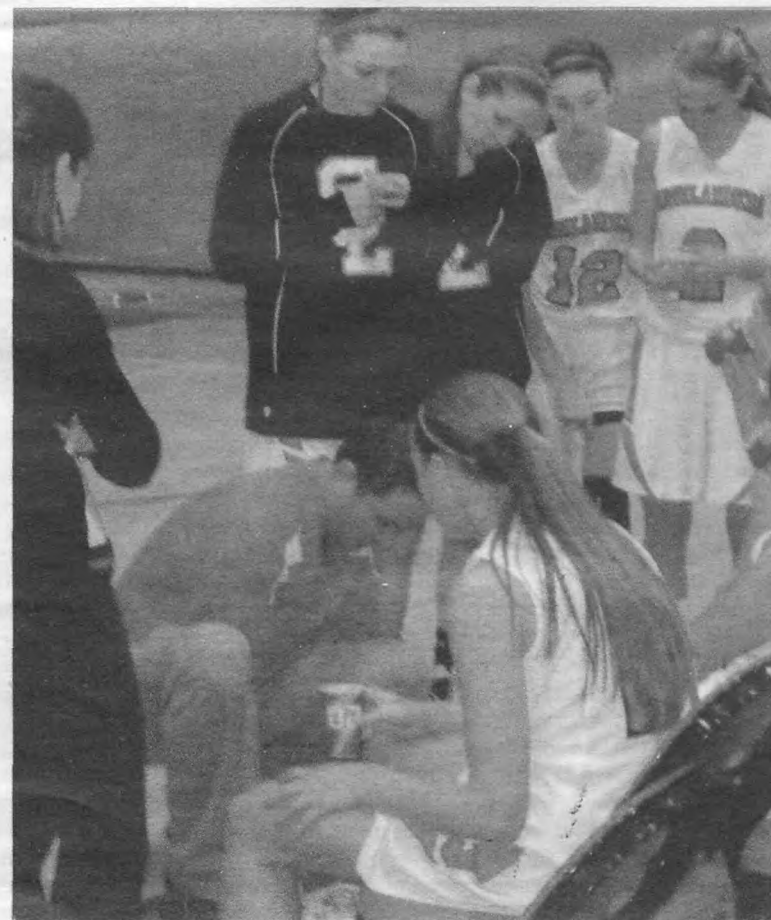
Starters: George, Jankowski, DiTommaso, Berliner, Dilly

Totals: 9-3-9-36



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Above, Cranford head coach Jackie Dyer, middle, instructs her Cougars during a timeout. Below, GL head coach Andy Silvagni diagrams a play for his Highlanders.



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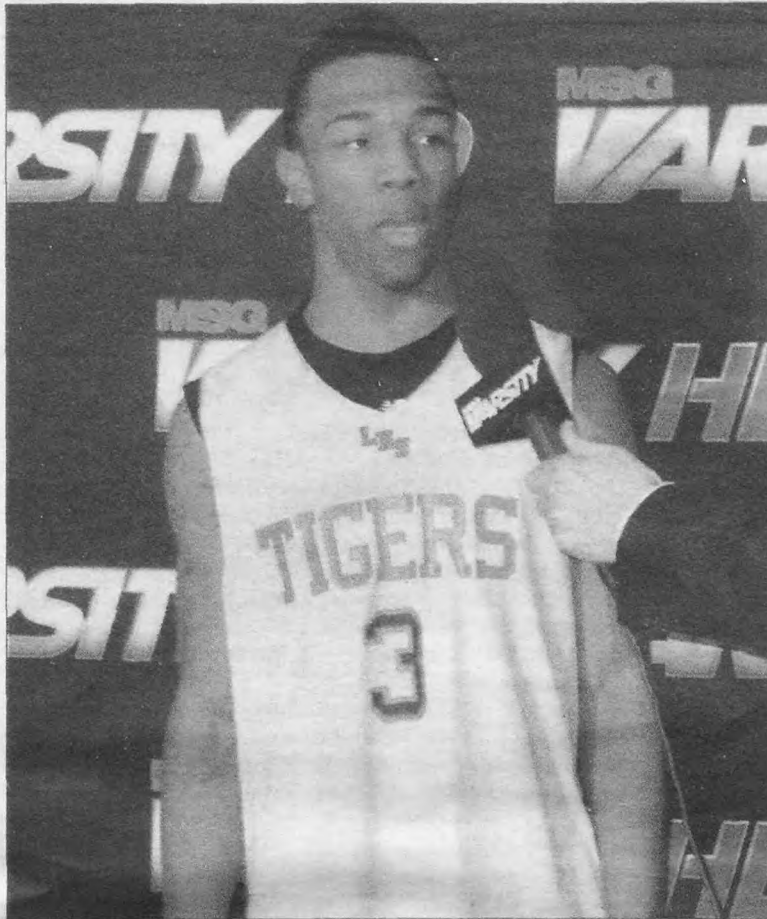


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Linden senior Cairo Brown nailed a 3-pointer at the buzzer to beat Don Bosco Prep 61-60 last Saturday in the 14th annual Tip-Off Hoop Group Showcase at West Orange. Brown was Linden's Showcase MVP.

Brown buzzer beater beats Bosco in Showcase thriller

Linden boys' begin with 2 close victories

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

WEST ORANGE — Just two games into the season Linden has proven that it has much *more* to offer than just Quadri Moore.

The Tigers may have found a second go-to player in first-year starter Cairo Brown.

The 5-10 senior guard, who transferred in last year from a New York high school, pulled up and drained a 3-pointer at the buzzer to lift Linden past Don Bosco Prep 61-60 last Saturday afternoon in a thrilling 14th annual Tip-Off Hoop Group Showcase clash of two of the state's top-ranked teams.

With Linden 6-9 junior center Quadri Moore in and out of the lineup in the second half due to foul trouble, Brown stepped up by scoring 11 of his 13 points in the final two quarters. His game-winning shot gave Linden its fifth and final lead and provided the Tigers with their only fourth-quarter advantage.

Brown scored 20 points, including the basket that sent the game to overtime, in Friday afternoon's season-opening 75-63 come-from-behind Union County Conference-Watchung Division home victory over defending Group 4 finalist Elizabeth.

Not a bad start to the season for Linden's No. 3.

In a one-and-one situation at the line, Don Bosco Prep junior Paul Jorgenson - who finished with 12 points - made the first free throw to give the Ironmen (1-1) a 60-58 lead. He then missed the second, with a mad scramble for the rebound ensuing. The jump ball call resulted in Linden (2-0) gaining possession with 5.8 seconds left.

Brown, who was his team's MVP at the Showcase, came down with the ball, dribbled right to the outside of the 3-point line and from the top of the key drained his only field goal of the fourth quarter.

"I was hoping to get some contact to get to the line," said Brown, who has proven to be a player teams must guard closer in the final moments. "When I made the shot I, honestly, still didn't know what was going on."

Moore, who led Linden with 12 points at the half, scored his final basket inside to pull the Tigers to within 59-56. Fellow Linden junior Juwan Jones followed with an inside basket of his own to make it 59-58.

Jones was also a key contributor for the Tigers in the second half, scoring all 11 of his points in the final 16 minutes.

"With Quadri in foul trouble, we had to make some adjustments," Brown said. "We did and we were able to grind it out."

Don Bosco Prep, behind five points from Jorgenson, jumped out to an 8-2 lead. Linden battled back to take a 26-20 advantage in the second quarter before baskets by Jorgenson and junior Jack Ely, who contributed 11 points, made it a 26-24 game at intermission.

The Ironmen hung in there in the first half despite not receiving any scoring at all from starting 6-6 junior center Tom Sweeney, who had to sit with foul trouble of his own. As a result, Linden got the ball inside, but missed several layups. The Tigers also turned the ball over too much prompting head coach Phil Colicchio to ask his team when it was going to start playing Linden basketball.

Sweeney's first basket of the second half pulled Don Bosco Prep to within one at 30-29 and his first free throw gave the Ironmen their third lead at 33-32. Sweeney, chosen his team's Showcase MVP, scored 10 points in the third quarter and six in the fourth to match Moore with a game-high 16 points.

Brown's first 3-pointer - which were the final points of the third quarter - pulled Linden to within 46-45.

After Moore - when Linden was down 59-58 - missed a 3-pointer with 1:15 to go, Ely came down with the rebound. Don Bosco Prep got the ball to half court with 59.3 seconds to go and called a timeout.

However, after five passes, Linden sophomore Juwan Dolbrice came up with a steal with 50 seconds to go. The Tigers came down and missed three shots but were still able to retain possession and called a timeout with 22 seconds left.

With Moore now back on the court, Brown tried to pass the ball to him when he took it out, but his pass went off Moore and was taken away by Don Bosco Prep sophomore Justin Salem.

The Ironmen got the ball to half court with 15.8 seconds to go and after two timeouts put the ball in Jorgenson's hands. Jorgenson was then fouled by Linden sophomore Joshua Carter with 10.8 seconds left, but was only able to make one of two free throws.

Linden could easily have started 1-1 or even 0-2. Lifted by the clutch shooting late in games by Brown, the Tigers walked off two courts in two days victorious both times.

NOTES: Linden's next game was set to be played at Watchung Division rival Union (1-0) Tuesday.

14TH TIP-OFF HOOP GROUP SHOWCASE				
DON BOSCO PREP (1-1)	3	11	22	14-60
LINDEN (2-0)	9	17	19	16-61

DON BOSCO PREP IRONMEN (60):

13-Amanie Craddock, sophomore, 0-1-0-3
 12-Jack Ely, junior, 4-0-3-11
 10-Joey Feinbery, senior, 1-2-0-8
 3-Paul Jorgenson, junior, 3-1-3-12
 20-Will McGrail, junior, 0-0-1-1
 1-Lonnie Rivera, sophomore, 1-0-1-3
 32-Justin Salem, sophomore, 0-2-0-6
 15-Tom Sweeney, junior, 7-0-2-16

Starters: Jorgenson, Ely, Sweeney, Salem, Feinbery

Totals: 16-6-10-60

LINDEN TIGERS (61):

10-Terrell Bagley, junior, 2-0-2-6
 15-Udraka Bey, senior, 0-0-0-0
 3-Cairo Brown, senior, 2-2-3-13
 4-Joshua Carter, sophomore, 3-0-1-7
 1-Juwan Dolbrice, sophomore, 3-0-2-8
 5-Juwan Jones, junior, 4-1-0-11
 23-James Julius, sophomore, 0-0-0-0
 30-Quadri Moore, junior, 6-0-4-16

Starters: Brown, Moore, Dolbrice, Bagley, Jones

Totals: 20-3-12-61

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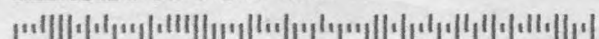
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STATE CHAMPION GRAPPLER CALAS HEADED TO NC STATE - Seton Hall Prep standout senior wrestler Brenden Calas signed a National Letter of Intent to attend North Carolina State University. Calas, a Clark resident, is one of the best wrestlers in Seton Hall Prep history. In his first three years, Calas compiled an 84-9 record, winning two Essex County, three District 10, one Region 3 and two NJSIAA Tournament titles. Pictured, from left, are SHP head wrestling coach Jack Decker, Brenden's mother Fanny, Brenden, Brenden's father Dwight and SHP Headmaster Msgr. Michael E. Kelly.

Student-athletes are honored at RC

The student in student-athlete is emphasized at Roselle Catholic.

Continuing a recent tradition, the Roselle Catholic Athletic Department recently presented sports-specific medals to all of its student-athletes - from every team at every level - who played a sport in the fall season and made the Honor Roll.

The medals are traditionally presented during the school's athletic convocations held thrice during the school year, but Superstorm Sandy forced a brief delay in the recognition of RC's student-athletes. With a slight extension of the first marking period, the Honor Roll lists weren't available until after the convocation.

Despite the delay, the Honor Roll students were quite excited to have their names announced over the PA system and called to the cafeteria to receive their medals from Roselle Catholic Principal Dr. Robert Stickles during a recent morning homeroom. Many of the students proudly wore their medal and ribbon the rest of the day.

"The students are thrilled to be recognized for their academic accomplishment," said RC Athletics' administrative assistant Laura Skrec, who helps coordinate the Convocation. "When we're able to present the medals at the convocation it's one of the highlights of the program."

For the second consecutive year, nearly 60 percent of Roselle Catholic's student-athletes from the fall season achieved Honor Roll status for the first marking period, according to Athletic Director Joe Skrec.

RC Athletics also presented an additional medal to student-athletes who reached the Principal's List, which recognizes students who've earned a grade of 90 or higher in all seven subjects studied.

Student-athletes from the fall season who made the Principal's List included cross-country runners Matthew Boscia, Daniel Shirley, Mark Anthony DeMetillo, Marsha Monel and Mary Angelique Demetillo, soccer players Megan Maenza and Joshua Sloves and volleyball player Christina Trunciale.

"I started the Principal's List (two years ago) because I wanted to recognize our elite students, the ones at the very top," Dr. Stickles said. "Now, we've started to honor those of our students who not only excel at their studies, but who simultaneously excel on the playing fields."

"It's a remarkable display of dedication and hard work that deserves to be recognized." Even as the Lions enjoyed a championship fall season - the volleyball team won the Union County Tournament and the JV volleyball team reached the championship match - success in the classroom as well as on the fields and courts is stressed at the Roselle parochial school.

In addition to Dr. Stickles, Roselle Catholic assistant principals Patrick Hagan, Martha Konczal and Maureen Murin have also encouraged the athletic department's recognition of the student-athletes at the convocations.



Photo courtesy of Johnson High School

FIELD HOCKEY COACH ANDERSON HONORED - Johnson field hockey head coach Katrina Anderson was selected by the NJSIAA Honor Awards committee to receive the NJSIAA Field Hockey Award presented by the Association. This special award represents Anderson's service in the field of interscholastic athletics and her dedication to the student-athletes that she has coached throughout her career. Pictured, from left, are Kenneth J. Knops, Clark School District Superintendent of Schools; Ed Grande, Clark School District Director of Curriculum; Anderson; Gus Kalikas, Supervisor of Athletics, Health and Physical Education and Rick Delmonaco, Principal of Arthur L. Johnson High School.

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Deadline for submissions on Monday at noon

Union hoop teams win their openers

The Union High School varsity basketball teams both opened with victories last weekend.

The girls' defeated Plainfield 66-58 on the road Friday in Union County Conference-Watchung Division play.

The boys' beat Hackettstown 49-37 at home Saturday. Union was scheduled to host 2-0 Linden Tuesday afternoon.