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A member of the Cranford Police Department has filed a complaint with the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission alleging Police Chief Eric Mason attempted to intimidate a member of the force into recanting an email that Mason did not like.

## Officer complains of Mason's intimidation

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — Township Police Chief Eric Mason is in hot water with the local police union after allegedly attempting to intimidate a member of the force into recanting an email that Mason did not like.

The complaint, filed with the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission, puts further credence to rumors that have circulated the last several years of a deep divide between the police force and Mason.

Mayor Tom Hannen said the complaint is being looked into by the township's legal advisors, declining to comment one way or another on the issue because it involved a personnel matter. However, he did say the township is hoping to resolve the matter locally.

Until the NJPERC makes its decision on whether the issue meets the law, the com-

plaint cannot move forward. Once it does, the commission will hold a hearing where both parties can plead their case. But the PBA believes their case does have merit and meets the law.

In fact, on Jan. 11 the Police Benevolent Association Local 52 was upset enough over the incident that occurred Nov. 20 to file the unfair labor practice complaint against Mason, charging the township's top cop with trying to intimidate a police sergeant, deprive him of his First Amendment free speech rights and illegally interfering in protected union activity.

According to the complaint, which *LocalSource* obtained, Police Sgt. Anthony Dobbins was confronted by Mason about an email he wrote to PBA members Nov. 16 involving the morale of the department.

According to Donald B. Ross of the Westfield legal firm Lindabury, See COMPLAINT, Page 14

## Springfield brings back board of health

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Tuesday the governing body was expected to change the status of the board of health. Again.

"I feel that it's in the best interest of the residents of Springfield for the Board of Health to be made up of public health professionals," said Deputy Mayor Rich Huber in a statement published on the Springfield Democrat website.

"This change will ensure that politics don't get in the way of the public's well being," he added.

But that was not the way it went last year.

After a contentious battle that resulted in the township's autonomous board of health being dissolved, a simple change in political power brought it all full circle once again.

The previous board of health, comprised of appointed residents, was replaced by a committee of all five members of the township's governing body, in addition to two residents with expertise in public health.

The change, first proposed by former Republican Mayor Ziad Shehady, angered and surprised board of health members and residents alike.

Shehady, who said the change "would provide greater and much needed oversight of public health matters," as well as streamline costs, went head to head with board members and Westfield Health Officer Megan Avalone to see the board dissolved.

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— Rich Huber

## Amidst feud with mayor, police chief opts to retire

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — Saying he was "sick of allegations by Mayor Joseph Menza that are entirely false," the township's top cop decided to retire after ten years leading the force and more than 30 years with the department.

"I've had quite enough," Police Chief Robert Quinlan said in an interview Friday with *LocalSource*, two days after he handed in a resignation letter to clerk Diane Rowe, effective Feb. 1.

Despite the circumstances, the police chief has no regrets.

"I leave Hillside with with my head held high and proud of my achievements as a member of the Hillside Police Department and chief of police for 10 years," Quinlan said quietly, adding that during his tenure

he did his "level best to protect the people of Hillside."

Quinlan and Menza have been battling for more than a year, ever since the police chief filed a multi-count lawsuit against the mayor.

The police chief said the case is about the mayor withholding his contractual benefits, but he preferred to not get into what that involved. He was, however, adamant about not dropping the ball on this legal matter.

"I don't care how long it takes but I will have my day in court with Mayor Menza," the police chief said, adding he was "looking forward to it."

The lawsuit is now in the discovery phase.

Although the mayor and police chief had See QUINLAN, Page 6



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At city hall in Linden, Mayor Rich Gerbounka recently delivered his state of the city address to kick off his 7th year as the city's mayor.

## Gerbounka looks ahead in state of the city address

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

LINDEN — In his state of the city address, Mayor Rich Gerbounka had only one hope — that mother nature did not have another surprise up her sleeve for Linden in 2013.

“Think about it. In 2010 we had a record 32 inches of snowfall. In 2011 we had Hurricane Irene plus the Halloween storm,” said the mayor, adding that Superstorm Sandy was a lot to handle for the city.

Gerbounka said Sandy “punished Linden, devastated the shore and Staten Island.”

“Through it all we survived and persevered. Our police, fire, public works and Office of Emergency Management removed the hazards, protected property, putting themselves in harms way many times,” the mayor said, adding that the calls the city received during and after the storm were not always pleasant.

“Central dispatch and the police desk fielded volumes of calls, many from irate and demanding residents who did not realize the gravity of the situation,” he said, but pointed out that all city office workers served the residents the best they could even though they were also without power at their home.

Although the mayor initially focused on how the city handled Superstorm Sandy, he quickly turned to what lay ahead for Linden in 2013, including welcoming aboard

new 9th Ward council member Armando Medina.

Gerbounka graciously acknowledged that Medina worked hard to get elected, but pointed out, “I’m sure you will work just as hard for the people of the 9th Ward.”

It was a bittersweet moment for the mayor as he watched Medina sworn in to a seat that once belonged to Bob Frazier, who decided not to seek re-election.

“Both Bob and I have gone through the political arena together. I don’t think the city will ever find a better representative. He is a diplomat, a gentleman and an individual I always turn to for advice,” the mayor said.

“Bob, I want you to know I’m going to miss you, but enjoy your family and retirement, you earned it and can rest assured that you left the 9th Ward in great shape and its future in good hands,” Gerbounka told his old friend who was in the audience.

The new year marked the start of Gerbounka’s seventh year as mayor, one that found him feeling more optimistic about Linden’s future than ever before.

“Time and time again you have heard me state there are only two ways to stabilize taxes. One way is to reduce spending and the other is to increase revenue by increasing our industrial base,” the mayor said, adding that only then will the tax burden shift from homeowner to business.

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# Moody's has 'negative outlook' for Kean

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

UNION — Citing a steep decline in fall enrollment, very high debt, negative headlines involving management and governance over the last two years and weakening state aid, Moody's Investor Services gave Kean University an A2 rating.

"Despite the positive credit impact of Kean's reaffirmed accreditation, we maintain a negative outlook reflecting recent enrollment volatility, resulting pressure on net tuition revenue and an expectation of thinner operating performance in 2013," Moody's said Jan. 18.

Moody's is a bond credit rating business that provides an opinion of a city, state or university's ability to meet its financial obligations.

Moody's uses its own method of measuring credit worthiness, but utilizes a specific scale to publish its ratings. The scale ranges from AAA, an extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments to CCC, or vulnerable and dependent on favorable business.

According to Moody's rating, released late last week, the A2 rating reflects the university's high burden of debt and "very thin cushion for debt and operations."

A2, according to Standard & Poor's Rating Services, means the university is subject to adverse economic conditions, but able to meet its financial commitments.

At the end of fiscal year 2012, there were only expendable resources of \$98 million compared to the \$379 million in debt the university has incurred.

"The likelihood of continuing future declines in operating support from the state of New Jersey will require Kean to raise tuition and implement more cost efficiencies to offset state cuts and higher



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Moody's noted that a 23 percent decline of 427 students in freshman enrollment over 2011 and a decline of 5 percent in freshman to sophomore retention. Both, the investment firm indicated, contributed to the 5 percent decline in total full-time enrollment from 2011 to 2012.

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Specifically, Moody's mentioned negative publicity over the accreditation proba-

tion, NCAA violations and the Kean Federation Teachers allegations related to President Dawood Farahi's misrepresentations of past resumes.

According to Moody's, improved student demand and increases in tuition, a substantial increase in financial resources relative to debt and operations, as well as maintaining strong operating cash flow to support escalating debt service would help raise their credit rating.

Kean's rating could go down if enrollment continues to decline, tuition revenue declines and if the university continues to borrow money without significant growth of other financial resources.

# Shehady stands alone against reinstated BOH in Springfield

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The matter was fiercely debated at meetings, in the press and social media. Shehady devoted considerable space to the issue, even criticizing the previous board of health and board president Samir Shah. The issue came to a boiling point when Shehady, while at a June board meeting, put up a Facebook message accusing the board of "unnecessarily giving Sofia's Restaurant a hard time."

Throughout the township residents put up lawn signs calling for residents to let the township know the autonomous board should be retained for the health of the community.

Eventually, though, Shehady got his way.

But the former mayor stood all alone in his convictions when political power shifted to the Democrats on election day. It was even more obvious that the Democrats were in control of things when an ordinance to reinstate the autonomous board of health was introduced and approved by a 4 to 1 vote. Shehady was the only dissenting vote.

On Tuesday, after *LocalSource* went to press, the Springfield Township Committee was expected to have the final reading and public hearing on the ordinance reinstating the board of health. According to several members of the committee, the issue would not present a problem.

# The rise and fall — mostly rise — of property taxes in UC

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

The average homeowner statewide paid \$7,870.28 in property taxes last year, up 1.7 percent over 2011. Eight municipalities in Union County, however, saw their taxes increase by more than 3 percent, while five actually saw taxes drop.

This was the lowest increase statewide in two decades for one of the highest taxed states in the nation, according to information obtained from the New Jersey Department of Treasury, division of Taxation.

New Jersey property taxes, which specifically go toward supporting the counties, towns and schools, actually stayed below the 2 percent mandated state cap, on average. In 2011, the average increase was 2.4 percent.

Despite the statewide average, only nine towns in Union County were at or below the 1.7 percent state average.

With a 0.8 percent drop in taxes, Winfield had the greatest decrease of all 21 municipalities in the county. Plainfield had a 0.4 percent decrease. Elizabeth had a decline of 0.5 percent, the closest to the statewide average.

Roselle homeowners paid an average of \$9,056 in prop-

erty taxes, or a 0.6 percent decline over 2011. However, this town pays one of the highest municipal portion of their taxes at \$4,416, surpassed only by Elizabeth which sees \$4,743 on average go to the city, per homeowner.

Berkeley Heights property owners, on the opposite end of the spectrum, were among towns paying some of the highest taxes at \$11,105, an increase of 0.7 percent.

Rahway had a modest increase of 1.1 percent, with property owners paying an average of \$7,826. Roselle Park property owners saw a 1.5 percent increase, but property owners in this borough paid a hefty \$8,605 in taxes for 2012, which includes an average school bill over \$4,400.

Linden saw a 1.7 percent increase and Hillside a 1.8 percent increase. The average taxpayer in Hillside pays \$8,670, while in Linden the average property owner pays \$7,873.

Springfield had an increase of 2.5 percent in property taxes, with the average resident paying a total of \$10,007, while Union property owners saw a 3.3 percent increase overall, but the average homeowner only paid \$7,861, slightly over the statewide average.

Kenilworth came in with a 4.4 percent increase, with the average property owner in the borough paying \$7,337.

Paying the highest taxes overall were Summit at \$16,050. This city saw a 3.4 percent increase in taxes overall, with the majority of this money, \$8,274, going toward the schools, \$4,132 to the county and \$3,643 for municipal costs.

Recently, Summit officials have voiced objections over the high amount of taxes property owners must pay to the county. According to the state division of taxation, they may have a point.

Out of all 21 municipalities, the average homeowner in Summit hands over the most money to the county at \$4,132, while in Westfield, where the average property owner pays the next highest average tax bill of \$14,329, only \$3,204 of that amount goes to the county.

The average property owner in Winfield paid the least amount of taxes in the county at \$3,109, handing over just \$82 to the county, \$1,436 for municipal costs and \$1,591 for schools.

Cranford also figured significantly, with a 3.6 percent increase in taxes over 2011. The average property owner in the township pays \$9,903 in overall taxes, with the majority, \$5,369, going to the schools and the remainder evenly divided between the town and county.

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# Quinlan retires as police chief effective Feb. 1

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their battles during the three year period since Menza was elected mayor, things heated up in December when the two disagreed about excessive overtime and promotions made by Quinlan.

Menza said he was forced to file a complaint with the Union County Prosecutors Office for what he claimed was "Quinlan's unnecessary and deliberate overspending on overtime and promotions."

The mayor claimed the police chief overspent on the \$7.7 million departmental budget by \$250,000 and despite repeated warnings, failed to do anything about the problem.

Quinlan said the mayor has his facts mixed up.

"He left me no choice," the police chief said Friday, pointing out that since Menza was elected mayor three years ago, the number of police officers went from 77 to 67, leaving him little choice but to resort to using overtime to supplement shifts.

"When he refused to hire replacements for retiring officers, that left me no other recourse," the chief said.

Quinlan said police departments cannot deny police officers vacation or sick time because he is bound by union contracts.

"What am I supposed to do for police officers then? I have no other choice but to call in off duty police officers on overtime. It's either that or not have any police on the streets," the police chief added.

Menza, however, has continued to point out that the police department had too much staff in the past. In fact, in March 2011 the mayor planned on laying off 49 employees, five of which were police officers, but the council ended up suing the mayor in order to stop that move. A Superior Court Judge agreed with the governing body, saying Menza was not empowered to initiate layoffs.

While that legal siege was going on, township firefighters, department of public works employees and clerical workers agreed to give back a 4 percent raise and contribute 1.5 percent of their salaries towards their health benefits.

The township still had to lay off seven employees, slashing \$900,000 from the budget, but that was just the beginning of problems that continued to fester.

In June 2011, Menza planned on laying off police officers but that never happened because of an 11th hour concession with the union. As a result, the township kept five officers and two K9's.

Quinlan said it has been like this since



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Saying he has had enough of Mayor Joseph Menza as being among the reasons, Police Chief Robert Quinlan has turned in his resignation, effective Feb. 1.

Menza was elected mayor and he "just got sick of it."

"This township requires a highly visible police presence and a strong police department," Quinlan said, adding that with Hillside bordering high crime areas of Newark, Elizabeth and Irvington, the township has to have enough police officers on the force and streets.

"Even though the department was reduced by ten officers we still have to protect the township. We still have a job to do," he added, noting he has to comply with civil service rules and collective bargaining agreements.

Menza, on the other hand, went public with his gripes, telling the press Quinlan promoted six officers in the fall, which cost the township an additional \$75,000. The mayor also said Hillside had enough police officers on the force to do the job that is

needed to be done, insisting if more officers were not behind desks and on the street, there would not be a need for overtime.

Quinlan, though, disagreed, maintaining that every promotion he made was "vitally necessary to the operation and supervision of the police department."

Quinlan's attorney Damian Shammass maintained that Menza has a "continued pattern of bullying, intimidation and retaliation" against the police chief, but Menza believes he is justified in what he has done and will inform the attorney general of his concerns.

The police chief, on the other hand, made it clear he was not shying away from any investigation by the prosecutor's office, attorney general, FBI or anyone else.

"I welcome an honest, objective investigation and I always have," Quinlan said, adding that the last thing he

wanted to do was retire.

"It wasn't an easy decision, but I'm at peace with my decision," the police chief added.

Looking back at the ten years he spent as police chief, Quinlan modestly pointed to several achievements he was especially proud to see come to fruition. One was the creation of the canine unit, manned by two police officers and two specially trained dogs.

"I'm very proud of this accomplishment," the police chief said, bringing up another move that has continued to reap financial rewards for the township.

Several years ago Quinlan assigned a Hillside detective to the IRS to be part of an anti-money laundering task force.

"We were fortunate to be able to do this and it has paid off because any forfeiture funds are split among the members of the unit and we get a portion of that money," the police chief said.

So far, Quinlan said, not only have taxpayers saved hundreds of thousands of dollars, but Hillside received over \$1 million as a result of this one detective working with the IRS Task Force.

The police chief said he used the money to buy police cars, equipment and also send officers for additional training. He is also proud of the fact that he appointed the first female detective in the history of the township, Lashonda Borgess.

Quinlan grew up on Williamson Avenue, went through the Hillside school system and graduated in 1976. He went on to graduate from Union College in 1978 and took on a job in the Union County Sheriff's office.

"I realized my lifelong dream in 1979 when I was appointed to the Hillside Police Department by former Chief George Shelbourne," Quinlan said, mentioning that he graduated number one in his class at the Union County Police Training Academy.

Thinking back over his 39-year career, Quinlan recalled graduating from the police academy in 1979, just a few days after Hillside police Officer Anthony Lordi was shot and killed in Gino's Restaurant.

"I am the last member of the Hillside police department to have served with Officer Lordi," Quinlan said, adding quietly that the force dedicated a memorial to this officer outside headquarters in 2009.

In parting, the police chief wished residents of Hillside "years of health and happiness."

"I'm at peace with my decision," Quinlan added.

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**PTA hosts pancake breakfast, Jan. 26**

The Mountainside PTA is hosting a Community Pancake Breakfast on Jan. 26 at the Deerfield School Cafe from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The snow date is Feb. 2. There is a fee for the event, which includes food, music and prizes. Preregistration is preferred, but tickets will also be available at the door.

**Archbishop to celebrate Lourdes anniversary, Feb. 9**

On Saturday, Feb. 9, the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the 13th Anniversary of their Perpetual Adoration Chapel. The parish community is pleased and honored to announce that the Archbishop of Newark, Reverend John J. Myers, will join the celebration this year.

The Adoration Chapel first opened on Feb. 11, 2000 and

has remained a place where the faithful visit with the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There are always scheduled adorers present while the Holy Eucharist is exposed. It is very fitting that the Chapel opened on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes and shares its Anniversary with the Feast Day each year.

The small chapel adjacent to the church sanctuary at 300 Central Ave. in Mountainside is open for anyone who wishes to visit with the Holy Eucharist and spend some quiet time in prayer. It features a library of devotional literature for anyone to use while visiting.

The anniversary celebration will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 300 Central Ave. in Mountainside on Saturday, Feb. 9 beginning with the 5 p.m. mass. All past, present and future adorers and their families are welcome to attend this mass which will be concelebrated by the Archbishop of Newark. Light dinner fare will follow in Pol-

lard Hall. Call the parish office at 908-232-1162 if you would like to attend or for further information.

**Free yoga classes to be held**

On Mondays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., in the Community Room at Borough Hall, Linda Green will give a free, introductory yoga class, specifically designed for active adults age 55 and older.

The class will focus on using the breath to calm the mind and increase energy, and will teach simple alignment principal. There is no obligation to register for future classes, for which there is a fee. They take place at the same location on Mondays, Oct. 22 and 29, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

**Borough website has new calendar**

A new Community Calendar is posted on the borough's website, [www.mountainside-nj.com](http://www.mountainside-nj.com).



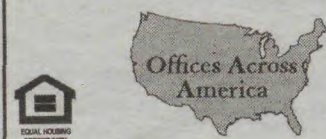
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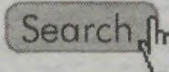
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## UNION NEWS

### Missionary Sunday at Calvary, Feb. 17

The Third Sunday evening service at Calvary is Missionary Sunday at the Union Campus location. On Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. missionaries Steve and Jill McCarthy will be present. During their first term overseas, the McCarthys helped create three new churches near Montevideo, Uruguay, where nearly 50 percent of the population claims to be atheist.

The church's weekly services are held Sundays at 8:45 and 11 a.m. in Union and 11 a.m. in Berkeley Heights, with a full program for all ages. Sunday School, in both locations, is held from 10:05 to 10:50 a.m. The Sunday evening service is at 6 p.m. Midweek Praise and Bible Study are at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. A youth program meets Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Women's Ministry and Men's Fellowship are held monthly. Visit [www.CalvaryAssembly.tv](http://www.CalvaryAssembly.tv) or call 908-964-1133 for more information.

### Garden Club meets Feb. 6

The Garden Club resumes its meetings Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. The club meets in the Bonnel Room at Town Hall on Morris Avenue. Bring a favorite garden recipe for a new Garden Club cookbook. The Community Garden Committee, a new venture, will also begin. New members are welcome.

### Lunch and Learn with the Union County 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.

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## CRANFORD NEWS

**'Travel through time' with Cranford library, Feb. 6**

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite the public to "Timeline New Jersey," presented by New Jersey photographer and author Walter Choroszewski at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. "Timeline New Jersey" travels from the primeval dawn of the Highlands, through the Ice Age, up to the present. Meet New Jersey's first people and explorers. Take pride in New Jersey's Colonial and Revolutionary history, and celebrate the numerous events that make New Jersey special. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

**College Club holds Winter social, Jan. 27**

The College Club will hold a Winter Wine and Cheese Social On Sunday, Jan. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of Vera Ligas, 335 Walnut Ave., Cranford.

Prospective members are invited to attend. RSVP to Arline McCloskey 908-276-9298 or email to arline3@gmail.com.

The College Women's Club of Cranford celebrated the 80th anniversary of its founding at the club's annual Holiday Dinner in December at Il Gabbiano Restaurant. Sandy Held and Joan Sheehan were the chairwomen for the event, at which President Elaine Romano thanked long-time members.

Jane Mathews, Carolyn Dittmar, Jane Michael, and Marie Mastorakis shared their club experiences and newsworthy events of 1932, the founding year, were presented by the event's chairwomen.

Since its founding in 1932 the College Club has awarded annual scholarships to senior women and men of Cranford, and sponsored many fundraising activities. In addition to the scholarships, the Club recently established the Tribute Award, presented to a senior who has been nomi-

nated by a teacher as an "Everyday Hero."

The College Club's next monthly meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

Dr. Bernardo Vargas, cardiac research coordinator at Overlook Hospital, will speak about women and heart disease. To become a member contact Elaine Romano at 908-499-1875 or email elainero-mano@verizon.net.

**Canning Conversation schedules for Jan. 31**

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library will feature farmer Jenny Lichtenwalner for "Canning Conversations" on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

Learn about canning supplies, New Jersey's seasonal crops, and how they can be safely preserved at home. Attendees will receive how-to guides, recipes, and a list of books on canning and preserving. A Q-and-A session will conclude the presentation. Lichtenwalner was raised on a farm in Bergen County, graduated from Douglass College, and was a librarian for several years.

In September 2010, she was featured in a *Star-Ledger* article and video about the growing popularity of home-food preservation.

**Study time at the library**

Calling All High School Students: Make the most of studying for midterm exams. Cranford Public Library invites students in grades nine to 12 to study for midterm exams on Monday, Feb. 4; Tuesday, Feb. 5; and Wednesday, Feb. 6; from 6:45 to 9:45 pm. During this time, the Library will offer extended hours, a designated study area in the Cranford Community Center, and refreshments.

For more information, call the library at 908-709-7272 and ask for Fran Houston or email cranfordlibrary@gmail.com

**Now is your chance to be a 'Friend' of the library**

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library's annual membership drive is under way. The group sponsors the classic, documentary, and international film series; the adult, teen, and children's summer-reading programs; and annual performances by the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. The group also purchases furniture and equipment for the library; funds an annual, library-studies scholarship; and in 2012, made a contribution to the library-book budget, and added six museums to its museum-pass program.

Cranford Library card-holders can use museum passes to visit the following institutions for free: Frick Collection, Grounds for Sculpture, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Montclair Art Museum, Morris

Museum, Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, Children's Museum of Manhattan, Garden State Discovery Museum, Guggenheim Museum, Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University, Skyscraper Museum, Museum of the City of New York, and New-York Historical Society Museum.

Membership in the Friends includes mailings of *The Reader*, the joint, bi-monthly newsletter of the library and the Friends. Membership applications are available at the library and at [www.cranford.com/library/friends/index.asp](http://www.cranford.com/library/friends/index.asp).

**Livingston Ave. School adopts Manasquan elementary in wake of Sandy**

Livingston Avenue School in Cranford has adopted Manasquan Elementary School, where 50 families are displaced from their homes due to Hurricane Sandy. These families have rented apartments in the surrounding area or secured rooms at a hotel while they wait for FEMA aid. These Manasquan residents left their homes with only a small duffel bag of personal items and expected to return in a few days to resume their lives.

For the months of November and December the Livingston School's goal was to create holiday baskets with gift cards, food and cleaning items.

The PTA thanks the families at Livingston Avenue School for the support shown to Manasquan.



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Everyone should occasionally take the opportunity to look in a full-length mirror and check for warning signs of melanoma, a potentially deadly form of skin cancer. When doing so, it helps to know that normal moles are round or oval, generally less in diameter than a pencil eraser, and either dark or light (but almost always uniform in color). They also do not normally itch or hurt. However, moles that might be malignant are irregularly shaped and varied in color, and they may itch or may be sore. In addition, while normal moles rarely change very much, malignant moles usually change over a period of weeks or months. Any of these symptoms should prompt an appointment with the dermatologist.

Skin cancer is the fastest growing type of cancer, with several thousand new cases diagnosed annually. If you notice any changes in your skin, such as dark spots or abnormal looking moles, speak to your dermatologist immediately. To schedule an appointment for skin care, call 908-925-8877. Evening and Saturday appointments are available. Our office is conveniently located at 822 North Wood Ave., Linden. New patients are welcome. We provide in-office moles micrographic surely which offers the higher cure rate for skin cancer.

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## OPINION

# Bad apples, good orchard

Of all the troubles caused by Superstorm Sandy, price gouging is a low priority. People lost their homes, their businesses, their lives in some cases, and compared to those tragedies, a few merchants raising their prices seems like a minor transgression.

But in terms of public anger, price gouging is near the top of the list. It's difficult to get mad at hurricanes, or water in your basement. You just gear up and deal with those problems as best you can. But it's another situation when you need gasoline for your car to get to work, or your generator has shut down and you need a few gallons of gas to keep your food from spoiling and your family warm. Then, when somebody raises their prices to capitalize on your misery and misfortune, you get plenty mad.

And the state agrees with you. Price gouging is a violation of state law. The statute kicks into effect after the governor declares a state of emergency. For Superstorm Sandy, that was Oct. 27. After that, merchants cannot raise prices more than 10 percent above the level they were on the day the emergency was declared. The law does make an exception when the merchant incurs added costs; if that happens, prices cannot be raised more than 10 percent above the old price plus the added costs. Penalties? Up to \$10,000 for the first sale, and up to \$20,000 for each subsequent sale. These restrictions remain in effect for 30 days after the emergency has been lifted.

These fines can add up. The state Division of Consumer Affairs, the office that investigates price-gouging complaints, claims that during the state of emergency for Sandy, the Ramada Inn in East Orange, on 208 separate occasions, rented rooms at prices more than 10 percent above its old prices; in 90 instances, those prices were

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increased more than 30 percent above the old prices. That's more than \$4 million in fines if the judge throws the

book at the owners. And the wheels of justice continue to turn. The acting director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, Eric T. Kanefsky, stated that his office received more than 2,000 complaints involving price gouging during the aftermath of Sandy. The director said his office will not rest "until all allegations of price gouging have been investigated." Good for him. And it should be noted that while many violators were identified by a swarm of consumer complaints, some investigations were sparked by just a handful. That Delta station in Bloomfield, which is charged with raising prices by 25 percent, was investigated and charged after the division received only about six complaints to its hot line, 800-242-5840.

As a rule, we are against the government imposing pricing restrictions on business. But when a state of emergency is in effect and merchants try to profiteer on essential goods, such as fuel and lodging, that crosses a line. Similarly, we were glad to see the police monitor gas stations during the long lines and shortages to prevent bullies from cutting in the front of the line.

We're glad the Division of Consumer Affairs is taking a "we never sleep" attitude toward investigating allegations of price gouging.

We've heard so many wonderful stories of neighbors helping neighbors, both during and after Sandy, and of how whole communities came together to help and comfort those in need.

That's the Union County we know and will always remember when, in the years to come, the talk turns toward the worst storm to ever hit our towns.

## Unfailingly polite

The past few weeks have found me dealing with Craig the insurance adjuster assigned to friends trying to regroup from the ravages of Superstorm Sandy.

In a nutshell, my friends live near a body of water and never had any damage until the fierce storm winds blew water into their home wiping out a chunk of their first floor. After filing a claim, the couple quickly learned about the intricacies of insurance policies and how policy exclusions leave them on the water without a paddle.

The couple filed their claim arguing the unique situation of Sandy with high, persistent winds as the direct cause of the water swirling inside their home. Enter Craig, the unfailingly polite adjuster, who always ends up saying no, calling it water damage.

Craig and his fellow workers are described as providing "the highest quality of service to the claims industry with integrity and efficiently which exceed the expectation of tomorrow, today."

That sounds pretty impressive, but

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BY FRANK CAPECE

merely boils down to rejecting the claims whenever possible of the overmatched homeowner. Craig's mode of operation includes being ever so polite. He is reminiscent of the traffic cop who pulls you over, refers to the infraction committed and while writing the ticket calls you "Sir or Ma'am." The real wise guys even tell you to have a nice day as they hand you the ticket.

Back to Craig. His company tries to woo insurance carriers to do the adjuster work saying they are "on the front lines, delivering the integrity and access."

It turns out that Craig and friends are there to take your phone calls giving "24/7 365 days access to claims service." Heck, while he has rejected my friend's claims, I now even have access to Craig's cell phone. It is interesting to know that Craig's boys boast about their skill bringing "higher claim accuracy" and despite it all they give

the insurance carrier they work for the goal of "retention of policy holder." That's quite a skill by Craig and friends to reject the claim but keep the policyholders coming back.

Enter State Sen. Nicholas Scutari from Linden. As Chairman of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee, he is a person who matters in Trenton. He has had enough of the all too often policy of rejecting wind damage claims and instead asserting the water damage exclusion.

Scutari has introduced The Consumer Protection Act of 2012. A key portion of the legislation is the provision permitting insurance policy holders to go after the carrier and their agents, like Craig, for "unfair practices in the settlement or attempted settlement of insurance claims arising out of property and casualty insurance policies."

Scutari included a statement at the time of introduction of the bill saying "residents across the state are trying to rebuild their lives after the devastation caused by Sandy.

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# Left Out, By Frank Capece

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Especially for those who are attempting to recoup their losses from the storms, even a simple act of bad faith by an insurance company is one too many.

The bill provides a method of recourse for those who are treated unfairly by their insurer, whether or not the company has made these tactics a long standing practice, it will better protect our residents, and help hold insurance companies accountable.”

A unique aspect of the bill is to do away with the protection insurance companies like to assert of not “enough frequency as to indicate a general practice.”

Scutari’s effort will level the playing field for the insurance carrier or adjuster who acts in bad faith. There will be penalties including prejudgment interest, reasonable attorney fees and punitive damage when the “insurer’s acts or omissions demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence, actual malice or willful disregard of any person who might be hurt by the insurance act or omission.”

If Scutari’s bill gets to be law I can see it now. The next time Craig wrongfully rejects a claim, we can say we will see you in court, ever so politely.



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**FULL METAL JUNKET** — Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich is joined by State Sen. Raymond Lesniak, Roselle Mayor Jamel Holley, Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and Assemblywoman Linda Stender as he speaks at the Mayors Against Illegal Guns press conference Jan. 14 at the Cranford municipal building where law enforcement and elected officials urged federal lawmakers to 'pass sensible gun laws.' Twelve mayors from New Jersey traveled to Washington, D.C. on Jan. 16 to meet with members of Congress.

## RAHWAY NEWS

### Flea market and craft sale, Feb. 9 in Rahway

St. Thomas Parish will host a flea market and craft sale on Saturday, Feb. 9, open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with vendor access starting at 7:30 a.m. The event is held in the parish center located at 1407 St. Georges Ave., Rahway. This handicap accessible center can accommodate up to 55 vendors at each market. Every attendee will receive a free raffle ticket for a drawing of a special gift. The kitchen will be open for both breakfast and lunch.

The St. Thomas chefs offer homemade ethnic specialties such as stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and sauerkraut subs and pirogi, as well as taylor ham and egg sandwiches for breakfast. Each vendor has unique gifts and helpful household items. Collectibles and rare antiques are other categories of items often brought to the markets. For information call 908-217-6856.

### Knights host Valentine's Day dance, Feb. 9

The Rahway Knights of Columbus, located at the corner of Jaques and Inman avenues in Rahway, will host a Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 7 until 11 p.m. A fee is charged and includes dinner, dessert, soft drinks and dancing with "Family Tradition," a six-piece band.

For questions, tickets, or to reserve a table, call Walter at 732-208-1691.

### 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.

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# Mayor turns to future in state of the city address

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Gerbounka explained that since he was elected he has worked to achieve that goal, but it has not been an easy task. Especially given the economy, he said, but the mayor was not discouraged by any means.

"The city council and I have made great strides in stabilizing our taxes which will reap major benefits in Linden's future, especially when the national economy picks up," he said.

Gerbounka also reported that the city workforce had been reduced by 86 full-time and 15 part-time positions since he became mayor. This saved the city \$7.9 million in salary, benefits and pensions, he added.

The mayor said the city recently purchased seven Ford Focus vehicles to replace vehicles in various departments. Although each of these vehicle will cost the city \$13,500 each, the mayor said it was a good investment overall.

"Since they get 35 miles per gallon and come with three-year warranties, it didn't make sense to re-assign old police cars to other departments, as was our tradition," the mayor said.

"Besides, these police cars were eight-cylinder gas guzzlers that had at least 250,000 miles on them or more and were constantly breaking down because of the rough mileage put on them by 24/7 police work," Gerbounka said.

Recently the city converted an old water truck into a "brine spreader," something the mayor felt could save money because this piece of equipment can go out on the road during normal working hours and spread a liquid salt solution on roadways before icing or snowfall begins, saving overtime costs.

On the forefront, the mayor said, is a new sanitation collection system pilot program that will take place in the 9th and 10th wards.

"We are waiting on the delivery of this new sanitation truck that mechanically lifts a city supplied garbage container into the hopper," Gerbounka explained, adding that this will reduce a three-man sanitation team to just a driver.

"Our public works department studied other municipalities that collected their garbage in this manner and are convinced it will be a successful cost saver to taxpayers," he added.

On another front, the mayor said that previously the city had a hybrid ambulance service composed of the Linden Volunteer Ambulance Service, Linden Emergency Medical Services and Linden Fire Department, and although the mayor said it was an extremely hard decision terminating the Linden Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Linden Emergency Medical Services that have provided excellent ambulance service to residents, he said it was the right decision for Linden.

"Having three agencies providing the same service is not a cost effective way to provide life saving services to a community," Gerbounka said, adding that although a simple "thank you" is not enough for everything these organizations did for the community, but "it is all I am able to offer."

Gerbounka also filled residents in on a seven-day economic journey he took this year to Tong Chaum China that was completely paid for by the Chinese government.

"My objective was to introduce Linden to this city of 750,000 residents and show them what we have to offer to Chinese businesses," the mayor explained.

"I'm confident a strong relationship developed between myself and these Chinese leaders that will be built upon for future development between both cities," he said.

Gerbounka also reported the city has continued to work toward breaking ground at the old General Motors property on Route 1, but the road has not been easy.

"This could have been accomplished two years ago except ShopRite of Aviation Plaza continues to file nuisance lawsuit after nuisance lawsuit to stall this development because a Super Walmart will provide them with competition," he said, adding that this has been extremely frustrating for everyone involved.

"Why? Because our city can't reap the real estate taxes that would be significant when the two anchor stores and approximately ten smaller stores become operational," the mayor explained.

Meanwhile, he said, efforts to enhance the train station are in the works. The city received a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Transportation and has applied for another \$250,000 grant.

"So as you can see we have a lot of positive developments coming to fruition in the near future," the mayor said, pointing out that there is one that is "in our pocket."

The city recently negotiated a host community benefit agreement with Spectra Energy, a major energy transmission corporation that is burying a 42-inch natural gas line down Lower Road, under the New Jersey Turnpike and Arthur Kill to Manhattan.

"This is a major east coast energy project that is a tax ratable homerun for Linden" Gerbounka said, explaining that by 2014 Spectra Energy will start paying the city \$2.5 million a year in lieu of taxes.

"That will go a long way in helping us reach our goal of tax stabilization," the mayor said.



HAVE AN ICE DAY — Clark Recreation held their Annual Family Skate Night at Warrananco Park in Roselle. All Clark residents were invited to partake in the Annual Private Skating Session at the Arena. Over 350 residents showed off their skating skills. Above: The King Family pose for a photo and take a rest. Below: The Pittari family skates as a team. Bottom: a rowdy group is excited at the event.



# Complaint alleges threatening, intimidation

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McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, Dobbins sent the email to fellow PBA members because he was concerned about the direction in which the union was heading.

The email, sent to all PBA members, including Mason, who is also a member of the PBA, was merely an effort “to motivate members and its leadership to change direction and become more involved in traditions.”

“With morale at an all time low in our department I think we need to work especially hard in the union to acknowledge great works and share in social times as the holiday seasons are upon us,” Dobbins said in the email to PBA members.

Ross said Mason’s reaction to hearing about the email and subsequent confrontation with Dobbins on Nov. 20 constituted “a direct and undeniable violation” of Dobbins rights as a PBA member under state statute.

According to the complaint, on Nov. 20 Dobbins was told by Capt. Joseph Van Bergen that after a staff meeting Mason wanted to see him. At the staff meeting, Dobbins reported that the police chief was “confrontational in tone at this meeting and his demeanor included yelling repeatedly to another officer to shut up despite lack of provocation.”

Following the meeting, the complaint noted, Dobbins was escorted to the police chief’s office where Mason informed him that he knew about the email. He fired questions at Dobbins’ about morale in the department but refused to allow the sergeant to answer.

“Within just a few moments Mr. Dobbins felt threatened and backed into a corner,” the attorney for the PBA explained in the complaint, adding that Mason accused Dobbins of “talking out of both sides of his mouth.”

The complaint also alleged the police chief tried to force the police sergeant to write another email recanting his original email.

The attorney for the PBA maintained in the complaint that Dobbins and the PBA believe the chief’s actions were motivated by “anti-union animus and intended to have a chilling effect of Mr. Dobbins’ union rights and first amendment rights.”

The PBA and Dobbins also charged Mason with “interfering illegally in protected union activity.”

Ross said Dobbins felt threatened and intimidated as a union member, especially when the police chief asked in “an agitated state” if he was starting a weekly column.

Dobbins, the attorney said, explained that he was not planning any further emails but had every right to freely express his thoughts in a private PBA email.

“The actions of Chief Mason were willfully and deliberately designed to deprive Mr. Dobbins of his rights guaranteed under the act,” the complaint said.

The PBA asked the commission to find



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Cranford Police Chief Eric Mason has been accused of intimidation, among other things, in an official complaint from within the police department.

that Mason violated the law and issue a requirement that the police chief “cease and desist from further violations.”

This is not the first time the issue of morale problems within the police department under Mason’s charge surfaced.

Although rumors of continued unrest have been posted on the Cranford Talk website since last year, in the fall the matter came out into the open when Dobbins’ father, Gerald Dobbins, a well respected member of the community for his voluntarism, raised the issue at a public meeting.

Dobbins questioned the governing body about the police chief taking on the administrator position while he was also the police chief, pointing out there were morale problems in the department.

Mason held the dual role of police chief and interim administrator since September 2011 when former township administrator Marlena Schmid was put on administrative leave by the Township Committee and eventually let go the end of the year.

Although he announced that he would be retiring as police chief May 31 and step into the administrator position full-time, that was put on hold pending a decision from the state department of treasury on pension guidelines.

The delay had to do with a new law that took effect in March 2012, which put into question whether Mason could retire as chief and immediately assume the administrator position.

The governing body and Mason expected the New Jersey State Treasury Department to interpret this new law, which said employees of a municipality had to wait 180 days before assuming another position in the same municipality.

At issue was whether the law even applied to Mason’s case because the governing body officially voted to hire him Feb. 28 and the new law did not become

effective until March 9.

Mason decided to hold back until he received a waiver from the treasury department, despite a clear indication this would not be forthcoming.

In fact, in June, when *LocalSource* spoke with Treasury Department spokesperson Bill Quinn, he made it very clear where the state stood on this particular issue.

“Regulations are up for interpretation,” Quinn said, adding the state would provide Mason and the township with an interpretation of a regulation, “but we would never issue a waiver on something like that.”

At one point it appeared Mason might just accept the interpretation the township attorney provided, which was that the law did not apply to him, but that failed to materialize. Meanwhile the governing body continued to interview police chief candidates, concentrating on four from within the Cranford police department, selecting Lt. James Wozniak, a 25 year-veteran officer with a stellar record on the police force.

Mason threw in another hook when he told township elected officials he wanted an employee contract before he would officially put his papers in to the state to retire as police chief. That did not set well with some members of the committee.

According to several governing body members the township was not about to start giving contracts out when that had never been the policy before.

In late November Mason abruptly tendered his resignation as interim administrator, saying he would continue to do the job until the end of the year but would be returning to his position as police chief full-time.

This left the township without an administrator. It also left Wozniak out in the cold.

According to governing body and police department sources, Mason was not at all

pleased that the township committee did not go along with his choice of Capt. Joseph Van Bergen as police chief, selecting Wozniak instead.

Adding fuel to the fire among the police force and governing body members alike was Mason’s promotion of Van Bergen to head of administrative operations, along with moving Lt. Edward Davenport to another administrative position. Both advancements were done without notifying or consulting the Township Committee in any way.

According to one member of the governing body, this came as a complete surprise, especially since the police chief is a department head and expected to keep the governing body informed of changes within the department.

Adding yet another dimension to the lack of support for Mason was Hannen’s decision not to appoint the police chief as Cranford’s Emergency Management Coordinator, a position he has held every year since being named police chief ten years ago.

Last week Hannen confirmed that he appointed Mason and Fire Chief Lenny Dolan as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators, but did not name anyone to the Emergency Management Coordinator position yet. Not being reappointed to the deputy coordinator position was Van Bergen.

When asked why he did not appoint Mason to this top emergency leadership spot again, Hannen said state police guidelines require the coordinator live in town and Mason lives in Scotch Plains.

“Just following the rules,” the mayor said last week, noting he will be appointing someone to this critical position in the next few weeks. And despite rumors circulating, he would not confirm that his choice for the coordinator position could be Wozniak.



# Catholic Schools Week begins on January 27th

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## ROSELLE PARK NEWS

## PTSA to hold murder mystery dinner-theater fundraiser

The Roselle Park High School PTSA will host its first murder mystery, dinner-theater fundraiser, "Til Death Do Us Part," on Friday, Feb. 1 at the Union Elks Club, 281 Chestnut St. in Union, at 7 p.m.

Over the course of two hours, guests stumble upon an interactive murder mystery performed by the Murder Mystery Company, and participate in the investigation of a crime.

A fee is charged, and includes a dinner buffet and entertainment. This event is not recommended for children younger than 16. Space will be limited. For tickets or information, contact Joan Brennan at 908-241-3726 or by e-mail at jbre319@aol.com. All proceeds will go for the Class of 2013 Project Graduation.

## Young artists on display through Feb. 22 at Casano Center

"Roselle Park's Youngest Artists," an exhibit of children's illustrations from the Church of the Assump-

tion's "Parish Cookbook," will be on exhibit through Friday, Feb. 22 at the Casano Community Center's gallery, 314 Chestnut St. in Roselle Park. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit displays the artwork of 15 children, ranging in age from 5 to 13 years old. The Casano Community Center is a gathering place for the Roselle Park community with programs for senior citizens during the day, and activities throughout the year for all ages. The mission of the gallery is to give Roselle Park residents a venue to display their artistic works, and connect with the community at large. For information on displaying work, contact Seufert at 908-241-5874 or at Beyond-Words@att.net.

## Boy Scouts Troop 56 holds open registration

Troop 56 Boy Scouts of America, which has been serving the Roselle Park community for more than 75 years, is having an open registration for young men, 11

to 18 years of age. The troop meets Mondays during the school year at 7:30 p.m. in the Sherman School cafeteria at 375 East Grant Ave.

According to the Boy Scouts of America, scouting helps boys learn responsibility to family, community and nation, in addition to teamwork and leadership. For more information, contact Stu Cox at 908-370-7157 or stuart.cox@merck.com.

## Events include chess, English classes

The following Roselle Park Library events have been announced:

- The Children's Chess Club with Joao meets every Monday at 3:15 p.m. All ages and levels are welcome.
- Conversational English classes meet every Thursday at 11 a.m.

## Historical group to meet at museum

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

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Spanish Service (Saturday): 7 PM

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# Springfield man convicted of murder of Orange man

Acting Essex County Carolyn A. Murray announced earlier this week that an Essex County jury convicted Keevin David, 20, of Springfield of murdering Tyrell Coleman, 18, of Orange.

Following a four-day trial before the Honorable Peter J. Vazquez, J.S.C., the jury deliberated for more than a day before returning a guilty verdict.

David had previously been convicted of weapon charges in another trial in September 2012 but that jury was unable to reach a verdict on the murder charge.

According to Assistant Prosecutor Portia Downing, who tried the case, Coleman was walking home from high school on Jan. 25, 2011 when he was shot multiples times by David around noon time. The shooting occurred in the 200 block of South Center Street, where the victim lived. Coleman was transported to University Hospital but died a short time later.

The motive for the shooting was unclear, although David knew Coleman, said Assistant Prosecutor Downing.

"There were no eyewitnesses. The case was circumstantial but because of the extraordinary police work done by Essex County Prosecutor's Office Detective Phillip Gregory and Orange Detective Sgt. Michael Tingolie we were able to convince the jury of the defendant's guilt. We are very pleased. More importantly, the family that had to live through this nightmare is pleased," said Downing.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 1. David faces 30 years to life.

# Police: Officers assaulted by rowdy nightclub group

On Jan. 19, at 2:10 a.m., Linden police were sent to Dragonfly, 661 W. Edgar Road in Aviation Plaza on a report of a fight.

Officers arriving on scene were informed by bouncers that the crowd was unruly and wanted the club cleared of all patrons. According to police, officers began moving the crowd, estimated to be about 200 patrons, into the parking lot.

As the officers attempted to disperse the crowd, several fistfights broke out among the patrons, according to officials, and officers called for mutual aid. During the ensuing melee, two Linden officers were allegedly assaulted, including one male, 37, who was taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway for a knee injury.

The crowd was eventually broken up, police said, with the additional officers who had to resort to using pepper spray to disperse the patrons. During the melee, seven individuals were arrested. They are: Chad S. Hill, 22, of Linden; Jerome Calhoun, 26, of Matawan; Tyron Diejuste, 21, of Roselle;

and Mark A. Myers, 24, of Elizabeth.

The above listed individuals were charged with riot, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. Myers also had contempt warrants out of Linden and Cranford.

In addition, Joshua M. Williams, 22, of Roselle was arrested and charged with aggravated assault on an officer, resisting arrest, and a contempt warrant out of Roselle, according to police.

Ryan S. Lapierre, a 26-year-old female, of Elizabeth, was also arrested and charged with riot, disorderly conduct, and contempt warrants out of Elizabeth and Clark.

Melissa C. Coy, 25, of Elizabeth was also arrested and charged with riot, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and aggravated assault on an officer.

All defendants were held on bail pending a court date of Jan. 28. The Dragonfly is an Asian Fusion restaurant which becomes a nightclub in the evening hours.

All parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

## IN MEMORIAM

- BENIGNO — Monica Georgette, nee Christie, of Union; Jan. 11. Grandmother of one.
- BLACK — Virginia, nee Dunbach, of Roseland; Jan. 14. Retired secretary, mother.
- BLASCO — Frank J., of Linden, formerly of Roselle; Jan. 15. Army veteran, umpire.
- BORNMAN — Gladys C., of Westfield; Jan. 15. Teacher, leaves husband of 50 years.
- BORUSZKOWSKI — Ruth S., of Cranford; Jan. 14. Retired from Singer, 94 years old.
- BREVARD — Timmie N., of Linden; Jan. 10. Worked at George's Corner Store, 47.
- BROWN — Helen, of Rahway; Jan. 12. Retired Cartaret bus driver, was 93 years old.
- CARONIA — Domenica "Mima," nee Bonando, of Elizabeth; Jan. 16. Native of Italy.
- CARTA — Grace, of Elizabeth; Jan. 10. Lifelong resident, survived by two siblings.
- COUNTS — John Sr., of Rahway; Jan. 14. Retired furnace operator for Harrison Steel.
- DAVIES — James "Jim," of New Providence; Jan. 10. Local councilman, 78 years old.
- FLOERSCH — Rose Marie, nee Ferrigno, of Clark; Jan. 11. Longtime resident, 63.
- FORTE — Alfred "Larry," of Union; Jan. 15. Owned Hollywood Monumental Co.
- GALLO — Robert R., of Roselle Park; Jan. 10. Postal worker, World War II Navy vet.
- GEORGE — Joseph A., of Union; Jan. 14. Retired East Orange police officer, 81.
- GLYNN — Edward Richard, of Westfield; Jan. 15. Sales manager, Scoutmaster, 70.
- HALKIAS — Rigopoula I., nee Christodoulakis, of Rahway; Jan. 15. Homemaker, 62.
- HANNAN — Thomas A., of Westfield; Jan. 14. Chase Manhattan retiree, veteran.
- HOPLER — Robert Russel, of Rahway; Dec. 30. Veteran of Army and Navy, was 63.
- JONES — Naomi Evelyn, of Union; Jan. 15. Retired mechanical drafter for NJ Bell.
- JOSEWITCH — Paul, of Cranford; Jan. 14. Business owner, father, was 64 years old.
- JOSKOVICH — John, of Rahway; Jan. 16. Longtime resident and Singer retiree, 89.
- KAYLO — Pauline R., of Rahway; Jan. 16. Longtime resident, salon owner, was 89.
- KRAUSS — Eleanor, formerly of Roselle; Jan. 12. Retired from Hexocon in Roselle.
- MAHONEY — Louis F., of Summit; Jan. 11. Longtime resident, father of five, was 88.
- MCEWAN — Kevin, of Scotch Plains; Jan. 12. Senior corporate counsel at Hitachi.
- MCMANUS — Rita C., nee Carragher, formerly of Kenilworth; Jan. 12. Grandmother.
- PATIKOWSKI — David, formerly of Summit; Jan. 17. Navy veteran, retired roofer, 74.
- ROCHE — Mary Elizabeth "Betty," nee Walsh, of Mountainside; Jan. 11. Was 81.
- RUBINO — Helen, nee Mattone, of New Providence; Jan. 13. Resident for 60 years.
- SKLEDAR — William A., of Springfield, formerly of Union; Jan. 11. CPA and veteran.
- SLOAT — Frederick, formerly of New Providence; Jan. 11. Army veteran, father, 83.
- SPRIGGS — Herbert W. III, formerly of Scotch Plains; Jan. 14. Real estate manager.
- STAEUDLE — Eleanor, formerly of Berkeley Heights; Jan. 16. Leaves grandchildren.
- STEWART — Carmen L., of Union; Jan. 12. Native of Puerto Rico, was 78 years old.
- SZEWCZUK — William, of Roselle; Jan. 14. Wakefern Foods retiree, Army veteran.
- TEGAN — Ann, nee Colucci, formerly of Elizabeth; Jan. 13. Had salon in Roselle Park.
- TOWLER — Mary E. "May," of Linden; Jan. 12. Retired nutritionist, grandmother.
- TROTTER — Margaret Rose, nee McGrath, of Elizabeth; Jan. 10. Mother of nine, 91.
- TUTEUR — Herbert, of Roseland; Jan. 13. CPA founded business in Roseland.
- WILSON — Miles "Emmett" Jr., of Rahway; Jan. 7. Survived by wife, three children.
- WINSTEAD — Christopher, of Roselle; Jan. 9. Survived by four children, was 50.
- VENEZIA — Nancy, nee Duffy, formerly of Scotch Plains; Jan. 13. Survived by many.
- VICARI — Concetta, nee Riili, of Fanwood; Jan. 11. Survived by husband of 67 years.
- WIGGINS — Willie, of Elizabeth, formerly of Roselle; Jan. 14. Retired brick mason.
- WILLIAMS — Thomas E., of Elizabeth; Jan. 13. Raised in Rahway, was 78 years old.
- YANNELL — Nancy J., of Summit. Retired radiologist, 64, leaves family members.
- YARAS — Loretta J., of Kenilworth; Jan. 13. Lifelong resident, great-grandmother.

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## Pedestrian fatally struck' by car on Elizabeth Avenue in Linden

On Jan. 15, at 6:06 p.m., a pedestrian was fatally struck by a 2004 Honda Civic in the middle of the 400 block of W. Elizabeth Avenue in Linden.

The pedestrian, Bogdan Babel, 49, of Linden, was transported to Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center in Rahway, and was pronounced dead at 7:05 p.m. The driver of the Honda, Troy L. Faulcon, 38, of Rahway was uninjured in the collision. The investigation of this incident is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Linden Police Traffic Bureau at 908-474-8505.

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# Police respond to many incidents in Union County

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Clark

• Dec. 20: At 10:07 a.m., in the vicinity of Westfield Avenue, police arrested Quatasia Roberts, 20, of Newark; Alquan Brown, 22, Newark; Alvin Kendrick, 21, of Maplewood; and Brennon Smith, 20, of Newark, all for unlawful possession of a weapon. Smith was also arrested for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Bail was set at \$90,000, and all four individuals were subsequently transported to the Union County Jail, according to police reports.

• Dec. 21: At 12:47 a.m., in the vicinity of Central Avenue, police arrested Jonathan Tarsan, 31, of Plainsboro, on outstanding warrants totaling \$2,250 from Bridgewater and Plainsboro for contempt of court. He was subsequently turned over to the Plainsboro Police Department, according to police.

• Dec. 21: At 1:11 p.m. on Central Avenue, police arrested Lazette Tinney, 39, of Union, for allegedly shoplifting merchandise valued at \$111.23 from the Target Department Store at 45 Central Ave. She was subsequently released on her own recognizance pending a court date.

• Dec. 23: At 9:17 a.m. in the vicinity of Terminal Avenue, police arrested Kenyatta Eutsey, 18, of Union for possession of controlled dangerous substances. He was subsequently released pending a court date.

• Dec. 26: At 1:18 a.m. in the vicinity of Central Avenue, police arrested Thomas Gabany, 20, of Edison for possession of hypodermic needles. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

• Dec. 28: At 2:23 a.m. in the vicinity of Westfield Avenue, police arrested Danielle Aliparo, 21, in Union for driving under the influence. She was subsequently released pending a court date.

• Dec. 28: At 6:59 in the vicinity of Valley Road, police arrested Michael Gnudi, 26, of Clark for possession of controlled dangerous substances and possession of hypodermic needles.

• Jan. 2: At 1:10 p.m., in the vicinity of the Garden State Parkway northbound, police arrested Ronald Fallas-Jimenez, 25, of Newark for hindering apprehension and criminal simulation. He was subsequently turned over to the Union County Police Department.

• Jan. 4: At 12:56 p.m. police took a report of a theft of items from a locker at Bally's Total Fitness on Central Avenue. The incident is under investigation, according to police.

• Jan. 5: At 8:05 p.m., in the vicinity of Lake Avenue, police arrested Jose Roberto Castillo, 34, of Elizabeth for being an unlicensed driver. He was subsequently released pending a court date.

• Jan. 8: At 9:08 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake Avenue, police arrested Andrew Cat-



ule, 23, of Irvington on outstanding warrants from Irvington, totaling \$808 for contempt of court. He was subsequently turned over to the Irvington Police Department.

• Jan. 10: At 10:14 a.m. on Central Avenue, police arrested Miriam Bilyeau-Cicchino, 52, of 11 Cherokee Road in Cranford for shoplifting at the ShopRite Supermarket on Central Avenue. She was subsequently released pending a court date.

• Jan. 12: At 10:28 p.m. in the vicinity of Terminal Avenue, police arrested Philip Ruddy, 25, of Roselle Park on outstanding warrants totaling \$1,308 from Linden, Rahway and Winfield Park for contempt of court. He was subsequently turned over to the Linden Police Department.

### Linden

• Jan. 11: At 8:17 p.m., after a month-long investigation, members of the police department's Narcotics Squad raided an apartment at 10 W. 15th St. in response to numerous, citizen complaints of drug dealing. Officers arrested Jermaine A. Simon, 30, of Linden and charged him with possession and distribution of marijuana; distribution within a school zone and park zone; and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. Officers allegedly confiscated six bags of marijuana, valued at \$120; empty zip-close bags used to package controlled dangerous substances, and \$870 in U.S. currency.

According to detectives, while they were conducting their investigation, three customers arrived at the apartment in order to purchase marijuana. The three were arrested and charged with loitering to commit a controlled dangerous substance offense, and released on summonses. Their names are not being released. Simon was transferred to the Union County Jail in lieu of

\$50,000 bail; a court date is set for Jan. 18.

• Jan. 15: At 12:54 a.m., police were sent to Cheeque's Lounge, located on E. Linden Avenue on a report of a large fight in the parking lot. Responding officers allegedly attempted to break up a fight involving five individuals. Officers said they observed one individual punching a victim in the face several times; they placed him under arrest. Carl Dorsey, 31, of Rahway was charged with aggravated assault, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest for failing to comply with an officer's commands and pushing the officer.

According to police, while the officers were placing a handcuffed Dorsey in a patrol car, the same victim was allegedly approached by Taron R. Lanier, 23, of Newark, who punched him in the face. Police said Lanier then attempted to run from the scene, pursued on foot by several officers. During the foot chase, Lanier was seen discarding a plastic bag, later found to contain suspected marijuana. Police said Lanier then confronted the officers in an aggressive stance and received a burst of pepper spray before he was subdued and placed under arrest.

Lanier was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of controlled dangerous substance paraphernalia, and contempt warrants out of Elizabeth and Irvington. The Linden Fire Department ambulance responded to treat the victim for bleeding from the mouth, but the victim refused medical attention.

Lanier was held on \$4,180 bail; Dorsey was held on \$8,500 bail. None of the officers were injured, according to police reports.

• Jan. 15: At 4:05 p.m. police responded to Target, located at 621 W. Edgar Road on

a report of shoplifting. Officers were told that security personnel observed two women remove a cabinet from a box and fill it with electronic and computer accessories valued at \$3,130.

The women then walked away and a 16-year-old girl took the box to a register, she purchased it and attempted to walk out of the store. The juvenile, of Brooklyn, NY, was taken into custody, while the two, adult women had already left the store. The juvenile, who was allegedly uncooperative in the investigation, was charged with shoplifting and later released to a parent.

Anyone with information on the two adult women and this crime is asked to contact the Linden Police Detective Bureau at 908-474-8537 or via email at [crimetips@police.linden-nj.org](mailto:crimetips@police.linden-nj.org).

### Union

• Jan. 11: At 1:21 p.m. police responded to a report of a burglary on Madison Avenue. According to reports, entry was gained through a rear window that had been opened by force. Jewelry and video games were missing.

• Jan. 11: At 1:54 p.m. Duane Moore was arrested on Morris Avenue for warrants.

• Jan. 11: At 2:29 p.m. Najir Green was arrested for warrants during a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

• Jan. 11: At 3:20 p.m. Daniel Szymanski was arrested for warrants during a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

• Jan. 11: At 11:32 p.m. police responded to a report of a burglary to a vehicle on Stuyvesant Avenue. The passenger-side window was smashed. An iPad and navigation unit were taken, according to reports.

• Jan. 12: At 9:59 a.m. Gentil Salcedogil was arrested on Stuyvesant Avenue during a motor vehicle stop for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

• Jan. 12: At 11:40 p.m. police responded to a report of a burglary to a vehicle on Falls Terrace. According to police reports, a victim observed someone in his vehicle, who fled. The actor was described as a black male wearing a black shirt and pants. Entry was gained through an unlocked door, however nothing was missing.

• Jan. 13: At 9:31 a.m. police responded to a report of criminal mischief on Woodland Avenue. The rear window of a vehicle was smashed, which a neighbor reported hearing at about 4 a.m.

• Jan. 13: At 7:56 p.m. police responded to a report of a burglary on Lentz Avenue. According to the victim, she broke up with her boyfriend, left home and returned several hours later to find the interior of her home ransacked. Nothing appeared missing, according to reports.

• Jan. 14: At 9:49 a.m. a juvenile was detained on Springfield Avenue for a shoplifting that occurred Jan. 10.

• Jan. 15: At 8:16 a.m. police responded to the CVS on Morris Avenue on reports of ongoing theft by an employee. According to police, the suspect fled the scene in a 2001 gold Honda Accord.

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## CLARK NEWS

**Third graders learn about Yoga**

Third-graders at Frank K. Hehly 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.

**Jesus the Rock group meets weekly**

Jesus the Rock Fellowship is a Bible-based, Christ-centered church which meets 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 week-day 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](http://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](mailto:DLynnMul@comcast.net). Funds raised by Comedy Night will benefit education through financial grants by The Clark Education Fund Inc.

Bistro 1051 Italian Grill & Sushi Bar, 1051 Raritan Road, Clark, will make a donation to The Clark Education Fund with a copy of this article, a ticket stub, or simply mention "Comedy Night at ALJ."

**Osceola holds open house**

Osceola Church Preschool, which meets in the Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, Clark, will hold an open house on Jan. 24, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Parents and children are invited to visit the school and observe classes in session. Registration for September classes begins on open house days and continues until all spaces are filled.

Osceola Preschool offers a licensed teaching staff and developmentally appropriate learning activities for preschool children to foster social, emotional, intellectual, physical and spiritual growth.

In the next school year, classes will be held three mornings or three afternoons a week for three-year-olds and four mornings a week for four-year-olds. Children must be three or four years old by Oct. 1, 2013 to start school in September 2013.

Parents work in the classroom in this co-operative preschool and the program includes musical experiences, physical activities and visits to child-oriented places. For further information about the school's programs or registration, contact Director Judith Burlew at 908-272-3668.



**DAY OF SERVICE** — Roselle held its Day of Service in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Left, Roselle Public Library Director Tammy Lee reads a selection of children's books about peace, justice, and the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Right, in addition, the Elizabeth-based United Youth of New Jersey performed Monday at Roselle Borough Hall.

## SUMMIT NEWS

### Fifties Dance Party set for Feb. 9

The United Methodist Church, 17 Kent Place Blvd., Summit, invites the community to a Fifties Dance Party in the church's Social Hall on Saturday, Feb. 9, 7 to 9 p.m. A one-hour dance lesson will be followed by a one-hour dance party. A donation is suggested. For more information about the church, or for directions visit [www.umc-summit.org](http://www.umc-summit.org) or call 908-277-1700.

### Dreamcatcher Theatre to present 'Language Archive' on Feb. 10

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre, a professional Theatre in Residence at the Oakes Center in Summit, presents the New Jersey premiere of Julia Cho's "The Language Archive."

This comedy of the heart explores the mysterious language of love, which often fails when it is needed most.

"The Language Archive" is onstage from Friday Jan. 25 through Sunday, Feb. 10; talkbacks with the cast and director of the play follow the Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 matinees. After the Feb. 3 matinee, the panel will also include therapist Sandra Dresdner, who will add a professional perspective to the discussion of communication as it relates to the relationships in the play.

Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. For tickets, visit [www.dreamcatcherrep.org](http://www.dreamcatcherrep.org) or call Brown Paper Tickets at 800-838-3006.

### Oak Knoll principal to resign June 30

Oak Knoll's upper school principal Mary Sciarrillo has accepted an appointment as the founding head of a new, all-girls, Catholic school in Monmouth County and will be resigning her post June 30.

"Starting an all-girls school like Oak Knoll has been a personal and professional dream of mine," Sciarrillo said.

She will head Trinity Hall, the newly established all-girls high school starting in Middletown's Croydon Hall campus, which is slated to open in September.

"Trinity Hall made an outstanding decision in Mary's selection," said Head of School Timothy J. Saburn. "She is ready for this challenge. Not many of us have the opportunity in life to live our dream."

While Oak Knoll School conducts a yearlong, nationwide search for Sciarrillo's successor, Saburn will take on the role of interim principal for the 2013-14 school year in addition to continuing to serve as head of school.

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child is an independent, Catholic school enrolling boys and girls in kindergarten through grade six; and young women in grades seven through 12. For more information, visit [www.oakknoll.org](http://www.oakknoll.org) or call 908-522-8109.



**RHYME SCHEME** — The student's in Miss Lewis' third grade class, including Isabella Kaczan and Lucas Zamboni, are saying nice things about each other. In an effort to promote a kind and caring environment, the students each wrote an acrostic poem about another student after picking names out of a hat. The acrostic poem is one in which you describe who you are writing about. Through this activity the children were able to say special things about one another.

### Lions Clubs are always there to help

Across the globe, Lions Clubs are comprised of more than 1.35 million members who share the core belief that community is what we make it, even if that community is 1,700 miles away. Following Hurricane Sandy, the Summit Lions Club received numerous emails and phone calls from other member clubs around the country offering assistance in the wake of the storm. One such call came from the Downtown Founder Lions Club in Austin, Texas. After hearing about the hardships in New York and New Jersey, their club raised more than \$1,000 to send to Summit to help those affected by the storm. The Summit Lions matched the \$1,000 gift, and the clubs agreed to contribute the combined amount, more than \$2,000, to SAGE Eldercare for its Meals On Wheels program.

"We heard about all the difficulties after the storm, particularly the need to help restock food supplies; so we contacted the Summit club and volunteered to help," said Tommy Cowan, an Austin Lion whose daughter lives in the Summit area. "We are big supporters of the Meals On Wheels program locally, so we know how much good this organization can do with a few extra dollars — particularly when times are tough." On behalf of both member clubs, the Summit Lions presented the combined

gift to SAGE Executive Director Jessica Rosenzweig Gruber at its December meeting. The power outages and cold temperatures in the weeks following the hurricane were particularly hard on elderly residents and those with limited mobility. SAGE Eldercare's Meals On Wheels program delivered 550 meals to area seniors in the two days immediately following the storm, and volunteers continued to check on residents throughout the week to make sure they were safe. To learn more about Lions or to get involved as a volunteer, visit [www.summitlionsclub.org](http://www.summitlionsclub.org). For more information on SAGE Eldercare, call 908-273-5550 or visit [www.sageeldercare.org](http://www.sageeldercare.org).

### Old Guard learns from research chemist, Jan. 29

Dr. Alan Cooper will speak at the Tuesday, Jan. 29 meeting at the Summit Old Guard about his work as a research chemist in the pharmaceutical industry. All area, 50-plus, active men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Area Old Guard Tuesdays at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Ave. A coffee hour starts at 9:15, and is followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting.

The presentation will focus on how drugs are discovered, developed and tested in clinical trials before becoming eligible as consumer drugs. Cooper has more than 30 years of experience in the pharmaceutical

industry, specializing in anti-infectives and oncology-drug discovery. A participant in the discovery of several antibiotics and oncology agents, he has led oncology programs to clinical trials and has more than 100 scientific publications, presentations and patents. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes, trips, plays, concerts and cultural events. Members will visit the Barnes Collection in Philadelphia in April. Call Ralph Ortega at 908-244-4384 for more information or visit [www.summitoldguard.homestead.com](http://www.summitoldguard.homestead.com).

### Open gym for Summit youngsters

The Summit Community Center, 100 Morris Ave., will open its doors to Summit's children in grades three to eight, who would like to use the Community Center gym for open play. Residents, who grew up in Summit, remember the days and nights that they spent "hanging out," "shooting hoops" and "dancing" at the Rec. The Department of Community Programs will bring back that Summit tradition. Each day after school, youths in grades three to five, will be at the gym on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Youths in grades six to eight can attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays, grades six and up can use the facility from 6 to 9 p.m. The program is one of supervised, yet unstructured activities, daily.

## LINDEN NEWS

**School locked down on Jan. 18 due to BB gun**

At approximately 1:15 p.m. on Jan. 18, Soehl Middle School was placed in lock down because of an alleged weapon on campus.

Police were called and a BB gun was recovered, according to a press release issued by the superintendent of Linden Public Schools. There were no injuries, and at 1:40 p.m. the lock down was lifted and a normal schedule resumed.

**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 crack-down, 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.

**Knit for a cause in Linden**

The Department of Public Property and Community Services has formed a "Knitting and Crocheting for a Cause" group and has invited people of all ages, young adult through senior citizens, to join.

All you need is a basic knowledge of knitting or crocheting and a set of knitting

needles or a crochet hook. The rest will be taught.

Meetings are held Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. Projects are distributed to charitable causes.

For more information, call 908-474-8627 or visit [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org).

**Exercise rooms available for Linden adults**

The Department of Public Property and Community Services is offering to Linden adult residents daily use of fully equipped exercise rooms, located at John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. and Linden Multi Purpose Center, 1025 John St. The exercise rooms are equipped with stationary bikes, treadmills, step climbers, rowers, a four station universal and locker area with showers.

There is a registration fee for the year. One must bring in proof of residency. It is free of charge to senior citizens, over the age of 50. As with any exercise program, participants are encouraged to consult with their physicians and to wear proper exercise attire, especially sneakers.

Hours of operation at the recreation center are Monday to Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Interested Linden adults requiring further information can call the center at 908-474-8627 or visit [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org).



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1 tsp. butter  
8 eggs, beaten in a medium-sized bowl  
1 Tbs. chopped, fresh sage  
1/3 to 1/2 cup ricotta cheese  
1 tsp. salt  
freshly ground black pepper — just a pinch or two

**Method**

Place a rack on the top rung of the oven and preheat oven to 400 degrees. In an oven-proof, skillet, such as cast iron, melt the butter over a low flame. When the butter is melted, add the sage and saute for a minute.

Add salt and pepper to the beaten eggs and then pour in the pan. Let sit a minute before you start lifting the sides so the raw egg seeps to the edges of the pan.

Keep lifting the cooked edges until the only raw parts of the eggs are mostly in the middle. It's OK if there are still some raw eggs all over the pan, as this is not an exact science.

Put some dollops of ricotta cheese all over the partially raw top and place the skillet on the top rack of the oven.

Bake for about 3 to 5 minutes, or until the eggs are cooked through. Serve immediately.

*Alma Schneider, licensed clinical 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](mailto:alma@takebackthekitchen.com) or visit her website at [www.takebackthekitchen.com](http://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.

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 3rd, 2013**

**EVENT:** Monthly Flea Market & Collectible Show  
**PLACE:** Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Ave., (off Joralemon St.) Belleville  
**TIME:** 9AM - 4PM Indoors/Outdoors  
**ADMISSION:** FREE  
**DETAILS:** For information call 201-998-1144 or [events@icpromotions.info](mailto:events@icpromotions.info)

There will be exhibitors selling an array of quality merchandise such as sports collectibles, fashion accessories, jewelry, pocketbooks, socks, one of a kind items, gloves & scarves, breads, salads, cheeses, collectibles, garage/tag sale items and so much more!

Come to enjoy the delicious food being served. There is no admission so come to browse.  
**ORGANIZATION HOST:** BHS Athletic Advisory Council.

**What's Going On?**

**Includes:**  
FLEA MARKETS  
THRIFT SHOPS  
CULTURAL EVENTS  
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GARAGE SALES  
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What is *your* non-profit organization working on? Let us know today!

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[class@thelocalsource.com](mailto:class@thelocalsource.com)

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## ARTS &amp; LEISURE

## SAGE asking for prom dresses, tuxedos

SAGE Eldercare's Resale Shop, located at 31B Chatham Road in Summit, is looking for donations of prom dresses and tuxedos during the month of February and March. Items can be dropped off during normal business hours, Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale for the dresses and tuxedos will begin on Monday, April 1.

"We are putting together a special prom event and would love to receive donations of current or recently used prom dresses and tuxedos. A good indication of the styles of dresses and tuxedos we are looking for are those worn by celebrities, models and pageant contestants," said Rose Rittweger, Manager of SAGE Eldercare Resale Shop. "Our main goal is to obtain current fashion that will be desired by our shoppers."

The event will give high school students an option for their prom attire so that those students who might not be able to afford full-priced clothing might be able to select a dress or tux at SAGE's Resale Shop at a discounted price.

In addition to clothing, SAGE's Resale Shop offers a variety of goods, including furniture, housewares, china, linens, jewelry, bric-a-brac, collectibles and books. There is a continual turnover

of merchandise and at the beginning of the year after the holidays, people tend to clean out their closets and donate older items to thrift stores.

The Resale Shop's unusual variety and exceptional quality of goods, along with reasonable prices, have attracted shoppers and collectors from Summit and the surrounding areas since it opened its doors in 1959. Shoppers at the Resale Shop have the added benefit of knowing they are supporting the valuable services SAGE provides to older adults in the region.

For more information on the event, call 908-273-5564 or visit [www.sageeldercare.org](http://www.sageeldercare.org).

SAGE Eldercare supports the independence, well-being and quality of life of older adults, their families and caregivers, through the provision of client-centered health, social and support services.

Founded in 1954, SAGE is one of the few non-profit eldercare agencies in the United States, and the oldest in New Jersey, that offers a broad and comprehensive array of services under one roof that assist elderly, often frail, adults to remain independent in their own homes.

## Elizabeth B-ball classic tips off Jan. 26 at Dunn Sports Center

The 19th annual Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless Basketball Classic tips off on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Dunn Sports Center, 600 Pearl St., Elizabeth. High school boys basketball teams in New Jersey will battle for ranking and take the offense against homelessness.

- 5 p.m. The Patrick School vs. Don Bosco Prep High School;
- 6:45 p.m. Elizabeth vs. Passaic Tech High School; and
- 8:30 p.m. St. Mary's vs. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Admission is charged. Tickets can be purchased at [theelizabethcoalition.org](http://theelizabethcoalition.org).

## A lovely English garden, in pics and text

Alan Titchmarsh is quintessentially English, from his last name to his loves — gardening, dogs, country life and the Queen. Best known to Americans from the imported gardening makeover series, "Ground Force," Titchmarsh is a celebrity in Britain. He hosts the BBC's round the clock coverage of the Chelsea Flower Show every year, has written numerous garden books, hosted several garden TV series and undertaken various commercial projects, including designing and endorsing a line of garden tools for a retail chain. He is, in a word, ubiquitous.

The newest Titchmarsh book is "My Secret Garden," BBC Books, 2012. I don't have all of his books, but this one, which portrays his personal plot in words and gorgeous photographs by Jonathan Buckley, sounded interesting.

From 1996-2002, Titchmarsh was the host of "Gardener's World," a venerable BBC gardening show. In a genteel form of reality television, the program was filmed in his own two-acre garden, Barleywood, with new weekly episodes airing from February through November each year. This meant that his wife, Alison, had to put up with camera crews on the doorstep for six years. It is not surprising that when the couple moved to their current Georgian house and grounds 10 years ago, Titchmarsh promised Alison that the garden would be private. Not only would the beds

### THE GARDENER'S APPRENTICE

BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

and borders never show up on the BBC, but they would not even open for the British National Garden Scheme's Garden Open Days.

But Alan Titchmarsh is Alan Titchmarsh and he eventually succumbed to the urge to publicize the new plot. The result is "My Secret Garden," which is a great midwinter read for gardeners.

Like many gardening books, "My Secret Garden" is broken out by seasons, starting with spring. There are plenty of luscious close-ups of flowers, including one of hellebores that look better than any hellebores I will ever grow. They are, of course, underplanted with spring-blooming cyclamens, also more numerous and lovely than any I will nurture with my paltry American green thumbs. Still, the inspiration inspired by the pictures and eminently readable text overwhelms my sense of inherent horticultural inferiority.

Titchmarsh began his professional gardening life at 15, as an apprentice gardener for the local municipality. He admits that this background gave him a passion for order and neatness in the landscape. He makes great use of clipped shrubbery to provide structure, defining garden areas

with all kinds of boxwood and yew trimmed into cones, balls, lollipops and even topiary birds. To counterbalance all that formality and discipline, the planting schemes enclosed and defined by that wealth of shrubbery are much more loose and open. Drifts of all kinds of plants predominate, as Titchmarsh cleaves to the old garden wisdom of planting in odd number groups — three, five or seven — of a particular species or variety.

He confesses to a fondness for well-loved, tried-and-true plants. The pictures bear this out, with lots of roses, alliums, agapanthus and delphiniums. Titchmarsh admits that he goes to great lengths to keep slugs from devouring the latter, but persists in growing them anyway. Useful tips are frequent, such as underplanting the delphiniums with hardy geraniums to camouflage the ugly "legs" of the delphiniums.

As you might expect, the Titchmarsh establishment has outbuildings, including a summerhouse and a greenhouse/conservatory. It also has sculpture sprinkled throughout the planting scheme, but the art is not pretentiously described or displayed and many of the pieces are reproductions of famous originals. Titchmarsh is, after all, a well-paid British star, not a fabulously wealthy American one.

What appeals about "My Secret Garden" is Titchmarsh's love of the creativity of gardening. He is clearly fond of color, open

spaces, reliable plants and an artful mixture of order and chaos. He is an organic gardener and stresses that he is a plantsman who designs rather than the other way around. In the introduction he freely admits that he has help in maintaining his lovely garden spread, thanking his gardener, handyman, tree surgeon and lawn mowing helper.

Photographer Jonathan Buckley is an artist with a camera and even if you don't read a word of the text, the pictures alone are worth the price of the book. Unlike other books of this type, there are no "before and after" pictures, only "after." Titchmarsh frequently describes the process by which he transformed his garden over the past decade, but its beginnings are left to the readers' imaginations.

I am sure that Titchmarsh's agent and publisher encouraged him to create a book about his "new" garden and he admits to missing the audience element that he had while hosting "Gardener's World." In the end though, I believe him when he sums up his ultimate motivation — "the experience is meant to be shared; so are the gardens."

**Elisabeth Ginsburg, a resident of Essex County, is a frequent contributor to Worrall Community Newspapers. The writer archives past columns at <http://www.gardener-sapprentice.com>.**

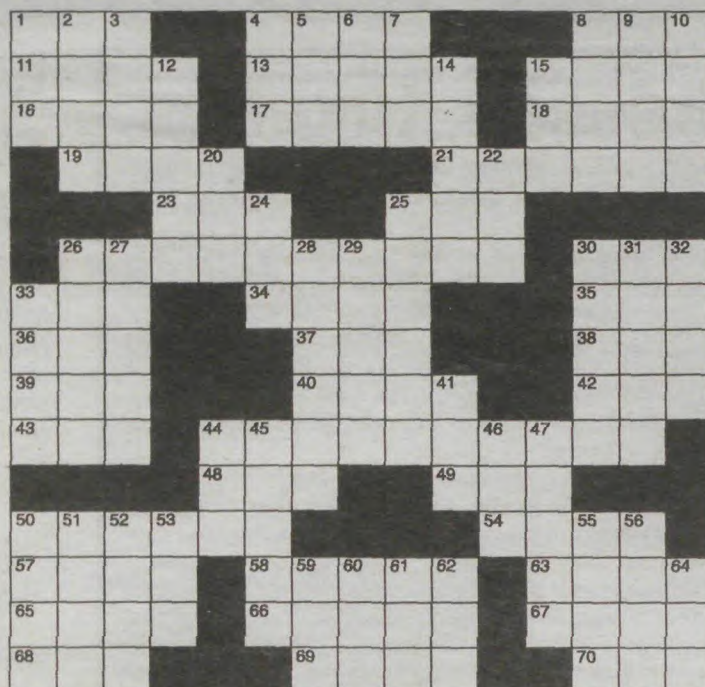
<p><b>SATURDAY!</b></p> <p><b>The Little Prince</b> Bristol Riverside Theater Sat, Jan 26 at 2:00</p>		<p><b>Cinderella</b> State Ballet Theatre of Russia Fri, Feb 1 at 7:30</p>		<p><b>Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company</b> Year of the Serpent Sat, Feb 9 at 2:00 Sun, Feb 10 at 2:00</p>		<p><b>The Ugly Duckling and The Tortoise and The Hare</b> Lightwire Theater Sat, Feb 16 at 11:00 &amp; 2:00</p>	<p>As seen on America's Got Talent</p> 	<p><b>NJPAC</b> NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ONE CENTER STREET, NEWARK, NJ Tickets and full 2012-2013 season schedule <a href="http://www.njpac.org">visit njpac.org</a> or call 1-888-60-NJPAC</p>
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Point that is one point E of due S
4. Slithered
8. Brain and spinal cord (abbr.)
11. Direct the steering of a ship
13. Chops with irregular blows
15. Plural of hilum
16. Incline from vertical (geo.)
17. Simple word forms
18. Paddles
19. Roman garment
21. Meat skewers
23. Ethiopia (abbr.)
25. The cry made by sheep
26. Beatty-Benning movie
30. Concealed
33. Political action committee
34. High rock piles (Old English)
35. Scottish county (abbr.)
36. Goat and camel hair fabric
37. A very large body of water
38. Fabric stain
39. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
40. Shoe's underside
42. Military legal corps
43. Patti Hearst's captors
44. Undecided
48. \_\_\_ death do us part
49. Supervises flying
50. Many headed monsters
54. Literary language of Pakistan
57. Halo
58. Hawaiian hello
63. Lubricants
65. Mild exclamation
66. Greek fresh-water nymph
67. Nickname for grandmother
68. A restaurant bill
69. Automaker Ransom E.
70. A young man

ANSWERS APPEAR IN  
OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION



### CLUES DOWN

1. Singular cardinals hypothesis (abbr.)
2. Small water craft
3. Opposite of ecto
4. The woman
5. Skeletal muscle
6. Devoid of warmth and cordiality
7. Decameter
8. Italian goodbye
9. Mediation council
10. Impudence
12. A desert in S Israel
14. Japanese seaport
15. Nob or goblin
20. Ingested
22. Swiss river
24. Protects head from weather
25. Lava rock
26. Designer identifier
27. 34470 FL
28. Petrified ancient animal
29. Gas used in refrigeration
30. Journeys to Mecca
31. 8th month, Jewish calendar
32. Small indefinite quantity
33. Taps
41. Extremely high frequency
44. Iguanidae genus
45. From the Leaning Tower's city
46. Cologne
47. Moses' elder brother (Bible)
50. A minute amount (Scott)
51. Hindu name for 4 epochs
52. Faded and dull
53. Radioactivity unit
55. The face of a clock
56. The inner forearm bone
59. Tai language of the Mekong region
60. Embrocate
61. Possessed
62. Public promotions
64. Sorrowful

## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES, March 21 to April 20.

Aries, you have been living life in the fast lane, but this week you may need to apply the brakes. If you're not careful, you could miss out on some exciting stuff.

### TAURUS, April 21 to May 21.

Taurus, someone you know may feel like he or she deserves something that you have. Do not validate any jealousy and take the high road by not engaging the situation.

### GEMINI, May 22 to June 21.

Gemini, provide a steady and strong hand to keep someone you love on the right track. It may not be easy to be so supportive, but do what's necessary to help a loved one.

### CANCER, June 22 to July 22.

Cancer, although you are very persuasive this week, you should focus all of your attention on selling yourself to others in the workplace. This can make promotion imminent.

### LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23.

Leo, you might sense that something isn't quite right this week with a couple of people you know. Don't be shy about asking questions to get to the bottom of the situation.

### VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22.

Virgo, it can be difficult to believe the truth sometimes, especially when the news is not what you want to hear. Don't let disagreements cloud common sense.

### LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23.

Libra, mixing business and pleasure is not the right approach this week. Avoid starting new romantic relationships with someone in the office and focus on work.

### SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22.

Scorpio, remember that risk may ultimately bring reward when considering an investment opportunity. With this in mind, you may want go out on a limb this week.

### SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21.

Sagittarius, you are on a roll and you probably have no plans to slow down for anyone. Try to slow down and help others if you find yourself with some free time.

### CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20.

Capricorn, honesty is the best policy but you do not always have to be so forthcoming with your opinions. Employ tact if you are asked for your opinions on certain issues.

### AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18.

Even a minor disagreement could have you licking your wounds, Aquarius. Don't use this week for sulking. Get back on the horse and dust yourself off.

### PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20.

Pisces, avoid potentially sticky situations this week. It is better to defer to an expert even if it means making a financial investment.

## 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

	2	5						
	3						9	
			4	7	2			
	1			8	6			7
				4			8	
				1				3
	7	4						
	5	1		3			6	
		9						8 3

Level: Intermediate

















## PUBLIC NOTICE

## SPRINGFIELD

Township of Springfield  
Zoning Board of Adjustment

TAKE NOTICE THAT ON THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY AT 7:30 P.M. A HEARING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 100 MOUNTAIN AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY ON APPLICATION #2013-2 FOR VARIANCE OR VARIANCES FOR: Permitting pre-existing converted living space from garage space AND ANY OTHER VARIANCES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY AS EVIDENCED BY THE PLANS NOW ON FILE OR AS MAY BE MODIFIED AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT SO AS TO PERMIT pre-existing converted living space from garage space.

THIS APPLICATION IS MADE FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT: 97 Miesel Avenue, SPRINGFIELD NJ KNOWN AS BLOCK: 901 AND LOT(S): 3 ON THE TOWNSHIP SPRINGFIELD TAX MAP. YOU MAY APPEAR WHETHER IN PERSON OR BY AGENT OR ATTORNEY AND PRESENT ANY OBJECTION WHICH YOU MAY HAVE TO THE GRANTING OF THIS APPLICATION. ALL PAPERS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION MAY BE SEEN IN THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD LOCATED IN THE ANNEX BUILDING, 20 NORTH TRIVETT AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, NJ. U303815 OBS Jan. 24, 2013 (\$20.58)

## SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT  
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

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

Awarded to: Windstream Communications, Inc. (Paetec)

For the Period: September 14, 2012 - September 13, 2014

Services: Telephone Service Provider

Cost: Not to exceed a monthly cost of \$1,500.00, plus any additional usage fees, for a total estimated cost not to exceed \$25,000.00

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
1/15/13  
U303729 OBS Jan. 24, 2013 (\$15.68)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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## SPRINGFIELD

Resolution: This Resolution authorizes the appointment of Maryellen Brennan as Secretary to the Springfield Board of Health.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
RESOLUTION NO. 1-2013

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield has established a Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Board of Health is in need of a Secretary to the Board of Health; and  
WHEREAS, Maryellen Brennan currently serves as the Secretary; and  
WHEREAS, Ms. Brennan is willing and able to continue to serve in the capacity of Secretary to the Springfield Board of Health; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Springfield Board of Health appoints Maryellen Brennan as the Secretary to the Springfield Board of Health and will be compensated at a rate of \$100.00 per Board of Health meeting, without any other benefits.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular Meeting by the Springfield Board of Health, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

Maryellen Brennan, RMC  
Board of Health Secretary  
U303800 OBS Jan. 24, 2013 (\$19.11)

## SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

Pursuant to the New Jersey Public Meeting Act, Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231, the Regular Meetings of the Springfield Board of Health are held in the Kenneth Faigenbaum Committee Chambers, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue. The 2013 dates for the Board of Health Meetings are as follows:

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

Maryellen Brennan  
Board of Health Secretary  
U303801 OBS Jan. 24, 2013 (\$14.70)

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Awarded to: Neglia Engineering Associates

For the Period: From the Date the Fully Executed Agreement is received to December 31, 2013

Services: Sanitary Sewer Consultant Engineering Services

Cost: Not to exceed \$10,000.00 quarterly

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
Dated: 1/15/13  
U303730 OBS Jan. 24, 2013 (\$15.19)

## SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
COUNTY OF UNION

TAKE NOTICE that the reorganization meeting of the Springfield Improvement Team will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Caucus Room, Municipal Building, 2nd

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Floor, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081. All future monthly meetings will then be held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the same location.

Any changes or additions to this calendar will be announced and published pursuant to The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Linda M. Donnelly  
Township Clerk  
U303818 OBS Jan. 24, 2013 (\$11.27)

## SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT  
PENDING ORDINANCE #13-3003

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPATCH CENTER FOR USE JOINTLY BY THE BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE AND THE CITY OF SUMMIT, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$365,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$347,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING ITS SHARE OF THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENT. (City's Share of Joint Dispatch Capital Costs)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## SPRINGFIELD

State of New Jersey  
Union County

Public Notice  
Springfield Public Schools  
Springfield, NJ 07081

Notice of Award  
Professional Services

The Springfield Board of Education met on the following dates and awarded the following contracts for professional services pursuant to 18A: The resolutions and/or contracts listed below are available for public inspection at the Office of the Board Secretary located at 139 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday:

## Meeting January 7, 2013

Name	Nature of Award	Contract Period	Contract Amount
DI Group	Architect	Calendar Year 2013	On file in Business Office
Cannone & Company	Auditor	Calendar Year 2013	On file in Business Office
Pennoni Associates	Engineer	Calendar Year 2013	On file in Business Office
GR Murray	Insurance Broker	Calendar Year 2013	On file in Business Office
Porzio, Bromberg, Newman	Solicitors	Calendar Year 2013	On file in Business Office
Kathleen Herrigel	Treasurer	Calendar Year 2013	On file in Business Office

Matthew A. Clarke  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
U303864 OBS January 27, 2013 (\$44.10)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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## SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT  
PENDING ORDINANCE #13-3002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8, PARKING, SUBSECTION 7-8.7, PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS (Sunset Drive no curve parking)

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

Section 1. That Section 7-8, PARKING, subsection 7-8.7, Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets, -- No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets, -- of the Code shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

## 7-8.7 Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets.

No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Sunset Drive	West	From the northerly curblin of Valley View Avenue to a point <del>600</del> 1040 feet north there from.
	East	From a starting point 307 feet north of the northerly curblin of Valley View Avenue to a point 172 feet north there from.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

(Last additions in text indicated by underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~)

## NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Summit, in the County of Union, New Jersey held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a regular meeting of said Common Council in the Council Chamber at 512 Springfield Avenue in said City on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. During the weeks prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in said City Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk

Dated: 1/15/13  
U303727 OBS January 24, 2013 (\$49.00)

## SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT  
PENDING ORDINANCE #13-3004  
(Continuation)

Program	Resident Fee	Nonresident Fee	Scholarship
Special Needs - Tennis	\$50.00	\$60.00	50.00
Swim Lessons - Adult/Youth (4 days a week)	\$40.00	N/A	40.00
Tennis - Adult spring/summer	\$95.00	95.00	N/A
Tennis - Youth spring	\$180.00	160.00	135.00
Tennis - Youth summer	\$120.00	110.00	112.00
Wrestling - 2 - 6	\$100.00	N/A	75.00
Wrestling - K - 1	\$75.00	N/A	85.00

## 12-5.2 Facilities, Showmobile, Field Rental Fees., Merchandise.

Facilities:	Per Hour	Per Two Hours
SFAC Swim Team Rentals		\$80.00
Glenside Field:		
Additional half hour purchase		\$20.00
Merchandise:		
Swim Diapers		\$7.00
Golf Balls		\$5.00
Club Rentals		\$2.00
Hats/Visors		\$15.00

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David L. Hughes, City Clerk

Dated: 1/15/13  
U303732 OBS January 24, 2013 (\$257.25)

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

to be issued is the construction of an emergency services dispatch center for use jointly by the Borough and the City including renovation of existing facilities located at the New Providence Municipal Center at 360 Elkwood Avenue in the Borough in order to provide for an emergency services dispatch center, together with all structures, work and materials, equipment, attachments, accessories and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all pursuant to and in accordance with the agreement between the City and the Borough entitled: "Agreement Borough of New Providence & City of Summit Emergency Services Dispatch Center", a copy of which is on file or to be filed in the office of the City Clerk, and as authorized by the provisions of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. and in particular N.J.S.A. 40A:65-21.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued by the City for said purpose is \$347,000, such amount being in addition to and exclusive of any bonds or notes issued or to be issued therefor by the Borough for financing its share of the total cost, hereinafter stated, of said purpose.

(c) The estimated total cost of said purpose is \$700,000 (exclusive of expenses referred to hereinafter in Section 4(d) hereof), of which \$350,000 is to be paid by the Borough and \$350,000 is to be paid by the City.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the City may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is fifteen (15) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the City Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$347,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$15,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

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Section 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 7. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the City Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

## NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Summit, in the County of Union, New Jersey held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a regular meeting of said Common Council in the Council Chamber at 512 Springfield Avenue in said City on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. During the weeks prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made

available at the Clerk's Office in said City Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
Dated: 1/15/13  
U303728 OBS Jan. 24, 2013 (\$120.05)

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CLARK

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
NOTICE OF INTENTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration and final passage at a Special Meeting at 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at which time and place all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF TELECOMMUNICATION AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT AND ANY ANCILLARY COSTS RELATED THERETO AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$80,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey, (The Township) is hereby authorized to acquire Telecommunication and Recreation Equipment and any ancillary costs related thereto.

Section 2. The sum of \$80,000 is hereby appropriated for the acquisition of said equipment and ancillary costs related thereto, as described in section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "capital purpose"). Said appropriation shall be funded from the Capital Surplus of the Township of Clark for the

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Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on **Wednesday, January 16, 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	Granted by Resolution

Richard Malanda, Bd. Of Adj. Secretary  
U303863 UNL January 24, 2013 (\$24.99)

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payment of the cost of said "capital purpose"

Section 3. Said purpose is a lawful capital purpose of the Township having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and the capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Edith L. Merkel, RMC  
Township Clerk  
U303723 EAG Jan. 24, 2013 (\$37.73)

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NOTICE OF INTENTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration and final passage at a Special Meeting at 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at which time and place all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 145, SECTION 145-3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that Chapter 145, Section 145-3 (E) is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1: Subsection (E) is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

E (1) (a)- All traffic work not paid by the Township of Clark shall be at the rate of \$50.00/hr. with the rate increasing to \$75.00/hr. after eight hours, minimum of four hours, together with a 15% administrative fee.

SECTION 2: Use of Police Vehicle:

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E (1) (b)- Use of police vehicle (local use only) shall be at the rate of \$25.00/hr. with a three hour minimum. All time after three hours will be rounded to the next half hour. These fees shall be placed in a separate account dedicated for police vehicle maintenance and repair.

SECTION 3: Inconsistent Ordinances:

Any ordinances of the Township of Clark which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4: Effective Date:  
This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and upon publication according to law.

Edith L. Merkel, RMC  
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**TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE**, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey in the County of Union, filed a Complaint in Rem with the Superior Court Clerk, Foreclosure Processing Services, Trenton, New Jersey, on June 21, 2012, Docket No. F-011574-12, entitled: Township of Hillside v. Park Street, Lot 22, Block 1209 assessed to and owned by Donald D. Wolfe and Joan F. Wolfe, and Bertha M. Williams, owner of Certificate of Tax Sale; Schley Street, Lot 19, Block 305, assessed to and owned by Benjamin Neisloss and Harry Neisloss; 1467 Franklin Street, Lot 68, Block 401, assessed to and owned by William Smith; 410 Florence Avenue, Lot 10, Block 605, assessed to and owned by Maria Hickel, and Ukrainian Fraternal Association, mortgagee; 1274 North Broad Street, Lot 37, Block 1417, assessed to and owned by Silver Saddle Saloon c/o Jules Reppert, and Raymond Clark and Elizabeth Clark, mortgagees; and 45 Hurden Street, Lot 43, Block 1713, assessed to and owned by Christine Gerlach. This foreclosure action seeks to foreclose and forever bar any and all rights of redemption of the parcels described above and in the tax foreclosure list contained herein. The action is brought against the land only and no personal judgment may be entered therein. Any person desiring to protect a right, title or interest in the above-described lands or parcel thereof, by redemption, or to contest the Township's right to foreclose, must do so by paying the amount required to redeem, plus interest to the date of redemption, and such costs as the court may allow, prior to the entry of a judgment therein, or by filing and serving an answer to the complaint setting forth their answer within 45 days after the date of this publication. In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all right, title and interest and equity of redemption in the parcels of land described above and in the tax foreclosure list contained herein.

IN REM FORECLOSURE LIST  
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE  
30-NOV-11\*

Tax Sale Certificate Number	Owner of Record Shown in Last Tax Duplicate	Block/Lot Qualifier	Date of Tax Sale	Amount of Tax Sale	Amount of Accruing Sub to Tax Sale	Date of Recording	Recording Book/Page	Amount to Redeem Lien 11/30/2011	Estimated Amount To Redeem Lien on 12/31/2011
1	Wolfe, Donald D. & Joan F.	1209/022	6/24/1997	\$275.23	\$13,846.62	10/10/1997	6422/0149	\$14,121.85	\$14,133.14
2	Neisloss, Benjamin & Harry	0305/019	12/6/1955	\$6.34	\$1,226.86	1/29/1980	3257/944	\$1,233.20	\$1,235.41
3	Smith, William	0401/068	12/19/1990	\$709.63	\$91,503.51	4/12/1991	4221/0212	\$92,213.14	\$92,379.12
4	Hickel, Maria	0602/010	6/15/2000	\$14,896.39	\$64,285.87	8/28/2000	7822/0173	\$79,182.26	\$79,324.78
5	Silver Saddle Saloon/co J. Reppert	1417/037	12/17/1991	\$6,430.11	\$150,097.12	7/20/1992	4577/0211	\$156,527.23	\$156,808.98
6	Gerlach, Christine	1713/043	12/14/1989	\$1,031.05	\$111,320.02	3/22/1990	4054/0908	\$112,351.07	\$112,553.30

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\*As amended to correct Recording Book/Page number 6422-0149 and 4221/0212 and year for Estimated Amount to Redeem Lien on 12/31/2011 U303646 UNL January 24, 2013 (\$88.20)

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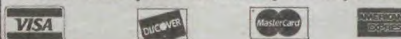
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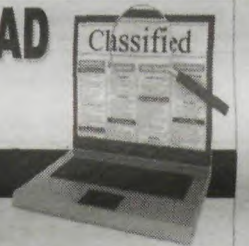
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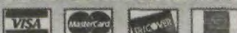
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## SPORTS

Roselle Park captured its first UCT championship since 2003, with three juniors winning titles, including Pete Hilburn at 145, Brian Matthews at 152 and Hugo Parraga at 106.



Photo by JR Parachini

# Roselle Park grapplers grab first UCT crown since 2003

## Matthews, Hilburn, Parraga capture titles

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

UNION — Brian Matthews came to Roselle Park from South Jersey and immediately rushed for over 1,000 yards to help lead the Panthers to their first state championship football game in 19 years.

The talented junior grappler is also off to a pretty good start on the wrestling mat.

Matthews conquered the weight class of 152 pounds in capturing his first county championship last Saturday at the 38th annual Wrestling Union County Tournament at the Louis J. Rettino Gymnasium.

Roselle Park won the team championship for the first time since 2003, garnering its record 12th crown with 172.5 points.

The Panthers prevented Brearley - which finished second with 149.5 points - from winning a record eighth title in a row. Brearley won the last seven championships - which is all seven of its titles - while Roselle Park also won seven in a row from 1997-2003.

Roselle Park, Brearley and Governor Livingston had the most champions with three, while Johnson had two and Westfield, Scotch Plains and Summit grabbed one each.

Matthews won two matches by pin, one by major decision and one by decision - two of his wins were also by shutout - to garner the 152 title as the fourth seed.

Matthews pinned third-seeded Jonniel Bazan of Elizabeth in 3:55 in the final after he blanked top-seeded Derrick Washington of Plainfield 5-0 in the semifinals.

Matthews, who didn't start wrestling until Dec. 24 because of the concussion he sustained in Roselle Park's championship football game against Hoboken on Dec. 7, was the only grappler to defeat a top-seeded wrestler before the finals.

"Brian hit the ground running hard," Roselle Park head coach John Ranieri said.

It was Matthews' first time wrestling Washington. "I wasn't intimidated at all," said Matthews, a transfer from Brick Township. "I came out hard and once I got my first two points I was on my way."

"Brian was very smart and got out of the bottom against a kid who is very good on top," Ranieri said. "It was a difficult match."

Matthews also faced Bazan for the first time.

"I came out physical again and knew I was the better wrestler," Matthews said.

Matthews' record went from 10-0 to 14-0.

His first two wins were against 13th-seeded Brayden Provan of New Providence, by pin in 3:41 in the first round, and over fifth-seeded Dominick Pigna of Scotch Plains by the score of 9-0 in the quarterfinals.

Wrestling for a program rich in history like Roselle Park is not lost on Matthews. He was one of four Panthers to reach the finals and the second to win a title, right behind 145-pounder Pete Hilburn - a junior who was also a top seed and who is also a transfer student, coming in from St. Peter's Prep. Hilburn wrestled at the Jersey City parochial school his freshman and sophomore seasons.

"Coming into this program is an incredible honor," Matthews said. "I'm going to try to go as far as I can take it this year."

Also for Roselle Park in the finals, junior Hugo Parraga won at 106 as the top seed, while Phil Woods finished second at 170 as the third seed.

Parraga held off second-seeded Tyler Gazaway of New Providence 7-6 in the 106 final, which was one of the more competitive title matches.

"We have strong leadership and positive team chemistry," Ranieri said.

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### RETURNING UCT CHAMPIONS FOR 2014 (9)

**Roselle Park junior Hugo Parraga,**  
he won at 106 in 2013.

**Brearley junior Nick DeMarco,**  
he won at 106 in 2012 and at 113 in 2013.

**Johnson sophomore Charlie Hudak,**  
he won at 126 in 2013.

**Johnson junior John Coler,**  
he won at 138 in 2013.

**Governor Livingston junior Ryan Hoy,**  
he won at 132 in 2012 and at 132 again in 2013.

**Roselle Park junior Pete Hilburn,**  
he won at 145 in 2013.

**Roselle Park junior Brian Matthews,**  
he won at 152 in 2013.

**Brearley junior John Balboni,**  
he won at 160 in 2012 and at 160 again in 2013.

**Brearley junior Joe Balboni,**  
He won at 170 in 2012 and at 170 again in 2013.

**TEAMS:** 1-Roselle Park 172.5. 2-Brearley 149.5. 3-Westfield 139.5. 4-Cranford 119. 5-Gov. Livingston 114.5. 6-Scotch Plains 99. 7-New Providence 97. 8-Johnson 90. 9-Rahway 87. 10-Elizabeth 73. 11-Union 65. 12-Linden 53. 13-Plainfield 50. 14-Summit 47.

### FINALS:

**138:** 1-John Coler, Johnson dec. 2-Daniel Kourakos, New Prov., 9-5.

**145:** 1-Pete Hilburn, Roselle Park dec. 2-Dan Smith, New Prov., 3-0.

**152:** 4-Brian Matthews, R. Park pin 3-Jonniel Bazan, Elizabeth, 3:55.

**160:** 1-John Balboni, Brearley dec. 2-Colin Barber, Westfield, 6-1.

**170:** 1-Joe Balboni, Brearley tech. fall 3-Phil Woods, R. Park, 22-7 (4:33).

**182:** 1-Brian Bulger, Westfield dec. 2-Jeff Velez, Brearley, 10-3.

**195:** 1-Shane Haddad, GL pin 2-Nick Arnold, Westfield, 5:29.

**220:** 1-A.J. Iarussi, Summit pin 2-Jeff Weiss, Cranford, 4:24.

**HWT:** 1-Anthony Tufaro, S. Plains, maj. dec. 6-Kris Lewis, Union, 12-4.

**106:** 1-Hugo Parraga, Roselle Park dec. 2-Tyler Gazaway, New Prov., 7-6.

**113:** 1-Nick DeMarco, Brearley pin 6-Carmine Boccellari, New Prov., 3:43.

**120:** 1-Jon Mele, Gov. Livingston maj. dec. 2-Nick Tekula, Linden, 12-0.

**126:** 1-Charlie Hudak, Johnson pin 2-Isaac Valentin, Rahway, 4:25.

**132:** 3-Ryan Hoy, Gov. Livingston dec. 1-Gavin Murray, Cranford, 9-8.

## SPORTS



Photo by JR Parachini

Here it's Summit, at left, vs. Union in a UCT match held last Saturday at Union's Louis J. Rettino Gymnasium. Summit had a champion in senior A.J. Iarussi at 195, while Union had a senior, Kris Lewis, reach the heavyweight final.

## Panthers garner their first county crown in 10 years

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"We had 13 in the quarterfinals, eight in the semifinals and three of our four kids won in the finals. Getting off to a good start was a big help."

Union senior heavyweight Kris Lewis was the first Farmer grappler to reach the finals in several years, falling to top-seeded and defending champion Anthony Tufaro, a Scotch Plains senior, 12-4 in the final.

"We're very proud of what Kris did today," said Union head coach Dino DeBellonia.

Lewis, the sixth seed, first pinned 11th-seeded Max Burgos of Linden in 3:45 in the first round. Lewis won his quarterfinal round match by default over third-seeded Stephen Bremer of New Providence and then he pinned second-seeded Stephan Davis of Rahway in 1:05 in the semifinals.

"His match against the kid from Rahway in the semifinals was a big win," DeBellonia said. "He executed a move we drill daily called a 'far roll.'"

"We're happy for him and this is one of the little things we've accomplished that we hope to build on for a great deal more success in the future."

Governor Livingston senior Jon Mele captured his third county crown by blanking second-seeded Nick Tekula of Linden 12-0 in the 120 final. Mele, the top seed, earned last year's UCT award for the most pins in the least time — three in 8:08.

Mele captured his first UCT title as a sophomore in 2011, winning at 103, and last year as a junior he claimed the 113 crown.

Twelve top seeds won championships and six of the seven returning champions won again, those wrestlers being Brearley junior Nick DeMarco, GL senior Jon Mele, GL junior Ryan Hoy, Brearley junior John Balboni, Brearley junior Joe Balboni and Scotch Plains senior Anthony Tufaro.

Summit senior Nick Abbott, who won at 126 last year, finished fifth as the fourth seed at 132.

### AWARDS

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**Outstanding Wrestler (106-145)**  
Ryan Hoy, Gov. Livingston, 132

**Outstanding Wrestler (152-HWT)**  
John Balboni, Brearley, 160

**NOTES:** All 14 top seeds advanced to the semifinals. Thirteen made it to the finals.

Plainfield junior Derrick Washington was the first top seed to lose, falling to fourth-seeded Brian Matthews of Roselle Park 5-0 in the 152 semifinals.

There were 10 finals matchups pitting seeds 1 vs. 2, with the exceptions being at 113, 132, 152 and 170.

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### TOP SEEDS:

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- 113: Nick DeMarco, Brearley
- 120: Jon Mele, Gov. Livingston
- 126: Charlie Hudak, Johnson
- 132: Gavin Murray, Cranford
- 138: John Coler, Johnson
- 145: Pete Hilburn, Roselle Park
- 152: Derrick Washington, Plainfield
- 160: John Balboni, Brearley
- 170: Joe Balboni, Brearley
- 182: Brian Bulger, Westfield
- 195: Shane Haddad, Gov. Livingston
- 220: A.J. Iarussi, Summit

### THIRD-PLACE FINISHERS:

- 106: Kyle Gregorio, Johnson
- 113: John Devito, Roselle Park
- 120: Devin Jefferson, Rahway
- 126: Tim Murphy, Brearley
- 132: Matt Barber, Westfield
- 138: Nick Velez, Westfield
- 145: Nicko Capello, Cranford
- 152: Derrick Washington, Plainfield
- 160: Justin Becker, Rahway
- 170: Corey Markovitch, Cranford
- 182: Khalil Burns, Linden
- 195: Rob Kessler, Cranford
- 220: Vinny Picarelli, Roselle Park
- HWT: Kyle Brookens, Plainfield

### FOURTH-PLACE FINISHERS:

- 106: Nick Kalimtzis, Westfield
- 113: Joe Colder, Gov. Livingston
- 120: Andy Santamaria, Roselle Park
- 126: Daniel Tibere, Linden
- 132: Brian Lapham, Scotch Plains
- 138: Neo-Joe Lughas, Plainfield
- 145: Dein Rice, Scotch Plains
- 152: Corey Birch, Cranford
- 160: Jimmy Dwyer, Cranford
- 170: Joseph Ciarocca, New Providence
- 182: Allen Nunez, Roselle Park
- 195: Evaristo Diaz, Elizabeth
- 220: Ed Olenick, Johnson
- HWT: Stephan Davis, Rahway

### FIFTH-PLACE FINISHERS:

- 106: Chris Sergio, Gov. Livingston
- 113: JT Beirne, Scotch Plains
- 120: Dylan Oliva, Brearley
- 126: Nick Testa, Summit
- 132: Nick Abbott, Summit
- 138: Majid Abdur Rahman, Rahway
- 145: Nick Rotondo, Westfield
- 152: Dominick Pigna, Scotch Plains
- 160: Steve Loevsky, Roselle Park
- 170: Matt Ridge, Scotch Plains
- 182: Luke Sammarone, New Providence
- 195: Danny Van Brunt, Scotch Plains
- 220: David Tobe, Elizabeth
- HWT: Joe Romero, Elizabeth

### SIXTH PLACE FINISHERS:

- 106: Wesley Ortiz, Elizabeth / 113: John Fuller, Westfield
- 120: Dave Busch, Cranford / 126: Josh Gergich, Roselle Park
- 132: Matt Swain, Roselle Park / 138: Bruno Zurita, Elizabeth
- 145: Jeremy Randolph, Union / 152: Adams Desir, Rahway
- 160: Brandon Paris, Union / 170: Dan Syzdek, Union
- 182: Alex Mirabella, Scotch Plains / 195: Saviero Salfcas, Brearley
- 220: Jorge Quintero, Union / HWT: Rasheed Banks, Brearley

## SPORTS

**Dayton boys' basketball begins week 11-0**

The Dayton boys' basketball team began the week as the only Union County team that was still undefeated.

As of Monday, Dayton was 11-0 overall and led the Union County Conference's Valley Division with a 9-0 mark.

Dayton - according to its schedule on [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) - was scheduled to host Lincoln of Jersey City Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs next have three very challenging Valley Division games, starting with tomorrow's 7 p.m. home clash vs. Brearley.

Dayton won at Brearley 60-36 on Dec. 18.

However, the Bears began the week on a four-game winning streak, which evened their record at 6-6.

Dayton is scheduled to play at Summit Tuesday night at 7 and then host Roselle next Thursday night at 7.

Dayton edged Summit 49-48 at home on Jan. 10 in a battle of 7-0 teams.

Summit began the week 11-1 overall and 8-1 in the Valley Division.

**Brearley boys' begin week on 4-game win streak**

Brearley, sparked by the play of Khayri Hudeen, Andre Williams and Jhonny Batista, will take a 6-6 overall record and 4-4 Valley Division mark into today's 7 p.m. division home game vs. New Providence.

Hudeen scored 27 points, Williams 12 and Batista 11 in last Friday's 61-49 division win at Johnson.

The Bears swept the Crusaders in division play, including a 59-34 home triumph back on Dec. 20.

Tonight is Brearley's first Valley Division game against New Providence. The teams are scheduled to play at New Providence Feb. 8.

Here's a look at Brearley's 4-game winning streak:

**Jan. 10:** (H) Brearley 66, Oratory Prep 48 - Valley Division

**Jan. 11:** (A) Brearley 54, Roselle Park 50 (OT) - Valley Division

**Jan. 14:** (H) Brearley 71, Manville 30

**Jan. 18:** (A) Brearley 61, Johnson 49

**Union boys' see 3-game winning streak halted**

Union won three straight to get to 5-8 before falling at Elizabeth 67-59 in UCC-Watchung Division play last Thursday at the Elizabeth Dunn Sport Center.

Union is scheduled to host Elizabeth in division play Feb. 5 at 4 p.m.

Union was scheduled to play Newark Vocational Tuesday and resumes Watchung Division play with a game at Linden today at 4 p.m.

Union had an eight-point lead going into the fourth quarter of its first game against Linden before falling at home by the score of 77-75 Dec. 18.

Here's a look at Union's 3-game winning streak Elizabeth snapped:

**Jan. 12:** (N) Union 53, Franklin 47 - at Kean

**Jan. 13:** (N) Union 55, Roselle 49 - at Kean

**Jan. 15:** (H) Union 59, Rahway 42 - UCC crossover game

**UPCOMING UNION COUNTY WRESTLING MATCHES**

**Jan. 25:** Westfield at Summit, 6 p.m.

**Jan. 26:** Rahway at Johnson, 9:30 a.m.

**Jan. 26:** Summit at Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.

**Jan. 30:** Summit at Brearley, TBA

**Jan. 30:** Rahway at Westfield, 4 p.m.

**Jan. 30:** Elizabeth at Roselle Park, 7 p.m.

**Feb. 1:** Johnson at Roselle Park, 7 p.m.

**Feb. 6:** Gov. Livingston at Linden, 7 p.m.

**Feb. 8:** Rahway at Gov. Livingston, 7 p.m.

**Feb. 11:** Union at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

**NOTES:** Roselle Park, which finished ahead of seven-time defending champion Brearley last Saturday at Union to win its first UCT title since 2003, was scheduled to wrestle at Brearley Tuesday. Roselle Park defeated Brearley last year for the first time since 2005.

**Brearley girls' basketball sparked by Grispart efforts  
Zielinski, O'Boyle also provide Bears with lift**

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

**KENILWORTH** - When junior center Christine Grispart is fed the ball inside, there's practically no stopping the Brearley Bears.

However, with basketball being the team sport that it is, teams need more than just one player to step up their games if they are to be successful.

A combination of Grispart scoring in the paint and teammates Danielle Zielinski and Erin O'Boyle filling the hoop in the second half allowed Brearley to hold off a valiant comeback effort by Rahway last Thursday en route to a convincing 51-38 Union County Conference-Valley Division home victory.

Brearley won its third straight to improve to 7-2 overall and 5-1 in the Union County Conference's Valley Division. Rahway lost for the fifth time in six games and dropped to 3-6 overall and 3-4 in the Valley.

Brearley also defeated Roselle Park 58-25 at home last Friday night to enter Tuesday afternoon's home game against division rival Kent Place with an overall record of 8-2 and Valley Division mark of 6-1.

**BREARLEY BEARS (8-2 overall and 6-1 in UCC's Valley Division)**

**Dec. 14:** (A) Brearley 54, Rahway 36 - Valley

**Dec. 18:** (A) Brearley 39, Roselle Park 17 - Valley

**Dec. 27:** (A) Brearley 36, McNair 33 - at McNair

**Dec. 29:** (A) Brearley 58, Dickinson 30 - at McNair  
Bears capture Hudson River Tourney in Jersey City.

**Jan. 7:** (A) Manville 50, Brearley 34

**Jan. 8:** (A) Hillside 57, Brearley 31 - Valley

**Jan. 10:** (H) Brearley 52, St. Mary's 34 - Valley

**Jan. 15:** (H) Brearley 53, Benedictine 37 - Valley

**Jan. 17:** (H) Brearley 51, Rahway 38 - Valley

**Jan. 18:** (H) Brearley 58, Roselle Park 25 - Valley

**Jan. 22** Kent Place home - Valley

**UPCOMING**

**Jan. 25** Hillside, 5:30 p.m. - Valley

Brearley is scheduled to host Hillside Friday at 5:30 p.m. in another Valley Division clash. Brearley's only division loss as of Tuesday was at Hillside 57-31 on Jan. 8.

Grispart led all scorers with 19 points - netting 13 of them in the first half - while Zielinski, a sophomore, scored 13 of her 16 and O'Boyle, a freshman, poured in nine of her 12 in the final 16 minutes.

Of Grispart's 13 first half points, 12 came inside and one from the free throw line after she completed a conventional 3-point play.

"After we were getting the ball to our big girl (Grispart), Rahway started to double team her," said Brearley first-year head coach Vin Gulbin. "We then had to reverse the ball.

"We still wanted to get it to No. 42 (Grispart) and then kick it out, that was our emphasis. Christine's low post moves have improved. She's developing a successful inside game."

Zielinski, who is Brearley's leading scorer with a 16-point average, played much of the second half with four fouls.

"Danielle is one of our great ball-handlers and when she was in foul trouble, Erin really came through," said Grispart, who averages 12-14 points and 15 rebounds and against Rahway Thursday grabbed 15 boards and blocked one shot.

"Our younger players really stepped up and kept their composure," Grispart said.

So did Brearley's seniors. Although they did not score, Brearley received solid rebounding from starter Jessica Levy and Jessica Pace, both upperclassmen.

A 12-0 run bridging the first and second quarters gave Brearley its biggest lead of 12 at 18-6. Sparked by an 8-0 run of its own, Rahway battled back to tie the game for the third and final time at 26-26 late in the third quarter.

"In the second half, Rahway was fronting me and using a double team on me," Grispart said. "That left some of my teammates open."

A basket by sophomore Leanne Bastos with 30 seconds left in the third quarter gave Brearley its third lead and the advantage for good at 30-28. The Bears then began the fourth quarter quickly, with Grispart, Zielinski and then O'Boyle netting baskets in just over a minute to give Brearley an 8-0 run and a 34-26 lead.

"We were getting rebounds and getting back on defense," Grispart said. "We wanted it badly."

Rahway - guided by head coach Danielle Brown - got as close as 38-36 with over three minutes to play after junior reserve Megan Michel hit a shot in the lane. Michel, off the bench, paced Rahway with a solid 18-point performance.

"She scored 14 points against us the first time we played Rahway," said Gulbin, with Brearley opening with a 54-36 division win at Rahway back on Dec. 14. "That's why we went to a 3-2 zone, to get out on their shooters."

Brearley answered when Zielinski grabbed an offensive rebound and scored. That basket began a game-ending 13-2 Brearley run, which included Zielinski scoring the game's final six points, all from the free throw line.

Although Brearley made 18 free throws to none for Rahway, it was the Bears that missed eight of their first nine shots from the foul line at the start of the third quarter.

O'Boyle halted that streak by making four consecutive free throws. She finished with six points from the foul line.

"From the 2-spot Erin came in and provided a great role," Gulbin said.

Rahway also received eight points from sophomore Ashley Sparks.

Brearley began the season with six consecutive road games and is now in a stretch of six straight home contests.

**NOTES:** In Brearley's first division game against Rahway, Zielinski scored a game-high 23 points and Grispart added 18 and 10 rebounds.

The Patrick School in Elizabeth does not have a team this year, so the other seven teams in the Valley Division will play 12 division games instead of 14.

\* See complete scoring of the Rahway-Brearley game with story at [www.unionnewsdaily.com](http://www.unionnewsdaily.com).



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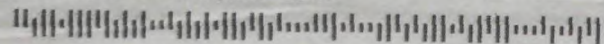
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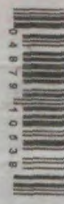
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At left above, Rahway girls' track stars Assata Edwards and Alana Peterson lead the heat for the 4 x 200 meter relays. At left below, Rahway boys' track standout Kazeem Otun leads in the 4 x 800 meter relay, where the Indians took second place at the state championships.

Photos courtesy of Maryjane Finne / Rahway High School

## Rahway track teams excel at state relays

### Boys', girls' among elite field

At the State Relay Championships held at the Bennett Center in Toms River Jan. 13, the Rahway boys' track team did well to finish a strong third in the team standings.

The Indians took second place in both the shuttle hurdle relay and the 4 x 800 meter relay, in addition to earning third place in the sprint medley relay. Harlan Clarke and Kazeem Otun participated in two of those relays.

The girls' finished 22nd in the team standings, led by a strong showing in the 4 x 800 meter relay, where the team of Zaverna Stephen, Damonique Harris, Tiffany Walker and Maritza Polynice finished fifth and ran the third fastest time in school history.

**Atilola impresses at Union County championships:** Rahway's Emmanuel Atilola was impressive in his performance at Sunday's Union County championships at the Jersey City Armory.

Atilola was second in the 55-meter hurdles in 7.67 seconds and third in the high jump at 6 feet, 2 inches.



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