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County loses out on \$5 million in savings

Documents show broker failed to recommend most affordable health benefits plan to county

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

The freeholder board could have saved as much as \$5 million in health benefit costs last year, but several representatives of county employee unions discovered a county-contracted broker appears to have steered the freeholders to a more expensive plan.

Tonight at the freeholder meeting, representatives of the local Communications Workers of America and The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers unions intend to present the results of an investigation they undertook to understand how the county health insurance broker, Brown & Brown Benefit Metro, Inc., went about their search for a less costly health benefits plan for employees. The findings, they said, are shocking.

The information, multiple union spokespersons said, will show the brokerage firm deliberately made a state

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health plan appear millions of dollars higher in order to not lose out on \$800,000 in commission.

Jeff Robinson, a fraud investigation employee for the county social services department and a representative of the CWA union, explained in an interview with *Local-*

Source that when the county contracted with Brown & Brown, they never considered the New Jersey State Health Benefits plan, even though it was millions less than the one they selected. He also mentioned that union representatives had told the county they preferred going with the state health plan because of the benefits and cost.

"They were supposed to see if there was a better deal out there than Cigna, but instead of coming back with the state plan, which was the lowest cost plan, their recommendation was Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield," said the county employee.

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Robinson said union workers were "a little suspicious"

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ACLU report: police depts. 'internally' flawed

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

If an average citizen in Union County wanted to lodge a complaint against a local police officer over the phone ... well ... good luck.

In fact, the majority of those attempting to lodge a complaint against a police officer throughout the state would most likely encounter hostility, misinformation or other obstacles from local law enforcement employees, according to a report released last week by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The report, called "The Crisis Continues Inside Police Internal Affairs," had ACLU-NJ volunteers call 497 police department employees to ask five specific questions that should have been answered with a "yes" response. Unfortunately, even though all of the police departments should have known the law, as well as the answers to the five questions, that was not the case.

Volunteers varied in age, sex and ethnic background and calls were recorded and supplemented with notes. Additionally, because callers were seeking information, they never suggested an actual incident occurred nor did they attempt to provide fictitious details about an alleged incident.

The five questions included whether a complaint could be filed by telephone, anonymously or by a third party and if a juvenile could file a complaint without a parent present. The fifth question involved undocumented residents, or illegal aliens, being able to file a complaint without fear immigration authorities would be alerted.

The ACLU-NJ report found the majority of police departments contacted, including those in Union County, either were not informed about the law, or felt they could intimidate complainants into dropping an issue they had with a police officer.

The report stressed that having an impartial complaint process allowing citizens to air grievances about police misconduct, coupled with fair investigations into those complaints, would go a long way to improving law enforcement throughout New Jersey.

"Too often we get complaints from citizens who feel that they are unable to get their grievance about an officer's conduct addressed by the department that is best equipped to handle and respond to the complainant — the officer's home department," the report said.

The ACLU explained both police and the public benefit when individuals feel their com-

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MAIL CALL — Sammy, a kindergartner at E.V. Walton School in Springfield, stops by his mailbox while distributing the Valentine's Day cards he wrote for his fellow classmates.



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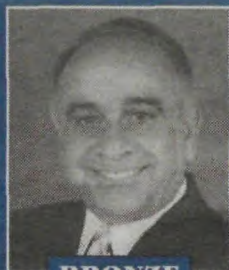
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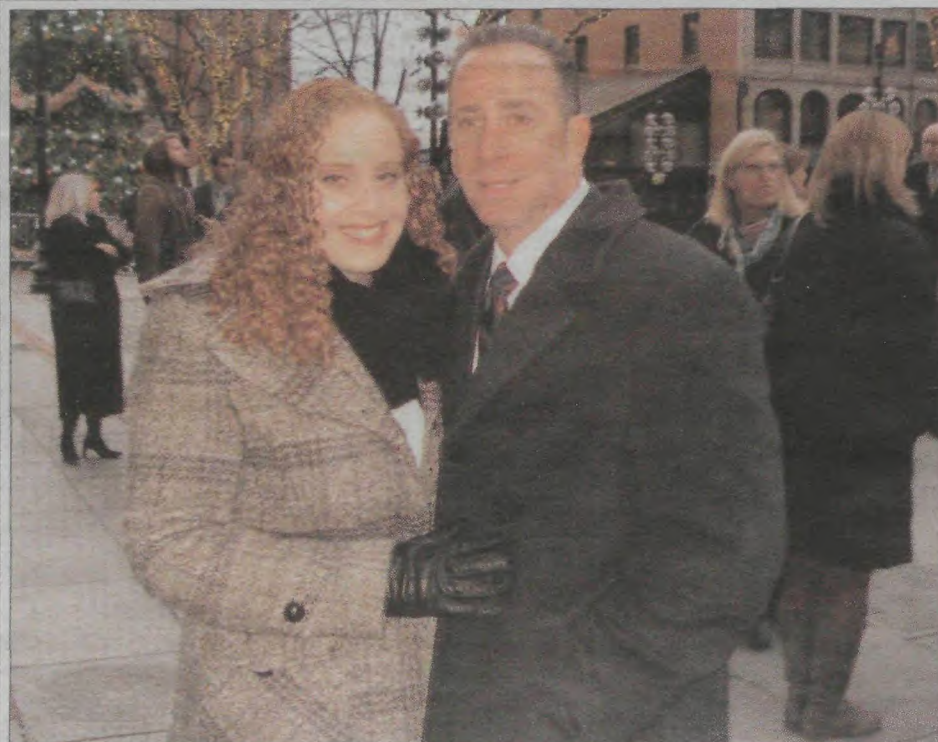
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UP TO DATE — Linden High School alumna Victoria Miranda with her father, Larry, the Linden Supervisor of Maintenance. Victoria graduated from LHS in 2004. She was the class president and completed her undergraduate education at Elizabethtown College in PA in 2008 and graduated from Roger Williams law school in 2012. She has subsequently passed the bar in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.



ON EAGLE'S WINGS — Boy Scout Troop 56 of Roselle Park presented Scouting's highest rank, The Eagle Award, to Nicholas G. Buli Jr. late last year. Buli's Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held Jan. 20 at the American Legion Post 60. Currently, he is attending Lincoln Technical Institute in Edison for Information Technology.

Dedicated team helps to put 'Roselle First'

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — When Mayor Jamel Holley was elected more than a year ago, one of his first initiatives was to jump start a program that would provide opportunity, training, jobs and success to residents in need of these services. He not only realized that goal with Roselle First, but managed to help more than 200 residents in the last year.

On any given week day, the help center at 121-125 Chestnut St. buzzes with activity. From those seeking advice on how to find a job, how to conduct themselves during an interview or in need of occupational training and life skills, this no-cost platform provides a wealth of opportunity.

For some, such as the formally incarcerated or teens on their own with little resources, Roselle First has been the support network needed to get back on their feet and find the pathway to a new life.

What Holley envisioned was a one-stop employee help center where collaboration with the federal, state and local government would join forces with non-profits, businesses and faith-based organizations to deliver programs and services desperately needed by community members.

Never one to believe any project is impossible, Holley worked with Colleen Mahr, Roselle Director of Economic Development, to ensure this vision became a reality. But always echoing in the back of his mind was the voices of the people he met as he knocked on doors while campaigning. The ones who had been out of work a long time had no resources for training, just got out of jail or simply needed support and direction.

"Everywhere I went it seemed like people were looking for jobs. They wanted



Photo By Cheryl Hehl

Kelly Barber, a representative of Dish Network, meets with Colleen Mahr, Roselle director of economic development, and Donald Olivaria, the director of Roselle First, to discuss possible sponsorship opportunities for the Roselle initiative.

help, needed help, so I said let's create a department where we can help these people," the mayor explained, adding that he also wanted to ensure they helped a broad spectrum of people.

That included providing job readiness, life skills training workshops, occupational training, mature workers and veterans initiatives, ex-offender support and a youth corps. A heavy load to take on for sure, but one Holley was determined to see through.

"I'm a proponent of second chances," Holley said in an interview last week, explaining that when people have been in trouble with the law and served their time in jail, it is often impossible to get that second chance. Ex-offenders, he said, have to reestablish themselves in order to find employment opportunities, but they need the support and knowledge of those who know how to maneuver through this minefield of challenges.

Roselle First offers ex-offenders that opportunity and more. By partnering with Union County College, ex-offenders can pursue and receive their GED while being supported by a five-year mentoring plan geared toward creating a stable environment. Case workers trained in this particular area stand ready to conduct assessments of ex-offenders' learning styles and skill levels for the best possible job placement.

The program also has a successful youth corps that assists those 17- to 21-years-old so they can continue their education and training toward better educational and employment opportunities in the future.

Roselle First Case Manager Gleshia Givens is often the person youths see when they go through the doors of this help center. While she admitted she may seem tough on the outside, she is the first to give out liberal doses of love to those in need.

Case in point is 19-year-old Steven Cirene, who has been on his own for several years. Although Givens and the youth locked horns initially, their admiration and respect for one another grew over time. The caseworker recalled the first time she met Cirene, who came to Roselle First hoping for a lead on a job, not a path towards higher education.

"I could see right away that he was smart, so I tried to get him interested in staying in school," said the caseworker, adding that while it was not an easy task, eventually the youth listened to her advice. The road the two embarked on from there was no bed of roses, she said, because Cirene's grades in high school were at the failing level. But that soon changed.

"Steven has been through many milestones," Givens said proudly, adding that

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Trailside offers program on caring for injured wildlife

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor a special program for adults at Trailside Nature & Science Center about caring for injured wild animals. The lecture, "A Day in the Life of a Wildlife Rehabilitator," will be offered Thursday, Feb. 28, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The fee for this program is \$8 for Union County residents and \$10 for out-of-county participants.

Members of the South Mountain Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will be on hand to explain what it takes to care for injured animals. The Rehabilitation Center provides a means for caring people to give orphaned and injured wildlife a second chance to live out their natural, wild lives.

"This informative and empowering lecture will enable us to respond appropriately to the injured wild animals we find in our midst," said Freeholder Chairman Linda Carter. "There will be an opportunity to see some of the animals currently in the care of the facility and learn how you can help you local wildlife."

Each wildlife patient requires specialized medical treatment and dietary care. The caregivers will explain how medical treatment is provided for injured animals and share techniques on how baby animals are bottle-fed until they are able to eat and fend for themselves. For additional information about this lecture or other programs for adults or upcoming events at Trailside, call 908-789-3670 or visit www.ucnj.org/trailside. Trailside Nature & Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Rd. in Mountainside.

Elizabeth Ave. Partnership to host first golf outing, May 7

The Elizabeth Avenue Partnership, or EAP, is taking to the fairways this spring for a very important cause: the continued revitalization of the Elizabeth Avenue Business District.

The first EAP Golf Outing will tee off Tuesday, May 7, at the recently renovated and redesigned Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. All proceeds from this major fundraiser will go toward supporting the organization's mission of revitalizing the Elizabeth Avenue shopping district through beautification, safety, security, parking and event programming.

The Golf Outing will kick off with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served while golfers will have the opportunity to warm up at the new 52-booth driving range or partake in an exciting putting contest before taking to the links where a "closest to the pin" "longest drive" and two "hole-in-one" contests will be held featuring

great prizes At the conclusion of the tournament a barbecue luncheon will run from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. where the awards ceremony and raffles will be held. The newly renovated Galloping Hill Golf Course, sprawls across 271 acres in Kenilworth and Union and boasts a brand new, state-of-the-art 45,000 square foot banquet facility, completely renovated golf course and Taylor Made Learning Center.

Emerson Amador of Alligator Property Management will serve as chairman the golf committee which consists of Angel L. Rodriguez of State Farm Insurance, Manuel Sanchez, Esq. of Sanchez, Sanchez & Santoliquido, Salvatore Coppa, Jonathan Phillips, Groundwork Elizabeth and Marco Salerno of Salerno Jewelers.

To learn more about the EAP's Golf Outing and potential sponsorship opportunities call 908-965-0660 or visit www.elizabethavenue.org.

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Documents show broker may have steered county away from savings

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when the county went with Horizon, because the union officials believed the state plan would cost considerably less.

So Robinson, along with other county union workers who have experience investigating fraud, used the Open Public Records Act to obtain information submitted to the county by Brown & Brown. After looking at these documents, Robinson said they were taken aback by the misleading report submitted by the insurance brokerage firm.

"We said, 'something is wrong here.' They should have gone with recommending the state health benefits plan, but they didn't," said Robinson, adding it was then they began digging into why the insurance brokerage firm would not recommend the state plan.

Robinson explained that after reviewing all the information and documents at length, they realized by the county awarding the contract to Horizon, Brown & Brown was able to collect \$800,000 in commission. But had they recommended the county go with the state plan, the commission would have been zero.

Dudley Burdge, spokesperson for the CWA union employees, explained that from documents they learned Brown & Brown was aware the lowest cost for medical care would be from the state health plan, followed by a bid from Horizon.

Burdge explained that at this point the insurance broker should have recommended the state health benefits plan to the county, based on the lower cost. They did not.

Instead, Burdge said, Brown & Brown, "in what appears to be a transparent attempt to manipulate the contract award process," added \$7 million to the estimated cost of the state plan, using "runout costs" from the previous health plan, Cigna.

The county is required to pay these runout costs regardless who is selected as the new health insurance carrier, Dudley explained. However, these particular costs were

only added to the state health benefits plan, no others, making the estimated cost of the state health plan higher than Horizon.

According to OPRA documents obtained by the union representatives, and provided to *LocalSource*, when showing the cost breakdown of Horizon over the state health benefits plan, Brown & Brown failed to include the Cigna "runout liability of \$7.7 million in the final financial cost breakdown. This lowered the final Horizon number to \$47.8 million.

The insurance broker, however, did include the \$7.7 million runout liability figure when tallying the proposed final financial breakdown for the state health benefits plan. This brought the total cost for the state plan up to \$50.1 million, instead of the actual number of \$42.3 million.

Burdge said it is glaringly apparent why Brown & Brown selected Horizon over the state plan, however he stops short of making any accusation against the insurance broker, preferring to present the information they uncovered to the freeholder board and let the evidence speak for itself.

Ironically, in cost estimates submitted to the county by the brokerage firm, the current cost at the time for Cigna to supply health benefits, \$46 million, was actually lower than Horizon's proposed figure of \$47.8.

"Even if you subtract the \$7.7 million from the state health benefits plan analysis, it very likely understates the savings from going in the state plan. First Brown and Brown estimated the state plan with a one and one-third premium increase at 10 percent, while it actually was 8.5 percent, a difference of a couple hundred thousand," said Burdge. He also said the county has still not provided the union representatives with the full Horizon contract, although they used the OPRA law to request it.

Additionally, while Cigna held the top spot in A.M. Best's insurance ratings, with the state health benefits plan

coming in second, Horizon was third.

On May 26, 2012 the county officially changed the county employee health and prescription plan to Horizon by resolution. It showed a 4 percent increase over the previous contract with Cigna. The county announced to employees shortly in a written notice that since health benefits had "skyrocketed" over the last ten years — \$11 million just in the last year for medical and prescription premiums — that they would be switching health benefit coverage to Horizon. They mentioned that Cigna was proposing an 18.4 percent increase, or a \$10.3 million more to cover the 3,500 county employees, early retirees and their dependents.

"Given this astounding proposal, the county worked to find a more cost effective carrier," the notice from the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations noted.

The county also noted the change to Horizon would "result in a cost savings over that proposed by Cigna and will benefit both the taxpayers of Union County and county employees."

"In Union County, as in many other jurisdictions, the county does not pay their insurance broker directly. They let the insurance carrier pay the broker a percentage of the health insurance premiums paid jointly by the county and employees," Robinson said.

The union spokesperson explained that because it is the policy of the state health benefits plan not to reimburse health insurance brokers, if the county had gone with the state health benefits plan, Brown & Brown would have lost about \$800,000 in commission.

"We have extensive information that tells this story and we will be revealing it at the freeholder meeting," he added. Robinson further noted the union intends to provide evidence that will support their argument.

Brown and Brown is one of the largest, independent insurance intermediaries in the nation, with over 69 years of continuous service. The company is ranked as the sixth largest such organization in the United States.

CRANFORD NEWS

Library 'friends' offer \$1,000 scholarship

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Cranford resident who is currently pursuing, or intends to pursue, a library science or media specialist graduate degree. The award is not based on need. The candidate must furnish proof of acceptance to an accredited university, a letter of reference, and an essay.

Applications are available at the Cranford Public Library reference desk, and must be complete and returned to the reference desk by May 15.

Books and Bagels program begins March 2

The Cranford Public Library introduces Books & Bagels, a new, monthly program

on Saturdays for adults. The first session will take place on Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m. in the Fridlington Room. Subsequent dates are: April 6, May 4, June 1, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 2.

Participants are invited to bring a few recent, favorite reads to discuss with the other members of the group. The books can be new or old, fiction or nonfiction, classic or contemporary. There is no required reading. Refreshments will be served. Registration is not required.

For more information, contact Sally Hanford at 908-709-7272, ext. 2104, or s-hanford@cranfordnj.org.

Tricky Tray set for Feb. 21

Trinity Episcopal Day School's second annual Tricky Tray has been rescheduled for today, Feb. 21, from 6 to 10 p.m. at The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood.

Tickets include a dinner and \$15 worth of raffle tickets. A cash bar will be available.

Trinity Episcopal Day School serves children from 2 1/2 to 13 years of age, and is accepting new students.

For additional information about the school, call 908-276-2881, email: teds205@gmail.com or visit tedscanford.org

CHS to perform 'Sweet Charity' in March

Cranford High School will present "Sweet Charity" on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m. Senior citizens are invited to attend a free dress rehearsal Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at www.chsbooktix.com and at the door. The box office opens at 7 p.m., and at 1 p.m. on Sunday. For more information,

visit www.cranfordmusic.org.

Readers' Forum will meet Feb. 25 at library

The Cranford Public Library Readers' Forum, a book-discussion group, will meet Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at the library, 224 Walnut Ave. The group will discuss "The Story of Beautiful Girl," a novel by Rachel Simon. The book, which is set in 1968, is a 40-year epic journey of an interracial family divided by seemingly insurmountable obstacles, yet drawn together by a secret pact and extraordinary love.

The Readers' Forum welcomes new members at any time. For more information, call 908-709-7272 or send an email to library@cranfordnj.org.

The full Readers' Forum schedule can be found on the Web at cranford.com/library/special.asp.

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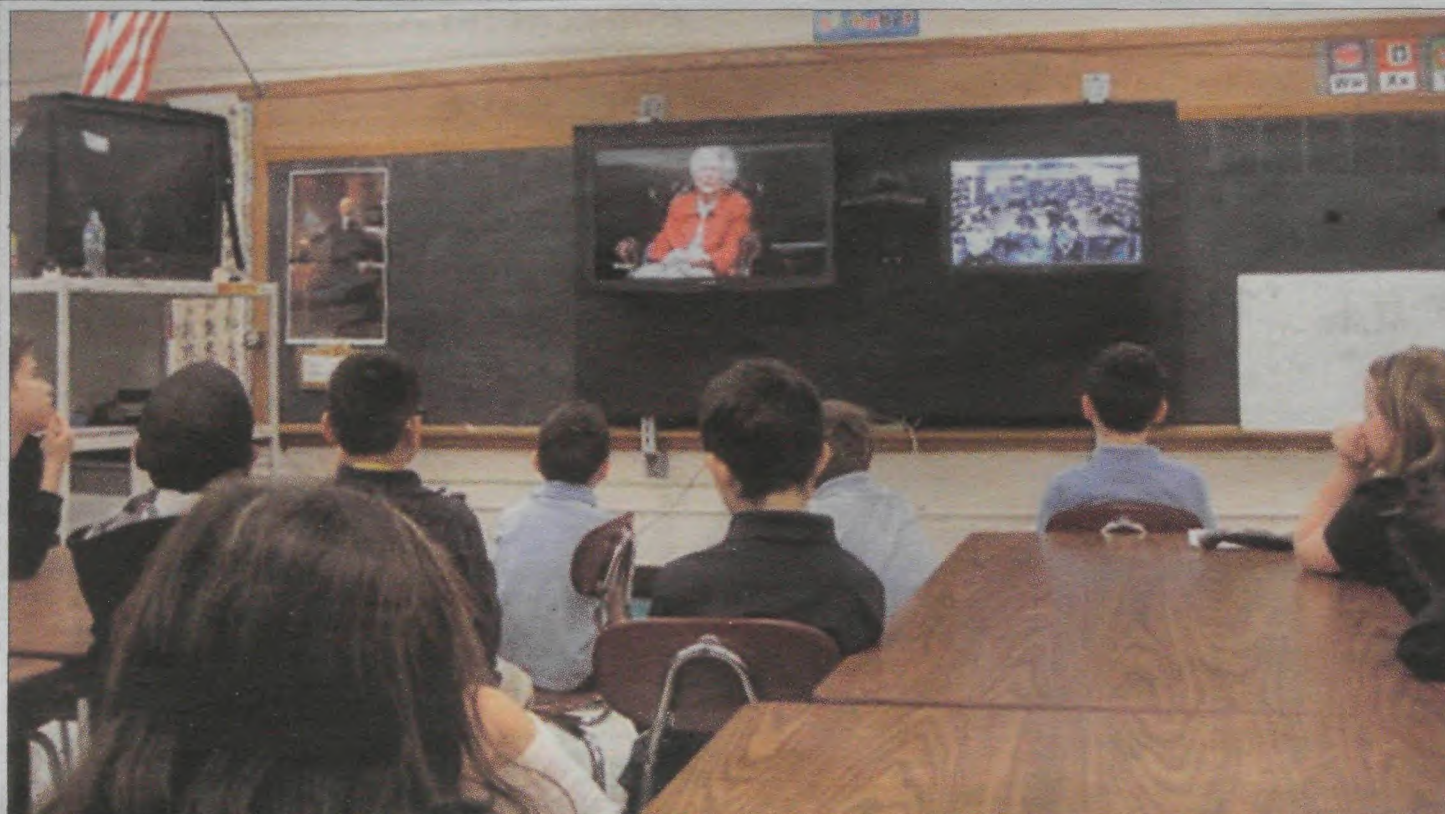
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ON SCREEN — Students in Mrs. Kefalas’s class at School No. 10 in Linden participated in a live video conference broadcast from the George Bush Presidential Library in Texas. Former First Lady Barbara Bush read excerpts from the award-winning author Lynn Curlee’s book, ‘Capital.’ Bush answered questions asked by students during the video conference and David Ferriero, 10th Archivist of the United States, spoke about our nation’s capital city. Nearly 100 sites participated in the conference from around the United States including places like, Canada, Alaska, and even Africa. The program concluded with patriotic selections sung by The Quartet of Singing Cadets from Texas A&M University.

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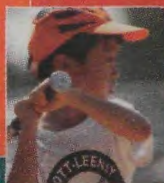
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SPRINGFIELD NEWS

Film fest begins March 21

The Spring International Film Festival begins at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, on Thursday, March 21 with a screening of "Monsieur Lazhar" at 1 and 7 p.m. Nominated for Best Foreign Language Film, "Monsieur Lazhar" tells the story of a Montreal middle-school class shaken by the death of their teacher, and the 55-year-old Algerian immigrant who offers his services as a substitute teacher and aids the process of collective healing.

In French with English subtitles; 94 minutes; rated PG-13.

The festival continues April 18 and May 16 with screenings of "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" and "As It Is In Heaven."

Admission is free and refreshments are served. Assistive-listening devices are available upon request. For information, call 973-376-4930 or visit www.sfplnj.org.

Lunchtime film series continues March 5

Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, will continue its lunchtime film series "More Did You



Miss These?" Tuesday, March 5 at 1 p.m. The series continues every other week through March.

Admission is free, and patrons may bring a bag lunch to the program. Cookies and coffee will be served at 12:30 p.m. Assistive listening devices are available upon request.

For specific titles and more information

about the films, stop by the Library or call 973-376-4930.

Events at Temple Beth Ahm

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, 60 Temple Drive in Springfield presents the following events. For more information, call 973-376-0539, ext. 11.

Today at 7:45 p.m. the temple presents "Torah on Tap Men's Study Group." No charge, everyone is welcome.

Tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. The Kids Kabalat Shabbat Service is a musical, active service for families with preschool-age children.

Feb. 24, the megillah is read at 10 a.m. The annual purim carnival begins at 11:30 a.m.

The Family Purim Celebration and Megillah Extravaganza annual Purim includes carnival games, food, prizes and crafts. Food will be available for purchase.

Want to read a (Really Good) book?

Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will hold its (Really Good) Book Discussion Group on Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m. to discuss "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand.

Refreshments are served and new members are welcome.

To reserve a copy of the book, call 973-376-4930, ext. 229 or email to questions@sfplnj.org.

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OPINION

Start a heart-healthy lifestyle today

February is American Heart Month. As important as the heart is, other diseases such as cancer or AIDS often receive much more attention in the

media and in our minds. This is not to diminish the seriousness of these diseases or the urgent need to find a cure for them, or at least a more humane method of treatment, but heart disease kills an estimated 600,000 Americans each year. That's one in every four deaths. It's the leading cause of death for both men and women.

Just as there are different kinds of cancer, such as melanoma and leukemia, there are different types of heart disease. In the United States, the most common type of heart disease is coronary artery disease, which can lead to a heart attack. You can greatly reduce your risk for coronary artery disease through lifestyle changes and, in some cases, medication. The key, though, is a change in lifestyle and, for most people, particularly those living in the United States, change is never easy.

In an effort to move people in the right direction, a concerted national effort has been to organize people for change, and, in an effort to hasten the process, make them more aware of the disease and ways to combat it. Since 1963, February has been celebrated as American Heart Month to urge Americans to join the battle against heart disease. Since 2004, February also has been the signature month for the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women campaign which conveys the message that heart disease is not only a man's problem.

Go Red For Women reports: "Heart disease claims the lives of more ... women each year ... than the next four most common causes of death combined. The good news is you have the power to dramatically reduce your risk, and that a diet rich in a variety of vegetables and fruits, lean proteins, healthy fats and whole grains is your first defense against the onset of high cholesterol, high blood pressure and heart disease."

But, once again, we encounter the difficulty of instituting change. It's not that people are against being healthy; it's one of the biggest industries in the country and the world. Unfortunately, people are very good at making excuses, instead of taking up healthy habits — They're too busy, they don't have the time, it costs too much money, they prefer foods they shouldn't eat, or they just don't

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want someone telling them what to do or trying to alter their lifestyle. But this isn't about infringing on your freedom of choice; it's about bettering your lifestyle and lengthening your lifespan.

It's suggested that people start with setting small but consistent nutritional goals for themselves and their families, as small changes during a period of time can lead to big results. An adult consuming 2,000 calories daily should aim for: fruits and vegetables — at least 4.5 cups a day; fish, preferably oily fish, such as salmon — at least two 3.5-ounce servings a week; fiber-rich whole grains — at least three 1-ounce servings a day; and nuts, legumes and seeds — at least four servings a week, opting for unsalted varieties whenever possible.

This isn't all a healthy person can do to improve their diet. It's not just the amount of food you eat, it's the types of food you ingest, particularly when they contain items, such as junk foods, that don't seem to fit anywhere in the food pyramid. Other dietary measures include: sodium — less than 1,500 mg a day; sugar-sweetened beverages — aim to consume no more than 450 calories a week; processed meats — no more than two servings a week; and saturated fat — should comprise no more than 7 percent of your total calorie intake.

One of the most important aspects of improving your diet is knowing what you're eating. Familiarize yourself with standard food nutrition labels. It's a good idea, at least in the beginning of your dietary changes, to keep a food journal of what you eat and what you weigh, week to week. This will help you to recognize your strengths and weaknesses and it should help to further motivate you.

Remember, you are not alone. Numerous gyms and health clubs can provide the structure you need to improve your diet and balance your intake with the proper amount of exercise to help you lose weight and keep healthy.

If you choose not to join a gym or club, you'd be amazed to discover the number of friends who would love to have someone with whom to exercise. They were just waiting for someone to ask. There are numerous guidelines online. Check with your doctor or a health professional and make sure you're taking the right steps to a heart-healthy lifestyle.

Giving them what they want

Far too many years ago, my law school study group pals Chris, from Bangor Maine, and Don, from Macungie, PA, spent time angrily discussing the antics of our Advanced Civil Procedure Professor who was a neo-conservative before their was such a thing. "Professor Bob" came from Virginia to spread his message in the northeast that too many laws were dangerous and societal changes, no matter how long they took, were the best way.

Ever the pragmatist, I noted that in six months, we would be graduating and Professor Bob would be left in our rear view mirrors.

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

Simply, I argued just give the guy what he wants on our tests and let's get back home.

The debate over gun control measures from town hall meetings in Cranford, to Trenton and to Washington had most reflecting on the efforts to reign in gun ownership by new laws in light of the string of horrors by sick armed people.

A recent poll shows over 90 percent of the country moved by recent tragedies believe background checks on gun own-

ers are needed.

The assembly in Trenton has moved even further, pushing a series of 20 bills including limiting magazines of bullets to 10, ending the cop killing armor piercing bullets and allowing the seizing of weapons from the mentally dangerous.

As the smart political observer Nick Acocella added last week there is also a "political component" as Democrats try to pierce the campaign armor of Gov. Chris Christie who had set up a NJ Safe Task Force on the problem.

Locally, a group of mayors met last month in Cranford as "Mayors Against

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Left Out, By Frank Capece

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Illegal Guns." Considering a recent Wall Street Journal statistic that "half a million guns a year go missing in the U.S. end up in criminal hands," there is a problem. Meanwhile a recent Gallup poll reveals that 43 percent of the households in this country actually have at least one gun in their households.

Jeff Goldstein, a frequent blogger from Summit, writes "There are no incidents of the rare, legally-owned, fully automatic firearms ever being used in crimes."

He further argues, "Any attempt to limit the possession or sale of military style firearms or their magazines would only affect the mentally stable and law abiding. We need to improve the identification, treatment and when necessary the hospitalization of the dangerously mentally ill. We shouldn't impose any more regulations on the over 100 million law abiding gun owners."

My friend Brett from South Carolina is a bright lawyer and a joy to work with together on projects.

We both think the other guy talks funny. When I remind him of the quote

from the late actor Don Blocker, better known as Hoss from Bonanza, that it would be fairer to hunt if the animals could shoot back, our discussion gets strained.

Brett shares a philosophy that grows stronger the farther you travel south or west. Namely, there is a plot to take away the cherished rights of the Second Amendment.

The reality is that out-of-state gun trafficking permits a steady stream of weapons back into our state. Brett's bottom line is that there will never be any meaningful gun control on the federal level which is the only real solution.

Even with the New Jersey legislative effort, the liberal Bergen Record editorialized, "Given how strong New Jersey laws already are in this area, there's no reason to be hasty. We should only pass new laws if they have a real chance of reducing gun violence."

Maybe our representatives are just giving the locals what they want.

It also left me with the sad, numbing thought that somewhere Professor Bob is smiling these days.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Turf field had to be done

The very well written and investigated story regarding Springfield's bond ordinance for its new turf field clearly reveals how one should not view a local politician based on his or her political party affiliation, but rather on the individual himself.

The common stereotype of the fiscally conservative Republican, and the free spending liberal Democrat was turned on its head regarding this issue. I might offer a different perspective having served on the Springfield Township Committee during the late 1990s and early 2000s when our Township Committee dealt with a very similar issue: building a new firehouse.

The needs back then, and the needs now are identical. Our town needed a new fire/emergency management facility and our town deserves a first class sports facility. Although public safety and recreation are two very different needs, I believe that this new sports facility will bring a whole new dimension to the town that has not existed in a very long time.

When the firehouse was being built the same concerns were raised as they are now. The firehouse was bonded and residents, I believe, are still paying for it today. However, over time, as with everything, the pain passes. What we see now when we drive along Mountain Avenue is a first class facility which adds a greater sense of safety to residents.

I believe the sports field will do the same thing. Once completed, and over time, the issue of how it was paid for will slowly pass as we all start realizing the benefits that it will reap. There will be many days in the

future when the town can gather as a community at a football game, soccer game or Lacrosse game, a graduation ceremony or any other community activity. Youth, middle school and high school events will be run there. We will all finally be able to look at ourselves as having recreational facilities at least or close to on par with our neighboring towns.

The issue of a turf field has been around for many years. It was always a political hot button. There are many good arguments to be made to not build it, but those people on the township committee who approved it put their necks on the line and ultimately made a very difficult call. As a tax payer of course I am not happy that there will be no offset from the Baltusrol land to help pay the cost. The article's tone also appears to be about "who do we blame" for the land swap mess.

However, whether or not the land's contamination was known beforehand, the ultimate issue had to finally be addressed. With or without that additional revenue, the time to approve it and build it had come. Had the land contamination been known before the final vote of approval, I believe we still had to go forward.

So as for me, rather than looking to assess blame, I salute last year's township committee for finally getting this project approved. It's something I wish I could say I was able to do when I served on the township committee.

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Putting 'Roselle First' is easier said than done

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one of his major goals was to get on the honor role and when he did it, it was a great achievement.

The road, though, is never easy, especially when you are on your own and have no support system. But, with time, support, tutoring and love, Cirene exceeded all Givens' expectations and then some.

"Not only is he a senior at Abraham Clark High School, but he also works at ShopRite as a cashier," the caseworker said, adding that although Cirene did not know how to start the college process, with help he submitted applications to five colleges and was accepted to three.

"I'm so proud of him. His confidence has been restored and he is so committed to succeeding," Givens said, noting that Cirene is now such a great example of what Roselle First can do, he is bringing other kids into the program.

Cirene chuckled when he recalled his first encounter with Givens, confessing they "buted heads" for sure.

"I just wanted a job," he said, but admitted Givens refused to stop trying to convince him that he was very bright and could go far educationally. Had it not been for her persistence and belief in him, the youth believes he would have quit high school. Roselle First has been so influential in the path he is on, it has inspired his peers.

"Even my friends didn't believe how good I was doing," he quipped, adding that if he had any advice for teens his age it would be that you have to keep working hard for what you want.

"Nothing is ever given to you," he said, confessing that living on his own for the last year and a half has not been easy, but it has been rewarding. Not just for him, but also his sister, Yawina, who also is in the Roselle First program.

"I love my sister," he said proudly, explaining that since his mother lives in Haiti, they have to be there for one another and they are.

Yet another example, Givens said, of how Cirene has matured and become amazingly grounded since walking in the doors of Roselle First.

Givens said there are many misconceptions about youths today, but giving them the opportunity to excel through Roselle First proved her theory works.

"They say 'at risk youths,' I say they are just youths that need love," the caseworker said, explaining that more often than not students who are not achieving just need guidance, encouragement and support. And, being as devoted as she is to the program, Givens confessed that she too bucks the system when need be.

"One of my students just was not doing well in the program and although I was told to let her go, I just couldn't do it," the caseworker said.

"She wanted a job. I pushed for her to

just keep trying, telling her we would work on this together," she added, but knew something was bothering the teenager.

Givens set up an interview with Walgreens for the teen but as the day approached, she seemed reluctant to go. Recalling how the girl mentioned she had never had her hair done professionally, the caseworker went into what she likes to call "resource mode."

"So I called Gyrfriendz, a North Wood Avenue salon and even though Tammy, one of the owners, was usually closed that day, she opened up just to do that teenager's hair so she would feel great for her interview," she said, adding that the salon owner also did the work for free.

"You just don't know how good that child felt when she went to that interview. She said it was the first time she ever felt pretty," Givens said, adding, by the way, that the teen got the job she wanted so badly.

The caseworker said the help she received from the owner of Gyrfriendz is an example of the business partnering that Roselle First hopes to expand on in the future.

"How do you thank a business owner like Tammy for coming through when we needed partnering on such short notice?" she asked.

"We need businesses to help us, to partner with us, so we can help those in need get a break, a chance," said Givens, adding that the program is looking for sponsors.

With that help from business sponsors in the community, as well as nearby communities, Givens is certain Roselle First can reach even more people who need help getting off on the right foot towards a brighter future.

"You know, here at Roselle First we are like the mother they don't have. A lot of people walk in here empty but when they leave they are full," the caseworker said, adding that it takes love to motivate, encourage and inspire those who are just looking to make a fresh start.

Mahr said they like to think of Roselle First as "an umbrella," helping all facets of the community.

"Why this is very unique is that this is our own version of one-stop programs," she said, pointing out that while larger municipalities such as Elizabeth and Plainfield have similar programs, when a borough the size of Roselle takes on a project and it is successful, that says a lot about local need. And the numbers prove it is working.

Since Roselle First opened there doors a year ago, more than 500 people from all walks of life have sought help. Mahr reported that the program has helped 200 people work their way through the maze preventing employment and find success. Although the program was started for residents, both Mahr and Holley said they never turn away anyone who needs help. For more information, call 908-259-3001.

Police respond to many incidents throughout Union County

Clark

• Feb. 4: At 12:38 p.m. police took a report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle parked at a residence on Gertrude Street. The incident is under investigation.

• Feb. 5: At 10:11 p.m. in the vicinity of Central Avenue, police arrested Timothy Parker, 43, of Plainfield on outstanding warrants totaling \$2,221 from the Union County Sheriff's Department and Irvington, Union and Watchung for contempt of court. He was subsequently transported to the Union County Jail.

• Feb. 7: At 2:02 p.m. in the vicinity of Ross Street and Colonial Drive, police

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arrested Khudia Rivers, 25, of Elizabeth for presenting a fictitious insurance card. She was also detained on an outstanding warrant for contempt of court, and subsequently released pending a court date.

• Feb. 8: At 4:55 p.m. police took a report of a stolen motor vehicle on Kathryn Street. The incident is under investigation.

Roselle Park

• Feb. 4: Police responded to a single-family residence on the 100 block of Berwyn Street on a report of a burglary. On


scene, police found that someone used a rock to smash a rear, first-floor window to gain entry to the house. According to police, evidence was found that indicated that the house was extensively searched. The victims reported that a small amount of cash and gold jewelry were taken. Detectives responded and processed the crime scene, recovering evidence at the scene that was sent for examination at a New Jersey State Police Laboratory.

Police received notification on Feb. 7 from the NJSP that the evidence was directly linked to a Paul R. Hecht, 43, a convicted felon from Sayreville, with recent

addresses in Bridgeton, South River and Elizabeth.

Hecht was discovered to be in the custody of the Union Police Department, where he had been stopped for riding a bicycle in a residential neighborhood, and arrested on a warrant for parole violation. He was arrested by Roselle Park police, transported to Roselle Park, and lodged in the Union County Jail on \$35,000 bail on charges of burglary, criminal mischief and possession of burglar tools.














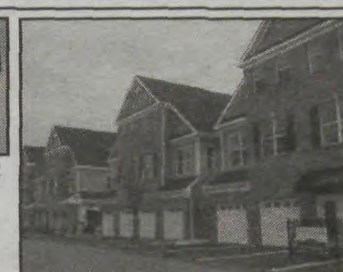
According to police, Hecht is a suspect in several burglaries in the eastern Union
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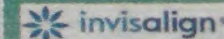


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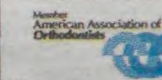
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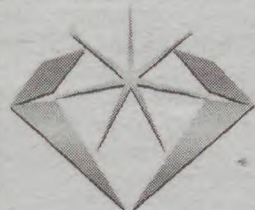
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A simple 'yes' would do

ACLU volunteers asked internal affairs in every town five simple questions about filing a complaint against an officer.

The correct answer to all of the questions is 'yes.' Below are the responses, or lack thereof, from some Union County police departments.

	Can a complaint be filed over the phone?	Can a complaint be filed anonymously?	Can a complaint be filed by a third party?	Can a juvenile file a complaint without a parent present?	Can an illegal immigrant file a complaint without fear of reprisal?
Clark	Wrong answer	Wrong answer	Wrong answer	Yes	Wrong answer
Cranford	Yes	Did not know	Yes	Did not know	Did not know
Elizabeth	Yes	Wrong answer	Yes	Wrong answer	Wrong answer
Hillside	Yes	Yes	Yes	Wrong answer	Wrong answer
Kenilworth	Wrong answer	Yes	Wrong answer	Wrong answer	Wrong answer
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Mountainside	Yes	Yes	Yes	Wrong answer	Wrong answer
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Roselle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Wrong answer	Wrong answer
Roselle Park	Yes	Yes	Wrong answer	Wrong answer	Wrong answer
Springfield	Unable to reach internal affairs				
Summit	Unable to reach internal affairs				
Union	Unable to reach internal affairs				

Filing a complaint should be much easier

A report by the ACLU of New Jersey demonstrates serious problems with police departments

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plaints are both welcomed and addressed. However, the report said leadership must come from the top, and that is easier said than done.

The 2012 report actually picked up where a 2009 ACLU analysis left off. The results in 2012, though, remained as "disconcerting" as the 2009 report, although some improvements had been made in two counties. Union County, though, was not among them.

"Once again a majority of police departments provided inaccurate information in response to the most basic questions regarding individuals' right to file complaints," the ACLU indicated.

The report noted that close to 500 police departments statewide, or one in four, made it impossible for callers to reach anyone capable of providing answers to the five questions asked by ACLU callers.

One problem that kept cropping up was that many police departments have automated answering machines that make it very difficult to reach an actual person.

The study also mentioned that nearly three-quarters of police departments simply did not know the answer to the questions posed.

This average held true for Union County local police departments, and in addition five municipalities did not respond to the caller at all or was transferred to a recorded message.

New Jersey law requires that police departments accept complaints about police officers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as well as provide alternate methods of filing a complaint in person.

"When citizens are given the wrong

information or are dissuaded from filing internal affairs complaints with a police department, it gives them no faith the same department will conduct thorough and fair investigations into allegations of officer misconduct," said ACLU-NJ Policy Council Alexander Shalom, the primary author of the report.

Shalom pointed out that it is hard for citizens to have faith in police departments that cannot police themselves. According to the ACLU report, many of the ACLU callers said they would have given up had they been attempting to make a complaint themselves.

In one instance, the report noted, a police department employee stopped speaking to the caller and refused to

answer basic questions unless the caller gave his name. Another advised the volunteer to get an attorney before registering a formal complaint against a police officer. Both of these responses were against the law.

Still another responded saying if the person making the complaint was an illegal alien they did not think he should "be running around making complaints." This particular response, the ACLU-NJ report indicated, was particularly troubling given New Jersey's high undocumented immigrant population, which ranks fifth in the nation with 550,000 undocumented immigrants.

The ACLU-NJ said while most police departments follow the rules, the few

who do not can seriously undermine community confidence in law enforcement.

The ACLU pointed out that police departments must establish accessible citizen complaint procedures, train their personnel, impartially investigate each grievance and release the resulting information to the public.

In their report the ACLU noted that callers found many police department employees "often projected hostility, defensiveness or an eagerness to discourage a complainant."

"These kind of obstacles undoubtedly discourage community members from lodging complaints against officers," the report said.

Who is responsible for complaint management?

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

The ACLU-NJ agreed there is no question local police departments need greater oversight to ensure they know how to respond to police officer complaints from the public. Exactly who has been handling that until now is debatable.

Ask the state attorney general's office and they will say it's the duty of both the local police departments and the local prosecutor's office to educate their employees about the law involving this sensitive issue. But, at the same time, the ACLU-NJ also found that prosecutors share the blame for not providing due diligence to the towns within their counties.

In 2009 the ACLU-NJ chastised the state office of the attorney general and prosecutors for not performing their job better when it came to this issue.

"Rather than acting as the guardians of police accountability, some county prosecutors refused to investigate internal affairs

complaints unless the allegations rise to the level of criminal offense," the report said, adding that some prosecutors' offices even referred citizens back to local police departments. This was a clear violation of the law, the report pointed out.

"County prosecutor oversight of local police internal affairs divisions is virtually nonexistent," the ACLU-NJ 2009 report stressed, mentioning, for example, that most prosecutors do not routinely test or audit local police internal affairs units for compliance with the law.

In 2009 the ACLU-NJ also urged prosecutors and the attorney general to take leadership roles to ensure compliance with this law, but the 2012 report does not show significant change has taken place.

Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow is the first to admit there needs to be more oversight, but the law also is against him interfering with how local police departments are operated.

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SCHOOLS & CAMPS



Advances in the digital age reshape the way we learn

The world has quickly become digital, and the younger generations are leading the pack with technology that just may make some other items obsolete. As pre-teens and teenagers routinely turn to digital devices for entertainment and schoolwork, the face of education may change as well.

In the past students toted paper notebooks, pencils, pens and folders to school. Today, students carry digital devices like computer tablets, electronic notebooks, smart phones and other digital devices to the classroom. Furthermore, texting and instant messaging have replaced traditional modes of casual conversation.

Another item that may go the way of the dinosaur is the printed book. Students can now carry an entire library worth of reading material on a slim e-reader device or on the many other evolving tablet-type machines. There may be a day when one no longer browses the aisles of the school library for a book, but only downloads the text instantly when needed. Some textbooks are already offered in digital format, and some school systems and teachers may opt for the convenience of digital devices.

Little data exists as to just how many

schools have policies allowing the use of cell phones and other digital devices in class.

In the United States, a 2009 U.S. Department of Education survey indicates only 4 percent of public-school teachers say a handheld device is available in the classroom every day. But things can change in a short period of time.

There are many advantages to going digital. Typing tends to go faster for adept keyboard users, which many youngsters have become since they've essentially grown up with computers in the household. This makes note-taking easier. When notes and assignments are saved to a computer, there's less likelihood of them getting lost, especially if important files are routinely backed up. Data saved on a computer can easily be manipulated into a number of different formats, potentially making it easier to study. Bodies of text can be transformed into charts or pie graphs with many word processing programs. Students can cut and paste important quotes or examples into essays and the like, saving time on homework.

In terms of streamlining backpacks, digital readers and other devices eliminate



The digital age is upon us, and our children are learning in new ways their parents never experienced, which is good and bad.

heavy books and notebooks. This can be seen as a big plus to students who have grown accustomed to carrying around 20-plus pounds on their backs from a very young age.

As many teachers turn to online resources, such as e-mailing and posting assignments on a personal Web site, students almost have to keep up with the

times with some sort of tool that has Internet access.

On the other side of the equation, going digital does have some disadvantages. The decline of penmanship is one of them. In a digital era, people are less likely to write letters by hand or keep up with penmanship in other ways. Some children don't know what cursive handwriting is and may never learn how to sign their names in "script," which was a common lesson for other generations.

While digital communication does promote social interactions on some levels, there are some who argue that spending too much time staring at a screen and keyboard compromises the social aspect of going to school and learning in a classroom. Today's youth are less likely to "talk," choosing to "LOL" and "TTYL" through texting.

Digital devices may be great learning tools, but they also offer a number of distractions to students. When a student is supposed to be taking notes on a laptop in the classroom, he or she might be downloading music, updating social networking sites, streaming video or checking celebrity gossip.

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Kids and physical activity: Parents should set an example

When today's parents reflect on their childhood, many will probably recall seemingly endless days spent playing outdoors. But when today's kids become tomorrow's parents, chances are their recollections won't recall nearly as much time spent idling the days away under the sun.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, roughly 17 percent of American children and adolescents between the ages of 2 to 19 are obese. In Canada, where self-reporting data collection methods have made such statistics more difficult to quantify, the prevalence of overweight and obesity in children is also on the rise, according to the Canadian Community Health Survey.

The rise in overweight or obese children is a likely by-product of several factors, not the least of which is that many of today's kids prefer to play a video game on the couch instead of going outdoors and being physically active. The potential ramifications of youngsters choosing a more sedentary lifestyle are dangerous, as it increases their risk for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, type 2 diabetes, respiratory ailments and joint problems, among other things. What's more, numerous studies have found that obese or overweight children are more likely to become obese or overweight adults, which highlights the importance of embracing a physically active lifestyle as a youngster.

Parents know it's not always easy to get kids to be more physically active. But the following are a few tips parents might find useful when encouraging their kids to embrace a more active lifestyle.

- Give toys that encourage physical activity. Kids love



Kids who embrace physical activity from a young age are less likely to be overweight as adults.

toys, and their toys will often dictate how they spend their days. Instead of buying the latest video game console, give kids toys that encourage them to be active. This can include balls, bicycles, jump ropes, or even a backyard swing set. Kids who embrace these activities at a young age are more likely to continue doing so into adolescence and adulthood.

- Reduce time spent in front of the television. Parents who can effectively minimize the amount of time their child spends in front of the television, whether reducing their

time spent watching television or playing video games, will likely be more successful at instilling a love of physical activity as well. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends parents limit their child's time in front of the television to one to two hours per day, and that includes the time children spend playing video games. To further reduce kids' time watching TV; don't allow televisions in their bedrooms, as that will only make it harder to monitor just how much time kids are spending in front of their TVs.

- Remember that physical activity should be fun. Not all kids are athletic, and some will likely bemoan participating in recreational sports leagues. But that doesn't mean parents should give up on encouraging physical activity. Instead, find a physical activity that your child finds fun and encourage his or her participation. This might be non-traditional kids' sports like cycling or jogging or activities like dancing, hiking or even bird watching. Once a child exhibits a healthy interest in a physical activity that you have deemed safe, encourage it.

- Set a positive example. Kids, especially younger children, look up to their parents and often try to emulate what Mom and Dad are doing. Parents can make the most of that adoration by setting a positive example and being physically active themselves. Go for a nightly bike ride or a walk around the neighborhood with your youngsters in tow. Or put that elliptical machine in the basement to good use. Whatever physical activity you choose, you can bet your children will express an interest in it as well, and that's a great way to make them more enthusiastic about having a healthy and active lifestyle.



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- Bike, walk or carpool. Kids are in transit just as much as their adult counterparts, and how they get from point A to point B can help or hurt the environment. If school is too far away, involve kids in the set up of a carpool with friends and discuss the benefits of riding together, both in terms of social interaction and the health of the planet.

- Take a trip. Children are visual creatures and often learn the best lessons by seeing what something is all about. A day trip to a working farm or a recycling center can teach important lessons about sustainability and conservation.

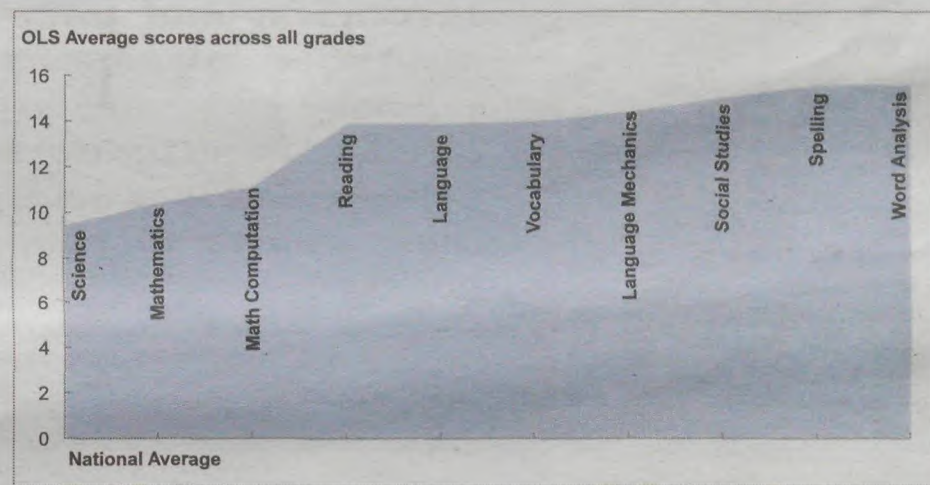
- Shop secondhand. Children and toys go hand in hand. However, what was once the latest and greatest toy can quickly become overshadowed by something new tomorrow. Explain the benefits of getting gently used toys, clothing and books instead of purchasing them new. Doing so reduces the reliance on the production of new things, cuts down on shipping and also saves money. Encourage kids to set up a toy swap where they pass on toys they no longer find interesting to others who can enjoy them.

- Cook together. Instead of purchasing fast food and processed, packaged foods or traveling to a restaurant, make a meal at home that everyone can enjoy. Not only will this enable the family to talk about important local and global issues, it saves energy and reduces the family's carbon footprint as well.

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Prosecutor addresses lack of 'internal' knowledge

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He can, however, require that reports are filed.

"Our office has regulations that have to be followed with statistical reports," the prosecutor explained Friday in an interview, but added that his office does not oversee local internal affairs offices, but only high ranking officers.

"We have encouraged local police departments to comply with this state law," he said, pointing out, for example, that there was a course for any new police officers on this topic.

"Even my own people took the course online," he added.

So what does he think can be done?

"This is a problem with the police personnel answering telephones, whether it is a dispatcher or a desk officer," the prosecutor said.

"The internal affairs officer knows how to respond to these type of calls, but the real problem is with the person answering the phone initially," Romankow said, adding that if a caller gets the right person, the issue will be handled correctly. The fact callers are not getting the right information is of concern, he admitted.

"I'm not happy that there are outstanding issues," the prosecutor said, but did mention that local police departments should be ensuring that anyone responding to the public is aware of how to respond to complaints about police officers.

Currently, according to the ACLU-NJ, the Prosecutor Supervision and Coordination Bureau of the Division of Criminal Justice provides general oversight of the 21 county prosecutors in the state. In turn they coordinate statewide implementation of law enforcement initiatives and mandates, including the response to citizens' complaints against law enforcement officers.

The ACLU maintained in its 2009 report that while the Division of Criminal Justice oversees statewide implementation of this law protecting citizen complaints about police officers, "our experience suggests that its own personnel do not enforce it internally."

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Sessions to help seniors throughout Union County

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that through a series of informative sessions beginning today, senior adults will now be able to obtain help in applying for a variety of federal, state and local government assistance programs through their local library or community center.

"The Freeholder Board recognizes how difficult it can be to navigate some of these assistance programs," said Freeholder Chairman Linda Carter. "We hope that these informative sessions will reinforce our commitment to Union County's seniors and help them maintain the best quality of life possible."

As part of the program, the Union County Department of Human Services and Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection, will help seniors apply for programs including gas and electric support, pharmaceutical assistance, and home energy assistance. There will also be screening for Supplemental Security Income eligibility, and information about the Senior Health Insurance Program.

Assistance will be available at the following locations:

- Today, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Peterstown Community Center, Fourth and Palmer streets, Elizabeth.
- Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon at Berkeley Heights Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights.
- Thursday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at Hillside Public Library, John F. Kennedy Plaza, Hillside.
- Tuesday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut St., Cranford.
- Wednesday, March 20 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., Clark.

The Union County Division on Aging is one of 670 nationwide "area agencies on aging" established under the federal Older Americans Act. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 12.7 percent of Union County's 536,499 residents are over age 65. With the exception of Elizabeth and Plainfield, 19 of the County's 21 municipalities have a population that includes more than 11 percent of their population in the "65 and older" age bracket. In 2012, the division was renamed to become the Division on Aging and Disability Resource in compliance with a state initiative to better serve elderly and disabled populations. For more information about the Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection, call the division's toll-free number at 888-280-8226, or visit the Union County government website at www.ucnj.org.



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KENILWORTH NEWS

'Soul food' the topic of library discussion for Black History Month

The history and significance of soul food will be the focus of the Kenilworth Historical Society's Black History Month celebration Sunday, Feb. 24. The public is invited to attend the event at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center, 526 Boulevard, Kenilworth. Light refreshments will be served starting at 1:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free. In case of snow, the celebration will be held March 3. The featured presentation, "What is Soul Food?" is by Dr. Fannie L. Gordon, an instructor at the culinary program at Middlesex County College in Edison. Gordon will discuss the evolution of the cuisine from African-American cultural influences, traditions and necessity. Some program participants will wear traditional African attire; attendees are encouraged to do the same. For further information, call 908-709-0434.

Library preps for St. Pat's Day

Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 15, with a program of Irish music for harp and voice by Kenilworth resi-

dent Betsy Mackenzie-Stubbs. Joining her for some of the vocals will be her husband, Kerry Stubbs, a professional vocalist. Mackenzie-Stubbs is a voice teacher, music educator and performer; she holds degrees in voice performance and vocal pedagogy from Westminister College, New Wilmington, Pa. and Westminister Choir College in Princeton.

This program is free, but because space is limited, pre-registration is required, with preference given to Kenilworth residents. Registration will open to residents of other communities Wednesday, March 13.

For more information or to register, call 908-276-2451 during regular library hours. For more information, visit www.kenilworthlibrary.org.

Historical Society plans trip to Mohegan Sun, Feb. 23

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn. on Sat., Feb. 23. The trip will depart from the St. Theresa's School parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 9 p.m.

The ticket includes motor-coach transportation; a visit to the casino of approximately six hours; a \$10 coupon for

bets; and a \$15 food coupon. There will be complimentary door prizes.

For further information and reservations, call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434. Space is limited and it is suggested that reservations be made early to ensure availability. Gift certificates are available. Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's ongoing project to restore the 19th-century Oswald J. Nitschke House.

Library could use a few more 'Friends'

The Friends of the Kenilworth Public Library has begun its 2013 membership drive and is looking for new members. Funds raised through the membership drive help support the programs and activities of the library, located at 548 Boulevard, including the purchase of new books, movies and equipment.

The Friends meet in Activity Room of the library at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month, except July, August and December. Meeting dates for 2013 are: Tuesdays, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 19.

Applications for membership are available at the Library.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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Phone: 908-964-1282

Pastor: Rev. Dennis E. Hughes

Sunday - Church School 9:AM

Worship Service 10:AM

Wednesday - Bible Class 6:30 to 7:30

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301 Chestnut St.,

Roselle Park, NJ 07204

Phone: 908-245-2237

www.roselleparkumc.org

Pastor: Rev. Manuel P. Cruz, Jr.

11:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Sunday School

Childcare Available

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF UNION, 2095 Berwyn Street, Union, NJ 07083. Rev. James G. Ryoo, Pastor. Church office telephone 908-687-8077. Sunday services at 11:00 AM include a children's sermon. Sunday School at 10:00 AM. Communion the first Sunday of each month. Choir and Praise Team. Women's, Men's and Youth groups. Wednesday evening Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. We are multiethnic/cultural church, and we welcome all!

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KENILWORTH GOSPEL CHAPEL Newark and 23rd Street, Kenilworth, 908-272-6131, Pastor Donald Dunkerton. Sunday 9:15 am Communion, 11:00 am Family Bible Hour and Sunday School for all ages,

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COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1459 Deer Path, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092. You are invited to join us in Worship Services on Sundays at 10:00 am. This is a place for you to enjoy uplifting music and relevant messages that will energize and inspire you. We offer a warm and friendly environment with Bible study, Sunday school and active adult and youth groups. For further information, please contact Dr. Christopher Belden, Pastor at 908-232-9490.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF CONNECTICUT FARMS, corner of Stuyvesant Ave and Chestnut St., Union. Sunday School 10am, Sunday Worship, 11am with nursery care. Communion first Sunday monthly. Rev. Roberta Arrowsmith, Pastor 908.688.3164; www.ctfarms.org

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081, 973-379-4320.

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

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Many incidents reported to Union County police depts.

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County area. Anyone with information about the suspect is urged to contact the Roselle Park Police Department at 908-245-2300.

• Feb. 7: Troy C. Barrientos, 21, of Union was arrested during a traffic stop on Westfield Avenue for possession of a weapon. He was found in possession of brass knuckles, according to police.

• Feb. 10: Muhammed Allah, 42, of Newark was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia during a traffic stop on Gordon Street. He was found in possession of wax folds and straws containing heroin residue, said police. Allah's passenger, Jamaal McClain, 29, of Irvington was arrested after he was allegedly found in possession of three bags of marijuana.

• Feb. 10: Henry C. Sorger Jr., 54, of

POLICE BLOTTER

Roselle Park was arrested during a pedestrian stop near Walnut Street for warrants from Shrewsbury Municipal Court. Sorger was unable to post bail and was released into custody of Shrewsbury Police Department.

• Feb. 11: Anthony P. Principe, 30, of Roselle, was stopped for operating a bicycle in a careless manner. Principe was allegedly travelling in the lane of travel, against traffic without a light, and was arrested after police located warrants totaling \$1,188 from the Elizabeth Municipal Court. Elizabeth Police responded and took custody of Principe.

• Feb. 3: At approximately 1 a.m., police

were flagged down on West Webster Avenue by a driver for AM PM Limo Service out of Bergen County, who reported that three people had allegedly run from his cab without paying the \$65 fare. The fare originated in Rutherford with a destination of West Webster Avenue at Bridge Street in Roselle Park.

According to police, the driver described the suspects as an Asian female, a black male and a heavy-set Hispanic male. A brief investigation resulted in the arrests of all three suspects, including one juvenile, for theft of services. Chadler Joseph and Luis F. Galindo, both 20, were arrested Feb. 7. Galindo was lodged into Union County Jail on \$5,000 bail. Joseph posted bail and was released. The juvenile has an appearance pending in Union County Family Court.

Cranford

• Feb. 11: At 4:05 p.m. police arrested Lawrence Grey, 50, of Perth Amboy for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, and possession of prescription medication. Police stopped a 2000 Dodge on Centennial Avenue for a passenger, seat belt violation. Following an investigation at the scene, officers allegedly located suspected marijuana and Percocet on the person of the passenger; Grey was arrested, processed and released with a court appearance scheduled. The driver, a male, 19, from Woodbridge, was released from the scene without being charged.

Linden

• Feb. 11: A resident of Parlin reported to Linden police that, while he was looking at boats for sale on Craigslist, he observed a listing that included a picture of his own boat, listing the selling price as \$950. The victim said he had stored his boat and trailer on private property on the 1800 block of West Edgar Road in Linden for the winter.

The victim called the name on the listing, and arranged to meet him to purportedly look at the boat and possibly negotiate a sale. On Feb. 13 at 7 p.m., the victim met with the suspect at the boat location, and after the victim confirmed he was the person the victim spoke to on the phone, the victim called the police. Officers arrived and arrested Gregory B. Bartucci, 49, of Bayonne and charged him with attempted theft by deception. Bartucci was held on \$10,000 bail and has a court date set.

Union

• Feb. 8: At 10:10 a.m. Raymond Anthony was arrested during a pedestrian stop in the vicinity of Colonial Avenue for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

• Feb. 9: At 12:48 a.m. Julie Rodriguez was arrested during a motor vehicle stop in the vicinity of Morris and Creger avenues for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

• Feb. 9: At 4 p.m. officers responded to Magie Avenue on a report of a mother-daughter dispute in which there was an alleged assault.

• Feb. 9: At 6:25 p.m. Kimecia Walker was arrested at Target on Route 22 for

alleged shoplifting. Khalilah Elam was arrested at the same time for warrants, according to police.

• Feb. 9: At 8:14 p.m. Nuno Rodrigues was arrested on Green Lane during a pedestrian stop on charges of aggravated assault on a police officer, and obstruction.

• Feb. 9: At 10:59 p.m. Tynisha Boswell was arrested for warrants during a motor vehicle stop in the area of Vauxhall Road and Barbara Avenue.

• Feb. 10: At 2:21 a.m. Nicholas DeOliveira was arrested during a pedestrian stop in the vicinity of Burnet Middle School for possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute in a school zone. Two additional male juveniles were arrested for violating curfew, and a third was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

• Feb. 10: At 3:21 a.m. After a motor vehicle pursuit that ended on Forest Drive, Michael McGrath was arrested for driving under the influence and eluding, and Richard Ferreiro was arrested for resisting and obstruction.

• Feb. 10: At 2:37 p.m. Carnell Pope was arrested on Nesbitt Terrace in Irvington for warrants during a motor vehicle stop.

• Feb. 11: At 8:16 p.m. on Walker Avenue, police arrested a male on a charge of domestic violence, aggravated assault, terroristic threats, and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

• Feb. 11: At 2:07 a.m. Derrick Giles was arrested during a motor vehicle stop in the vicinity of Morris Avenue and the Garden State Parkway for hindering and warrants.

• Feb. 11: At 2:42 a.m. Altereke Vaughn was arrested on Rahway Avenue during a motor vehicle stop for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and burglar's tools.

• Feb. 11: At 8:21 a.m. Marinalva Sebastio was arrested for warrants during a pedestrian stop in the area of High Street and Barbara Avenue.

• Feb. 11: At 5:46 p.m. police responded to Manor Drive on the report of a theft of a silver, 2002 Dodge Stratus.

• Feb. 11: At 7:47 p.m. on Orchard Meadows Drive a female was arrested for alleged domestic violence and terroristic threats.

• Feb. 11: At 11:12 p.m. police responded to Dorchester Road on the report of a theft of a blue, 2004 GMC van. It was last observed heading north on Burnet Avenue Maplewood.

• Feb. 12: At 1:02 a.m. George McLain was arrested in the area of Hilton Avenue and Tower Street for alleged possession of burglar's tools, and hindering and warrants.

• Feb. 12: At 12:56 p.m. Biran Dudzinski was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at Vauxhall and Sayre roads for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

• Feb. 12: At 3:59 p.m. at Target on Route 22 Jordan Cahill, Courtney Fradne and Karen Gaviria were arrested for alleged shoplifting.

IN MEMORIAM

- BEER — Joseph B., formerly of Roselle Park; Feb. 9. Worked at IBM, 39 years old.
- BENTKOWSKI — Thomas Stephen, of Cranford; Feb. 8. Master plumber, was 76.
- CASTALDO — James T. Sr., of New Providence; Feb. 9. Chemical engineer, veteran.
- CIUCCOLI — Concetta Connie, nee Crigliano, formerly of Kenilworth; Feb. 7. Was 85.
- COOK — Barbara A., of Roselle; Feb. 11. Leaves three children, two grandchildren.
- CRUISE — William F., of Roselle Park, formerly of Elizabeth; Feb. 8. Retired, was 72.
- D'ANGELO — Sharon Marie, of New Providence; Feb. 1. Mother, grandmother, 77.
- DILLIPLANE — Earl A., of Rahway; Feb. 12. Retired from United Airlines, was 92.
- DILOLO — Frank P. Sr., of Clark; Jan. 28. Retired auto mechanic, 92 years old.
- DI STEFANO — Ronald J., formerly of Westfield and Roselle Park; Feb. 7. Veteran.
- DOULOS — Arthur, of Cranford; Feb. 9. World War II vet, technology engineer, 85.
- GARNER — Joseph A. "Gooie" Jr., of Plainfield; Feb. 7. Was a buffalo soldier, 92.
- GRIFFIN — Martina "Tina," of Springfield; Feb. 8. St. Rose of Lima choir singer.
- GUERRERO — Moises, of Hillside; Feb. 9. Survived by wife of 37 years, daughters.
- HENDRICKSEN — Margaret "Margo," of Mountainside; Feb. 9. She was 102 years.
- HENTZE — John, of Roselle Park; Feb. 10. Native of Germany, Navy vet, electrician.
- HERBERG — Blanche, of Springfield; Feb. 9. Leaves eight great-grandchildren, 97.
- JARUCZYK — Anatolio, of Clark; Feb. 8. Senior pastor at First Ukranian Church, NY.
- JONES — Elizabeth, of Linden; Feb. 7. Pastor of Canaan Tabernacle Holiness Church.
- KUNZ — Kenneth G., of Rahway; Feb. 10. Retired mail carrier, Navy vet of WW II.
- LEVERETT — Patsy B., of Elizabeth; Feb. 8. Leaves 13 great-grandchildren, was 77.
- LOWREY — Catherine, of Scotch Plains; Feb. 8. Native of Ireland, grandmother of 10.
- MANTELL — M. Murray, of Union; Feb. 8. Owned Regent Home Furnishings, Union.
- MATHESON — Susan Connolly, of Garwood; Feb. 10. Nurse and administrator, 55.
- MORRISON — John Allan, of New Providence; Jan. 12. Bell Labs scientist, 85 years.
- MURPHY — Grace, formerly of Clark; Jan. 25. A memorial mass was Feb. 16.
- OBIE — Lucille, of Cranford; Feb. 13. Musical director at Mary's Star of the Sea.
- RAFALKO — Alice M. "Blanche," nee Flanagan, of Linden; Feb. 12. She was 92.
- RANCKE — Alfred Edward, of Summit; Feb. 11. Yale grad, lived in Summit 52 years.
- RING — Donald G., of Union; Feb. 9. Elizabethtown Gas director, lifelong resident.
- ROBRECHT — Mary "Betty," nee Hammell, formerly of Hillside; Feb. 11. She was 87.
- SANCHEZ — Jesusa, nee Perez, formerly of Cranford; Feb. 12. AT&T supervisor.
- SCHWEIGHARDT — Joseph J., of Union; Feb. 9. Computer programmer, Army vet.
- SCOTT — Priscilla Ann, nee Hurdle, of Plainfield; Feb. 9. Payroll director at NJIT.
- STANO — Mary, of Roselle; Feb. 11. Retired mortgage officer, survived by one sister.
- TERMINI — Mary Neves, of Elizabeth; Feb. 9. Native of Portugal, seamstress, was 92.
- TOPOLNICKI — Geraldine, formerly of Westfield; Jan. 31. Leaves two daughters.
- VOGEL — Zelda Korland, formerly of Union; Jan. 24. Union HS French teacher, 94.
- WALENCIS — Catherine H., nee Hourigan, formerly of Cranford; Feb. 6. Retired RN.
- WILLIAMS — Marjorie Louise Bowles, of Roselle; Feb. 8. Survived by three sons.
- WILSON — Mary J., of Summit; Feb. 6. Deaconess at Fountain Baptist Church.
- WOJTALA — Margaret B. of Elizabeth; Feb. 10. Retired sales manager, leaves sister.

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

WESTFIELD NEWS

Fifth-grader to perform with Jazz Combo

Saturday, March 2, from 8 to 8:30 a.m., the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo will feature fifth-grader Florian Schantz on three brass instruments, Cadillac Phil Rinaldi on trumpet, Benny Davis on trombone, Cory

Ackerman on drums, Lowell Schantz on guitar and Margaret Schantz on Flugelhorn, as they perform at the Rotary of Westfield Annual Pancake Breakfast in the cafeteria of Westfield High School.

For further information about the Music Studio, or any program of the NJWA, visit

the studios at 150-152 East Broad Street, Westfield, call 908-789-9696 or log on to www.njworkshopforthearts.com.

Half-hour noon concerts

The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St., announces the beginning of a series of half-hour concerts at noon, featuring musicians from the metropolitan area.

The concerts, which celebrate Lent, are presented in the church sanctuary, with the following schedule:

- Wednesday, March 6, Meredith Hoffmann-Thomson, soprano and Barbara Thomson, piano; and

- Wednesday, March 13, Greg Giannascoli, marimba and Yukyung Kim, piano.

The church is wheelchair accessible. For information, call the church office at 908-233-2494.

CONTACT We Care seeking volunteers

CONTACT We Care, which serves Central and Northern New Jersey, is a primary responder to calls to the national suicide prevention line that originate in New Jersey.

The organization announces its "Have a Heart" fundraising campaign, which runs through Valentine's Day. To donate, visit www.contactwecare.org.

The organization's next round of training for volunteer listeners, begins Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St.

The 12-week course begins with a three-hour orientation followed by weekly, three-hour, evening classes for 12 weeks.

Volunteer listeners attend 72 hours of training and internship in active listening skills and how to handle the broad range of calls received on the hotline, as well as advanced training in suicide intervention skills.

The hotline also offers texting services, as more than 60 percent of teenagers prefer texting to other forms of communication, and certain volunteers are trained on this technology, as well.

Listeners are asked to volunteer an average of eight hours per month at times convenient for them.

To volunteer as a CONTACT We Care listener and enroll in training, call 908-301-1899 or visit www.contactwecare.org. Pre-registration is required for both.

NJWA Rockin' Jazz Band holds open rehearsals

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Rockin' Jazz Band will hold an open rehearsal for interested musicians on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the NJWA studios, 150-152 East Broad St., Westfield.

The Rockin' Jazz Band is comprised of musicians who enjoy playing jazz, rock, blues, pop, Broadway, Latin and dixieland music.

Instrumentation includes alto, tenor and baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, electric and bass guitar, drum set, percussion, piano and vocals.

The ensemble is particularly seeking those who play trombone, bass guitar, drum set and trumpet. Call 908-789-9696, ext. 17 for further details. For information visit www.njworkshopforthearts.com.

Take Back the Kitchen
Overcoming the Obstacles to Cooking

Uncle Art's Buttermilk Chicken

Here is a recipe that my husband's Uncle Art gave me a couple of years ago. Although he is in his 80s, he has the energy and spirit of a 40-year-old and still loves to cook delicious dishes such as this Buttermilk Chicken. So that I may reach his age, I choose to prepare the recipe by baking the chicken instead of frying it. Either way, I do believe this one will be a keeper for you. Enjoy!

Ingredients

1 1/2 pounds chicken tenderloins — boneless chicken breasts in chicken-finger shapes
1 1/2 cups breadcrumbs or crushed cornflakes
2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
3/4 cup flour
1 cup buttermilk
Salt and pepper
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil if frying or olive oil spray if baking

Instructions

Rinse off the chicken and dry with paper towels.
Lay the chicken on a plate.
Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
Set out three shallow bowls. Put flour in the first bowl, buttermilk in the second bowl and breadcrumbs mixed with cheese in the third bowl.
Dip the chicken in flour, shake off.

Then dip in buttermilk and let drip off. Then dip in breadcrumbs and cheese. Place heavy medium-sized skillet over medium heat. Add olive oil to coat pan.
Fry for about 5 minutes on one side, until golden brown, and then flip over and cook for another 5 minutes.
Cut into chicken to make sure it is opaque and cooked through.

If you are oven baking

Bread chicken the same way, but spray with olive oil spray and place on a rack over a cookie sheet in a 425-degree oven.
Bake for about 10 minutes, flip over and cook another 5 minutes.
Cut into it to make sure it is cooked through.
Bake longer if still raw, but cover with tin foil so the crust doesn't burn.

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

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

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 23, 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.

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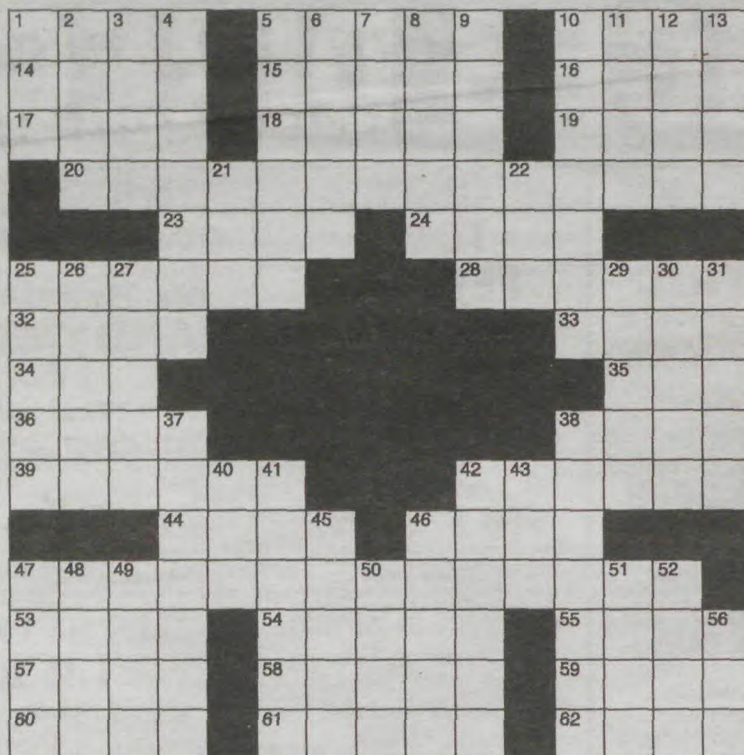
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Afraid feeling
5. Cause to be embarrassed
10. A group of hunting animals
14. At some prior time
15. Papier-___, art material
16. Disney's "___ and Stitch"
17. College army
18. Essential oil from flowers
19. Solo vocal piece
20. "Bodyguard's" female star
23. Liz's 3rd husband Mike
24. A weapons emplacement
25. Vast desert in N Africa
28. Fasten by sewing
32. Organic compound
33. Cooper's Hawk (abbr.)
34. Immerse in a liquid
35. A beatnik's abode
36. Utter sounds
38. Used esp. of dry vegetation
39. Live in
42. Metric linear units
44. Indian frock
46. Stand for a coffin
47. The Great Emancipator
53. Brown coat mixed with gray or white
54. Lightly fry
55. New Yorker film critic Pauline
57. European sea eagle
58. Lasiocampidae
59. Another name for Irish Gaelic
60. Droops
61. Clairvoyants
62. Phonograph record



CLUES DOWN

1. On behalf of
2. Enough (archaic)
3. Adrenocorticotropin
4. Public recitation
5. "Gunsmoke" actress Blake
6. Waited with ___ breath
7. ___-Breaky Heart
8. Sacco and Vanzetti artist Ben
9. Those who inspire others
10. Capable of being shaped
11. Cardinal compass point (Scot.)
12. TV advertising award
13. Zen Buddhist riddle
21. Hill (Celtic)
22. Universal standard time
25. Passover feast and ceremony
26. Zanzibar copal
27. NE Arizona pueblo people
29. Pith helmet
30. Small trout-like fish
31. Greek hell
37. Herbal teas
38. Struck a golf ball
40. Dash
41. Removes writing
42. Coal laborers
43. Old world, new
45. Mental representation
46. Someone who bites
47. Greek god of war
48. Albanian word for snow
49. Resounded
50. Solo racing sled
51. Gull suborder
52. Crimefighter Elliot
56. Albanian monetary unit

ANSWERS
APPEAR
IN OUR
CLASSIFIED
SECTION

HOROSCOPE

ARIES, March 21 to April 20.

Aries, direct your efforts toward helping other people. You may find you are more energized when helping others, and your efforts will be much appreciated.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21.

Surround yourself with friends and family this week, Taurus. You should have some downtime, and you can use this time to catch up and reconnect with your loved ones.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21.

Gemini, some levels of communication may be compromised this week, so your messages may not reach the intended recipient. It could take a little longer to get your point across.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22.

Cancer, your boundless energy keeps people happy and engaged and should be used as much as possible in the next few days. You also could be sought after to fix problems.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23.

Leo, tap into your creative side to shake things up and stave off some boredom. Others may think your actions are suspect, but you know these efforts will help you achieve your ultimate goal.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22.

You have to accept that things change and you cannot preserve the present, Virgo. That said, start making plans for new things for this year starting with right now.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23.

Libra, although you are able to think quickly, you much prefer to have things organized. If you have a presentation to make next week, start working on it now.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22.

Scorpio, there has never been a better time to put romance in the forefront. If you're single, put all your cards on the table. If you're matched up, increase your amorous gestures.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21.

Sagittarius, some people you know may be caught up wondering about past decisions that might not have worked out. Help them to focus on the here and now.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20.

Capricorn, while you are glad to lend a helping hand when you are asked, the request that comes in this week could be so big that you may actually be caught off-guard.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18.

It is hard to make progress this week, especially since it could feel like you're going at a snail's pace. Stick with it and everything on your list is likely to get done.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20.

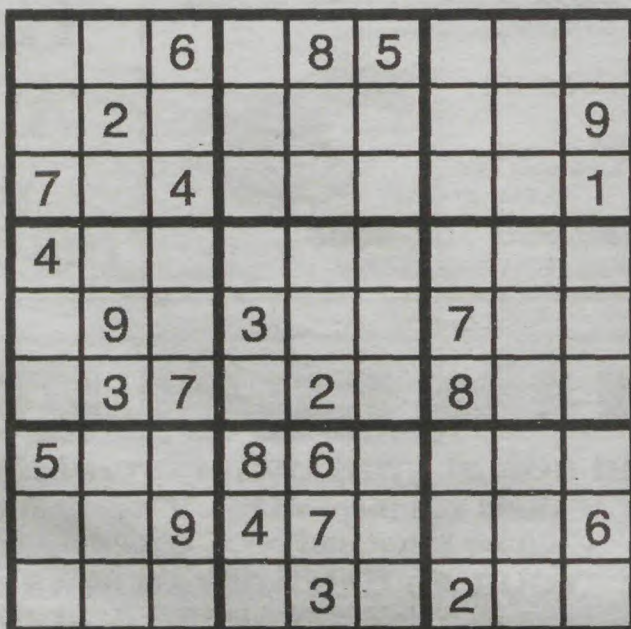
Pisces, although you can certainly use your share of the limelight, let another person shine this week and you'll have your own glow.

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!

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Level: Intermediate



The Summit Playhouse's production of 'God of Carnage' is directed by Chase Newhart and is produced by Joann Scanlon and Pam Heller, featuring Michael King, Bob Mackasek, Claire McKinney and Elizabeth Royce.

Playhouse continues 95th season with 'God of Carnage'

Summit Playhouse continues its 95th season and stages its 305th production, with "God of Carnage" by Yasmina Reza.

The production begins after two 11-year-olds get involved in a squabble, and the parents of both children meet to discuss the matter. As the evening goes on, the meeting degenerates into the four getting into irrational arguments, causing the discussion to drift, and "...delivers the cathartic release of watching other people's marriages go boom. A study in the tension between a civilized surface and savage instinct, this play is itself a satisfyingly

primitive entertainment," according to a NY Times review of the play.

"God of Carnage" is running at the Summit Playhouse on Feb. 22, 23 and 28, and March 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. For tickets: visit www.summitplayhouse.org/tickets, or call 800-838-3006.

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County offers training sessions to become home health aides

The Union County Department of Human Services welcomes qualified applicants for its Home Health Aide training program from April 8 to May 8. The training sessions will be held at Jewish Family Services, 655 Westfield Ave., Elizabeth, Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, U.S. citizens or other eligible persons, and proficient in English. Applicants must also be physically able to lift patients as needed, assist patients with limited mobility and perform other related care. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are certified as Home Health Aides by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing. Space in the training program is limited and is based on a qualifying interview. The interview period begins in March. To schedule an interview and to get more information about the program including registration and certification fees, call Donna Farrell at the Union County Department of Human Services, 908-527-4858.

A family whose work still graces our gardens

Back in the days when dinosaurs roamed the earth, before plant breeding was the domain of huge conglomerates, the breeding and nursery business often ran in families. The Lemoine family of Nancy, France, was one of those multi-generational concerns, breeding and selling plants from 1849 through 1960. Victor Lemoine, his wife, Marie Louise, their son, Emile, and grandson, Henri, gave the world a host of extremely fragrant lilacs that are still among the most popular. They also made breeding advances in portulacas, potentillas, tuberous begonias, deutzia, fuchsia, weigela, mock orange, gladiolas, peonies and geraniums, producing beautiful varieties with unusual and colorful flower forms. The name "Lemoine" may not ring a bell with gardeners today, but many of us still grow their plants.

From the earliest years of the Lemoine dynasty, family members had a fondness for lush, double flowers. Victor's first plant introduction was a double-flowered Portulaca grandiflora. He went on to work with potentillas, shrubby rose relatives, and produced many double varieties, including "Louis van Houtte," a cultivar with deep red petals that Victor Lemoine named after one of his first horticultural mentors. The double-flowered fuchsia "Solferino," with red and purple petals, was a breakthrough in the mid-19th century.

Victor Lemoine also took a fancy to geraniums, producing the first-ever double flowered variety, a big, bold, red-flowered plant christened "Gloire de Nancy." He went on to create the pink double, "Madame Lemoine" as well. Both varieties were introduced in 1871.

These days, the Lemoines are best remembered for lilacs and the three generations were responsible for introducing more than 200 cultivars, most of which are still obtainable. Victor Lemoine also gave the world the first double-flowered lilac and his oeuvre includes gorgeous, voluptuous doubles, such as the purple "Alphonse Lavallée," introduced in 1885 and awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit in 1893; the pinkish purple "Claude Bernard," introduced in 1915; and "Miss Ellen Willmott," a double white variety, named for the great English gardener, introduced in 1903. The Lemoines brought out many fine single varieties as well. Even now, lilacs from the Lemoine era in the 19th and early 20th centuries are known as "French lilacs," because of the family's pre-eminent place

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BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

in the lilac breeding world.

Father John Fiala, an American clergyman, lilac breeder and author of one of the definitive books on lilacs, noted that while some Lemoine varieties have been superseded by better versions, a collection of the French-bred beauties would still be an outstanding array. As in all things horticultural, the Lemoine lilacs, with their many virtues, have also been used in breeding some of those successor varieties.

When I first read about the Lemoines, I was especially struck by the fact that Marie Louise helped both her husband and son with their hybridizing pursuits, including undertaking the tedious job of hand transferring pollen between the tiny individual lilac flowers. It seems fitting that Father Fiala characterized the lilac named after her, the white-flowered double, "Madame Lemoine," as one of the family's best.

The Lemoines also gave the world enough sumptuous white flowers to adorn an army of brides. Victor Lemoine created a new deutzia hybrid, Deutzia x lemoinei, which features large corymbs, or flowerheads, of small, bell-shaped white blooms. One of his herbaceous peonies, "Mont Blanc," features big, fluffy white flowers on tall stems.

So why should contemporary gardeners, now so often and so frantically concerned with growing the best varieties of heirloom tomatoes, care about a French family that closed the doors of its nursery more than 50 years ago? Because the Lemoines live on in our gardens, courtesy of the genetic heritage of so many cultivars. And any of us who love soft, fragrant, sumptuous flowers can respond to the romantic guiding light that Victor Lemoine followed in selecting his most promising plants. For those of us who can walk thoughtfully through our beds and borders and hear the whispers of those who came before us, the voices of Victor, Marie Louise, Emile and Henri Lemoine speak just a little louder than some of the others.

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

<p>TOMORROW!</p> <p>Bowfire The Ultimate String Performance Fri, Feb 22 at 8:00</p>	<p>The Stages Festival Mar 8-9 Including Shakespeare Live, Playwrights Festival and FREE Workshops For details visit njpac.org</p>	<p>Kodo One Earth Tour 2013: Legend Sun, Mar 24 at 4:00</p>	<p>Treasured Stories by Eric Carle Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia Sat, Apr 13 at 2:00 Sun, Apr 14 at 2:00</p>	<p>NJPAC NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ONE CENTER STREET, NEWARK, NJ Tickets and full 2013 spring schedule visit njpac.org or call 1-888-GO-NJPAC</p>
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SUMMIT NEWS

Restaurant week begins Feb. 24 in Summit

Summit Downtown Inc. hosts its fifth annual Restaurant Week until Sunday, Feb. 24.

Restaurants, eateries and food-specialty shops will be offering a special item, menu, or prix fixe meal each day of Restaurant Week and include: Anna's Ristorante, Batavia Café, Beacon Hill Tavern, Bombay Bistro, Bona Vita Osteria, Brownie Points Bakery, Carter & Cavero, Fiorinos, food., Juice Caboose, La Pastaria, Manhattan Bagel, Monster Sushi, Negeen Persian Grill, Peppercorn, Pizza Vita, Randazzo's, Red Mango, Roots Steakhouse, Saimona Wine & Liquor, Starbucks, Summit Diner, Summit Thai Cuisine, Sweet Nothings, The Eatery, The Office Beer Bar & Grill, The Wine List of Summit, Tito's Burritos, Village Trattoria, Waterlillies, Winberie's, Zappia's Brick Oven Pizza and Zappia's Deli.

Visit www.summitdowntown.org to see the Restaurant Week specials offered.

Dine for Dollars, which was introduced during Restaurant Week last year, gives visitors a chance to win Summit Gift Certificates. After dining at three restaurants for dinner, fill out a card, which will be provided at participating restaurants, attach the receipts dated during Restaurant Week to it and deposit it in the basket at the restaurant. A drawing will take place and winners will be announced March 1.

Film Movement Series continues at library

On Friday, Feb. 22 at 12:30 p.m., Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., will screen the next title in the Film Movement Series: "The Day I Saw Your Heart." The film is unrated and is in French with English subtitles.

The film is free and open to all. Seating is limited, and is on a first-come basis. Doors open 30 minutes before the showing. Call 908-273-0350 or visit www.summitlibrary.org for more information.

Youth Academy announces their upcoming session

The Summit Police Department has announced the dates for the 2013 session of its Youth Academy: July 15 to 19, and July 29 to Aug. 2. Both sessions will be held at the Summit Police Department, with daily classes from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The program is designed to provide area youths with an understanding of the role of the police officer, and is modeled after today's police academy. Those accepted to the program will undergo physical training and daily training, and will be instructed in criminal-investigation techniques, evidence recovery, patrol practices and the effects of alcohol and drugs. Cadets will attend demonstrations by various, specialized units, such as the police canine unit, SWAT team and bomb squad. Cadets receive uniforms to wear throughout the course and, on completion, participate in a graduation ceremony and be presented with a certificate of completion and an official patch. Applicants must be between the ages of 11 and 14, and will be selected at random from the pool of applications received between March 1 and April 1, with preference given to Summit residents who are new applicants; former recruits and out-of-town applicants will be placed on a waiting list. The tuition fee must accompany the application; there are a limited number of scholarships available.

Applications will be available at the Police Department, the Summit Middle School Office, and online at www.cityof-summit.org. For more information, contact Det. Matthew Buntin at mbuntin@cityofsummit.org or 908-273-5871, or Pam Ferreira at pferreira@cityofsummit.org or 908-277-9473.

Playhouse to stage 'God of Carnage' beginning Feb. 22

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After two 11-year-olds get involved in a squabble, their parents meet to discuss the matter and, as the evening goes on, the meeting degenerates into irrational arguments, causing the discussion to drift far afield.

For tickets, visit www.summitplayhouse.org/tickets, or call 800-838-3006.

Library has new director

The Board of Trustees of Summit Free Public Library has announced Susan Permehos as the library's new director, effective March 4.

Permehos has served as the director of Springfield Free Public Library for almost 20 years, and began her library career at The New York Public Library while attending college. After earning her Master of Library Service degree from Rutgers University, she returned to the NYPL for eight years. Before assuming the directorship at the Springfield library, Permehos served as the director of Elmwood Park Public Library in Bergen County and as assistant director of the Essex-Hudson Regional Library Cooperative.

The Board of Trustees will introduce Permehos to the community at a reception on Thursday, March 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the library, 75 Maple St.

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 or call 908-522-8109.

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. Parents should note that this is a Drop-In Program, not intended as child care. Although there is no fee, it is requested that parents register online for all information and will be emailed and provided with updates on events.

Parents with questions are welcome to call the Summit Department of Community Programs at 908-277-2932.

Registration is available by phone, in person and online by visiting <https://register.communitypass.net/summit>.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Union County Utilities Authority has awarded the contract listed below, without competitive bidding, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. This contract is being awarded after a solicitation through a Fair and Open Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-2.1 et seq. The contract, and the resolution authorizing it, is available for public inspection during regular business hours, in the office of the Clerk of the Union County Utilities Authority, 1499 Route 1&9 North, Rahway, New Jersey. The following contract has been awarded for a period commencing on February 13, 2013 and continuing through the Authority's next reorganization meeting in February 2014, upon the terms and conditions, including the hourly rates, set forth therein.

E. United Computer Sales and Service, Inc. to provide IT Services that may be needed, for a sum not to exceed \$12,000.00

/S/ Joseph C. Bodek, Clerk
UNION COUNTY
UTILITIES AUTHORITY
U304865 WCN Feb. 21, 2013 (\$16.66)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY

Exhibit A

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 2013 THROUGH THE AUTHORITY'S REORGANIZATION MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2014.

In accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," P.L. 1975, c.231, the following schedule of Regular Public Meetings of the Union County Utilities Authority was approved at the annual reorganization meeting of the Authority on Wednesday February 13, 2013. The Authority gives public notice that it may act as a body, by taking official action, at any of the following meetings.

Wednesday, March 20, 2013
Wednesday, April 17, 2013
Wednesday, May 15, 2013
Wednesday, June 19, 2013
Wednesday, July 17, 2013
Wednesday, August 21, 2013
Wednesday, September 18, 2013
Wednesday, October 16, 2013
Wednesday, November 27, 2013
Wednesday, December 18, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014
Wednesday, February 12, 2014**

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All Regular Public Meetings of the Authority will begin at 6:30 p.m., in the Authority Meeting Room, at the offices of the Authority, located on the Third Floor of the Union County Resource Recovery Facility, 1499 Routes 1 and 9 North, Rahway, New Jersey. Portions of all meetings may be held in executive session to the extent allowed by law.

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HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Purchasing Committee of the Township of Hillside will receive proposals on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., in the Clerk's Office of the Township of Hillside Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, New Jersey for the:

PROVISION OF
THE FOLLOWING SERVICES
JANUARY 1, 2013 TO

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DECEMBER 31, 2013

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY SERVICES

Proposals are being solicited to expand the pool of qualified individuals and firms through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4.

Requests for Proposals may be obtained at the Office of the Township Clerk, Township of Hillside Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey during normal business hours between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Questions should be directed to Deborah Karlsson at 973-926-3000.

Proposals must be made in the form required by the specifications and one (1) original and one (1) copy must be delivered to reach the Office of the Township Clerk, prior to the stated time for the receipt of proposals.

All information requested in the Request for Qualifications must be provided or the proposal may be disqualified. Proposals must be sealed and labeled "PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE Township Attorney Services" and received no later than 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. The Township of Hillside reserves the right to terminate the process as to any position at any time, to reject any and all

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proposals, to waive any informality in the RFQ process, and to accept any proposals which, in their judgment, are most advantageous, price and other factors considered, and will best serve the interests of the Township. Proposals are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

Deborah Karlsson, RMC
Acting Township Clerk
U304800 UNL Feb. 21, 2013 (\$32.34)

HILLSIDE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-3371-13

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: MARTHA TALLEZ

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number #973-538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint

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and Amended Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and JUAN MATOS, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County and bearing Docket No. F-3371-13 within thirty-five (35) days after 02/21/2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after 02/21/2013, thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated October 30, 2002 made by JUAN MATOS and MARIELA MATOS as mortgagors to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FLEET NATIONAL BANK recorded on November 14, 2002 in Book 9776 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 975, et seq., which mortgage was duly assigned to the Plaintiff named above, who is the present holder of said Mortgage, and (2) to recover possession of and concerns premises commonly known as 204 SILVER AVENUE, HILLSIDE, NJ 07205, Block 719, Lot 9.

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

YOU, MARTHA TALLEZ are made party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagors and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity. File YFWM2199

Dated: February 13, 2013
JENNIFER M. PEREZ
Clerk of the Superior
Court of New Jersey
U304855 UNL Feb. 21, 2013 (\$40.67)

HILLSIDE**SHERIFF'S SALE**

Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000284
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00814912
County: Union
Plaintiff: ORITANI BANK

VS
Defendant: 1588 MAPLE AVE. LLC;
RYAN HYMAN AND LIKSFIELD
INVESTMENTS, LLC
Sale Date: 02/27/2013
Writ of Execution: 01/04/2013

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

Municipality: Township of Hillside
County and State: Union County, New Jersey
Street and Street Number: 1586-90 Maple Avenue
Tax Lot and Block Numbers: Lot 1, Block 425
Nearest Cross Street: Maple Avenue
Dimensions: 105 x 60 (Approximately)
The sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$704,439.19***
Seven Hundred Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Nine and 19/100***
Attorney:
WINNE BANTA, HETHERINGTON, BASRALIAN & KAHN, P.C.
21 MAIN ST.
P.O. BOX 647 - COURT PLAZA SOUTH-EAST
HACKENSACK, NJ 07602
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office.
Total Upset: \$720,727.01***
Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven and 01/100***
January 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2013
U303979 UNL (\$107.80)

HILLSIDE**SHERIFF'S SALE**

Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000499
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3079809
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK,

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Defendant: RADAME FERNANDEZ;
JANITZA SOTO
Sale Date: 03/20/2013
Writ of Execution: 05/30/2012

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

The property to be sold is located in: The Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey
Commonly known as: **1509 Liberty Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205**
Tax Lot No.: 1 in Block: **406**
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 40 x 104
Nearest Cross Street: Clark Street
Subject any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Subject to Tax and prior lien info:
The total amount due for past due taxes is \$0
The total amount due for SEWER is \$116.50 as of 8/10/2012
Subject to Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

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

Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$370,011.30***
Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Eleven and 30/100***
Attorney:
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
200 SHEFFIELD ST
SUITE 301
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
(908)233-8500 XWZ-124618
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$389,520.17***
Three Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and 17/100***
Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013
U304811 UNL (\$180.32)

ROSELLE PARK**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARD****NOTICE OF AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 4, 2013, the Roselle Park Municipal Land Use Board adopted a resolution at a public meeting authorizing the award of a professional service contract to Victor E. Vinegra, P.P., of Harbor Consultants, Inc. for Professional Planning Services.

The duration, nature, type and amount of contract are more specifically set forth in the aforesaid resolution, a copy of which is on file and available for inspection in the Municipal Building, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey.

Roselle Park Municipal
Land Use Board

By: Loren Harms, Chairman
U304856 UNL Feb. 21, 2013 (\$14.70)

UNION**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The Union Township Board of Education having found certain items of school equipment no longer necessary for school use offers them for public sale. A public sale will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5th, 2013 at which time sealed proposals will be received in the office of the

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Board Secretary, Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ 07083.

The following items are offered "as is where is" without any representation as to quality or condition and without any warranties as to fitness or merchantability. Please be advised these items may be in very poor condition and/or not functioning.

1. GE Stove
2. Tappan Stove
3. Tappan Stove
4. Pitco Black Air Tube Airtech Stream
5. Model #VCD T521581-2M Sony Viewfinder
6. Model #5VX-210 Signia Electronics
7. Model #SES20 ESE Clock
8. Model #MVS 2 Ecko Colo
9. Model #3010 BK Percision Dyhassancorp
10. Model #BT-S702N Panasonic Video Monitor
11. Model #DVP-N550E Sony CD DVD Player
12. Model #VDA-26 Signia Electronics
13. JBL Speaker
14. Model #PVM-230 Sony Monitor
15. Model #TMA-1350 JVC Monitor
16. (2) Model #1720 Kronit Monitors
17. (2) Model #1730 Tekronit Monitors
18. PVDM-2792 Panasonic Television
19. Model #Identify4-3416 Echolab Ecko Cab
20. Model #PVM1211 Sony Trin Tron

Successful bidders are will be responsible for removing the equipment within five (5) days of the bid opening. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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

By Order of the Union Township Board of Education, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey.
U304877 UNL Feb. 21, 2013 (\$35.28)

ROSELLE PARK**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARD****NOTICE OF AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 4, 2013, the Roselle Park Municipal Land Use Board adopted a resolution at a public meeting authorizing the award of a professional service contract to Michael A. Tripodi, Esq., as Municipal Land Use Board Attorney.

The duration, nature, type and amount of contract are more specifically set forth in the aforesaid resolution, a copy of which is on file and available for inspection in the Municipal Building, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey.

Roselle Park Municipal
Land Use Board

By: Loren Harms, Chairman
U304857 UNL Feb. 21, 2013 (\$14.21)

UNION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE there will be a special meeting of the Township of Union Board of Education on **Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 6 p.m.** at the James Caulfield Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the proposed 2013-2014 budget for submission to the Executive County Superintendent for approval. Action will be taken.

ALSO PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Planning Session Meeting originally scheduled on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 8 a.m. has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, March 6, 2013 from 6 to 10 p.m.** The purpose of this meeting is to discuss fiscal, personnel and operations items and any other matters that may properly come before the board. Action may be taken.

JAMES J. DAMATO
BOARD SECRETARY/
GENERAL COUNSEL
U304858 UNL Feb. 21, 2013 (\$13.72)

UNION**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION COUNTY OF UNION NEW JERSEY**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Township of Union Board of Education, in the County of Union, for the furnishing of the hereinafter described labor, material and equipment for **Proposed Interior Fire Doors Replacements - UHS, Union, NJ** (hereinafter, the "Project") and opened and read in public at the Union High School, 2350 North Third St., Union, NJ, on March 7, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time. Bids to be received for this work shall be Combined/Lump Sum Bids for all the work required.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of Potter Architects, L.L.C., 410 Colonial Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083 during business hours. A copy thereof may be procured in person only on or after February 21, 2013 at the Architect's office for the purpose of bidding. Bidders shall notify the Architect in advance prior to obtaining bidding documents (Plans and Project Manual) by calling Potter Architects (908-686-2547). Documents will not be mailed. Cash or check to the order of said Architect in the sum of **\$75** (compact disk) or **\$100** (hard copy) is required, which is non-refundable. Neither Owner nor Architect assumes any responsibility for errors, omissions, or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents obtained in electronic media form, internet plan rooms or other internet plan sites, or copies of Bidding Documents obtained from any source other than the Architect's Office.

All bids must conform to the Project Manual. Bids must be made on standard bid forms in the manner designated by the Project Manual, must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder, the contract being bid on the outside thereof, addressed to Owner and should be delivered in person to the Owner. Owner will not be responsible for bids sent by mail or delivery service.

Each bid shall be accompanied by the following:

1. Guarantee payable to the Township of Union Board of Education that bidder, if the Contract is awarded to him, will enter into a contract therefore. Guarantee shall be in the amount of 10% of the bid, but not in excess of \$20,000.00 and may be in the form of certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond, as per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-24.
2. Certificate from a surety company stating that it will provide the Bidder with a Performance, Payment Bond and Maintenance Bond in such sum and form as is required in the Specifications.
3. Affidavit showing Notice of Classification in accordance with the standards of and by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Property Management and Construction, for bids \$20,000 and over, for prime Bidders and all subcontractors, prior to the date that Bids are received.

Notices of Classification must include as a Prime Bidder: C008 General Construction or C009 General Construction/Alterations and Additions or C011 Doors and Hardware.

4. A statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders owning 10% or more of the stock in the case of a corporation, or 10% or greater interest in the case of a partnership, or acknowledgment that no person or entity has 10% or greater proprietary interest in the Bidder. Bidders are notified as follows:

1. Addendum may be issued by the Owner in accordance with the Project Manual up to seven (7) business days prior to receipt of Bids.

Bidders are notified that they must comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.37 and 34:11-56.38 et seq. (Wages on Public Works) and that the contract to be awarded in the case shall contain a stipulation that the wage rate must be paid to workmen employed in the performance of the contracts shall not be less than the prevailing wage rate as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry of the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are notified that they must comply with the provisions of P.L. 1999, c.238 (The Public Works Contractor Registration Act), which became effective on April 11, 2000, and P.L. 2004, c.57 (Business Registration of Public Contractors) which became effective on September 1, 2004.

Bidders are notified that they must comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:31-1 to 52:33-4, the statutes on the use of domestic materials on public work.

Bidders are put on notice that the Owner is an exempt organization under the provisions of the New Jersey State Sales and Use Tax (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et. seq.) and is not required to pay

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sales tax.

All bidders are put on notice that they are required to comply with all rules and regulations and orders promulgated by the State Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et. seq. and with all provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through 10:2-4 (Affirmative Action), and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The Owner reserves the right to consider the Bids for sixty (60) days after receipt thereof, and further reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any informalities in any Bid or Bids, and to make such awards as may be in the best interest of the Owner.

By order of the Township of Union Board of Education, in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Mr. James Damato, Board Secretary,
General Counsel
Township of Union Board of Education
2369 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083
U304866 UNL Feb. 21, 2013 (\$81.34)

UNION**Township of Union Board of Education 2369 Morris Avenue Union, New Jersey 07083****REQUEST FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES AND EVALUATIONS FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Board of Education of the Township of Union (the "Board") is seeking proposals for the provision of occupational therapy services for approximately 200 hours to fulfill this related service per student IEP and for the provision of physical therapy services for approximately 500 hours to fulfill this related service per student IEP, and for the provision of occupational therapy evaluations and physical therapy evaluations. Minimum five (5) years experience working in public schools.

All providers shall be NJ State certified as an occupational therapist and physical therapist, as applicable. Proposals shall also contain a New Jersey Certificate of Employee information Report (AA) and a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate.

Proposals must be in writing and must contain fixed hourly rates for all services. Hourly rates shall include all disbursements. The Provider shall not bill for travel or other related expenses. All proposals shall be fixed for one (1) year from the date of the award and may not change or be withdrawn except by the permission of the Board. Proposals shall be submitted no later than **Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 11 a.m.** Proposals must contain a Curriculum Vitae or resume for all who may be assigned to handle these matters. Proposals shall be on a per annum basis. All providers shall have a criminal background screening prior to assignment in the district. The award shall be made to a vendor whose response is most advantageous to the Board, price and other factors considered. The Board shall have the option of terminating this engagement upon thirty (30) days notice to the Provider.

Provider is required to provide proof of general liability and worker's compensation coverage. The Company shall sign a contract that shall indemnify, defend and hold the district harmless from any and all liabilities for any claims which may arise as a result of the engagement of the Company.

Proposals will be opened and read aloud in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on Thursday, **March 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.** Your proposal must be received prior to that date and time. Two original proposals shall be submitted by regular or overnight mail, no email proposals allowed.

Any questions or requests for clarification regarding bid process and procedure may be submitted to James J. Damato, Board Secretary/General Counsel, Township of Union Board of Education, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083; 908-851-6411. Any technical questions or assignment-related questions may be submitted to Kim Conti, Director of Special Services at 908-851-4426.
U304859 UNL Feb. 21, 2013 (\$43.12)

HILLSIDE**SHERIFF'S SALE**

Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000301
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00653312

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County: Union
 Plaintiff: SUN NATIONAL BANK
 VS
 Defendant: KAISER PARK, LLC; PNC BANK, NA, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO UNITED TRUST BANK; OAK LEAF FINANCIAL, LLC
 Sale Date: 03/20/2013
 Writ of Execution: 09/25/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 All that certain land and premises situated in the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being more particularly described as follows: on the Tax Map of the Township of Hillside
 Lots: 45 and 46; Block: 1108
 Approximate Dimensions: 35.27ft x 61.07ft x 240.83ft. x 80.67ft. x 115.61ft. x 29.92ft. x 150.00ft.,
 Lot: 45; Block: 1108
 Being more commonly known as:
 216 Hillside Avenue
 Hillside, NJ 07205
 Nearest Cross Street: Maple Avenue
 Pursuant to a municipal tax search dated October 25, 2012,
 Subject to:
 2011 taxes \$4,338.21 included in the below lien
 1st quarter 2012 taxes \$1,084.55 included in the below lien
 2nd quarter 2012 taxes \$1,084.55 included in the below lien
 3rd quarter 2012 taxes \$1,134.40 open + penalty
 4th quarter 2012 taxes \$1,134.40 open
 Lien: 2010 3rd party tax lien, Cert. No. 11-146 sold on 5/26/2011 to HERBERT SINGLE in the amount of \$15,880.86
 Lot: 46; Block: 1108
 Being more commonly known as:
 215 Route 22
 Hillside, NJ 07205
 Nearest Cross Street: Harding Terrace
 Pursuant to a municipal tax search dated October 25, 2012,
 Subject to:
 2011 taxes \$19,186.39 included in the below lien
 1st quarter 2012 taxes \$4,796.60 included in the below lien
 2nd quarter 2012 taxes \$4,796.59 included in the below lien
 3rd quarter 2012 taxes \$5,017.05 included in the below lien
 4th quarter 2012 taxes \$5,017.04 open
 Sewer: 1/01/2011-12/31/2011 \$880.00 included in the below lien
 Sewer: 2012 charges pending
 Misc. 6% Penalty: 2011 \$1,315.26 included in below lien "subject to add'l 6% penalty for balances over \$10,000.00"
 2009 3rd party tax + sewer lien, Cert. No. 11-147 sold on 5/26/2011 to EMPIRE TAX FUND III LLC in the amount of \$60,786.06
 2011 3rd party tax + sewer lien, Cert. No. 12-048 sold on 7/25/2012 to US BANK AS CUST FOR TOWER DBW II in the amount of \$22,819.76
 Additional Collateral limited to tangible personal property located on the mortgaged premises.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$959,265.74***
 Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Five and 74/100***
 Attorney:
 HILL WALLACK LLP
 202 CARNegie CTR
 P.O. BOX 5226
 PRINCETON NJ 08543-5226
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$1,002,145.97***One Million Two Thousand One Hundred Forty-Five and 97/100***
 February 14, 21, 28, 2013
 U304671 UNL (\$189.63)

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UNION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. **SHARPIII** (Prevailing time), sealed bids will be opened and read in public by the Purchasing Agent in the Township of Union, Town Hall, 1976 Morris Avenue, Main Meeting Room, Union, New Jersey for:
HVAC PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION BUILDINGS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR
 The Township of Union Department of Purchasing will receive sealed bids for H.V.A.C. SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, at the Main Meeting Room Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., Township of Union, Union County, New Jersey on Thursday March 7, 2013 at 9:30 AM, sharp, local Prevailing Time, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
 Proposed forms of Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file in the Division of Purchasing Office, Township of Union.
 Copies of the documents may be obtained in person only, at the Department of Purchasing Office, Lower Level, Municipal Building, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE MAILED. BIDDERS MUST APPEAR IN PERSON AT THE SPECIFIED TIME AND DATE OF BID OPENING.
 Each Proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to the Township of Union in an amount equal to Ten Percent (10%) of the Bid. The Surety on the Bid Bond must be a Corporate Surety licensed to sign Surety Bonds in the State of New Jersey. No Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond will be accepted if the amount is less than Ten Percent (10%) of the Total Amount Bid but in no event need the same exceed \$20,000.00. Deposits accompanying Bids shall be sealed in the Bid Envelope.
 Alternative bids will not be considered unless specified otherwise in the Technical Specifications. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds.
 Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 C.127, N.J. (N.J.A.C. 17:27). (Affirmative Action Act) P.L. 1963, C.150 (Prevailing Wage Act), and Chapter 33, Laws of NJ 1977 (Stockholders Names). If awarded a contract your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 C.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27).
 In accordance with the Public Works Contractor Registration Act, P.L. 1999, c. 238 (NJSA 34:11-56.48 et seq.), no contractor shall bid on any contract for public work as defined in section 2 of P.L. 1963, c. 150 (NJSA 34:11-56.26) unless the contractor is registered pursuant to this Act. No contractor shall list a subcontractor in a bid proposal for the contract unless the subcontractor is registered pursuant to the Public Works Contractor Registration Act at the time the bid is made. No contractor or subcontractor, including a subcontractor not listed in the bid proposal, shall engage in the performance of any public work subject to the contract, unless the contractor or subcontractor is registered pursuant to that Act.
 The Township of Union reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. The Township of Union reserves the right to sever and make awards of all or parts of any bids to one or more bidders. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Township of Union.
 All business organizations that do business with the Local Contracting Agency are required to be registered with the State. Proof of that registration should be provided to the Township with its bid. The Township may not enter into a contract with the business absent such certification P.L. 2004 C.57.
 One (1) copy of the bid must be fully executed and presented on the proposal form provided. A representative of the Bidder, when called for by the Purchasing Division, and not before or after must present bids in person.
BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL. Specifications are not to be submitted with bid documents.
 By Order of the
 Township of Union Committee
 Eileen Birch, Township Clerk
 U304868 UNL Feb. 21, 2013 (\$61.74)

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ROSELLE
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000496
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F951409
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
 VS
 Defendant: CHERYL A SMILEY, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES INC.
 Sale Date: 03/20/2013
 Writ of Execution: 10/05/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 The property to be sold is located in: The Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey
 Commonly known as: 1227 CRESCENT AVENUE, ROSELLE, NJ 07203
 Tax Lot No.: 8 in Block: 4402
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 55 x 100
 Nearest Cross Street: Clark Street
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Subject to Tax and prior lien info:
 At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available. You must check with tax collector for exact amounts due.
Subject to Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
"The Fair Housing Act prohibits" any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination" in connection with any aspect of a residential real estate transaction. Zucker, Goldberg, and Ackerman, LLC encourages and supports the equal housing practices of the Fair Housing Act in the conduct of its business.
Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$183,124.35***
 One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 35/100***
 Attorney:
 ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
 200 SHEFFIELD ST
 SUITE 301
 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
 (908)233-8500 XWZ-117320
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$195,032.21***One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Thirty-Two and 21/100***
 Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013
 U304850 PRO (\$188.16)
ELIZABETH
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
 "Notice is hereby given that Crown Bank, an affiliate of JJR Bank Holding Co., Inc., a bank holding company intends to file an application for FDIC consent to relocate its main office from 801 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City NJ 08226 in Cape May County to 400 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth NJ 07208 in Union County.
 Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the appropriate FDIC office 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10118-0110 not later than March 15, 2013. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.
 February 21, 28, 2013
 U304801 PRO (\$29.40)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000277
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F2769910
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
 VS
 Defendant: LUIS A. ROJAS; ISNIRIDA L. ROJAS; STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 Sale Date: 02/27/2013
 Writ of Execution: 08/15/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 The property to be sold is located in: The City of Linden, County of Union, State of New Jersey
 Commonly known as: 544 Middlesex Street, Linden, NJ 07036
 Tax Lot No.: 11 in Block: 168
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) Approximately 45 x 100
 Nearest Cross Street: Clark Street
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Subject to Tax and prior lien info:
 At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available. You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.
Subject to Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
"The Fair Housing Act prohibits" any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination" in connection with any aspect of a residential real estate transaction. Zucker, Goldberg, and Ackerman, LLC encourages and supports the equal housing practices of the Fair Housing Act in the conduct of its business.
Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$294,924.90
 Two Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four and 90/100***
 Attorney:
 ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
 200 SHEFFIELD ST
 SUITE 301
 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
 (908)233-8500 XWZ-138206
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$305,455.46***Three Hundred Fifty-Five and 46/100***
 January 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2013
 U304042 PRO (\$180.32)
ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000465
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F1724509
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS GRANOR TRUSTEE OF THE PROTIIUM MASTER GRANOR TRUST
 VS
 Defendant: ALCIDES F. PINA; ANA B. PINA
 Sale Date: 03/20/2013
 Writ of Execution: 10/19/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 Municipality: City of Elizabeth
 Street Address: 512 Magie Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208
 Tax Lot: 809
 Tax Block: 13
 Approximate dimensions: 29.60' x 181.61' x 29.60' x 160.31'

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Nearest cross street: Stiles Street
 If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
"THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION."
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$398,595.55***
 Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Five and 55/100***
 Attorney:
 PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC
 20000 HORIZON WAY
 SUITE 900
 MT. LAUREL NJ 08054-4318
 (856)813-1700
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$470,915.00***Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen and 00/100***
 February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013
 U304878 PRO (\$141.12)
ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000278
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F2760008
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.
 VS
 Defendant: ALIPIO BELLO FILHO
 Sale Date: 02/27/2013
 Writ of Execution: 08/18/2009
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 The property to be sold is located in the CITY of ELIZABETH, COUNTY of UNION and State of New Jersey.
 Commonly known as: 1010 E. GRAND ST, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201.
 Tax Lot No. 446 in Block No. 8
 Dimension of Lot Approximately: 25 x 100
 Nearest Cross Street: SPRING STREET
BEGINNING at a point in the north-easterly sideline of Magnolia Avenue, said point being 425.63 feet in a southeasterly direction from the intersection of the northeasterly sideline of Magnolia Avenue and the southeasterly sideline of Henry Street and running thence:
"THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION."
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES WATER OPEN + PENALTY \$221.11
TOTAL AS OF January 10, 2012: \$221.11
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$457,809.97***
 Four Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Nine and 97/100***
 Attorney:
 FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
 7 CENTURY DRIVE
 SUITE 201
 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054
 973.528.4700
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$536,695.75***Five Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Five and 75/100***
 January 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2013
 U304039 PRO (\$158.76)
ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000487
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F00337111

PUBLIC NOTICE

County: Union
 Plaintiff: ANTON LENDING ASSOCIATES CORPORATION
 Defendant: SOPHIA COSTA; STATE OF N.J.; FORD MOTOR CREDIT CO. LLC; MCONDA CONSTRUCTION CORP.; US OF AMERICA; CONTINENTAL TRADING HARDWARE A/K/A CONTINENTAL TRADING & HARDWARE; TD BANK, N.A.; NEW MILLENNIUM BANK
 Sale Date: 03/20/2013
 Writ of Execution: 09/06/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 248 FULTON STREET ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY
TAX BLOCK: 2 TAX LOT: 561
NEAREST CROSS STREET: THIRD STREET
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 25.02 FEET X 100.00 FEET X 25.02 FEET X 100.00 FEET
PRIOR LIENS: NONE
TAXES: 4TH QUARTER 2012 - 357.59 PLUS INTEREST
WATER: SUBJECT TO FINAL READING
SEWER: SUBJECT TO FINAL READING
 The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to Adjourn this Sale without Further Publication.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$681,859.43***
Six Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine and 43/100***
 Attorney: HACK PIRO, O'DAY, MERKLINGER, WALLACE & MC KENNA, 30 COLUMBIA TURNPIKE POST OFFICE BOX 941 FLORHAM PARK NJ 07932-0941
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$722,870.72***Seven Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy and 72/100***
 February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013
 U304881 PRO (\$131.32)

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000286
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F257412
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: LYNX ASSET SERVICES LLC
 Defendant: ELIZABETH A. CORSHU; LINDA E. MALLOZZI, LAW OFFICE OF; NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
 Sale Date: 02/27/2013
 Writ of Execution: 09/17/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
PREMISES ARE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 451 CHESTER PLACE, ROSELLE NJ 07203
LOT NO.: 35
BLOCK NO.: 5404
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: APPROXIMATELY 8,585 SF
NEAREST CROSS STREET: CLOVER STREET
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
 Tax information: Current
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$360,121.83
Three Hundred Sixty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One and 83/100***
 Attorney: LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL A. ALFIERI 30 FRENEAU AVENUE MATAWAN NJ 07747 732-360-9266
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$370,463.46***Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Three and 46/100***
 January 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2013
 U304062 PRO (\$123.48)

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ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000476
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F3396810
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
 Defendant: ANA MONROY
 Sale Date: 03/20/2013
 Writ of Execution: 07/18/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 The property to be sold is located in: The City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey
 Commonly known as: **816-826 West Grand Street, Unit 3E, Building 826, Elizabeth, NJ 07208**
 Tax Lot No.: 2108 in Block: 10
 Dimensions of Lot: CONDO
 Nearest Cross Street: Bellevue Street
Subject any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Subject to Tax and prior lien info:
 At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - you must check with tax collector for exact amounts due.
Subject to Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None
 Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
"The Fair Housing Act prohibits "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familiar status, or national origin, or intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination" in connection with any aspect of a residential real estate transaction. Zucker, Goldberg, and Ackerman, LLC encourages and supports the equal housing practices of the Fair Housing Act in the conduct of its business.
 Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$202,815.06***
Two Hundred Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifteen and 06/100***
 Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
 200 SHEFFIELD ST SUITE 301 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092 (908)233-8500 XWZ-139721
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$217,371.91***Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-One and 91/100***
 Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013
 U304848 PRO (\$176.40)

LINDEN

-NOTICE- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT

Take notice that application has been made to A.B.C. Board of the City of Linden of 301 N. Wood Avenue to transfer to Hirsh & Ketal Inc. trading as Colonial Liquors for premises located at 1024 St. George Avenue, Linden N.J. the License number 200944013005 heretofore issued to Simrya Enterprises LLC, for premises located at 1024 St. George Avenue, Linden. The person(s) who will hold an interest in this permit is/are:

Sima M. Patel
 Vidyaben M. Amin.

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to: Joseph C. Bodek, Municipal Clerk of 301 N. Wood Avenue, Linden N.J.

Sima M. Patel
 3405 Hana Rd,
 Edison, NJ 08817

Vidyaben A. Amin
 9 Foley Avenue
 Edison, NJ 08820

February 21, 28, 2013
 U304845 PRO (\$49.30)

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ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000275
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F1246209
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: THE MOBILE GROUP, INC.
 Defendant: JORGE MACHADO A/K/A JORGE LUIS MACHADO A/K/A JORGE L. MACHADO; THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 Sale Date: 02/27/2013
 Writ of Execution: 12/19/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
REAL ESTATE TAX DISCLOSURE
 If designated below, there are liens, in the estimated sum as specified below. Plaintiff advises that the municipal tax office should be contacted to obtain any additional amounts that may become due.
Pursuant to a Municipal Tax Search dated, the sale is subject to:
 1. Taxes & Sewer: approximately \$37,743.30 good through 1/15/13.
 2. Outstanding Tax Lien: Tax Cert. 09-00137 - \$11,996.25 good through 1/15/13;
 Tax Cert. 10-00189 - \$27,238.64 good through 1/15/13;
 Tax Cert. 11-00216 - \$32,721.36 good through 1/15/13.
CONCISE DESCRIPTION
 1. The property to be sold is commonly known as: **484-490 Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ**
 2. Tax Block 6 (a/k/a Ward: 6), Lot 973 (a/k/a Acct #: 973)
 3. Dimensions of lot: approximately 105.79X69.77X98
 4. Nearest cross street: near the intersection of South Elmora Ave. and Rahway Ave.
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$359,115.34
Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and 34/100***
 Attorney: HUBSCHMAN & ROMAN - ATTORNEYS 318 BERGEN BOULEVARD PALISADES PARK, NJ 07650 (201)947-5700
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$404,501.87***Four Hundred Four Thousand Five Hundred One and 87/100***
 January 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2013
 U304045 PRO (\$148.96)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000282
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F1101411
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: SASS MUNI V. L.L.C. THROUGH ITS CUSTODIAN U.S. BANK N.A.
 Defendant: ALBRIGHT CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.; HAROLD BERMAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THEIR HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND THEIR OR NAY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST ARE DEFENDANTS
 Sale Date: 02/27/2013
 Writ of Execution: 12/06/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 Property to be sold is located in the City of Linden, County of Union and State of New Jersey.
 Premises commonly known as **1218 E. St. Georges Ave, Linden, New Jersey** Being known as **Block 51, Lot 5** on the official Tax Map of the City of Linden
 Dimensions: (approximately) **40' x 100'**
 Nearest Cross Street: **Harrison Avenue**
 Prior liens and encumbrances not extinguished by sale.
Open tax quarters and unpaid municipal charges due and owing to the City of Linden: \$1,040.75 as of January 11, 2013.
 The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$15,646.20***

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Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six and 20/100***
 Attorney: GARY C. ZEITZ, L.L.C. - ATTORNEY 1105 LAUREL OAK ROAD, SUITE 136 VOORHEES NJ 07088 (856)857-1222
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$17,075.08***Seventeen Thousand Seventy-Five and 08/100***
 January 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2013
 U304037 PRO (\$133.28)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000450
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F01603112
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE
 Defendant: MALDONADO ROMINTA, DAVID GIL, A&M MERCHANDISING INC., STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
 Sale Date: 03/20/2013
 Writ of Execution: 01/17/2013
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.
STREET & STREET NO.: 1057 Fanny Street
TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 8 LOT: 640
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100.00' x 25.00'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 25 feet from the intersection of said sideline of Fanny Street and the southeasterly sideline of Adams Avenue
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale with further notice through publication.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$236,509.63***
Two Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Nine and 63/100***
 Attorney: POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS 728 MARNE HWY P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200 MOORESTOWN, NJ 08057 (856)802-1000
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$242,877.66***Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven and 66/100***
 Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013
 U304851 PRO (\$148.96)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000475
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F00817812
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: HENRY AND REBECCA CITRON
 Defendant: 1B1W CORPORATION AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 Sale Date: 03/20/2013
 Writ of Execution: 12/28/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth
 In the County of Union and the State of New Jersey.
 Premises commonly known as: 227 South Broad Street
 Tax Lot #: 1264 in Block #: 6
 Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 75X173

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Nearest Cross Street: Pearl Street
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$698,488.28***
Six Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight and 28/100***
 Attorney: FLASTER GREENBERG, P.C. 646 OCEAN HEIGHTS AVE. SUITE 103 LINWOOD NJ 08221 (609)645-1881
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$727,600.86***Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred and 86/100***
 February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013
 U304880 PRO (\$111.72)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-13000489
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F2417507
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF SASCO MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-RNP1
 Defendant: JESSICA CABEZAS, HERMEL CABEZAS, CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.
 Sale Date: 03/20/2013
 Writ of Execution: 11/20/2012
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: County of Union, State of New Jersey.
PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 614 1/2 Fourth Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.
TAX LOT # 637, BLOCK # 9
NEAREST CROSS STREET: John Street
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 75.00 x 16.58
A FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY.
SUBJECT TO ANY OPEN TAXES, WATER/SEWER, MUNICIPAL OR TAX LIENS THAT MAY BE DUE.
PRIOR MORTGAGES AND/OR JUDGMENTS: Lien in the Amount of \$20,280.90
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$418,032.00***
Four Hundred Eighteen Thousand Thirty-Two and 00/100***
 Attorney: UDREN LAW OFFICES, P.C. 111 WOODCREST ROAD SUITE 200 CHERRY HILL NJ 08003 856-669-5400
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$432,434.45***Four Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Four and 45/100***
 February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013
 U304879 PRO (\$137.20)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION
TAKE NOTICE that the Township Committee Workshop Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Fire Department, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., prior to the Regular Township Committee Meeting, in the Municipal Building.
 Linda M. Donnelly
 Township Clerk
 U304867 OBS Feb. 21, 2013 (\$8.33)

SUMMIT

Notice of Hearing

Take notice that the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on March 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit New Jersey, to consider an

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application affecting the property whose street address is known as 249 Kent Place Boulevard, Block 701, Lot 51.

The conditions affecting this property and the reason for the application being heard are as follows:
ZB-12-1612-(c) Variance to replace tennis court fence with a 10 foot fence to match existing 10 foot tennis court fence.

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

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

Edward McBride
Applicant
U304808 OBS Feb. 21, 2013 (\$18.62)

SUMMIT**BID NOTICE****CITY OF SUMMIT**

PROJECT: 2013 Capital Roads Sanitary Sewer Inspection
DEPARTMENT: Department of Community Services

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Department of the City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey at 11:00 A.M. prevailing time, Tuesday, March 12, 2013 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey for:

2013 Capital Roads Sanitary Sewer Inspection

in accordance with the specifications and proposal forms for same which may be obtained at the office of the Department of Community Services, Summit, N.J. during regular business hours, 7:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday for a fee of \$25.00, refundable to all bona fide bidders upon request. Request must be made no later than 10 business days from receipt of bids.

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

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

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

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

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

The project must be completed by July 1, 2013. Major items of this project include:

8"-10" Sanitary Sewer Clean and TV Inspect 25,364 LF

DAVID L. HUGHES, City Clerk
 Dated: 2/5/2013
 U304863 OBS Feb. 21, 2013 (\$40.18)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This amends Chapter II of the Township Code entitled, "Administration" by amending Section 2-67 entitled, "Recreation Committee" by amending Section 2-67.5 entitled "Meetings", by amending the Recreation Committee meeting requirements.

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-67 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, "RECREATION COMMITTEE"

PUBLIC NOTICE

BY AMENDING SECTION 2-67.5, ENTITLED, "MEETINGS" BY AMENDING THE RECREATION COMMITTEE'S MEETING REQUIREMENTS.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved on second and final hearing at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U304860 OBS Feb. 21, 2013 (\$16.66)

SUMMIT**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY****NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2013**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Monday, March 25, 2013**, in the Summit City Hall Council Chambers at 5:45 PM.

The purpose of the meeting will be for the Board of Education to certify and adopt the final 2013-2014 school budget for presentation to the Board of School Estimate.

It is expected that formal action will not be taken at the aforesaid meeting.

**BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY****NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2013**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of School Estimate of the City of Summit will conduct a public hearing and approval of the proposed budget for 2013-2014 school year on **Monday, March 25, 2013**, in the Council Cham-

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bers of the Summit City Hall, beginning at 6:00 PM.

The detailed school budget will be on file and open to examination of the public at the office of the Board of Education, 14 Beekman Terrace, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM each weekday beginning March 21, 2013 until the date of public hearing on the budget.

It is expected that formal action will be taken at the aforesaid meeting.

Louis J. Pepe, RSBA
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
U304883 OBS Feb. 21, 2013 (\$24.50)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This resolution is to award of Professional Services Contract to Pennoni Associates, Inc., for providing professional environmental consulting services in conjunction with the closure of the underground storage tanks (USTs) at the DPW Facility.

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-44**

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for professional environmental consulting services in conjunction with the closure of the Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) at the DPW facility, within the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and

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

WHEREAS, a certificate of available funding has been presented by our CFO
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

PUBLIC NOTICE**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, February 19, 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, March 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 FIX THE SALARIES OF DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES (BLUE COLLAR EMPLOYEES)
FOR THE YEARS 2010 THROUGH 2017**

BE IT ORDAINED Union Council No. 8, I.F.P.T.E., AFL-CIO representing our Blue Collar Employees have completed their salary negotiations for the years 2010 through December 31, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED it is necessary to adopt an ordinance to implement said contract for the term of the contract; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED such salaries shall be based upon the following:

Effective retroactive to January 1, 2010 each bargaining unit member employed, shall receive a salary based on the following compensation schedule:

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE 2010-2017**GUIDE EFFECTIVE UPON RATIFICATION AND EXECUTION OF THE COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT**

Title	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
Laborer	40,900	41,900	42,900	43,900	44,900	45,900	46,900	47,900	48,900	49,900
Public Works Repairer	52,900	54,200	55,300	56,400	57,500	58,600	59,700	60,900	62,900	64,400
Omnibus Driver	49,000	50,500	52,000	53,500	55,500	57,500	59,500	61,500	62,730	63,552
PT Omnibus Driver (Hourly)	15.00 to 20.00 per hour based on qualifications.									

All employees hired after January 1, 2010 shall start as Laborers and shall be placed in the step as it relates to their prior work qualifications upon the recommendations of the appointing authority under the rules of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

To qualify for promotion to the next category, a Laborer must be working in step 8; a Public Works Repairer must be in step 8 to qualify for a promotional exam for Senior Public Works Repairer.

Omnibus Driver salary schedule reflects a full time bus driver. At the present time this is a part time position compensated at 60% of the above salary schedule. The present driver is at step 10. Effective in 2011, the percentage increase for Omnibus Driver is 1.5% in each year.

Title	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Senior Public Works Repairer	63,552	63,552	63,552	64,823	66,120	67,442	68,791	70,167
Mechanic/Senior Public Works Repairer	67,472	67,472	67,472	68,821	70,197	71,601	73,033	74,494

Effective January 1, 2011, a \$900 clothing allowance has been added to base pay.

Pay Periods The Township shall pay its employees on a bi-weekly payroll schedule of twenty-six (26) times annually. Each payroll period shall consist of ten (10) working days, so that the bi-weekly rate of pay of each employee shall be 1/26th of the employee's annual salary. In a year in which twenty-seven (27) pay periods shall occur, the bi-weekly rate of pay of each employee shall be 1/27th of the annual salary.

Any employee hired after January 1, 1991, shall not be eligible for the longevity program.

Each employee completing five (5) years of continuous uninterrupted service shall become eligible for longevity payment computed as follows:

a) For each five (5) year period of service as outlined above each employee of the Township shall receive the following in addition to the current annual salary

After 5 continuous years	\$ 500.00
After 10 continuous years	1,000.00
After 15 continuous years	1,500.00
After 20 continuous years	2,000.00
After 25 continuous years	2,500.00

b) The effective date as to eligibility for longevity shall be the anniversary date of the individuals' employment by the Township of Clark, and the amount shall be as set forth above.

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

U304896 EAG February 21, 2013 (\$148.96)

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by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Pennoni Associates, Inc., for providing professional environmental consulting services in conjunction with the closure of the Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) at the DPW facility, at a fee not to exceed \$15,500.00, pursuant to Proposal for Professional Services dated February 6, 2013. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11 5 (1) (a) (I) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U304870 OBS Feb 21, 2013 (\$30.87)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This Resolution approves Change Order No. 1 to 2012 Road Improvements Project - Contract No. SP 12-07.

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-45**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield did award a contract for the 2012 Road Improvements Project - Contract No. SP 12-07 to Denbar Construction Inc. and WHEREAS, Sam Mardini, Assistant Township Engineer, has determined that additional work was necessary and was not part of the original contract

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WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 to such contract in the net amount of \$27,917.00 has been recommended for approval by the Sam Mardini, Assistant Township Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified (attached hereto and made a part hereof) that sufficient funds are available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the appropriate municipal officer be and is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 resulting in a net increase of \$27,917.00.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U304869 OBS Feb. 21, 2013 (\$23.52)

SUMMIT**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY****NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING -
BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
MARCH 7, 2013**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Board of School Estimate of the City of Summit will be held on **Thursday, March 7, 2013**, in the Summit City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 PM.

The purpose of the meeting will be for the Board of School Estimate to discuss the 2013-2014 school budget information.

It is expected that formal action will

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Edith L. Merkel, RMC
Township Clerk

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not be taken at the aforesaid meeting.

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND
REGULAR MEETINGS
MARCH 14 and 21, 2013**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Thursday, March 14, 2013**, in the Summit High School Library/Media Center at 7:30 PM. The agenda of the aforesaid meeting to the extent presently known is as follows:

1. to review proposed actions at the regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2013**, in the Washington School at 7:30 PM;
 2. to review any other matters that may come before the Board;
 3. to declare, if necessary, a closed session to discuss personnel and legal matters.
- It is expected that formal action may be taken at the aforesaid meeting.
- NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2013**, in the Washington School at 7:30 PM.
- It is expected that formal action may be taken at the aforesaid meeting.

Louis J. Pepe, RSBA
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
U304884 OBS Feb. 21, 2013 (\$28.42)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the disposal of Township of Springfield's Surplus Property.

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-39**

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GovDeals Auction Items

Springfield Fire Department

Drill Press
Bench Grinder

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U304875 OBS Feb. 21, 2013 (\$30.87)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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, February 19, 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, March 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 EXCEED THE

PUBLIC NOTICE

MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Township of Clark in the County of Union finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2013 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$231,740.69 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that in the CY 2013 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Clark shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$540,728.27 and that the CY 2013 municipal budget for the Township of Clark be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.

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SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This resolution introduces and approves the proposed 2013 Budget for the Springfield Community Partnership and provides for public hearing and final adoption thereof.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-46

WHEREAS, the attached statement of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the budget of the Springfield Community Partnership for the period January 1 through December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield does hereby approve the attached as the budget for the Springfield Community Partnership for the period January 1 through December 31, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that notice is hereby given that the budget of the Springfield Community Partnership for the period January 1 through December 31, 2013, has been approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield; that the budget shall be published in The Local Source on February 21, 2013, in full; that a hearing on the budget shall be held on March 12, 2013, at 7:30 pm. at the Springfield Municipal Building, at which time and place objections to the said budget may be presented by any interested party; and that thereafter the budget shall be either amended or adopted.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk

**Springfield Community Partnership
2013 Budget**

Revenue	Revenue
BID Assessments	280,466.92
Grants/Sponsorships	
Interest Income	\$100
Other Income	
Surplus	\$250,825
Total Revenue	531,392.07
Expenses	Expenses
Administrative Professional Services	Administrative Services
	\$60,000.00
	\$65,000.00
	\$6,000.00
Office Operations	
	Insurance
	Telephone
	Office Misc.
	\$285,000.00
Visual Improvement	
	Maintenance
	Public Space Streetscapes
	\$106,500.00
Promotion/Marketing Marketing Plan to Include	
	Business Directory
	Web Site
	Marketing Program
	Business Recruitment/Retention
	\$8,892.07
Interest Expense Contingency Funds	
	\$8,892.07
Total Expenditures	\$531,392.07

U304882 OBS February 21, 2013 (\$63.70)

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Edith L. Merkel, RMC
Township Clerk
U304886 EAG Feb. 21, 2013 (\$50.96)

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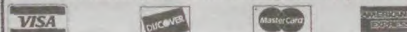
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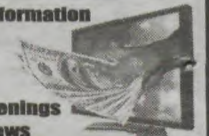
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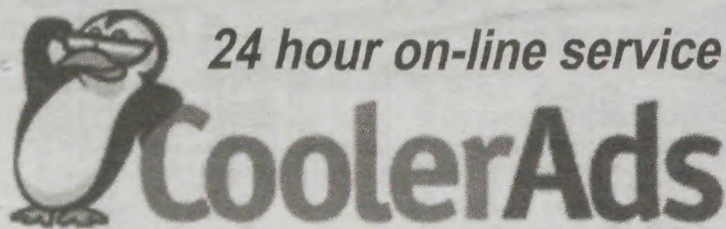
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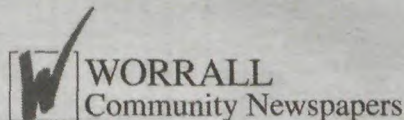
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SPORTS

UCT girls' basketball title on the line Sunday at Kean

Final 4 field: GL, Cranford, Linden, Oak Knoll

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

RAHWAY - Before an early press time - due to Monday's holiday - the 38th annual Frank J. Cicarell girls' basketball Union County Tournament semifinals were scheduled to be played Monday night at the Earl H. Walter Gymnasium.

For immediate results and previews of the next round, visit www.unionnewsdaily.com.

Monday night's semifinal matchups included third-seeded and defending champion Governor Livingston taking on second-seeded Cranford in the first semifinal, followed by eighth-seeded Oak Knoll vs. fifth-seeded Linden in the second.

Linden has won the UCT in 1991, 1993 and 1994 and was seeking to reach the final for the first time since 1994.

Cranford won its lone UCT title in 2006 and GL its first last year.

Oak Knoll, which was seeking to reach the final for the first time since 1998, has never won the UCT.

The championship game is set for Sunday at 6 p.m. at Kean University's Harwood Arena in Union.

This will be the third straight UCT final played at Kean, with Roselle Catholic defeating GL in 2011 and GL besting Cranford in 2012.

Below is a detailed account of last Thursday's quarterfinals that took place at Roselle Catholic and at Rahway:

DiTomasso 3-point shooting sparks defending champs

ROSELLE - Trying to contain an opponent's top two players is challenging enough.

Then when another one of its performers comes off the bench and shoots the lights out, well, that makes the mountain even higher and more treacherous to climb.

While Governor Livingston seniors Erin Ferguson and Mallory George played their games in the paint to almost perfection, it was the highly-accurate and effective 3-point shooting of junior Patrice DiTomasso - from the top of the key and from the right side - off the bench that might have taken the steam out of a Hillside team that played its hearts out in trying to keep up with the favored and more experienced Highlanders.

DiTomasso, who came in for starter Sara Dilly when Dilly picked up her second foul in the first quarter, made her first four 3-point attempts, shot 5-for-7 overall from the field and poured in 16 points to help lead third-seeded and defending champion GL to a more-than-convincing 66-54 triumph over 11th-seeded Hillside in Thursday night's 38th annual Frank J. Cicarell girls' basketball Union County Tournament quarterfinals on Pat Hagan Court at the Lions' Den at Roselle Catholic.

Ferguson, who scored the game's first five points and GL's first seven, paced the Highlanders - who improved to 18-4 their eighth straight win - in scoring with 21 points.

George, who scored GL's next eight points to give the Highlanders a quick 15-5 advantage, finished with 18.

Senior guard Alyssa Cranston finished with eight points, while Dilly scored three - all on free throws - late in the fourth quarter. Before Dilly scored her points, GL's point production came solely from Ferguson, George, DiTomasso and Cranston.

GL led Hillside from start to finish.

Hillside was sparked by the outstanding and gutsy play of the game's leading scorer - sophomore Yasmine Robinson-Bacote who finished with 27 points - sophomore Afeni Richardson with 14 and senior center Jasmine Lombard who netted six.

While GL moved the ball around with uncanny precision to find Ferguson or George open inside, the Highlanders were able to kick it out to DiTomasso, who had the hot hand from outside.

DiTomasso struck for back-to-back 3s from the top of the key midway through the second quarter to extend GL's lead to 25-16. Before that, Hillside cut the lead to three when Lombard scored inside after grabbing an offensive rebound.

Getting the ball on the right side this time, DiTomasso let go and connected on her third 3-pointer to make it 28-18.

DiTomasso followed up by making both of her free throw attempts and then in the third quarter nailed her fourth 3 - also from the right side - to make the score 47-31 with 3:47 left before the fourth period.

The only shots DiTomasso missed were her fifth 3-point attempt and a layup. She scored the first points of the fourth quarter inside for her only 2-point field goal.

Despite falling behind by double figures as early as the first quarter, Hillside played hard the entire game and was very representative of one of the top teams in the county.

Robinson-Bacote, who like DiTomasso made all four of her team's 3-point baskets, Richardson and Lombard had their moments and gave GL fits at times.

Hillside, which came into the game having won 11 of 12, saw its record dip to 14-5. The Comets will next focus on preparing for the Central Jersey, Group 2 playoffs.

NOTES: GL reached the semifinals for the third year in a row and the Highlanders are now one win away from reaching the championship game for the third straight season.

In Thursday night's first of two quarterfinals at Rahway, fifth-seeded Linden outlasted 13th-seeded Plainfield 57-50 in overtime to advance to Monday night's semifinals.

Linden won the overtime period 10-3 and is now one win away from reaching the final for the first time since 1994, which was the last year the Tigers won the tournament.

Linden, which improved to 15-9 and ended up beating Plainfield three times in three tries, tied the game at the fourth quarter buzzer on a layup to force overtime.

Plainfield, which had a 3-20 record as of last week's seeding meeting, had its first two-game winning streak of the season snapped and fell to 5-21.

See **CHAMPIONSHIP**, Page 38



Photo by JR Parachini

Governor Livingston was able to hang this banner in one of its two gyms after the Highlanders captured last year's UCT crown. GL began the week continuing its search for a second title and also second in a row.

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Championship is on the line Sunday at Kean University

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**UCT GIRLS' BASKETBALL
QUARTERFINAL AT ROSELLE CATHOLIC**
11-HILLSIDE (14-5) 11 13 14 16 - 54
3-GL (18-4) 17 21 15 13 - 66

HILLSIDE COMETS (54):

25-Yasmine Robinson-Bacote, soph., 6-4-3-27
32-Tia Cole, sophomore, 1-0-0-2
12-Rha 'Shanai Cole, senior, 0-0-0-0
35-Jasmine Lombard, senior, 3-0-0-6
21-Afeni Richardson, sophomore, 7-0-0-14
20-Chantel Turner, senior, 2-0-1-5
4-Nia Aponte, freshman, 0-0-0-0
13-Natashia Frazier, senior, 0-0-0-0
10-Destiny Biename, freshman, 0-0-0-0
3-Jasmine Crockett, senior, 0-0-0-0

Starters: Lombard, Richardson, Turner, Robinson-Bacote, Rha 'Shanai Cole

Totals: 19-4-4-54

GOV. LIVINGSTON HIGHLANDERS (66):

15-Mallory George, senior, 7-0-4-18
22-Erin Ferguson, senior, 8-0-5-21
5-Marielle Jankowski, senior, 0-0-0-0
10-Alyssa Cranston, senior, 1-0-6-8
23-Patrice DiTomasso, junior, 1-4-2-16
44-Katie Rielly, junior, 0-0-0-0
2-Jenny Pires, junior, 0-0-0-0
24-Lauren DiStaso, junior, 0-0-0-0
13-Haley Berliner, sophomore, 0-0-0-0
21-Sara Dilly, sophomore, 0-0-3-3
12-Lauren Sorranio, freshman, 0-0-0-0

Starters: George, Ferguson, Jankowski, Cranston, Dilly

Totals: 17-4-20-66

CRANFORD, OAK KNOLL CAPTURE NIGHTCAP CLASHES

Second-seeded Cranford held off 10th-seeded Scotch Plains 43-37 at Roselle Catholic, while eighth-seeded Oak Knoll led the entire second half en route to a 49-43 upset of top-seeded Roselle Catholic at Rahway.

The Oak Knoll-Roselle Catholic game was a battle of 19-3 teams playing each other for the first time this season.

Cranford, now 16-7, will next face GL and Oak Knoll, now 20-3, will battle Linden in Monday's semifinals, scheduled for 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. starts at a site still to be determined.

After being held at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth for some time, the semifinals were at Roselle Catholic from 2006-2010, at Rahway in 2011 and at Johnson in 2012.

In a quarterfinal at Rahway last year, Summit came back in the fourth quarter to oust three-time defending champion Roselle Catholic 34-24 after the Hilltoppers were previously swept by the Lions in Union County Conference-Watchung Division play.

For the second straight season a lower-seeded team from Summit knock out a higher-seeded RC squad in the gym at Rahway.

Oak Knoll, which received a game-high 22 points from the program's all-time leading scorer - Kerri Moran, is one win away from reaching the final for the first time since 1998.

Oak Knoll has never won the UCT.

Cranford, which previously swept Scotch Plains in Watchung Division play, winning by 20 on the road and by 21 at home, had a 10-point halftime lead at 24-14 before Scotch Plains came back to pull to within two at 35-33 with six minutes left.

The Raiders, who fell to 10-13, had a chance to tie the game when they missed a 3-pointer while down 36-33 with 3:45 to go.

Shortly thereafter, with Cranford ahead 39-33, Scotch Plains 1,000 point scorer Taylor Sebolao hit the floor hard on her back and was quickly in pain. The senior, who is her team's leading scorer, remained on her back on the court for about 10 minutes before she was taken away on a stretcher.

Sebolao was not paralyzed in any way and even gave a smile while she was taken away from the court on her way to an ambulance. Those that were at her immediate aid said Sebolao told them she initially couldn't move her head forward.

A hard-nosed player and also a tough soccer goalie, Sebolao might have suffered a concussion, but the good news was that she was able to move all of her body parts.

None of the three UCC division winners - Roselle Catholic-Watchung, New Providence-Mountain and Hillside-Valley - reached the semifinals.

New Providence joined Oak Knoll Thursday night as Union County's first 20-game winners this season. The Pioneers won at Morris County power Chatham 47-43 to improve to 20-3.

Cranford vs. GL might be Union County's version of Duke vs. North Carolina. The teams will meet for the sixth time in two seasons and could meet again in the North 2, Group 3 playoffs.

Cranford swept GL in Watchung Division play this season, winning 37-36 at GL in the season-opener for both back on Dec. 14 and then 35-33 at home on Jan. 17.

In last year's UCT championship game at Kean, GL defeated Cranford 31-25 to capture its first county crown. Cranford won its lone title in 2006.

"We're still bitter about that loss," Cranford senior Jess McCoy said. "It seems like we've been rivals forever."

"We're going to have to match their intensity. Both teams are going to play aggressive."

The top seeds won the tournament the last three seasons. Oak Knoll became the first team to beat a top seed since eventual champion Roselle Catholic, as the fourth seed, ousted top-seeded Scotch Plains in a 2009 semifinal at RC.

UCT CHAMPIONSHIPS:

8th-seeded-Oak Knoll - None.

5th-seeded Linden - 3: 1991, 1993, 1994.

3rd-seeded Gov. Livingston - 1: 2012.

2nd-seeded Cranford - 1: 2006.



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Cranford has been sparked by the talented play of seniors, from left, Jess McCoy, Jenna Goeller and Kaitlin McGovern.

FRANK J. CICARELL UCT GIRLS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

2012 - Gov. Livingston - first time
2011 - Roselle Catholic
2010 - Roselle Catholic
2009 - Roselle Catholic
2008 - Westfield - first time
2007 - Scotch Plains
2006 - Cranford - first time
2005 - Scotch Plains
2004 - Scotch Plains - first time
2003 - Roselle Catholic - first time
2002 - Roselle - first time
2001 - Union Catholic
2000 - Union - first time
1999 - Summit - first time
1998 - Union Catholic
1997 - Elizabeth
1996 - Elizabeth
1995 - Elizabeth - first time
1994 - Linden
1993 - Linden
1992 - Union Catholic
1991 - Linden - first time
1990 - New Providence - first time
1989 - Union Catholic
1988 - Union Catholic
1987 - Union Catholic
1986 - Union Catholic
1985 - Hillside - first time
1984 - Plainfield
1983 - Plainfield
1982 - Plainfield
1981 - Plainfield
1980 - Plainfield
1979 - Plainfield - first time
1978 - Mother Seton - first time
1977 - Union Catholic - first time
1976 - Benedictine - first time

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Union Catholic 8; Plainfield 6; Roselle Catholic 4; Elizabeth 3, Linden 3, Scotch Plains 3; Benedictine, Mother Seton, Hillside, New Providence, Summit, Union, Roselle, Cranford, Westfield, Governor Livingston 1.

SPORTS



Photo courtesy of Johnson High School

The Johnson bowling team - coached by Michelle Zaleski - captured the Watchung Conference and Union County Tournament championships both for the third consecutive year.



Photo courtesy of Linden High School

The Linden bowling team - coached by Cherie Pizzano - won last week's North 2, Group 3 championship and had junior Andrew Dekowski qualify for the individual state championships.

Johnson bowlers 3-peat for 2 titles Linden rolls to N2, G3 crown

The Johnson bowling team is on a "roll" again!

For the third straight season the Crusaders captured two titles and were also ranked No. 6 in the Star Ledger's statewide Top 20 poll.

At the end of regular season play, Johnson clinched the Watchung Conference title and finished with a record of 12-1, losing only to Linden, the No. 2 ranked team in Union County.

Johnson also won the Union County Tournament competition for the third straight season. The crusade was led by seniors Vincent DiGeronimo and captain Danny Levitz and junior Steven Kotowski, all qualifying for the UCT individual tournament.

Danny Levitz finished second in the county by six pins. Levitz rolled the tournament's high game of 256 and had the second highest-series of 682. Also making outstanding contributions and rounding out this year's team are juniors Michael Griffin, Tom Malanga and Bobby Weisensee.

Coach Michele Zaleski said that she is, "thrilled with the team's performance this season."

"We have proved that we can run with the top teams in the state, so we are excited for the challenges that lie ahead," Zaleski said.

The team was to next compete in last week's sectional tournament at Jersey Lanes in Linden.

Tigers impress: Linden, which finished second in the Union County Tournament competition at Jersey Lanes in Linden, captured the North 2, Group 3 last week, with junior Andrew Dekowski qualifying for the individual championships.

Here were Linden's scores:

Jimmy Fostinis: 165-183-193 - 541

Brandon Peters: 188-190-215 - 593

Christian Perez: 215-126-221 - 562

Briana Reid: 195-163-265 - 624

Andrew Dekowski: 258-203-214 - 675

Totals: 1021-866-1108 - 2995

Reserves included: Trevor Evan, George Gwaldis, Mike DiMaggio, Alexis Dulko, Sinoda Cook.

Roselle's Obery earns college hoop honor

Felician College senior Antoine Obery of Roselle and Abraham Clark High School in Roselle, was chosen as the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the period ending Feb. 3.

Obery, a former Roselle standout for head coach Mike Fields who graduated in 2008, earned the honor for the first time in his career.

A 6-4 guard-forward, Obery sparked Felician to a 2-0 week with a pair of prolific performances. On Jan. 29, he recorded 24 points and 15 rebounds in a 71-64 CACC home victory over Post University.

He followed that up with a school record-tying 39 points, a career-high 21 rebounds, and five assists as the Golden Falcons earned a league victory at Goldey-Beacom College, 84-77 on Feb. 2.

At Goldey-Beacom, Obery made 16 of 22 field-goal attempts, setting a Felician single-game record for field goals. He turned in the first 30+ point, 20+ rebound performance in the 17-year history of the Golden Falcon program, and the first such game by a CACC player in 10 years.

For the week Obery averaged 31.5 points and 18.0 rebounds while shooting 62.5 percent from the field - 25-for-40.

On the season as of last week, Obery had started all 21 games for head coach David DeFerrari, averaging 18.5 points.

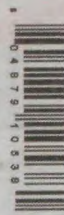


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HOOP PLAYERS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - Roselle Catholic's Ryan Quinn, at far right, and Seton Hall Prep's Stephen Amalfe were presented with SFIC - Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children - Academic Excellence Award plaques by SFIC Board Trustee Joseph J. Oakes, III and Executive Director Gerry O'Connor during halftime of the Roselle Catholic-Seton Hall Prep game played Jan. 5 at Kean University. Roselle Catholic won 80-61.

Kumpf boys' basketball team puts together winning streak

Coach Bain's squad showing improvement

The Kumpf boys' basketball team of Clark team has turned into quite the powerhouse lately.

As of last week, first-year Coach Caleb Bain had the team standing with a 5-4 record.

After starting off to a slow 1-4 record, the team strung together four consecutive wins, in convincing fashion.

The run started with a win in Rahway 39-33, followed by a huge upset vs. Plainfield at home, leading by 19 at one point and winning 57-46 in which Brendan Stanzione scored 17 points, 12 rebounds and 11 blocks.

The next victim of the Cougars was Elizabeth South with a final score of 53-42.

Brendan Stanzione again led the way with 11 points and 17 rebounds, George Visconti added 15 in the win.

The latest team to fall was Berkeley Heights, in which the Cougars once held a lead of 35 before finishing with a 67-49 victory.

The team looked to continue its success last week with games vs. Cranford, Linden and Mountainside.

Coach Bain credits the turn around to the players hard work, commitment and stiff defense.

The Cougars' goal is to finish the season with at least 10 wins.

They only produced five wins the past three seasons combined, so they have improved a great deal this season up to this point.

UNION COUNTY BASKETBALL TEAMS IN STATES

Sections begin Monday, Feb. 25

BOYS' (19 schools)

North 2, Group 1: 1-Dayton, 13-New Providence.

North 2, Group 3: 4-Summit, 6-Rahway, 8-Plainfield, 14-Cranford, 16-GL.

North 2, Group 4: 1-Linden, 4-Elizabeth, 10-Westfield, 13-Union, 15-Scotch Plains.

Central Jersey, Group 2: 9-Hillside, 10-Roselle.

Non-Public, North A: 3-Union Catholic.

Non-Public, North B: 13-Oratory Prep.

Non-Public, South B: 1-Patrick School, 2-Roselle Catholic, 13-St. Mary's, Elizabeth.

UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS:

WATCHUNG DIVISION: Roselle Catholic (9-1) for the first time; split with Elizabeth

MOUNTAIN DIVISION: Union Catholic (13-1) for the first time; split with Westfield

VALLEY DIVISION: Dayton (13-1) for the 2nd time in 3 years; split with Summit

GIRLS' (18 schools)

North 2, Group 1: 2-New Providence, 5-Dayton, 9-Brearley.

North 2, Group 3: 1-GL, 6-Cranford, 12-Summit, 14-Rahway, 16-Plainfield.

North 2, Group 4: 10-Linden, 11-Union, 12-Scotch Plains, 13-Westfield.

Central Jersey, Group 2: 9-Hillside, 14-Johnson.

Non-Public, North A: 9-Kent Place, 10-Union Catholic.

Non-Public, North B: 2-Oak Knoll.

Non-Public, South B: 1-Roselle Catholic.

UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS:

WATCHUNG DIVISION: Roselle Catholic for 3rd year in a row; 11-2 and still has to host Summit; swept by Governor Livingston

MOUNTAIN DIVISION: New Providence (14-0) for the first time; eyes 4th straight sectional final when states begins

VALLEY DIVISION: Hillside (12-0) for the 2nd year in a row; won the division last year with a 14-0 record