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Watchdog: Your barking up the wrong tree

Prosecutor's Office asks UCWA to throw them a bone; refusal leads to subpoena

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

After weeks and months of lambasting the county and the prosecutor's office for dragging their feet on an investigation into misused generators, a county watchdog has refused to help when asked, even though she claims to have all the answers.

The prosecutor's office is hoping activist and blogger Tina Renna gives them the names of the 16 to 20 county employees who she alleges took home county-owned generators during Superstorm Sandy, but Renna is not talking and shielding herself from revealing anything she knows.

In late November when Renna began writing on her Union County Watchdog blog that she had inside informa-

tion there were more than a dozen county employees who took home generators for personal use during the 12-day power outage, the prosecutor's office took notice.

At that point the Union County Freeholder Board went on the record about the matter to explain the prosecutor's office was conducting an inquiry into what took place. It was, they stressed, an inquiry, and not an investigation.

The county, while initially launching their own investigation into the matter, suspended all efforts pending completion of the prosecutor's inquiry. County Counsel Robert Barry said at the time that the county was cooperating with prosecutors but afterward the county would "take whatever administrative actions we deem necessary."

In December, when Renna reported on the UCWA blog

that the salaries of these employees totaled \$1.4 million, prosecutors began to think Renna had inside information that could aid them in their query into the "generatorgate" that she wrote about so extensively.

With county officials denying there were no more than four employees who availed themselves of county generators, at best doing so with the approval of a supervisor, the prosecutor's office sent several letters to Renna requesting she meet with them immediately to provide the names of the employees she mentioned on her blog.

When Renna failed to respond, she was slapped last week with the subpoena to appear Jan. 11 before the Union County Grand Jury to provide testimony regarding the

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Teachers, students left in the dark after last minute class cancellations by Kean Univ.

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Kean University abruptly canceled 500 classes, and then reinstated 130, leaving students and professors scrambling to figure out what to do before the term begins next week.

The class cancellations are not only an 11th-hour hitch that complicates the spring semester, but also could result in some Kean students not being able to graduate on time.

But while some speculated the move could be the result of low enrollment numbers, others maintained the massive cancellations were merely the result of poor management on the part of the university.

It all started Jan. 4 when Kean University Local 6024 Adjunct Federation of Teachers President Kathleen Henderson heard there had been "massive course cancellations," by Kean Academic Affairs Associate Vice-Chairman Katerina Andriotis.

Without consultation with the deans of each college and no advance notice to department heads or unions, such a move was alarming.

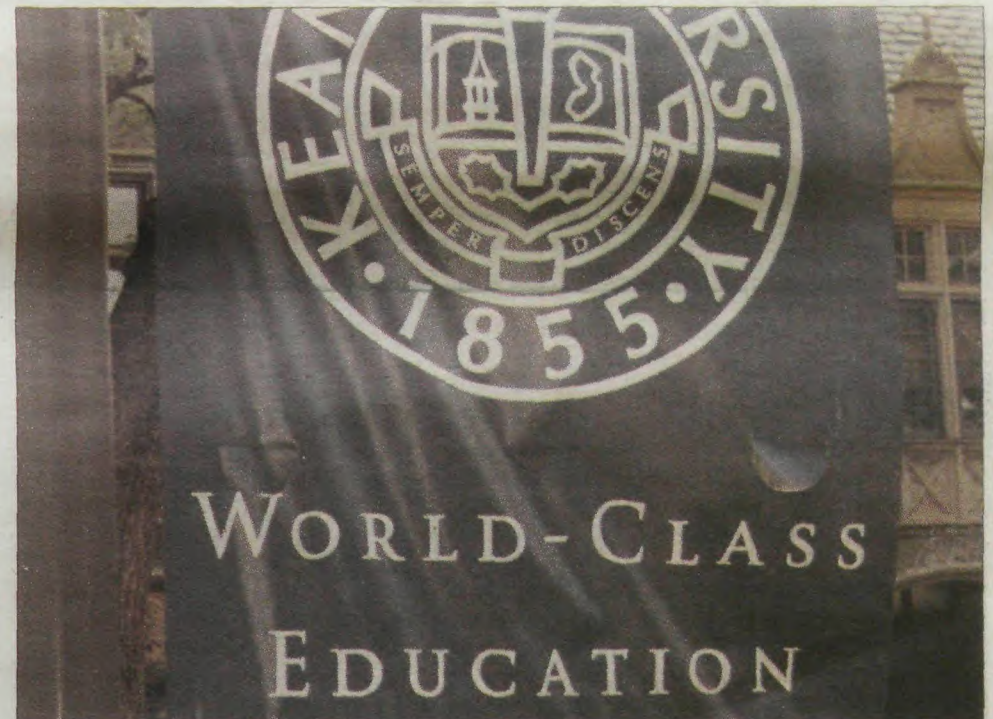
Even more confusing, said Henderson, was departmental chairs were told students could re-register for the canceled courses after Jan. 11. "The same courses they registered for the first week in November," said the perplexed AFT president in an email to Kean Executive Vice President Philip Connelly Jan. 8.

Henderson said none of the more than 1,000 adjunct professors know if they are teaching the spring semester or not.

"Many of us still have not gotten our contracts and those that did had their courses cancelled last week," Henderson told Connelly in an email.

According to the AFT president, because so many classes were canceled, only 37 adjunct professors out of the 1,128 that

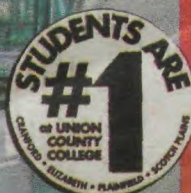
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Kean University has boasted of providing a 'world class education' but some at the University disagree with their methods, including Adjunct Federation of Teachers President Kathleen Henderson who question the move to cancel hundreds of classes just prior to the start of the spring semester.

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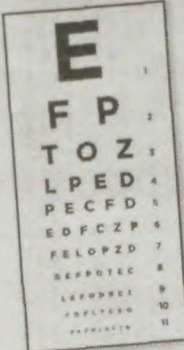
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Cyrus Fakroddin of Summit is pictured a year ago with his pet goat Cocoa and posing with a stranger on the streets of Summit. Fakroddin has been charged with first degree aggravated sexual assault against a physically helpless person, according to the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

Summit 'goat man' arrested, charged with sexual assault

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — He may have become famous in Summit for parading around the city with his pet pygmy goat, but last week Cyrus Fakroddin was in the news for an altogether different reason. The Summit resident was arrested and charged on Jan. 9 with first degree aggravated sexual assault against a physically helpless person, according to Union County first Assistant Prosecutor Albert Cernadas Jr.

According to the prosecutor's office, in the early morning hours of Nov. 17, Fakroddin was in Manhattan when he encountered a 19-year-old woman who was physically and mentally incapacitated, Cernadas said. Earlier in the evening the victim had been in a Manhattan nightclub with friends.

Cernadas said it is alleged that Fakroddin transported the woman in his van to his home in Summit where he sexually assaulted her. When the victim regained consciousness several hours later, she had no memory of meeting Summit's goat man, or traveling to his house.

She was able to subsequently contact a friend and was returned to Manhattan a short time later. Suspecting she had been sexually assaulted, the victim sought medical attention in New York and after an examination, the criminal case was transferred to Union County, Cernadas said.

Detective Michael Freeman and Sgt. Peter Frank of the Summit Police Department, along with Detective Patricia Gusmano of the prosecutors office investigated, gathered statements and secured forensic evidence relating to the case. Authorities said the case remains active and anyone with additional information should contact Gusmano at 908-527-4589.

Fakroddin was arrested and is currently being held in the Union County jail on \$250,000 bail. Over the last three years the little brown goat, part French alpine and part pygmy, and his master Fakroddin, became a staple of the community, attracting attention wherever they went. In fact, they even drew media attention from Good Morning America and Inside Edition when they ventured to New York City. Last June, Fakroddin and Cocoa were seen traipsing around Central Park and in fact, spent a lot of time there.

The goat and his owner also appear at football games because the mascot for the Summit Hilltoppers football team is a goat.

Even Mayor Ellen Dickson took time to get to know Cocoa, saying last June that seeing the animal "made me smile."

"She is a great addition to the community," the mayor said.

Fakroddin remains behind bars until he can post bail, and is presumed innocent until proven guilty.



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Report shows demand is high for affordable artist housing

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — A group planning to build affordable housing in Rahway for actors, artists and other creative professionals never expected the demand would be so great. Now it appears instead of 69 units, there is a need for up to 242.

The proposed plan for affordable artist housing is planned for the former Elizabethtown Gas building on Central Avenue.

The online marketing study drew interested artists from all over the metropolitan area and then some. One thing that was clearly evident from the response was 69 units of affordable one, two and three bedroom apartments will not be enough to satisfy the need out there.

“There is understandably strong demand for this housing in Rahway,” admitted Scott Weiner, president and CEO of the Actors Fund Housing Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the Actors Fund that works towards developing affordable, supportive and senior housing for the performing arts community.

Weiner presented a conceptual plan for the Rahway Residence for the Arts last week to the city redevelopment agency and was very optimistic about the results.

“We anticipated this kind of result which is why we presented this project and now we have the data behind it,” Weiner added, noting the demand went beyond affordable housing and toward actual mar-

ket rate apartments.

The technical report submitted by AFHDC indicated the data they collected from the survey supported creation of up to 242 new, affordable housing units in Rahway for those in the visual and performing arts, as well as the entertainment and creative industries.

Saying this was a “very strong response,” the report mentioned that giving weight to the survey was the fact the respondents were familiar with the Actors Fund and it also helped that there was broad outreach among the arts for input.

Three-quarters of those responding to the survey, or 73 percent of the 1,072 respondents, were not aware of Rahway’s growing status as a developing center for the arts, while more than 83 percent never attended any type of city art event.

Respondents were a diverse group with one quarter 30 years of age or under while 43 percent were between the ages of 41 and 60. The majority, or 74 percent, were white, 12 percent black and 9 percent of Hispanic or Latino background.

When it came to the financial backgrounds of those interested in making their home in the arts district, 71 percent rent or lease and the remainder do not have the space they need for their art or are using space within their home.

Thirty-percent of responders have household incomes of \$25,000 or less a

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The old Elizabethtown Gas building on Central Avenue will likely become the site of affordable artist housing in Rahway.

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Watchdog moves to quash prosecutor's subpoena

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prosecutor's investigation into the entire "generatorgate" mess.

Renna immediately filed a court motion to "quash," or stop the subpoena and appearing before the grand jury, claiming protection under the New Jersey Newspaper's Shield Law. At issue is whether the activist is protected or not as an actual journalist or member of the press.

By filing the motion, her attorney, Bruce Rosen of McCusker, Anselmi, Rosen and Carvelli, temporarily put the kibosh on Renna having to appear before the grand jury until the matter is heard in court and a decision handed down by a superior court judge.

However, Rosen makes it clear in his motion that because the UCWA has had an active internet website for seven years and Renna has reported weekly on the county in her blog, she should be protected under the state's Shield Law. That means if the court decides her blogging qualifies Renna as a journalist, she would not have to appear before a grand jury to reveal the names of the county employees she claimed made use of the generators.

In the meantime, Renna has been pleading her case on her blog, insisting she is a journalist in every respect and should be protected by the shield law.

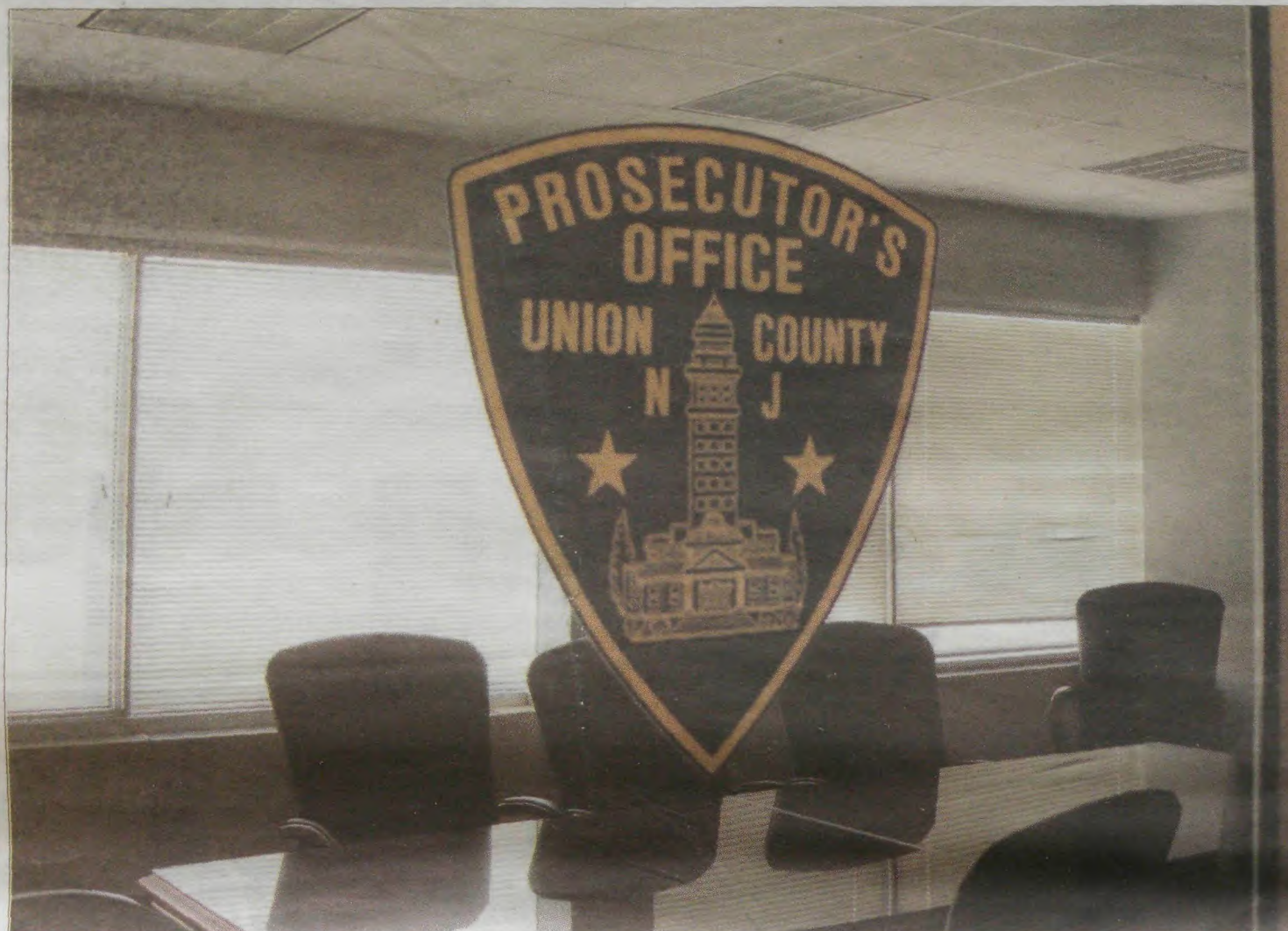
"This case is an important statement that bloggers who are also investigative journalists deserve the identical protection as journalists for traditional media," she said.

Underlying all this is ongoing animosity that Renna has continued to express toward Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow because of an investigation into MusicFest two years ago that she felt was not thorough enough.

The prosecutor, who delivered his findings on MusicFest in a comprehensive report, found after several months of investigation, that while there were mistakes and omissions made by former county manager George Devaney and vendors involved with the event, none were fraudulent. Renna, however, has continued to bring up the issue on her blog, despite the report that went into great detail regarding the matter.

Whether Renna's blogging is protected under the Shield Law depends heavily on if her missives are considered part of an "editorial process" and the news media's right to use confidential sources.

In his motion, Rosen argued that because Renna has been blogging weekly since 2005, her effort is comparable to tra-



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After repeatedly asking Union County Watchdog Tina Renna to provide information regarding 'generatorgate,' the Union County Prosecutor's Office subpoenaed Renna. Renna has made a motion to quash the subpoena claiming protection as a journalist under New Jersey's Shield Law, which would protect her from having to reveal any information.

ditional news outlets, such as newspapers and magazines. Therefore, he said, her writing "falls squarely within the type of news media the Supreme Court of New Jersey has indicated can be protected under the Shield Law."

Renna, president of the Union County Watchdog Association, claimed on her blog recently that her reporting "has all the attributes of traditional news media and is little different than op-ed columnists or news pages."

"As a matter of fact, there is more actual reporting going on in this website than in most small newspapers," she said Jan. 11 in a blog after filing the motion in court.

The attorney said the prosecutor's subpoena goes directly against the protections offered by the shield law, which he main-

tained "the courts of this state routinely quash."

Renna, in a blog entry from Dec. 12, said she would be submitting the information she gathered to the state attorney general's office, noting the issue "went beyond the prosecutors office protecting high-level county employees but also county police and sheriff's officers." She also alluded to the fact that she believed federal funds may have been involved and "this was reported to the FBI."

Renna said she was prepared to provide the attorney general the list of county employees involved with taking the generators home. In question is whether the court will view Renna as a journalist, but Rosen felt this would not be an issue.

"A person engaged in, connected with,

or employed by news media for the purpose of gathering, procuring, transmitting, compiling, editing or disseminating news for the general public," has the privilege to refuse to disclose their sources to any grand jury or legislative body.

Rosen stressed that if the press was not protected from subpoenas such as the one Renna received, "reporters might be unable or unwilling to research and publish crime stories."

When asked to comment on the matter, Union County Prosecutor's Office spokesperson John Holl said Monday that "the prosecutor's office as a matter of course does not discuss ongoing cases, preferring to keep the integrity of the investigation intact until resolved."

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Mayor talks Sandy, county taxes in state of the city address

By Cheryl Hehl
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SUMMIT — When Mayor Ellen Dickson looked back on the past year, there was little doubt in her mind that Superstorm Sandy presented the greatest challenge to the city.

During her State of the City address this year, the mayor said Sandy was a harsh test for the city when Summit lost power for the third time in 18 months. It was, Dickson said, a great source of stress and destruction for many, and a physical hardship for others. But, the mayor did not hesitate to point out that most community members

thought of others before themselves.

“When they could, they provided shelter, food, money or a helping hand,” she said, adding this effort came from many Summit citizens, local charities, churches and employees of the city.

“Regardless the organization, that helping hand was provided by many citizens who just wanted to help,” Dickson said.

In looking forward, Dickson said the city is focusing on ensuring Summit remains a very desirable place to do business and live. She noted, for instance, that Merck’s decision to relocate its global headquarters to the city, the second major company to do

so, said a lot about the city.

Dickson did focus some on the city budget, mentioning that Summit is rated AAA. She also noted that while the combined budget for the schools and city increased by less than 1 percent in 2012, the county continues to spend money.

The mayor said Summit taxpayers paid \$33 million to the county in taxes last year, an 11 percent increase over the previous year.

“Obviously the 2 percent spending cap does not work with the county. This is frustrating since the value provided by these taxes is not apparent and they give us much

less financial flexibility and make it harder to afford new programs,” Dickson said.

“I ran for freeholder and while many of us have attended the Union County Freeholder meetings we know our voice seems to have been ignored,” the mayor added.

Dickson said the needs of citizens are hard enough to meet and although median incomes are much lower than they were five years ago, the county continues to spend. She cited, for example, the fact the county “built a \$10 million golf club house, approved the construction of a multimillion dollar ice skating rink and runs a hos-

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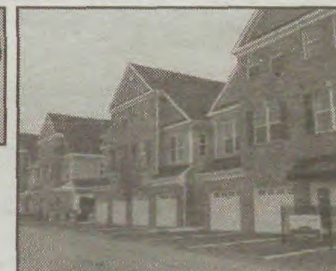
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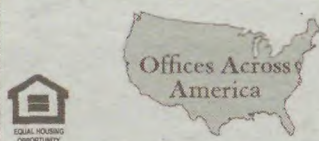
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Mayor to county: 'Our voice seems to have been ignored'

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 pital that is losing millions of dollars a year," suggesting this faction of government become "more accountable."

The mayor also suggested county government could be eliminated altogether, noting states like Connecticut and Massachusetts have taken those steps and life for its citizens is more affordable.

Dickson recognized Police Chief Robert Weck for doing a "fine job during his first year," mentioning that community policing in the downtown was "revived this year."

The mayor also suggested the city fire department might undergo some reconfiguring in the future.

"Parts of our firehouse are 100-years-old and reaching the end of their useful life," the mayor said, adding that there are plans being developed for a new firehouse.

"This may involve reconfiguring that part of Broad Street but it will offer many opportunities, such as combining it with a parking garage," she added.

Dickson praised the schools for being ranked 11 by New Jersey Monthly Magazine, but expressed some concern that the

infrastructure of school buildings were "old and need updating."

"While school population is down by 2 percent in Union county, our student population in Summit is up by 1,000 students in 10 years and up 2 percent from last year," she said, mentioning that 12 years ago when Summit High School was renovated, a demographer told city officials there would be no more than 330 students per graduating class but the latest class moving from middle school to the high school is 370 students," she explained.

Dickson said in many ways Summit is what other cities want to be, "home to great restaurants, great places to shop and easy access to transportation." But she would like to see Summit strive to be at the forefront of technology.

The mayor ended her speech telling an anecdote about growing up, pointing out that as she has grown older, she realized even more that "life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people."

"What I have learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences is one of the most important keys to creating healthy, growing and lasting relationships," the mayor said.

She urged all residents to be kinder than necessary because "everyone you meet is fighting some kind of a battle."



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In her State of the City address, Mayor Ellen Dickson discussed Sandy response, county taxes and the future of Summit.

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Prosecutor awaits Christie's decision on appointment

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Union County's top law enforcement position will remain in the hands of Prosecutor Theodore Romankow until Gov. Chris Christie decides whether to keep him in the position or nominate someone else for the five-year post.

Romankow's second five-year term as prosecutor is up next week, but the governor has yet to tip his hand whether he will give the prosecutor the nod or not.

Whoever Christie chooses, though, will have to get the blessing from Union County state senators before the nominee goes before the full senate for confirmation.

Although few doubt Romankow will be reappointed, the governor's office said it is unlikely any news will be forthcoming until Christie has time to address the issue.

Monday in an interview with *LocalSource*, Romankow said he was ready to take on another five-years, if reappointed.

"I am hoping the governor will reappoint me," he said, adding "but I will, of course, respect his decision." Either way, Romankow said it has been a great ten years.

"From the first day until the present I never had a bad day," the prosecutor said, adding "I love my job."

Romankow was first appointed as the chief law enforcement officer in Union County on July 26, 2002 by former Democrat Gov. James McGreevey and reappointed five years later by Democrat Gov. John Corzine to his second term. When he took office as prosecutor, Romankow vowed to make drug and gang prevention the centerpieces of his administration. Since the county is a main thoroughfare where substantial quantities of narcotics are packaged and distributed, it was not long before this prosecutor dug in his heels. He oversaw more than 20 major narcotics investigations during his tenure.



Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow

Under his direction, Union County became one of the first in the state to utilize the RICO, or Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act against drug dealers and members of these organizations.

Romankow also created a Gang Task Force and Gang Intelligence Unit, which are charged with investigating gang-related crimes and prosecuting these felons. These units look at every gang trend and use high tech methods to track gang members.

But he also has accomplished other tasks that set the county apart. The new Child Advocacy Center was a milestone for the prosecutor, as was the Forensic Laboratory, which is internationally certified. Also, seeing that public safety officials are able to recognize mental health problems has been one of his priorities.

"We're the only one in the state that has a special mental health court," Romankow explained.

"This is so timely now. We are training police officers to recognize mentally ill people," said the prosecutor, adding that more than one-third of police officers in the county have had this specialized training.

With more than 200 employees under his charge, in addition to the Office of Sheriff and the Union County Police, the main thrust of his work is to oversee the smooth operation of these units. But being reappointed prosecutor often involves a waiting game.

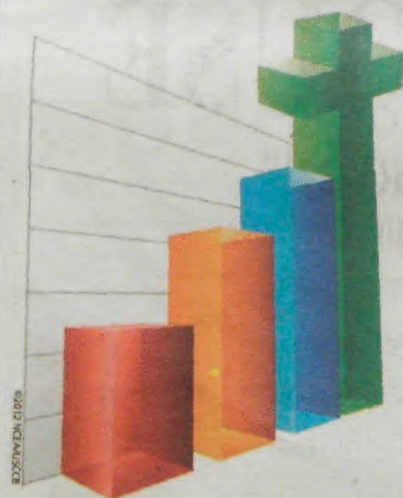
Like Romankow, Bergen County Prosecutor John Molinelli, a Democrat, is waiting to see if he is reappointed for a third term.

Molinelli's term expired Tuesday and speculation over his reappointment also is peaking on both sides of the political fence.

Although prosecutors are not allowed to be involved in politics, the political influence they wield can be enormous.

While governors tend to nominate prosecutors of their own political party when positions open up, they do have to consider "senatorial courtesy," which requires state senators to sign off on a candidate's nomination before the state Senate Judiciary Committee considers it.

Once the the committee approves a candidate, the full senate has to vote on the person. Finding someone acceptable to both Democrats and Republicans can be tricky,
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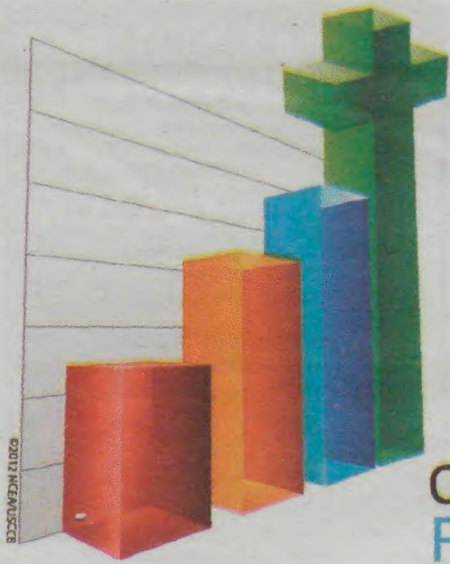
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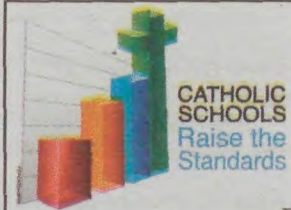
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OPINION

Celebrate the dream

Monday, Jan. 21, is a federal holiday which honors the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., a chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed each year on the third Monday of January, which is close to King's birthday, Jan. 15. Although states at first resisted observing the holiday, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays, it has been officially observed by all 50 states since 2000.

Born in 1929 to a reverend, King grew up in Atlanta and later graduated from Morehouse College, a private, all-male, primarily black college, also in Atlanta, with a degree in sociology. He later earned a degree in divinity from Crozer Theological Seminary, in Chester, Pa., then became a pastor at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, in Montgomery, Ala. But his future calling would be along different lines.

In 1955, a black woman named Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a public bus to a white man, leading to the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which lasted 385 days. This boycott was led by King and eventually ended racial segregation on all Montgomery public buses. King would later visit Ghandi's birthplace in 1959 and it affected him very strongly. Inspired by Ghandi's success with non-violence, King committed himself to the struggle for civil rights in America.

King continued to help organize the Civil Rights Movement, and, in 1963, led the march on Washington, D.C., for jobs and freedom. That march called for the end of racial segregation in public schools; meaningful civil-rights legislation, including a law prohibiting racial discrimination in employment; protection of civil-rights workers from police brutality; a \$2 minimum wage for all workers; and self-government for Washington, D.C., then governed by a congressional committee. On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, King delivered a 17-minute speech, later known as "I Have a

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Dream," regarded as one of the finest speeches in the history of American oratory.

Tragically, King's struggle for civil rights through non-violence was cut short April 4, 1968, when he was assassinated at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tenn. Just days later, following a period of national mourning, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which prohibited discrimination in housing and housing-related transactions on the basis of race, religion or national origin. This was later expanded to include sex, familial status and disability. The struggle for civil rights continued, even as King was honored when Martin Luther King Jr. Day was observed for the first time on Jan. 20, 1986. King is only the third man honored with a national holiday in the United States, joining George Washington and Christopher Columbus in this distinction.

This holiday is not without controversy. Many states were reluctant to observe it, or gave the holiday another name, such as Civil Rights Day. Time has won over many of the naysayers and this holiday is now observed by every state, although, as of 2007, only one third of employers give employees the day off.

We need to remember that this holiday celebrates not just the man, but the dreams of equality for which he stood. Our Declaration of Independence states "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights."

This includes every man and woman, regardless of race, color or creed. Perhaps King himself put it best when, on Aug. 28, 1963, he stated in Washington, D.C., during his "I Have a Dream" speech, "I have a dream, that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Good words to live by, on this day or any other.

'No double entendre intended'

The Time Magazine cover of Gov. Chris Christie last week and the furor it caused reminded me how my late grandfather Prospero would have quickly sized up the magazine's managing editor Rick Stengel. The cover has the governor as Gannett Newspapers described him, "jaw tightly set, eyes heavily lidded, the size of his nose exaggerated by the closeness of the camera. The photo is cropped fairly tight making the governor's head look imposing, almost threatening. He resembled, at least in the eyes of some, a mobster."

When shock jock Don Imus proclaimed to Christie that he looked like Tony Soprano, the outcry of yet another Italian-American stereotype started rising. While the matter passed quicker than a storm, for a few days at least the issue had notoriety.

Stengel is an interesting type. Symbolic of New York's elitist upper west side, he appears frequently with fellow liberals on the MSNBC Network, mostly hawking his magazine. Last week, beyond the visual, the magazine used the title of "The Boss" to describe Christie.

Stengel was reported to have described

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

the boss reference as a joke, a "double entendre" referencing Christie's devotion to Bruce Springsteen. Italian-American advocacy groups such as One Voice Coalition saw the matter differently. The group's leaders, Andre Dimino and Union County's Sebastian D'Elia, weren't laughing at any double entendres.

Dimino struck back and was quoted as saying "It reinforces the perception about an underworld mobster from New Jersey. It's really that subtext that is the subliminal connection."

It reminded me of grandfather Prospero's advice: "Non ridono con te stanno ridendo di te." Translated, he would say "They aren't laughing with you, they are laughing at you."

For residents of our state, the stigmas of the "Sopranos" and "Jersey Shore" mean often grinning and bearing it. To his credit, Christie made a joke and then moved on. David Maranuss in his probing biography

of Vince Lombardi said slurs like referencing the vowel at the end of his name just motivated the coach to work harder. Favorites of this corner like Sal Paolantino of ESPN fame, and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Tom Turcol, urge successful Italian-Americans to confront the slurs. The only point missing by Stengel was to tell us who some of his best friends were.

The magazine has already been relegated to the recycling bin.

Dimino declares his crusade will continue. He defiantly said, "Our voice is different from all other Italian American groups in that its sole mission is to fight bias stereotyping and discrimination against Italian-Americans."

The Time magazine story also reminded me of a long time ago while attending college in "da Bronx" listening to NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins. Wilkins advised that the one color bigots and presumably elitists understand was green. Come the end of January, when my yearly subscription to Time runs out, my message to Stengel is "Fuggedaboutit." No double entendre intended.

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A TOY STORY — From left: Ashley Mendez and Kaitlyn Blair of the Blue and Gold Club at Franklin School in Rahway helped with a Toys For Tots drive throughout December. Franklin Elementary students and staff donated many toys to the clubs efforts, which were given to underprivileged children in the community during the holiday season.

WESTFIELD NEWS

Seasons to meet Jan. 24

The next meeting of Seasons will be Jan. 24, from 7:15 to 9 p.m. in the Activities Center of St. Helens Church, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield. The guest speaker will be Dr. James S. Hewitt, who will present a brief overview of the history of the parish of Trinity Church in New York City. Trinity Church is a gothic-revival church that sits on Broadway at the head of Wall Street, notable for its graveyard. Seasons is a support group for divorced, separated and widowed individuals of all faiths, as well as for anyone who has experienced the loss of a relationships. Meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday. For more information, contact Joan Hernandez at 908-930-2791 or 2008seasons@live.com

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Students, teachers left in the dark

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taught during the fall semester received “letters of intention” that they would be hired for the spring semester.

Henderson said there has been no communication with Kean administration and in fact, has not met with some administration officials for more than a year and a half.

“It’s bad enough that the adjunct faculty is being left in the dark, but now our 16,500 plus students are coming back to complete chaos next week,” the AFT president told Connelly, adding that many of these students will not be able to graduate because of the latest move by the university.

Henderson became so frustrated, she emailed the entire Kean Board of Trustees to inform them about the situation.

“That Kean can afford to cancel 30 sections of fine arts, dozens of sections each of psychology, music, math and english is telling the world outside that Kean is not the place to go if they want a world class education,” she said.

The AFT president made it clear in her letter to the board that Andriotis, in this position for less than a year, “has been on bulldozer mode ever since her arrival, making up rules as she goes along.”

Henderson told the board the only ones hurt by these class cancelations are students, many who planned on graduating in May and now will not be able to do.

“One of Kean’s Strategic Plan goals was to increase graduation rates within four years. Well this is not the way to do it. If students cannot get their classes, they simply cannot graduate,” she told the board.

The AFT president told the board that Kean is trying to restore its reputation “after last year’s embarrassments,” noting that Andriotis “comes in and destroys the reputations of entire colleges and schools at Kean.”

The university, which boasts more than 16,000 students, did not return repeated calls for an explanation regarding class cancelations. Contacted was Matthew Caruso, Director of Media Relations, Jeffrey Toney, Vice President of Academics Affairs and Katerina Andriotis, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. Repeated emails and phone calls were not returned.

Monday James Castiglione, President of the Kean Federation of Teachers, and a tenured professor of psychology at the university, was deeply concerned about the cancelations, especially since there has been no explanation for the move.

“The administration has not produced any rationale for this, but what we are hearing is that revenue from the state may have been cut,” he said, pointing out that because Gov. Chris Christie’s appropriations for the state budget are falling short, he slashed state aid to state colleges and universities.

But, the KFT President admitted spring

‘In many cases these classes are required to graduate. Students are livid. They have been deluging department heads and professors with emails, demanding to know what is going on.’

— James Castiglione



File Photo

According to James Castiglione, the head of the teachers union at Kean University, teachers and advisors are being overwhelmed by emails from ‘livid’ students following hundreds of classes being canceled at the last minute.

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— Kathleen Henderson

enrollment at the Kean Ocean County campus was down from 1,600 students last year to 900 for the 2013 spring semester. While he did admit super storm Sandy could have had an impact on this number since the shore area was hit particularly hard and is still in recovery, Castiglione said the Union campus should not be affected.

However, he did feel the cancelations reflected a problem that needed to be addressed.

“When they canceled 500 classes and then immediately restored 130, that gives

the appearance administration doesn’t know what it’s doing,” he said.

More importantly, Castiglione said the cancelation of highly specialized classes, or “sections” of classes, put students close to graduation in a difficult position.

“In many cases these classes are required to graduate,” he said, adding that “students are livid.”

“They have been deluging department heads and professors with emails, demanding to know what is going on,” Castiglione said.

The KFT president said that in the long

run, students could even lose financial aid if they are unable to take certain classes.

“You have to be a full-time student in order to qualify for student aid and if a student can’t take the required classes, they become a part-time student,” he added.

Castiglione said that although he contacted the academic affairs department, hoping to speak with Toney, he never did receive a call back.

The KFT president explained that there was growing concern among both full-time and tenured staff when so many classes were canceled at once.

“The problem here is that most students wait to register for classes because they can’t afford to pay until the last minute,” the professor said, explaining that had the university waited, a large number of those classes would have filled up this week.”

“We’re not Rutgers or Princeton,” Castiglione added.

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Police respond to many incidents throughout Union County

Elizabeth

• A Newark man was sentenced Jan. 9 to 150 months in prison for his role in an April 2011 carjacking of a victim at gunpoint in Elizabeth, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Jirrod Parker, 25, previously pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Susan D. Wigenton to an indictment charging him with one count each of theft of a motor vehicle by force, violence and intimidation; use of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence; and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

• A Union County jury convicted Oliver Allen of Elizabeth, a confirmed member of the Bloods street gang, of multiple weapons offenses and obstruction of justice, according to First Assistant Union County Prosecutor Albert Cernadas Jr.

According to Assistant Prosecutor Joshua McMahon, Allen was observed outside a verified gang house that had been the scene of multiple shootings and narcotics offenses, when officers observed what appeared to be a weapon in his rear pocket. When the officers exited their vehicle to investigate, Allen allegedly fled and led officers on a foot pursuit, running across traffic on Route 1/9 and hopping the concrete divider. Allen was allegedly observed throwing a handgun, which police recovered. Ultimately, he was caught and arrested a few blocks from the gang house.

Allen faces 20 years in New Jersey State Prison; he is already serving time in New Jersey State Prison on a separate offense and is currently scheduled for trial with other gang members on a 14-count indictment for attempted murder, conspiracy, and weapons offenses. Allen, who is being held on \$1 million bail will be sentenced Feb. 22, according to police reports.

Linden

• On Jan. 9, the Union County Prosecutor's Office arrested Eugene Cady, also

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known as "FU," 23, allegedly of the Rollin 30s Crip gang. Cady was charged with the Aug. 21, 2011 murder of Kason Wilson, who was shot and killed in the area of 913 Union St. in Linden, said Union County First Assistant Prosecutor Albert Cernadas Jr.

According to the investigation Wilson was allegedly a member of the G-Shine Bloods, and his death was the result of warring, rival gangs. Cady's bail was set by Judge Stuart Peim at \$1 million. He was arrested while in jail on an unrelated gun conviction. He was transported to the Union County Jail.

Summit

• Dec. 16: A Passaic Avenue resident reported to Summit police that a swastika had been drawn on the side of the resident's garage. Police said it is unknown whether the incident was a random or targeted act.

According to Summit Police Chief Robert Weck, "It is sad that some people still do not understand or maybe even care what a hurtful and despicable act this is and that there is no place for such hate or bigotry in the city of Summit."

Mayor Ellen Dickson said, "This incident is an aberration in Summit and one that as a community we will never tolerate."

The incident is being investigated as a hate crime, according to police, and anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Summit Police Department at 908-273-0051.

Cranford

• Jan. 2: At 10:47 p.m. Shevawn Taylor, 26, of Rahway and Taheerah Anthony, 34, of Elizabeth were arrested in the Homewood Suites parking lot on Jackson Drive for possession of heroin, possession of

paraphernalia, and for hindering apprehension.

Following an investigation of a suspicious vehicle in a hotel parking lot, police officers located suspected heroin in Taylor's possession. Anthony was also arrested for providing false identifying information. Both subjects were processed and released.

• Jan. 4: At 7:19 p.m., Winston Headley, 62, of East Orange was arrested at the intersection of Centennial Avenue and Hayes Street for driving while intoxicated. A police officer stopped the 1996 Acura when the officer observed a child-seat violation. Following an investigation at the scene, Headley was arrested for driving while intoxicated. A female, 3, was released to a relative at headquarters, according to police.

• Jan. 6: At 12:47 a.m., Zachary Meade, 22, of Winfield Park was arrested at the intersection of Raritan Road and Centennial Avenue for possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Officers stopped Meade's white 2000 Ford for inoperable taillights, and arrested him following an investigation at the scene.

• Jan. 6: At 3:11 a.m. Matthew Cameron, 25, of Woodridge was arrested at the intersection of Munsee Drive and Raritan Road for driving while intoxicated, refusal to provide breath samples and careless driving. Cameron's silver, 2001 Mazda was stopped when an officer observed erratic driving, including striking the curb and an illegal turn. Following an investigation at the scene, Cameron was arrested, processed and released.

• Jan. 8: At 1:12 a.m., David Benoit, 31, of East Orange was arrested for possession of cocaine and paraphernalia at Centennial Avenue and Hayes Street. Benoit's 2001 Chevrolet was stopped when police observed it driving on a blown tire. Following an investigation at the scene, offi-

cers allegedly located suspected cocaine in the vehicle and arrested Benoit. The vehicle was also found to be unregistered, according to police. Benoit was arrested, processed and released.

• Jan. 8: At 9:50 p.m. at North Avenue East and Elizabeth Avenue, Russell Loveland, 63, of Cranford was arrested for possession of heroin and possession of paraphernalia. Loveland's 2012 Volkswagen Jetta was stopped by detectives during a narcotics operation. Following the investigation at the scene, officers located suspected heroin inside the vehicle and arrested Loveland.

• Jan. 9: At 1:35 a.m., Charissa Mildner-Hill, 35, and Edward Mildner, 35, both of Edison, were arrested. Mildner-Hill was arrested for possession of heroin and Mildner was arrested for possession of cocaine. Both were arrested for possession of paraphernalia and hypodermic syringes. Mildner was also processed on outstanding arrest warrants from Union.

Union

• Jan. 4: Jeffrey Wheeler was arrested at 1:04 p.m. at 900 Springfield Ave. for shoplifting, according to reports.

• Jan. 4: Rodale Richardson was arrested at 9:30 p.m. on Oregon Street for active warrants, according to police.

• Jan. 5: At 10:52 a.m. on Springfield Road, two men were seen by an employee while they were trying to steal metal shelves from behind Restaurant Depot. He was assaulted prior to the suspects fleeing in an older model Dodge pickup truck. One man was described as about 60 years old and the other as approximately 30 years old. Both wore red, knit caps, according to police reports.

• Jan. 9: At 3:42, a burglary on Vassar Avenue was reported. Entry was gained by smashing a front window and jewelry and electronics were reported as stolen, according to police.



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Artist housing in high demand, shows study

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year, with 24 percent having annual incomes of \$65,000 a year.

Interestingly, more than 82 percent of those responding worked in New York City, and more than half currently live there. According to Weiner, 75 percent of those responding required parking but most only needed space for one vehicle, while fewer than two in five needed two spaces.

Regardless of their interest in relocating to Rahway, 68 percent of respondents were interested in more information about the project.

"This indicates to us broad, strong support for the project," the report noted, but also suggested that ongoing communication "will be key in keeping respondents invested in the project and ultimately serve as a foundation for future leases."

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Regan said control of the property is a critical element but also mentioned that things have not moved forward as quickly as they would have expected after appraisals by the Redevelopment Agency and Elizabethtown's parent company, AGL Resources.

Last August Joseph Benincasa, president and CEO of The Actors Fund felt the project was more than needed, especially since the city wanted to establish itself as an arts district.

"We need to find ways to bring affordable living spaces to performing and visual artists who contribute so much to local economies while they work their craft," he said in a statement last summer.

Responses to the survey certainly proved that Benincasa was on target. Whether that means the number of units will be increased is not known at this time.

However, survey results indicated that the demographics are in line with what this type of resident is interested in finding.

Interestingly, 725 of the 1,072 respondents said they would relocate to an affordable housing development in the Rahway arts district. The housing will be developed and designed to meet the living and working needs of artists and others involved in the creative industry area.

Those interested in this type of housing were a diverse group, Weiner's report noted, with 32 percent currently residing in north or central New Jersey and another 32 percent in Manhattan. Just 4 percent resided in Rahway.

A wide range of arts and creative activities were represented in their work, including acting, voice over, writing, literary arts, music, arts education or instruction, dance, choreography and directing. Approximate-

ly half of the interested respondents were members of a union or guild, belonging to the Actor's Equity Association and 47 percent a part of the Screen Actor's Guild or American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

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IN MEMORIAM

- ALLEN — Doris M., nee Poznanski, of Clark; Jan. 4. Homemaker and avid bowler.
- ANDREWS — Linda Faye, of Elizabeth; Jan. 2. Retired, great-grandmother of six.
- ARCHER — Dorothy "Dody," of Mountainside; Jan. 6. Westfield church elder, 96.
- BARSANTI — Frederick Joseph, of Union; Jan. 9. Retired from US Postal Service.
- BLACK-TAYLOR — Ruth, of Hillside; Dec. 29. Great-grandmother of three.
- BONNETT — Hilda, nee Stoof, of Union; Jan. 6. Homemaker, mother of five.
- BUFFA — Phyllis Buffa, of Clark; Jan. 7. Survived by a sister, was 77 years old.
- BUKOWSKI — Michael S., of Kenilworth; Dec. 28. Bank vice-president, was 63.
- CAPUTO — Joan B., of Westfield; Jan. 3. Verizon manager, was 80 years old.
- CAROLAN — Mary E., nee Dewitt, of Roselle; Dec. 30. Survived by two children.
- CAROSELLA — John P., of Roselle Park; Jan. 7. Printer, veteran, crossing guard.
- CICALESE — Mildred "Carmela," of Union; Jan. 9. Great-grandmother of nine, 97.
- CIESLA — Walter, formerly of Hillside and Kenilworth; Jan. 3. Army vet, locksmith.
- DE DE LOS RIOS — Maria Emilce, of Cranford; Jan. 9. Native of Argentina, mother.
- DEEN — Harold E., of Cranford; Jan. 7. Exxon chemical engineer, World War II vet.
- DELLOMO — Victor J., of Berkeley Heights; Jan. 5. Retired carpenter, grandfather.
- DEMPSEY — John Joseph Jr., of Summit; Dec. 21. Worked at Corby's Laundry, 64.
- FELBER — George Stephen, formerly of Hillside; Dec. 23. American Can Co. retiree.
- FREEMAN — David, of Springfield; Jan. 7. Funeral took place Jan. 9.
- GOLD — Frances, of Westfield; Jan. 3. Longtime resident, teacher in Roselle schools.
- GRIMM — Margery G., nee Walsack, of Union; Jan. 4. Longtime resident was 91.
- JACOBS — Mary W., of Westfield; Jan. 7. Longtime resident, leaves large family.
- JONES — Richard C. Jr., formerly of Linden; Jan. 1. Was 48, survived by wife and son.
- HALL — Helen M., nee Ashley, of Mountainside; Jan. 7. Homemaker, was 102.
- HARTNETT — Helyn Maloney, of Cranford; Jan. 8. Longtime resident, retired.
- JULIANO — John A., of Elizabeth; Jan. 5. Retired from US Postal Service, 64.
- JURUSZ — Mary, nee Horoyd, of Roselle Park; Jan. 2. Longtime resident, retired.
- LAMPE — Florence R., of Clark; Jan. 2. Was a supervisor at Hexacon Electric, 82.
- MAZZA — Zyta V. Czacherowski, formerly of Linden; Jan. 10. Retired seamstress, 84.
- MCDONOUGH — William E. "Bill," of Cranford; Jan. 8. Retired from Port Authority.
- MCGUIER — Donald L., of Linden; Jan. 9. Diesel truck mechanic, was 71 years old.
- MORISON — Arthur H., of Kenilworth; Jan. 4. World War II Army vet, mechanic.
- MULLER — Eileen Trimmer, formerly of Westfield; Jan. 1. Grandmother of six.
- NOWICKI — Stanley Charles Jr., formerly of Roselle; Jan. 5. Teamsters president.
- ORSI — Rose M., nee Pennachio, of Elizabeth; Jan. 7. Leaves husband of 55 years.
- PASKAS — Thomas M., of Elizabeth; Jan. 4. Survived by his mother, uncle, cousins.
- REGO — Alexandrina, nee Riban, of Elizabeth; Jan. 5. Native of Portugal, was 76.
- REMETA — Mary Ann, of Linden; Jan. 5. Survived by six children, 10 grandchildren.
- ROBERSON — Joyce Ann, of Linden; Jan. 5. Survived by two children, retired, 70.
- ROSENSTOCK — Solomon, of Plainfield; Jan. 6. Owned Flamingo Pastry, Elizabeth.
- SCHAEFER — Jean T., formerly of Clark. Survived by five children, 11 grandchildren.
- SISTRUNK-MYERS — Mary L., of Hillside; Jan. 2. Widow leaves three children.
- SISWO — Jennie, nee Rawa, of Union; Jan. 3. Homemaker, great-grandmother of six.
- SOFIE — Lena V., nee Passomato, of Summit; Jan. 4. Lifelong resident, seamstress.
- STRACENSKY — Helen D. Stefanick, of Linden; Jan. 9. Retired electrical inspector.
- TIMBERLAKE — Edwina, of Linden; Jan. 2. Great-great-grandmother of three.
- VAN BERGEN — Norbert G., formerly of Westfield; Jan. 7. Union Cty. CYO director.
- WRIGHT — Martha Marie, nee Chiumento, of Roselle Park; Jan. 8. Was 94 years old.

Obituaries are special notices submitted by Funeral Directors or families to be published on these pages and online. To place a paid obituary fax 908-686-4169 or send an email to obits@thelocalsource.com. Obituaries must be received by noon Monday. Family and friends' submissions must include sender's name, address, phone and the name of the funeral home. Call 908-686-7850 for assistance.

Romankow remains as county prosecutor, pending decision

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though. In the case of one prosecutor, it can even lead to court. An example would be the Morris County sitting prosecutor, a Democrat, who was ousted by Christie after his nominee went without a hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee since June.

That led to a senate floor shouting match Dec. 20 when Democrats suspended senate rules to vote down Christie's nominee, Frederic Knapp, by a party-line vote.

The appellate court is also expected to hear arguments in a case brought by former prosecutor Robert Bianchi, a Democrat, over whether Christie had the right to replace him without a new prosecutor being confirmed by the Judiciary Committee.

Romankow, also a Democrat, has steered clear of political problems, even forging a close relationship with Republican Assemblyman Jon Bramnick and Republican State Sen. Tom Kean.

It is unknown when Christie might make his prosecutor appointment known, and as of Tuesday, his office said no announcement was forthcoming.

OBITUARIES

Susan Margel



Susan Margel, née Bondra, born in Roselle Park, NJ on January 3, 1921 to Michael Bondra and Mary Prybulick.

Following a brief illness, Susan died peacefully at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring (MD) in the company of her family on the evening of Thursday, January 10th, 2013, just a week past her 92nd birthday.

She is pre-deceased by all eight of her brothers and sisters: Michael Bondra of Roselle (NJ), John Bondra of Forked River (NJ), Mary Chase of Roselle Park (NJ), Anna Rabbitt of Union (NJ), Katherine Cannon of Carteret (NJ), Eva Tindall of Carteret (NJ), Joseph Bondra of Camp Hill (PA), and Peter Bondra of Plainfield (NJ).

As a high-school teenager, Susan worked as a movie theater hostess and care-giver for several of her older siblings' children - she used to joke that those experiences seasoned her for being a housewife and mother later on. During WW2 and the Korean Conflict, she was employed as a sewing-machine operator making parachutes at the Simmons Company in Elizabeth, NJ. After marrying Boleslaw ("Bill") Margel in 1950 and relocating to Linden, NJ to start her family, she worked for 9 years on various shifts as a vinyl-record-press operator at All Disc Records in Roselle Park, NJ, and then for 7 years as an assembler at H.K.Porter Company, in Roselle, NJ.

Susan and her husband raised their family and resided in Linden, NJ for 34 years; they retired to Holiday City West at Berkeley in Toms River, NJ in 1984. While at Holiday City, Susan was an active member of the Women's Club, and became "famous" as a costume-designer and costume-maker for the Variety Club's annual show from 1987

through 1992. She was also an outspoken and instrumental advocate for the construction of the "Bimini Bridge" in Holiday City during the mid-1990's. Susan and Bill relocated to Riderwood Village in Silver Spring, MD in May 2010.

In her leisure hours, Susan loved to sew, read mystery novels, do crossword puzzles, take long daily walks, go to the movies, travel on vacations, and spend "quality time" with her family.

Susan is survived by her husband Boleslaw "Bill" Margel of Silver Spring (MD), daughter Bernadette Margel of Elkridge (MD), and son William Walter Margel, his wife Mary (née Kwiecien) Margel, and grandchildren Lauren Holly Margel and James Michael Margel, all of Clark (NJ).

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation, a Mass of Christian Burial, and a reception at the Riderwood (Silver Spring, MD) Chapel at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 15th. Susan will be interred at Woodbridge Memorial Gardens in Woodbridge, NJ. Visitation will be at the Lehrer-Gibilisco Funeral Home at 275 West Milton Ave., Rahway, NJ, 07065 (phone 1-732-388-1874) on Friday, January 18th, from 7-9 PM, and on Saturday, January 19th from 10-10:45 AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to join the family at the Ceremony of Farewell and Commendation to be held in the Chapel at Woodbridge Memorial Gardens at 11:30 AM on Saturday, January 19th. A reception will follow in The Olio Restaurant at The Renaissance Hotel, 515 US Highway 1 South, in Iselin, NJ 08830 (phone 1-732-634-3600).

Expressions of sympathy may be mailed to the family at: 3154 Gracefield Road, Apt. HG-210, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806.

In lieu of flowers or other gifts, Susan and her family ask that tax-deductible donations be made to

"The Riderwood Benevolent Care Fund" and marked "In memory of Susan Margel". Checks should be mailed to Riderwood Philanthropy Department 3110 Gracefield Rd. Silver Spring, MD 20904-1820.

LINDEN NEWS

Police arrest 18 for drunk driving during campaign

The Linden Police Department took part in the year-end "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" drunk driving crackdown, and arrested 18 drivers for driving while intoxicated. "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" is a nationwide campaign operated by the Division of Highway Traffic Safety. The campaign focuses on increased police patrols during the busiest travel and holiday seasons. This year the campaign ran from Dec. 7 until Jan. 2. During the almost month long crackdown, the Linden Police Department increased roving patrols to focus on impaired driving. In addition to the 18 arrests for driving while intoxicated, the Linden Police also made 12 felony arrests, 26 drug arrests, and issued over 450 motor vehicle summonses. In 2012, members of the Linden Police Department arrested 151 motorists for driving while intoxicated, a 32 percent increase from 2011.

"Drunk driving continues to be a problem," said Linden Traffic Bureau Commander Sergeant Michael Babulski. "Our DWI arrests are up because our officers are increasing their awareness and enforcement while on patrol, not because more people are driving drunk. Motorist safety is important here in Linden. We have zero tolerance for any type of impaired driving or distracted driving."

Blood drive at library

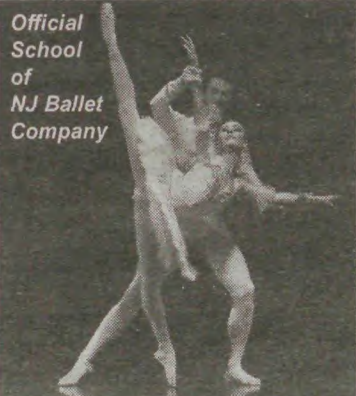
Linden Public Library, 31 E. Henry St., Linden, will host a blood drive on Monday, Feb. 4 from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Columbia Bank Room. For questions about eligibility, call 800-6672-5663.

UCC to recruit at library, Jan. 16

Union County College will hold a recruitment drive on Wednesday, Jan. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Linden Public Library, 31 E. Henry Street. Information will be provided and questions answered. For more information, call the Union County College recruitment office at 908-709-7518.



YOUNG SCHOLARS — From left: Sister Percylee, Bailey Ramirez of Rahway, Kristen Nugent of Clark, Nicolle Kott, Joan DeLuca, Raymond Berry, and Mr. Joseph Navin Jr. The students were recently awarded the 2012-13 Navin Bros. Food Service Scholarship at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. Navin Bros., Inc. oversees all food service operations at Union Catholic High School as well as at schools throughout the New York tri-state area. The scholarship was established in memory of Mary Ellen Swinden, a Navin Bros. employee who worked at Union Catholic High School and passed away in the fall of 2008. The scholarship recipients were selected based on their academic standing as well as their involvement in extra-curricular activities.



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County has tips for flu season and vaccination

With a powerful flu season in full swing throughout New Jersey and most of the country, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders reminds residents that the county home page, ucnj.org, now includes a one-stop link for easy access to information about preventing and treating the flu, including an online vaccination location finder.

The direct link is ucnj.org/what-to-do-about-the-flu.

"We've compiled material from the Centers for Disease Control and other sources that provide solid, reliable guidance on how to prevent the flu, and how to help the recovery process along if you catch it," said Freeholder Chairman Linda Carter. "I urge all County residents to take a few minutes and visit ucnj.org/what-to-do-about-the-flu, to stay informed and aware."

The flu is caused by a virus that spreads through droplets from the nose and mouth. When people cough or sneeze, the droplets spread through the air and can make other people sick. The flu virus can also live on objects such as a table or phone, and enter a person's body when they touch the object and then touch their nose, eyes, or mouth.

The flu spreads easily from person to person. You can spread the flu even before you know you are sick and for a week after you get sick.

To help your family avoid the flu, you can do the following:

- Getting a flu vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu. Flu season will probably last a few more months, so it's not too late to get a vaccine. It can be given as a shot or a nose spray.

- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds many times during the day. If you do not have soap and water, use a hand sanitizer and rub your hands together for 20 seconds.

- Always cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue. Throw the tissue away and wash your hands. If you do not have a tissue, cough into your elbow.

- Stay home if you feel sick. Keep children at home and away from other people if they do not feel well.

- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth.

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people. Wear a mask if you must be near sick people.

Carter also suggested that residents check their medicine cabinets and make sure they have a thermometer, fever reducers and any other necessary over-the-counter medications on hand.

In addition many more details are available www.flu.gov.



DIVIDE AND CONQUER — Fifth grade students at St. John the Apostle School in Clark were eager to practice their long division skills on the school's new iPads. The division app allowed the students to work individually on a variety of skills involving long division of whole numbers and decimals. Their teacher, Patricia Stryker, was able to customize the problems according to each student's skill level.

CLARK NEWS

Third graders learn about Yoga

Third-graders at Frank K. Hehny School in Clark were invited to come in before school for the Breakfast Bunch to learn about yoga with Kristi Reeves, a parent in the school and a yoga instructor. Students began the meeting by eating a breakfast of apples and granola bars while Reeves defined yoga and discussed its origins.

Breakfast Bunch students were then invited to learn and practice yoga positions. Reeves demonstrated each position for the students and described what each pose meant and how it helps the body. One position the third-graders enjoyed was the tree pose. In this position they stood on one foot, swaying their arms over their heads like a tree waving in the wind.

By the end of the Breakfast Bunch, students seemed more relaxed and were ready to face the day and the start to their week.

Family skate night, Jan. 19, at Warinanco

Gather family, friends, and neighbors for an evening of fun at the Warinanco Skating Arena, Warinanco Park, Roselle on Saturday, Jan. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. as Clark Recreation invites all residents to the annual Clark Family Skate Night. Tickets may be purchased at the door the night of the event or at the Recreation Center daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday, or Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 732-428-8400.

Jesus the Rock group meets weekly

Jesus the Rock Fellowship is Bible-based, Christ-centered church meetings inside the facilities of Prayer & Praise Fellowship, at 2 Denman Ave. in Clark. Led by Senior Pastor Rev. Glorioso DeLeon, the weekly service begins at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Prayer meetings are held on varying weekday mornings; Saturdays at 6

p.m. there is a Bible study; Sunday school for youth is held during the Sunday afternoon service. DeLeon was born in Quezon City, Philippines, and the congregation has a large membership from the Philippines. The pastor is helped in the ministry by his wife, Ovelyn and by Rev. Bennett Garcia. For more information about Jesus the Rock Fellowship, call 908-358-6089 or visit www.jtrf.org.

Seniors schedule trip of 'Magic moments'

The Senior Citizens Club of Clark is sponsoring a bus trip to "Magic Moments to Remember," presented by Jersey Dreamers at The Brownstone in Paterson on Wednesday, April 10. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. from the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway in Clark, and will return at approximately 4:30 p.m. There is a fee. Dance or listen to music that magically brings us back to the moments to remember. A lunch of salad, soup, ham, turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread, dessert, coffee and tea, soda and complimentary drinks is included. For information and reservations, call George at 732-382-0639 or Dorothy at 732-381-8526.

Comedy night at ALJ high school, Jan. 26

The Clark Education Fund presents "Comedy Night at ALJ," Saturday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. Doors open 7:30 p.m. at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark. Actor and comedian Vince Valentine, of the Broadway show, "Defending the Caveman," will host and perform along with comedians Chris Coccia, Tim Grill and Cathy Caldwell. For tickets, visit the Clark Recreation Office, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, or email DLynnMul@comcast.net. Funds raised by Comedy Night will benefit education through financial grants by The Clark Education Fund Inc.

Lance sets up meeting with mayors on flooding

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, Congressman Leonard Lance met with several Seventh District Mayors, state officials and representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the status of the Rahway River Basin feasibility study currently underway by the Corps.

During the meeting, Millburn Mayor Sandra Haimoff, Springfield Mayor David Amlen, Union Mayor Clifton People, Cranford Mayor Tom Hannen, Garwood Mayor Pat Quattrochi and Union County Freeholder Bruce Bergen received a briefing from the Army Corps of Engineers, and state officials about the status of the study. Lance, who arranged the meeting, also pledged his strong support for the project and updated the group on several actions he has already taken to support the towns' flood control needs.

"I was pleased to join with several mayors and the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss flood control needs in the Seventh District," said Lance. "During the meeting, I impressed upon the Army Corps of Engineers and state officials that the Rahway River Basin feasibility study is important to me, my constituents and urgently needs to be completed to protect residents in Cranford, Springfield, Union, Garwood, Millburn and others in the Rahway River Basin."

Millburn Mayor Sandra Haimoff praised Lance for organizing the meeting for local officials.

"I am most appreciative to Congressman Lance for bringing the Army Corps of Engineers and the mayors together to discuss resolutions for controlling the Rahway River," said Millburn Mayor Haimoff. "I believe progress was made and understanding enhanced."



Photo Courtesy of Ken Grady

FLAGGED DOWN — Aidan Meehan, Chief Ken Grady, Kevin Chavez, Commander Jeans, Skyler Huss, and Sgt. Sims hoist an all-weather American Flag donated by Kenilworth VFW Post No. 2230 to St. Theresa's school in Kenilworth.

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Clerk offers free 2013 calendar via website

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi is offering a free 2013 wall calendar that honors former State Senators and Assembly members from Union County and includes important dates of concern to voters and candidates for office in this year's gubernatorial, legislative, county and local elections.

"Union County - which was part of Essex County until 1857 - is a Who's Who of historically significant individuals," said Rajoppi. "It is my hope that this 2013 calendar, with its vintage photographs of State Legislators, honors the men and women who served the people of Union County so well for the past six decades."

Since 2013 is a gubernatorial and legislative election year that also will have elections for county, municipal and school offices, the calendar highlights many important dates relating to voter registration, mail-in ballots, candidate petition deadlines, primary elections, campaign finance reports, and general election ballot deadlines.

To obtain one of the free 2013 Election Year calendars, visit www.ucnj.org/government/county-clerk where you'll find an order form.

For general information about elections, contact the County Clerk's Election Office at 908-527-4996.



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SHOVEL READY - From left: Senior Housing Finance Director Jay Schlesinger; Board Member Dee Memmer; Phyllis Cupo of Clark Township Senior Citizens Affairs; Councilman Frank Manzella; Council President Angel Albanese; Councilwoman Sheila Whiting; Councilman Alvin Barr; Mayor Sal Bonaccorso; Senior Housing Corp. President Bill Caruso and Clark Developers LLC representative Anthony De'Govonie. The group broke ground on the new Clark senior housing project late last year.

UNION NEWS

Mobile marketing to be talk of upcoming networking event, Jan. 23

Business owners who wish to learn more about marketing to customers through mobile devices are invited to attend a networking event of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Mack Boring and Parts Company, 2365 Route 22 West in Union. Union Chamber member Joseph Quinto, of Quantum Marketing in Mountainside, will present ways businesses can succeed through mobile technology.

"This topic is certainly a relevant one for every business looking to attract and communicate with its customers," said James Masterson, chamber executive director. "If your customers have gone mobile, then you need to do the same."

Preregistration is required. Call 908-688-2777 to pre-register or email executivedirector@unionchamber.com.

Caldwell Parsonage open house, Jan. 20

From 2 to 5 p.m., on Jan. 20, and Feb. 10 and 24, the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Ave. in Union, will be open to the public. The museum, once the residence of Rev. James and Mrs. Hannah Caldwell, is listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

Lore Ullrich and Anita Centeno, members of the Union Township Historical Society, will be dressed in authentic

Colonial attire and will serve as docents. Admission is free. More information is available at www.uniontownphistorical-society.webs.com or by calling Barbara La Mort at 908-687-0048.

Swing Dance Sunday, Jan. 20

The YM-YWHA of Union County presents the ninth annual Swing Dance Sunday, Jan. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. in its Auditorium, 501 Green Lane in Union.

The event features the Full Count Big Band, an 18-piece contemporary big band with five saxes, four trombones and five trumpets, complemented by a full jazz rhythm ensemble of piano, bass, drums, guitar and a vocalist. Open to all, the event is free to seniors, youth and their families. Refreshments will be served.

For directions or in the event of inclement weather, call 908-289-8112. A food collection for people in need will take place in the lobby of the Y, 501 Green Lane in Union. Residents are asked to bring a gift of nonperishable food, which will be distributed to food pantries serving those less fortunate.

Lunch and Learn with YM-YWHA

The YM-YWHA of Union County, 501 Green Lane in Union, will host the second part of a Lunch and Learn Series on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 10:30 a.m. Cantor William

Walton's topic for the three-part series is "Golden Age of Jewish Opera Singers." The third lecture will be Tuesday, March 5. All lectures include a lunch following the discussion. All three lectures relate to Jewish composers, musicians and performances, and their influence on music. Walton has sung with the Opera Company of Boston, Amato Opera, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He has worked under Leonard Bernstein, Seiji Ozawa and Colin Davis. He has appeared on PBS and as a featured soloist on WQXR.

Art on display at library

The Les Malamut Art Gallery, located on the lower level of Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., hosts a multimedia exhibit of paintings, drawings, and photography by artist Dawn Gilmore.

The work may be viewed during regular library hours through Feb. 28. A reception will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. Gilmore, who works in several different media, has participated in a number of both group and solo exhibitions in New Jersey and New York. According to the artist, "Photography is the most fun and spontaneous form of expression I use. None of my images are staged. Each one is something I had the pleasure of stumbling upon."

For further information, please visit lesmalamutart-gallery.web.officelive.com or call 908-851-5450.

RAHWAY NEWS

Pair of students represent at Band Invitational

Sophomore Brianna Porr and Junior Leon Chou, both percussionists, represented Rahway High School as members of the Central Jersey Symphonic Band Invitational. The students were nominated by their teachers, accepted into this honors ensemble and will perform in concert on Saturday, Jan. 19 at Sayreville War Memorial High School.

Rahway High School Band Director, Robert Van Wyk stated, "We are so excited for our students' achievement, providing them the great opportunity to perform with other great high school musicians from around the state and show off some of the best that Rahway High School has to offer."

Faculty to perform on Hamilton Stage, Jan. 23

Rahway Public School's performing-arts faculty will be in the spotlight when they perform in a recital at the Hamilton Stage on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.

In a Rahway tradition, the faculty will perform a variety of musical styles in an evening of solos, small groups and large ensembles. The event features diverse music: classical, Broadway, jazz and a pop/rock repertoire. Selections include Manuel De Falla's "Ritual Fire Dance" for concert piano, a performed transcription of jazz trombonist J.J. Johnson, a tango for rhythm section, bassoon and cello, and more.

According to Rahway Academy Band Director Amara Van Wyk, "Our Rahway

Public School performing-arts faculty are a close-knit group of educators that love sharing our love of music with our students. Our annual recital is a great way for our team to come together in putting on this performance for the community."

Slavonic fest set for Feb. 2

The 26th annual Slavonic Festival will be at St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church, 1407 St. Georges Ave., Rahway on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 3 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The event features food specialties such as pirohi, potato pancakes and beef goulash; activities and 50/50 raffles; and live music from the Family Tradition Band.

Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 732-382-5300.

Register for Mayor's Birthday 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.

Free photo ID program for seniors available

The citywide program to furnish Rahway seniors, ages 62 and older, with free, photo-identification cards is continuing. To make an appointment for a photo, call 732-827-2016. Proof of residency and age

will be required at the time of the appointment.

Get news on Senior Center 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. For the latest newsletter or more information, call 732-827-2016.

Send LocalSource your group's news

Union County LocalSource encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: Patrick Bober, Regional Editor, at editorial@thelocal-source.com. Information can also be submitted through our website at www.local-source.com.

Clubs meet at the Rahway Senior Center

The following clubs meet at the Rahway Senior Center:

- Rahway Retired Men's Club meets every Monday at 1 p.m.
- Merck Retirees meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.
- Ladies Golden Age Club meets Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.
- A.A.R.P. Chapter 607 meets the second Thursday of each month at 12 p.m.
- Union County Minority Task Force meets the first Friday of every other month at 12 p.m.

Take Back the Kitchen
Overcoming the Obstacles to Cooking

Easy Black Bean Burgers

As always, one of my new year's resolutions is to maintain a healthy lifestyle with lots of protein and fiber but one in which stressful meal-planning is not an issue. Try this simple and delicious recipe that uses leftover beans — possibly from "make your own taco" night? — and some pantry items. You won't even have to go shopping if your pantry is stocked properly. Experiment with other types of beans and legumes, too. Enjoy!

Ingredients

1 cup cooked black beans
1/4 cup oats, uncooked
1 small egg
1 Tbs. sauteed or raw chopped fennel or onions
1/4 tsp. ground chipotle pepper powder
olive oil for cooking

Method

This amount of ingredients makes 5 smallish ones or 3 larger ones.

Mix together all ingredients, aside from the oil, and form into patties. You can mash some of the beans, but leave some whole.

Heat oil in skillet and brown the patties for a few minutes on each side until heated through and the egg has been cooked.

They can be a little dry, so serve them with a salsa or sauce of your choice. I like them with a little mayo mixed with hot sauce and a salad. Enjoy!

Alma Schneider, licensed clinical social worker and self-trained chef, provides individual sessions and group workshops helping individuals overcome their practical and psychological obstacles to cooking. Alma has been featured on the "Today" show on NBC TV, the TV Land network, and in Family Circle Magazine for her Community Work in N.J. Her nonprofit, Give Back the Kitchen, offers assistance to at-risk populations to help overcome the obstacles to healthy cooking. A cookbook is in the works! For more information, contact her at alma@takebackthekitchen.com or visit her website at www.takebackthekitchen.com.

What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
JANUARY 26 2013

EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market

PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle

TIME: 9am-4pm

DETAILS: Call for information 908-245-2350

ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School.

What's Going On?

Includes:
FLEA MARKETS
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SCHOOL CONCERTS
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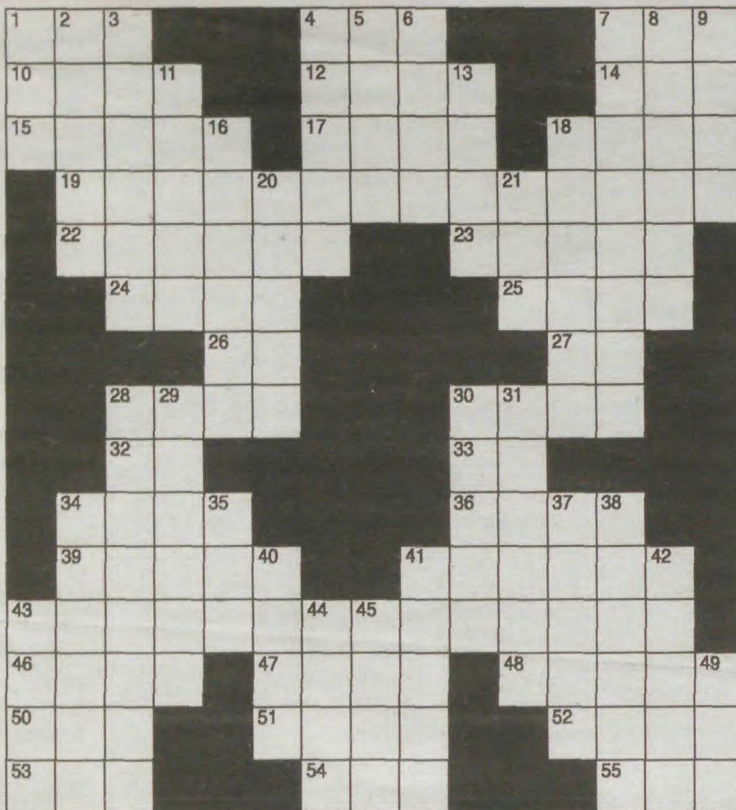
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What's Going On is a paid directory of events for non-profit organizations. It is PRE-PAID and costs only \$20.00 for 2 weeks in Essex or Union County and just \$30.00 for both counties. Your notice must be in our office by 4:00pm on Monday for publication the following Thursday. Office is located at 1291 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Tooth caregiver
4. Greek counterpart of Rhea
7. A numbered mail compartment (abbr.)
10. New Zealand parrots
12. Political action committees
14. Fringe-toed lizard
15. Reposes
17. Winglike structures
18. MacMurray of "My Three Sons"
19. Oprah's Broadway show
22. Ceaser, egg and tossed
23. Oarlock
24. Agile, lively (nautical)
25. Skim or dart
26. And, Latin
27. Embodies
28. Gallivants
30. Hyperbolic cosecant
32. Rural delivery
33. Atomic #89
34. Opposite of wealthy
36. Imus and Knotts
39. Yellow ageratum species
41. Large tropical Am. lizard
43. Late Show star
46. Armor breastplate
47. "Death in the Family" author
48. Liquors from rice
50. Bread for a burger
51. Yeast
52. 100 = 1 tala in W. Samoa
53. Two-year-old sheep
54. Hyrax or cony
55. Engine additive



CLUES DOWN

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Danish krone (abbr.) 2. Insect repellents 3. Move sideways 4. October's birthstones 5. ___ Alto, California city 6. Mark of healed tissue 7. Somewhat purple 8. Egg mixture cooked until just set 9. Past tense of bid 11. Ancient stone slab bearing markings 13. 9th month (abbr.) 16. Thrown into a fright 18. A playful antic 20. "Waiting for Lefty" playwright | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 21. Ultrahigh frequency 28. Cutting gun barrel spirals 29. Youth loved by Aphrodite 30. Get by begging 31. Cleans by scrubbing vigorously 34. Bubonic calamity 35. Radioactivity unit 37. Bow (Sanskrit) 38. Legless reptiles 40. Thick piece of something 41. A distinct part of a list 42. Regarding (Scottish prep.) 43. Something that is owed 44. Mild exclamation 45. River in Spain 49. Variation of 17 down |
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ANSWERS
APPEAR
IN OUR
CLASSIFIEDS
SECTION.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES, March 21 to April 20.

Aries, patience and calm is the way out of a tricky situation. You also may want to keep your opinions to yourself until everything gets settled, which shouldn't take long.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21.

Taurus, though you may be pinching pennies that doesn't mean you cannot make a purchase that will benefit the household. Make a budget so you'll learn how to spend wisely.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21.

You may need to subscribe to a new way of thinking, Gemini. The way you have been doing things lately is not working out too well. Ask a family member for advice.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22.

Cancer, it can be easy to get into a routine and then in a rut. Try switching up just one thing from your daily tasks, and it could provide a breath of fresh air.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23.

Leo, take advantage of the many opportunities for you to meet new people and forge new friendships this week. You may just meet someone who changes your life.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22.

Virgo, too much of a good thing can make it difficult to focus on other tasks and responsibilities. Make the effort to stay focused so you don't find yourself falling behind.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23.

Libra, you will likely find yourself in a domestic groove over the next few days. Use the time to get creative in the kitchen, straighten up the abode and do some decorating.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22.

Scorpio, don't allow your emotions to get the best of you during a disagreement this week. Be sure to gather all of the facts before you form an opinion.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21.

Sagittarius, this is the perfect week to correct any wrong impressions you might have made. Be overly generous with all the people you meet.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20.

Capricorn, speak up if you don't like the way something is being done. Change can't happen if you don't voice your opinion, so overcome your reservations.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18.

Aquarius, if you want to broaden your horizons you will have to explore beyond your comfort zone. It may not always be comfortable, but it can be adventurous.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20.

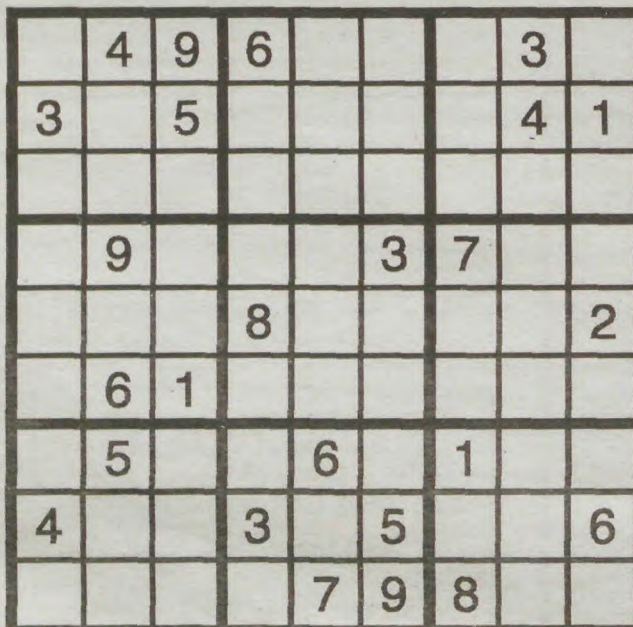
Pisces, you have many questions, but not enough answers are coming your way. Delve a little deeper this week.

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!

ANSWER APPEAR IN
OUR CLASSIFIEDS SECTION



Level: Intermediate

ARTS & LEISURE

Project provides young playwrights a very unique opportunity

When The Theater Project says that playwrights entering its upcoming competition must be young, it means it. Not many 13- to 18-year-olds have an opportunity to have a play they wrote performed in a reading by professional actors, but the three who win the project's Young Playwrights Competition will get that chance.

The competition is open to secondary school students aged 13 to 18, and will culminate in a performance and awards ceremony in March.

The Theater Project, an award-winning drama company, is sponsoring the 11th annual competition to encourage the next generation of theater practitioners and audiences by honoring student work and bringing it to life. In addition to having their work performed, the first, second, and third place authors will receive \$600, \$400 and \$200 savings bonds, respectively. Three additional student writers will receive honorable mention certificates.

"Putting words together in a meaningful way is not only about communication, but also fosters the critical thinking skills so necessary to success in education and the workplace," says Theater Project artistic director Mark Spina.

The competition was inspired by a generous donation from Linden resident Bill Mesce Jr., an award-winning playwright and screenwriter, whose recent short story collection, "Precis," was published by Stephen F. Austin University Press.

Mesce's reaction to the first ten years of the competition was full of delight.

"It is not only impressive, but inspiring to see these young people applying themselves to an art form that has always been about a command of language, and a bit awesome to see how well they carry it off," he said.

Competition guidelines, available at www.thetheaterproject.org

Only one entry per author. Entry fee: \$5. Scripts must be typed in play format. All submissions must be 10 to 25 pages, but excerpts of longer work will be accepted. Original work only, no adaptations. All entrants must be New Jersey residents in secondary school. Entries must be received by Jan. 21.

How to enter

By Jan. 21, submit a 10 to 25 page script according to the guidelines above to TheaterProject@aol.com with a 50-word biography of the author, contact information and the name of school currently attended. The \$5 entry fee can be paid online at TheTheaterProject.org.

All questions can be directed to The Theater Project at 973-763-4029 or by email at theaterproject@aol.com.



Photo Courtesy of Union County

TRAIL BLAZERS — A group of volunteers take a break from clearing the trail around Lake Surprise in the Watchung Reservation. Front row, from left: Marc Grobman of Fanwood, Peter Axelrod of Berkeley Heights, Evelyn Morton of Cranford, Chris Auda of Westfield. Back row, from left: Larry Russo of Cranford, Bob Czaja of Scotch Plains, Ned O'Connell of Scotch Plains, Michael Auda of Westfield and Marcus Jones of Summit. These specially trained, chain-saw-equipped volunteers have been hard at work in the Union County parks system, clearing fallen trees from super storm Sandy away from popular walking trails. To join the Union County Adopt-a-Trail/Adopt-a-Park programs contact the Department of Parks and Community Renewal, 908-789-3683 or visit ucnj.org.

St. Pat's 50th dinner to be held Jan. 25

The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Union County will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a dinner on Friday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at L'Affaire located at 1099 Route 22 East in Mountainside.

During the evening, past honorees and officers will be honored with special recognition given to the families of Joseph Higgins Sr. and Owen Roe McGovern for their initiative and leadership in bringing the Union County Friendly Sons into existence in 1962.

Tickets are \$100 per person, \$175 per couple or \$900 per table of 10 people. Admission includes an open bar all night, a choice of king cut prime rib, chicken or salmon. Live music will be provided

by Band of Rogues. The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Union County was first organized in 1962 with Joseph Higgins as the first president. The organization was later incorporated in the fall of 2005.

Fifty years later, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Union County has continued to support local worthy charitable organizations and to provide scholarships to young men of Irish ancestry.

For more information, call Todd Mooney at 908-966-1380, Ed Sisk at 908-451-6731 or Frank McGovern at 908-803-3180, or visit friendlysonsofstpatrick.org.

After construction, accidents drop at UCC

Traffic accidents are way down at Union County College.

The construction of a new Springfield Avenue entrance and roadway this past summer has paid off big with a dramatic drop in traffic accidents.

According to a report from the College's Department of Public Safety, accidents on the campus during the fall semester decreased by 50 percent.

The total number of motor-vehicle accidents on the Campus dropped to 16 in fall

2012 — half of the number of "fender benders" that took place during fall 2011.

Union President Margaret McMenamin views the new roadway as a success in three ways. "The construction project improved safety, increased parking capacity, and provided more direct access from Springfield Avenue into the heart of the campus," she said.

The work completed in August 2012 created a drop-off point that enabled students to alight from buses and go to class without

crossing over a road. The new lot configuration also reduced the number of internal turns and resulted in a net gain of almost 60 parking spots.

President McMenamin gives all due credit to the Facilities Department for overseeing the project and completing the work on time and within the budget. She also praises the College's Public Safety Department for the officers' daily patrols in the lots to direct students open parking lots and spaces.

SAGE announces Union County Kitchen back up and running

SAGE Eldercare announced that the Union County Kitchen is back up and running and able to serve the county's Meals On Wheels residents again. For the past year and a half, the county and SAGE have relied on a caterer to prepare the food. More older adults will be able to benefit from home-delivered meals and those who are currently receiving meals will have an option to receive a cold meal in addition to the hot meal if they are in need.

"We are thankful that the kitchen in Linden that prepares our Union County Meals On Wheels resumed service on Jan. 2. The facility suspended individual and congregate meals in August 2011 when Hurricane Irene's flooding destroyed the kitchen and food storage area," said Marianne Kranz, Director of Meals On Wheels at SAGE Eldercare, in a release. "Now that the Linden kitchen is back in business, we are able to deliver more meals to the neediest people."

SAGE also purchases food for its Essex and Morris County clients from Overlook Medical Center. Union Coun-

ty clients also have an option to purchase their food from the hospital. The food from the Linden kitchen is a suggested donation program.

Last year, SAGE delivered approximately 36,000 meals to 250 clients in 11 towns. The delivery region includes Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Madison, Millburn, Mountainside, New Providence, Short Hills, Springfield, and Summit.

Recent research released from Brown University in December 2012 has demonstrated the positive impact of programs such as Meals On Wheels for older adults. The study found that states that invest in home-delivered meal services to seniors through the Older Americans Act reduce the number of residents in nursing homes, especially those who have low-care needs. These older adults are often better served in the community by remaining in their own homes and receiving services which allow them to live independently.

The Meals On Wheels program at SAGE was established in 1966 and was one of the first meal delivery programs in

New Jersey. People who are over the age of 60 and who are frail and homebound are eligible for the service. This includes those who are recuperating from an illness, those who are mentally or physically impaired, those without family or friends to shop for them, or those needing a special diet.

Meals are delivered Monday through Friday and can be scheduled for a short term or indefinitely. For more information or to make arrangements for the Meals On Wheels program, call SAGE at 908-273-5554, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Programs at SAGE Eldercare include: HomeCare; Meals On Wheels; Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center; GPS (Guidance Planning Support) Services; InfoCare free information and referral service; Fall Prevention Initiative; Home Repair Service; Grocery Shopping and Errand Service; Bill Paying Service; Holistic Living Services; Alzheimer's and PREP caregiver support groups; Community Education; and Union County Medicare SHIP.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, Chapter 213, P.L. 1975, the Union County Planning Board has established the following meeting dates for 2013:

(All meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month except for January due to re-organization and no meeting is held in August.)

- January 23
- February 13
- March 13
- April 10
- May 8
- June 12
- July 10
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

All meetings will be held at 7:00 PM in the Freeholder Conference Room, 6th floor of the Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey. U303347 WCN Jan. 17, 2013 (\$17.15)

SCOTCH PLAINS

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-30315-12

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: CYNTHIA FREEMAN ANDREA LYONS WESTFIELD PLUMBING & HEATING SUPPLY CO INC

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number #(973) 538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY is Plaintiff and WILLIAM A. LYONS, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-30315-12 within thirty-five (35) days after 01/17/2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after 01/17/2013, thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated January 15, 1986 made by WILLIAM A. LYONS and MARGARET E. SILANCE as mortgagors to CRESTMONT FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

recorded on January 31, 1986, in Book 3584 of Mortgages for UNION County, Page 12, et seq., which mortgage was duly assigned to the Plaintiff named above, who is the present holder of said Mortgage, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1703 MOUNTAIN AVENUE, SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ 07076, TAX LOT 1 (F/K/A LOT 38 AND 39), IN BLOCK 702, Block 702.(F/K/A BLOCK B).

If you cannot afford or are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling: UNION COUNTY LAWYER REFERRAL: (908)353-4715 UNION COUNTY LEGAL SERVICES: (908)354-4340

YOU, CYNTHIA FREEMAN are made party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagors and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity.

YOU, ANDREA LYONS are made party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the

owner/mortgagors and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity.

YOU, WESTFIELD PLUMBING & HEATING SUPPLY CO INC are made party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagors and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity. File IB494 Dated: January 8, 2013

JENNIFER M. PEREZ Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey U303382 WCN Jan. 17, 2013 (\$57.33)

PLAINFIELD

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-029969-12 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC,

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESQS, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006 FF17, Mort-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Committee members are desirous of selling said surplus property in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Committee of Springfield, Union County, as follows:

(1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals are available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Township.

(2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.

(3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008/9.

(4) A list of the surplus property, including but not limited is attached.

(5) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.

(6) The Fire District reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

GovDeals Auction Items

Court

Microphones

Engineer

Laser Printer 2

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U303437 OBS Jan. 17, 2013 (\$34.30)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This resolution is for award of Professional Services Contract to William S. Kowalski, for providing monthly sanitary sewer collection system operator - C3 License for the period of one year, January 2013 to December 2013, as required by the Department of Environmental Protection Agency (DEP).

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
RESOLUTION 2013-25**

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need for contracting for monthly professional services to be provided for Sanitary Sewer Collection System Operator - C3 Services for the period of January 2013-December 2013 (12 months) as required by the Department of Environmental Protection Agency (DEP), within the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection; and

WHEREAS, a certificate of available funding has been presented by our CFO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with William S. Kowalski, P.E. for contracting for monthly professional services to be provided for Sanitary Sewer Collection System Operator - C3 License for the period of January 2013-December 2013 (12 months) as required by the department of environmental protection agency (DEP), at a fee not to exceed \$7,200.00, pursuant to Proposal for Professional Services dated December 14, 2012. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U303444 OBS Jan. 17, 2013 (\$35.28)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This Resolution authorizes the Township to enter into a contract for a Health Insurance Broker/Benefits Consultant for 2013.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

RESOLUTION 2013-26

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield has a continuing need to retain the services of a Health Insurance Broker/Benefits Consultant to advise the Township on the State Health Benefits Plan ("SHBP") and HIPAA requirements; and

WHEREAS, Bruce L. Kaplan has served the Township in an exemplary manner over the past twenty-six (26) months as Health Insurance Broker/Benefits Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Office recommends to hire Bruce L. Kaplan for Health Insurance Broker/Benefits at a fee of two thousand three hundred (\$2,300.00) dollars per month; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that it is in the best interests of the Township to award Bruce L. Kaplan a one year contract from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 with one year option for renewal of his contract to ensure continuity of services to the Township, active employees and retirees to advise and assist on matters related to the SHBP; and

WHEREAS, Bruce L. Kaplan agrees to comply with all applicable State Pay-to-Play requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Bruce L. Kaplan for a twelve (12) month period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 as the Township's Health Insurance Broker/Benefits Consultant in an amount not to exceed two thousand three hundred (\$2,300.00) dollars per month and as broker/benefits consultant of the Township's Vision Care and Dental Insurance programs collecting standard commissions paid by the insurance carriers.

2. A Certificate showing the availability of funds for the Contract authorized hereby shall be provided by the Chief Financial Officer pending the adoption of the 2013 budget.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U303438 OBS Jan. 17, 2013 (\$37.73)

SUMMIT

**CITY OF SUMMIT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Summit Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers of City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey to determine if the following specified property meets the statutory criteria to enable the planning board to recommend to the Mayor and Council that the property be designated an 'area in need of redevelopment', as that term is used in the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law. The property under consideration is identified as 48 Railroad Avenue (Block 2702, Lot 2 on the tax maps of the City of Summit).

A report on this matter has been prepared by Burgis Associates, Inc., entitled Area in Need of Redevelopment Study - Railroad Avenue Parking Lot. This report identifies the study area, identifies the statutory criteria used to determine if an area is in need of redevelopment, and presents conclusions regarding the manner in which the area meets this applicable criteria as set forth in the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

At said hearing, the Board will receive and consider public comment on the aforementioned Report. A map and the report are on file in the City Clerk's office at City Hall and may be seen during normal business hours.

Bambi Dawn Fiorito
Planning Board Secretary
Dated: January 3, 2013
January 10, 17, 2013
U303226 OBS (\$46.06)

PUBLIC NOTICE

MOUNTAINSIDE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, as awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk

Dated: January 10, 2013

Awarded to: Loughlin Law Firm
1838 East Second Str.
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Services: Planning Board Attorney

Period: January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

Costs: Not to exceed \$30,000

Ruth M. Rees
Planning Board Secretary
U303586 OBS Jan. 17, 2013 (\$15.68)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CLARK

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-11004676
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2181009
County: Union
Plaintiff: ALEGIANCE COMMUNITY BANK
VS

Defendant: ANGELO VAYAS, MARIA VAYAS, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND UNION COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Sale Date: 01/23/2013
Writ of Execution: 08/01/2011

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

Municipality: Township of Clark
County and State: Union County, New Jersey

Street and Street Number: 373 Willow Way, Clark, New Jersey
Tax Lot and Block Numbers: Lot 16, Block 4
Nearest Cross Street: Wheatsheaf Road
Dimensions: 100 x 200

The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$353,463.11***
Three Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Three and 11/100***

Attorney:
RITA R. MUNGIOLI, ESQ.
C/O BCB COMMUNITY BANK
591 AVENUE C
BAYONNE, NJ 07002
201-823-0700

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$376,480.79***Three Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty and 79/100***
Dec. 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 17, 2013
U302832 EAG (\$115.64)

CLARK

**Notice
Township of Clark**

The Tax Assessment Book will be open to the public for inspection in room 19 of the Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, NJ on Monday, February 11, 2013, between the hours of 8:30 am and 9:00 pm

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on **Wednesday, January 9, 2013** at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey Resolutions memorializing.

Calendar #	Name of Applicant & Premises Affected	Variances Requested	Decision of the Board of Adjustment
Cal. # 3208	EFG-Clermont Terrace, LLC. 450 Clermont Terrace Block- 606 Lot- 3	Multi-family development 140 townhouses, 130 rental units	Carried for Resolution of Approval on 1/16/2013

Richard Malanda, Bd. Of Adj. Secretary
U303432 UNL January 17, 2013 (\$24.99)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Michael Ross
Tax Assessor

U303451 EAG Jan. 17, 2013 (\$7.84)

CLARK

PUBLIC NOTICE

Township of Clark
Planning Board
Notice of Action

Please take notice that on January 3, 2013, the Planning Board of the Township of Clark in the County of Union took the following action:

Application by Investors Savings Bank: The Planning Board granted the application for preliminary and final site plan with "c" variances for lot coverage and parking for property located at 56 Westfield Avenue, also known as Block 105, Lot 1.01 on the tax map of the Township. The Resolution memorializing the aforesaid decision was adopted at the January 3, 2013 meeting of the Planning Board of the Township of Clark. The Resolution memorializing this decision is on file for public inspection at the municipal building of the Township of Clark during normal business hours.

Patrick J. McNamara, Esq.
Scarinci Hollenbeck
802 West Park Avenue
Suite 222
Ocean, New Jersey 07712-8526
U303381 EAG Jan. 17, 2013 (\$18.13)

CRANFORD

**2013
Cranford
Environmental Commission
Meeting Schedule Notice**

This is to notify you that in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", the Cranford Environmental Commission has designated the following schedule of meetings for 2013, to be held in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, at 7:30 PM.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNION
LEGAL NOTICE**

Take notice that the undersigned shall expose for sale, as salvage, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:10A-1 at public auction on JANUARY 24, 2013 at 10:00am in Office of Director of Public Safety, 1976 Morris Avenue, Township of Union, New Jersey, the below described motor vehicles which came into possession of the Township of Union through abandonment of owners to claim same.

The motor vehicles shall be examined at the following location: SETON TOWING, MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., 48 hours preceding the aforesaid date and time only.

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**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
VEHICLE AUCTION**

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3. 1994	CHEVROLET	1GNCT18W2R011564
4. 1995	NISSAN	1N4BU31D2SC191475

U303379 UNL January 17, 2013 (\$43.12)

PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNION
PUBLIC NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE

January 7, 2013
February 4, 2013
March 4, 2013
April 1, 2013
May 6, 2013
June 3, 2013
September 3 (Tuesday), 2013
October 7, 2013
November 4, 2013
December 2, 2013

All dates are Mondays unless otherwise indicated.
U303383 EAG Jan. 17, 2013 (\$14.21)

CRANFORD

**2013
CRANFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING SCHEDULE NOTICE**

This is to notify you that in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," the Cranford Board of Health has designated the following schedule of meetings for 2013, to be held in Room 108 at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue Cranford, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

February 11, 2013
May 6, 2013
August 12, 2013
October 21, 2013
U303384 EAG Jan. 17, 2013 (\$10.29)

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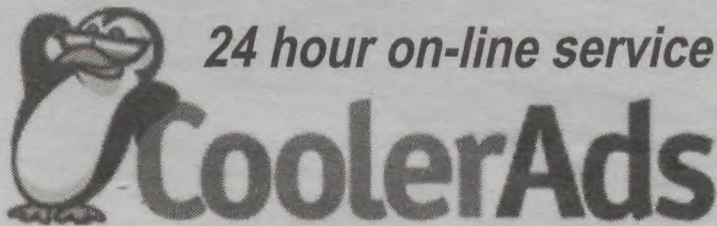
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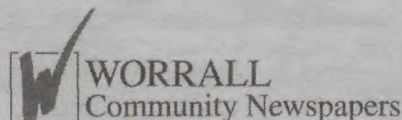
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SPORTS



Photo by JR Parachini

Governor Livingston junior Ryan Hoy, left, is one of seven returning Union County Tournament champions. The 38th annual wrestling Union County Tournament will take place at Union's Louis J. Rettino Gymnasium Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m.

Brearley wrestlers are going for 8th consecutive UCT title

One-day event to take place at UHS Saturday

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Will Brearley make it eight in a row?

Or will Roselle Park capture its first county crown in a decade?

Those questions and more will be answered Saturday when the 38th annual wrestling Union County Tournament takes place at Union High School's Louis J. Rettino Gymnasium, beginning at 9 a.m.

Brearley has won the last seven titles, which are all seven championships the Bears have won.

Roselle Park last won the crown in 2003, which was for the seventh straight season.

No team has won the title eight years in a row.

Returning champions include Brearley junior Nick DeMarco, Governor Livingston senior Jon Mele, Summit senior Nick Abbott, GL junior Ryan Hoy, Brearley junior John Balboni, Brearley junior Joe Balboni and Scotch Plains senior Anthony Tufaro.

State-ranked Union County wrestlers according to nj.com as-of Jan. 9 include Mele fifth at 120, Brearley senior Anthony Rice fifth at 132, Brearley junior John Balboni third and Westfield senior Colin Barber fifth

at 160, Brearley junior Joe Balboni fourth at 170, Summit senior A.J. Iarussi fourth at 220 and Scotch Plains senior Anthony Tufaro second at heavyweight.

Rice won at 119 as a freshman in 2010 and at 125 as a sophomore in 2011.

Rice missed last year, out for the season with a torn ACL from football.

Roselle Park began the week with a record of 8-0.

The Panthers have won the most county crowns, with a total of 11 championships.

UCT CHAMPIONS SINCE 1990:

2012: Brearley. **2011:** Brearley. **2010:** Brearley. **2009:** Brearley. **2008:** Brearley. **2007:** Brearley. **2006:** Brearley, first time. **2005:** Rahway. **2004:** Scotch Plains, first time. **2003:** Roselle Park. **2002:** Roselle Park. **2001:** Roselle Park. **2000:** Roselle Park. **1999:** Roselle Park. **1998:** Roselle Park. **1997:** Roselle Park. **1996:** Rahway. **1995:** Rahway. **1994:** Union. **1993:** Roselle Park. **1992:** Roselle Park. **1991:** Union. **1990:** Westfield.

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2012

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

FINALS:

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

THIRD-PLACE FINISHERS:

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

TOP SEEDS:

106 – John Devito, Roselle Park
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RETURNING CHAMPIONS:

Brearley junior Nick DeMarco
 Captured his first title last year, winning at 103.
Gov. Livingston senior Jon Mele
 Captured his first title in 2011, winning at 103 and won his second crown in 2012, winning at 113.
Summit senior Nick Abbott
 Captured his first title last year, winning at 126.
Gov. Livingston junior Ryan Hoy
 Captured his first title last year, winning at 132.
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 Captured his first title last year, winning at 170
Scotch Plains senior Anthony Tufaro
 Captured his first title last year, winning at heavyweight.

SPORTS



Photo courtesy of Roselle Catholic

From left are Roselle Catholic's Ryan Quinn and Danielle Franklin, who were honored at halftime of their respective team's game at the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) basketball festival presented by Investors Bank at Kean University the first weekend of January.

RC basketball players net scholarship honor

Roselle Catholic's Ryan Quinn and Danielle Franklin were honored at halftime of their respective team's game at the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) basketball festival presented by Investors Bank at Kean University the first weekend of January.

Each participating school in the SFIC festival, which celebrated its 10th Anniversary, nominated a basketball player who's demonstrated academic excellence in the classroom

Franklin, the Lions' sixth man, and Quinn, who's sidelined with an injured back, are both seniors.

To celebrate its 10th Anniversary, the SFIC named its All-Time Girls Top players and included Roselle Catholic 2011 graduate Melissa Tobie on the first team.

The all-time SFIC Girls Coach Honor Roll included Roselle Catholic's Joe Skrec.

Summit hoop star Mickens among elite class

Summit boys' basketball standout senior Ba'Shawn Mickens entered Tuesday night's home game against Union County Conference-Valley Division foe Hillside just 17 points shy of 1,000.

The three-year varsity starter began the week averaging 26 points for an 8-1 Summit squad that was second in the Valley Division of the Union County Conference with a league mark of 5-1.

In a 52-39 Valley Division win at Johnson last Friday in Clark, Mickens set a school record by making nine 3-point baskets. Mickens finished with 40 points.

The previous record of seven 3-pointers in a game was established by Dwayne Reed in the 2002-2003 season.

Only five other Summit players scored more than 1,000 points, including Wellington Smith, Reed, Jay Green, Dave Dixon and Willie Wilson.

Summit is scheduled to host Oratory Prep tonight at 7 in another Valley Division clash.

In a showdown of 7-0 teams last Thursday night in Springfield, Summit was edged by Dayton 49-48 in Valley Division play.

Mickens paced the Hilltoppers with a 26-point performance.

Union Catholic boys' hoops sparked by Hillside's Lynn

Sr. guard nets game-high 32 points vs. Linden

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

UNION — Damon Lynn can shoot the 3, no new development there.

However, Lynn and his Union Catholic teammates proved Sunday that they have the ability to seriously compete against the upper echelon teams in the state.

That is news for a Union Catholic squad that Linden had its hands full with.

Although the Vikings did not come away with a victory, Union Catholic battled state-ranked Linden to the very end before falling 76-67 in a clash of 9-1 Union County teams in the second day of the Inaugural Investors Games at Kean University.

In the fourth of the five games played Sunday at Kean's Harwood Arena, it was Lynn that led all scorers with an electric 32-point effort that included eight 3-pointers.

Lynn, a Hillside resident, made five-of-six 3-point attempts in the second quarter to give Union Catholic a 43-36 halftime lead. The only 3 he missed in the period was a LONG 3-point attempt he heaved right before the halftime buzzer.

"No guard ever did to us what Lynn did to us today," said Linden head coach Phil Colicchio. "When you get hot like that it's like you kick the ball and it goes in."

Lynn pulled up and hit 3-pointers from all over the court in the second half, scoring 17 of his points in an eight-minute period Union Catholic outscored Linden 28-20.

"I just got into a rhythm," said Lynn, who was averaging 29 points going in.

The three-year varsity starter reached and passed 1,000 career points when he netted 15 in an 82-48 win over Morristown-Beard Dec. 29 in the Al LoBalbo Memorial Classic at St. Mary's of Elizabeth.

Lynn's season-high is 42.

"He showed tonight that he can play against anybody," Union Catholic head coach Jim Reagan said.

Union Catholic went on two 10-0 runs in the first half, the first one bridging the first and second quarters. The Vikings scored the first eight points of the second quarter, including consecutive 3-pointers by Lynn, both from the top of the key.

The Vikings were also sparked by an outstanding effort from junior guard Ashton Lofton, who finished with 18 points, including a 3-pointer in the second quarter. Union Catholic made six 3s in the second.

"We've been shooting the ball real well so far this year and winning with a whole team process," Reagan said. "It's really been team-basketball for us this year."

Linden was led by 6-8 junior center Quadri Moore, but not until he established himself inside in the second half. After producing just five points by intermission after playing the second quarter with two fouls — Moore began the second half with three fouls and picked up a fourth, but did not foul out — Moore finished with a team-high 24 points.

Linden teammates such as junior forward Alonzo Hamilton and sophomore guard Juwan Dolbrice started to get Moore the ball and he dunked it home for 19 second-half points.

Hamilton also made his presence felt in the second half, scoring 10 of his 12 points.

Linden outscored Union Catholic 22-7 in the third quarter to take the lead for good.

"Once the big guy (Moore) went off the high pick and roll that was it," Reagan said. "They forced us to shoot the ball and our shots were not falling. Linden made a nice adjustment."

Linden — which began the week at 10-1 — responded from its first loss of the year, a 70-51 Union County Conference-Watchung Division setback at home last Thursday night to The Patrick School of Elizabeth.

The Patrick School entered 8-1 and was on an eight-game winning streak.

"Our goal is to not go undefeated," Colicchio said. "I usually schedule losses. It's how you bounce back from them."

Union Catholic — which began the week at 9-2 — leads the UCC's Mountain Division with a 7-0 mark.

"We showed that we can compete with a Watchung Division team," Reagan said.

Lynn, Lofton, senior Dayne Horrobin and junior David Hawthorne are returning UC starters.

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UNION CATHOLIC (9-2) 15 28 7 17-67
LINDEN (10-1) 16 20 22 18-76

• UNION CATHOLIC VIKINGS (67):

5-Damon Lynn, senior, 2-8-4-32
4-Ashton Lofton, junior, 6-1-3-18
23-Dayne Horrobin, senior, 3-0-0-6
20-David Hawthorne, junior, 2-0-0-4
13-Serge Gilbert, sophomore, 0-0-4-4
44-Jahad Harris, senior, 1-0-1-3
Starters: Hawthorne, Harris, Horrobin, Lynn, Lofton
Totals: 14-9-12-67

LINDEN TIGERS (76):

30-Quadri Moore, junior, 10-1-1-24
23-Alonzo Hamilton, junior, 5-0-2-12
2-Joshua Carter, sophomore, 6-1-0-15
1-Juwan Dolbrice, sophomore, 1-0-3-5
5-Juwan Jones, junior, 1-1-0-5
3-Cairo Brown, senior, 2-1-4-11
15-Udraka Bey, senior, 0-0-2-2
23-James Julius, sophomore, 1-0-0-2
Starters: Moore, Jones, Hamilton, Dolbrice, Brown
Totals: 26-4-12

• SUNDAY'S SCORES FROM KEAN UNIVERSITY'S HARWOOD ARENA

Hillsborough 57, Westfield 47

Bloomfield 66, Piscataway 32

Union 55, Roselle 39

Linden 76, Union Catholic 67

St. Peter's Prep 58, Marist 50

SPORTS

Cranford's McCoy perfect in first quarter to reach 1,000 Scores game-high 21 points to spark girls'

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

SCOTCH PLAINS — In a circumstance where many players struggle to reach an individual goal, Cranford senior guard Jessica McCoy couldn't miss.

McCoy was a perfect 4-for-4 last Friday night when going for the 10 points she needed to reach 1,000 for her career.

McCoy's game-high 21 points put her career total at 1,011 and it more importantly sparked Cranford to a more-than-convincing 59-39 Union County Conference-Watchung Division victory over Scotch Plains.

A four-year starter who will continue playing in college next year at Division 3 Case Western Reserve, McCoy made all four of her shots in the first quarter to exactly get to 1,000. With seven points already produced on her first three shots, McCoy's second 3-pointer — from the top of the key right before the first quarter buzzer — sealed the deal.

"When she hit that shot she said, 'that was it?' Before the game started we talked about how excited we were for her," Cranford sixth-year head coach Jackie Dyer said.

McCoy was the second player under Dyer's tutelage to reach and pass 1,000 career points. Present Lafayette College freshman player Morgan Miller was the first. Miller did so last year in a 61-44 conference-crossover home win over Scotch Plains, scoring a tied for team-high 15 points to exactly reach 1,000. Miller scored points 999 and 1,000 on a late third quarter drive through the lane.

Friday night against Scotch Plains, Cranford jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead, with senior guard Jenna Goeller scoring the game's first five points right before McCoy scored inside.

Scotch Plains, behind four points from junior guard Madison Maisel and three from senior guard Taylor Sebolao, came back to tie the game at 9-9.

In last Thursday night's 60-50 Watchung Division home setback to Linden, Sebolao — also a four-year starter — reached and passed 1,000 career points after pouring in 19 to give her 1,003. Against Cranford, Sebolao paced Scotch Plains with 15 points, 11 of those coming in the second half.

McCoy's second shot was a 3-pointer from the top of the key that give Cranford its second lead at 12-9.

Maisel then hit her second 3-pointer to tie the game again at 12-12.

With 30 seconds left in the first quarter, McCoy gave the Cougars the lead for good at 14-12 when her third shot — a one-hander in the lane — swished through the net.

Cranford got the ball back and McCoy stepped up right in front of the 3-point line once more. She let go of her fourth shot and — again — didn't miss, giving the Cougars a 17-12 lead going into the second quarter.

McCoy had 15 points at the half — making 6-of-7 first half shots that included three 2-pointers and three 3s — as Cranford led 32-20 at intermission.

"We didn't force anything and just did what we were supposed to do," Dyer said. "Jess didn't let it (going for 1,000 points) get her nervous and she played her game."

In the game's first minute alone — when Cranford produced its opening 7-0 lead to prompt a Scotch Plains timeout — McCoy already had two points, one assist, one steal and two rebounds, one on both offense and defense.

McCoy came to play and didn't let going for 1,000 points become a distraction at all to her or her team's performance.

McCoy, who is not only Cranford's leading scorer with a 14-point average, but also — again — leads the team in rebounds with an average of eight, had seven rebounds and one blocked shot in the first half.

"Jess has always been a big scorer, but a silent scorer," Dyer said. "This year when she gets into the rhythm of scoring, when she scores her first basket, she gets going and usually gets everyone else going.

"She's also been our leading rebounder since she was a freshman."

Cranford improved to 8-3 overall with its second straight win and moved to 5-2 in the Watchung Division. The Cougars bounced back from a rare three-game losing streak by defeating Union 49-38 at home in Watchung Division play last Thursday.

Union entered the game 7-3 and on a three-game winning streak that included a 51-39 division home win over Governor Livingston.

Scotch Plains lost for the third straight time to slip to 5-5 overall and 2-5 in the Watchung Division.

The teams are scheduled to play their second division game against each other on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at Cranford's Martin Gymnasium.

UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE-WATCHUNG DIVISION GAME

CRANFORD (8-3, 5-2) 17 15 11 16 - 59
S. PLAINS (5-5, 2-5) 12 8 8 11 - 39

CRANFORD COUGARS (59):

24-Kaitlin McGovern, senior, 5-0-1-11
4-Jenna Goeller, senior, 2-3-3-16
20-Jess McCoy, senior, 4-3-4-21
31-Anastasia Caulfield, junior, 1-0-0-2
21-Hannah Ross, freshman, 1-0-0-2
13-Mairead McKeary, junior, 0-0-1-1
32-Kerry Wischusen, junior, 0-0-0-0
23-Megan Pringle, junior, 0-0-0-0
11-Sarah Ross, freshman, 3-0-0-6

Starters: Goeller, McCoy, McKeary, Wischusen, McGovern
Totals: 16-6-9-59

SCOTCH PLAINS RAIDERS (39):

22-Paige Heiden, sophomore, 1-0-0-2
2-Alexsis Venable, junior, 1-0-0-2
25-Thabitha Dwunfour, sophomore, 3-0-2-8
3-Madison Maisel, junior, 0-3-1-10
30-Amani Williams, freshman, 1-0-0-2
23-Taylor Sebolao, senior, 3-1-6-15
24-Megan Fernandez, senior, 0-0-0-0
20-Tara Sweeney, senior, 0-0-0-0

Starters: Sebolao, Dwunfour, Maisel, Williams, Fernandez
Totals: 9-4-9-39

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Cranford girls' team hosts GL tonight at 7

The Cranford girls' basketball team hosts Governor Livingston tonight at 7 in a big Union County Conference-Watchung Division game at Cranford High's Martin Gymnasium.

On Opening Night Dec. 14, Cranford edged GL 37-36 at GL.

Cranford senior guard Jess McCoy scored the game-winning basket in the fourth quarter.

Brearley Girls' Basketball

Brearley began the week 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Valley Division of the Union County Conference.

Here's a look at its results and remaining regular season schedule:

Dec. 14 (A) Brearley 54, Rahway 36 (A)
Dec. 18 (A) Brearley 39, R. Park 17 (A)
Dec. 27 (A) Brearley 36, McNair 33 (A)
Dec. 29 (A) Brearley 58, Dickinson 30 (A)
Jan. 7 (A) Manville 50, Brearley 34
Jan. 8 (A) Hillside 57, Brearley 31
Jan. 10 (H) Brearley 52, St. Mary's, Elizabeth 34
Jan. 15 Benedictine Academy
Jan. 17 Rahway, 4 p.m.
Jan. 18 Roselle Park, 7 p.m.
Jan. 22 Kent Place, 4 p.m.
Jan. 24 at The Patrick School, 4 p.m.
Jan. 25 Hillside, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 31 at St. Mary's, Eliz., 4 p.m.
Feb. 1 at Kent Place, 4 p.m.
Feb. 4 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
Feb. 5 at New Providence, 7 p.m.
Feb. 7 at Benedictine, 4 p.m.
Feb. 12 Stuart Country Day, 4:30

UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE STANDINGS THROUGH GAMES PLAYED JAN. 13:

WATCHUNG DIVISION

Roselle Catholic (6-1)
Gov. Livingston (5-2)
Linden (5-2)
Cranford (5-2)
Union (4-3)
Scotch Plains (2-5)
Summit (1-6)
Plainfield (0-7)

MOUNTAIN DIVISION

New Providence (7-0)
Oak Knoll (6-1)
Dayton (5-2)
Westfield (5-3)
Union Catholic (2-5)
Johnson (2-5)
Elizabeth (1-6)
Roselle (1-7)

VALLEY DIVISION

Hillside (5-0)
Kent Place (4-1)
Brearley (3-1)
Roselle Park (2-3)
Rahway (2-4)
Benedictine Academy (1-4)
St. Mary's, Elizabeth (0-5)
The Patrick School (0-0)

SPORTS

Linden swimmers are back

The Linden High School swimming team was cut in 2010 in the face of massive state aid reductions.

This year the team was restored and Linden students have responded in large numbers.

Swimming is back as a coed sport during the winter season.

Swimmers on Linden's team this year include Patryk Lukaszewicz, Brandon Scarpelli, Filip Badiuk, Eric Wichur, Justin Black-Orr, Fernando Delgado, Jennifer Fiztula, Ryan Mendez, Isabela Pedraza, Glenda Heredia, Mariana Pinto, Steven Ortmann, Jonathan Cruz and Ashley DeSousa.



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Above is the Linden High School swimming team. Below at left are Steven Ortmann doing the backstroke and under him Eric Wichur the breaststroke, while at right is Chelsea Librese also performing the backstroke.





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SPORTS

Cranford's Folinusz among star athletes

Student athletes from schools in Union County will be honored at the 77th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 10, beginning at 1 p.m. at the L'Affaire Banquet Center, 1099 Route 22 East, in Mountainside.

The dinner is sponsored by the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal.

Among the students to be honored for their athletic achievements are:

* Chris Folinusz, catcher for Cranford High School (Class of 2013); selected 1st Team, All-State; and Union County Player of the Year (2012). Folinusz will continue playing baseball in college at Rutgers.

* Khaseem Greene, a graduate of Elizabeth High School; All-American linebacker at Rutgers; Big East defensive player of the year (2011 and 2012).

* Jenna Kulback, catcher for Gov. Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights (Class of 2012); guided team to second straight Union County Tournament championship.

* James O'Rourke, a 1st Team, All-State centerfielder for Westfield High School (Class of 2012); now attending Gettysburg College.

* Shannon Syciarz of Garwood, graduate of A.L. Johnson Reg. High School in Clark and The College of New Jersey; twice All-NJAC field hockey goaltender of the year.

The Union County Baseball Association also will induct three new members into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame. They are:

* Bill Dolan, an All-State catcher at Rahway High School, an All-American at Monmouth University, and Rahway varsity baseball coach (1972 to 2000).

* Jim Riccitelli, a shortstop, catcher and pitcher at Roselle Park High School and the first Kean player to sign a professional baseball contract (Baltimore Orioles, 1976).

* George Virgilio, a second baseman at Elizabeth High School (1987-89); played in the Atlanta Braves, Montreal Expos and Baltimore Orioles organizations.

"We're delighted to honor so many deserving athletes from throughout Union County at this year's Hot Stove Awards Dinner," said Freeholder Chairman Linda Carter. "I hope that family members and friends of all the honorees will enjoy the Sunday afternoon ceremonies and support youth baseball in Union County."

Marty Appel, the long-time Yankees historian and former director of Public Relations, will be the special guest speaker. Mr. Appel began his tenure with the Yankees handling fan mail for Mickey Mantle. He is the author of 18 books, including the New York Times bestseller, "Munson," and "Pinstripe Empire" — the definitive history of the New York Yankees.

In addition to the new Hall of Fame inductees, the Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner also will honor local American Legion Baseball players and athletes from youth baseball leagues for their achievements in 2012.

Tickets for the dinner are \$40 each and can be purchased online by visiting www.ucba-nj.org or by downloading and mailing the table registration form to the Union County Baseball Association, Box 176, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023. Proceeds will help fund the Union County Summer Youth Baseball League for youngsters 8 to 15 years, and the Fall Teen League.

Since 1937, the Hot Stove League Dinner has been the primary fund-raising effort for the Union County Baseball Association's summer and fall programs. Over the years, the awards dinner has honored many local and national baseball luminaries — including Phil Rizzuto of Hillside, Don Newcombe of Elizabeth, Joe Collins of Union, Jeff Torborg of Mountainside, Willie Wilson of Summit, Jake Wood of Elizabeth, and Elliott Maddox of Union.

More information may be obtained by calling Jim Iozzi at 908-917-2523.

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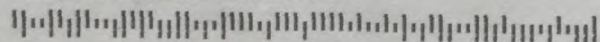
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BENEDICTINE HOOPS EXCELS - The Benedictine Academy basketball team placed second in the Benedictine Academy Christmas Basketball Tournament, which is named after Dr. Rose Marie Battaglia. Back row, from left, are head coach Mike Jones, Marielis Vazquez, Marina Batista and Shawn Powell. Middle row, from left, are Dr. Battaglia, Samantha Frejuste, Ranisha Frejuste, Alexandria Lee, Samantha Herrejon, Alyssa Vega, Karen Thompson and Toni Davis-Wilson. Front row, from left, kneeling are Shervonne Gittens, Tabitha Davis, Jamila Cuentas and Justice Stewart.



ELIZABETH JV SECOND IN TOURNEY - The Elizabeth junior varsity girls' basketball team placed second in its Dr. Rose Battaglia Christmas Tournament held in late December. The team is coached by Andrew Dunbar, third from left, back row. Elizabeth was defeated by Madison 34-29 in the game for first place.