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Christie's Exxon 'connection' grows

Details emerge about former Christie staffers working as lobbyists for energy provider

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Backlash from the state settling the decade-long lawsuit against ExxonMobil for pennies on the dollar continued last week when Democrat State Sen. Ray Lesniak called the deal a sellout. Information supporting that theory is starting to surface and it connects the governor and his staff closely to those involved with the settlement.

Last week Lesniak held a press conference in Linden, launching a grassroots campaign opposing Gov. Chris Christie's administration accepting a \$225 million settlement for dumping oil and chemicals into acres of land surrounding the Bayway and Bayonne refineries since 1909.

The senator blasted Acting Attorney General John Hoffman and DEP Commissioner Robert Martin regarding the proposed legal settlement with the oil giant, making it crystal clear the agreement should be rejected.

"Gov. Chris Christie has stated the \$225 million settlement is 'on top of ExxonMobil's obligation to clean up the site.' Acting attorney general Hoffman claims that it 'rein-

forces' ExxonMobil's obligation and Commissioner Martin said there is 'no cap on remediation,' all in an effort to justify the reduced settlement of three cents on the dollar," Lesniak said, stressing these statements "are deceiving because they have nothing to do with the litigation."

The senator, who grew up in Elizabeth and says he can still remember the acrid stench that filled the air from the Bayway refinery, faulted the state for "letting the company off the hook" for damages that left more than 1,500 acres in Linden contaminated with oil and chemical sludge that goes as deep as 17-feet in some places.

Despite the state claiming the deal was "historic," Lesniak believes it remains a "corporate giveaway that shocks the conscience."

"The proposed consent judgment is inadequate, improper and inappropriate and all it does is protect ExxonMobil's corporate profits," said the senator, who said the measure should be rejected by the DEP.

"If it isn't, it should be denied by the judge or overturned by the appellate division," Lesniak said.

The senator is hoping his efforts, which includes an online petition that already has 15,000 signatures supporting rejection of the proposed settlement, will result in the state going back to the table to fight for more money.

However, since there will not be any hearings on the proposed settlement, the only option the public has is to lodge their objections by emailing or writing the state during the 60-day comment period, which began April 6 with the release of the official release of the settlement deal the state made with ExxonMobil.

Lesniak also felt the state let ExxonMobil "off the hook" for undisclosed damages at 16 other facilities and hundreds of gas stations. He took particular exception to how the settlement was drafted.

"The misleading reference to 'alleged discharges' shows that the proposed consent judgment is further biased on behalf of ExxonMobil because the oil company already admitted to the discharge of contaminants," he added, referring to a ruling by Superior Court Anzaldi May 26,

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Union wants Kean restaurant, bookstore to pay up

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

UNION – Tax time is just another reminder to Union officials that two businesses in the township are getting a free ride when it comes to property taxes and that is not sitting well with them at all.

Under normal circumstances, establishments like the farm-to-table gourmet restaurant Ursino, which opened its doors in the Center for Science, Technology and Math Education at Kean in 2011, would be paying \$53,915 in property taxes. Barnes and Noble, which opened in late 2013, would also be legally obligated to hand over to the township \$24,200 to satisfy their tax obligation.

However, because state universities and colleges are not required to pay local taxes, or for that matter even go before local planning or zoning boards when constructing new buildings, they have managed to keep the tax collector at arms length, for now.

Back in 2013 the township decided enough was enough and levied the tax anyway on Ursino. Kean University promptly appealed the decision in county tax court but the township won. Although they expected the university would move forward and pay the tax, they turned around and appealed the decision to a higher court.

This left the township in tax limbo, waiting, yet again, for a ruling to be handed down from a higher court. To say Mayor Manuel Figueiredo was frustrated by the township becoming involved in more legal red tape with Kean would be an understatement.

"Kean University's leadership is continuing legal maneuvers to appeal and walk away from their obligations



File Photo

With tax season in full swing, Union continues to fight for taxes from two businesses located on Kean University's campus.

which left a \$78,115 hole in the assessments on both these properties," the mayor said.

Although township officials fully intend to continue to fight for what they believe is right, it has been a long, uphill legal battle with no end in sight.

Figueiredo candidly admitted he had enough of the

stalling and getting dragged through court. He blasted not only the two businesses that pay no property taxes to the township but also Kean University and the board of trustees for "repeatedly abusing the taxpayers of Union."

"Like people all across the country, I had to file my taxes

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Senior Citizens Council to hold special program

On Wednesday, April 29, the Senior Citizens Council of Union County will hold a special program at L'Affaire in Mountain-side. The theme of the event is trust and how to protect interests as they relate to medical and financial concerns and control issues with children and the government.

The doors for the program open at 9 a.m. with a free breakfast. Numerous informational exhibits will be on display showcasing offerings from Walgreens, Zounds, Shop-Rite, Social Security, United Healthcare and many more companies and government agencies.

There will also be free on-site health screenings from Trinitas Regional Medical Center and Overlook Hospital. The panel discussion will begin at 10:15 a.m.

"Everyone tells us they have our best interests at heart. But do they really, especially when money is involved?" asks Ellen Steinberg, Chair of the Senior Council. "From doctors to family members to financial consultants to government officials, how can we be sure we are really getting what we want and what we need?"

Speaking on the panel is Dr. Kevin Lukenda, the Family Medicine Chair at Trinitas

Regional Medical Center. He will give an overview on medical decision making and how important a second opinion can be.

Dr. Joan Kakascik, who helped write the New Jersey guardianship law, will speak about retaining financial and caretaking independence and the issues of legal control among family members.

On the financial side, we'll get the basics about managing money for the long term from Kambiz Saadat of ConnectOne Bank while William Logue who teaches classes at Union County College will discuss how to avoid investor fraud.

The last topic will be about maneuvering the maze of government programs. Carl Robinson, from Social Security will be on hand to help residents understand how to get the most out of their benefits.

The formal program will end at 11:30 a.m. with time for questions at the end. There is no charge for this event, but it is requested that attendees RSVP.

For more information or to RSVP contact the Union County Senior Citizens Council at 908-964-7555. The Senior Citizens Council is a not-for-profit organization devoted to living longer and living smarter.

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Some residents do not approve of Rahway River Park upgrades

County, city say 'mischaracterizations' partly to blame

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — Although the county and city are sharing costs to make close to \$5 million in upgrades to the sports area of Rahway River Park, a grassroots group of residents are trying to stop the project.

According to county officials, discussions about upgrading the sports area of the park began in 2011. Then in 2012 the county began setting aside money for future improvements to the 40-year old soccer field and track in the park, which borders Rahway and Clark. The improvements would include a turf field and an eight-lane running track.

When Rahway city officials heard the county was thinking about upgrading the sports area in the park they said it was an opportunity to possibly join forces.

Mayor Sam Steinman explained the condition of Veteran's Field in Rahway had deteriorated to such a degree that the high school could no longer reliably schedule home games. The idea to combine resources so any improvements the county made would allow the high school to use the facility for their home games seemed like a win.

For years Rahway High School has been without a football field because Veterans Park has been rendered virtually unusable due to flood problems. This left the high school without a home turf for football games and few options to find another one due to the high cost and lack of suitable open land.

So the city eventually approached the county suggesting they share in the cost for



Photo By Cheryl Hehl

Residents living near Rahway River Park are expressing big concerns about the fate of the park and how upgrades could affect their property values.

the turf field, lighting, restrooms, bleachers and a concession stand.

The county was in full support of such a venture because they felt residents in all towns could benefit because the high school only needed the field for five to seven home football games. This would leave the turf field open the rest of the time for other municipalities to use it for their sporting events.

Both Steinman and county officials explained that because there is such a demand for fields, meeting all the requests

for reservations has been difficult. The addition of a turf field would ease this backlog, they said, and allow for more playing time year round.

Based on this, the two joined forces, agreeing the county would contribute \$2.4 million towards the venture and Rahway \$2.3 million.

Although Steinman and county officials saw this as a unique sharing of services, residents living in nearby Clark did not. In fact, they were so upset about these pro- See **RESIDENTS**, Page 12

State comptroller identifies plan that could 'save millions'

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Thousands of homeowners may want to enjoy the tax credits they claimed in the past because the state comptroller figured out where things can be tightened up in the future.

In a report released late last week, a state comptroller investigation found the state can possibly save millions annually in property tax relief programs by correcting a data sharing blind spot. Specifically, the application needs to be clarified because it creates "ambiguity and confusion."



The comptroller investigation began with a tip from a member of the general public, who alleged that eight homeowners in their municipality were receiving a larger homestead credit than they were entitled to because a portion of their residence was occupied by other tenants. Subsequently the comptroller found that seven of the eight homeowners had, in fact, received overpayments of \$2,897.

The report, issued April 9, estimates that thousands of homeowners have received larger property tax credits than they were entitled to because they inaccurately claimed to occupy 100 percent of a multi-unit property when applying for the Homestead Property Tax Credit program, the Property Tax Reimbursement program and the state Property Tax Deduction.

Homestead credits are available to New Jersey homeowners who meet certain income limits as well as other guidelines. The Property Tax Reimbursement program provides reimbursements to eligible senior citizens and disabled citizens to offset property tax increases to their primary residence. The Property Tax Deduction reduces gross income taxes for eligible homeowners and tenants who pay property taxes.

In order to correct this "blind spot," the comptroller's office has asked the state division of taxation to require local tax assessors to report information regarding the number of dwelling units for each See **COMPTROLLER**, Page 10

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Union says it's time for Ursino to pay up

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today. While that can be a painful day for people in Union Township and across the country, I take some solace in knowing it is just one day out of the year in which I will need to write that check," said the mayor, but added "unfortunately, we cannot say the same when it comes to our dealings with Kean University."

"We are all continuously left writing checks as a result of their fiscal mismanagement, bad decision making and outright refusal by Kean University to handle their fiduciary responsibilities," he said

Figueiredo went on to explain that the consequences of Kean's decisions affect all Union taxpayers who end up paying the university's bills while they spend more money.

"Kean University leadership continues to spend recklessly and do whatever they want with impunity," the mayor added, pointing out the state university has had plummeting enrollment numbers, skyrocketing tuitions and consistently downgraded credit ratings that "clearly have had no impact on University President Dawood Farahi and the board of trustees."

"How else could you explain their decision to push for construction on two additional dorm facilities while they are sitting on over 300 empty beds right now?" said Figueiredo.

The mayor also brought up the university's decision to buy the \$219,000 conference table handcrafted in China, while Kean remains \$330 million in debt and hands out \$19 million in taxpayer funded administrative salaries, including a \$200,000 bonus for Farahi.

"But they have the nerve to dispute the \$78,215 they owe our community in taxes?" Figueiredo added.

"Farahi and the board of trustees repeatedly abuse taxpayers in the township and across New Jersey every other day, so it is only fitting they follow through on tax day while the rest of us pay our bills and recognize the necessity of living within our means," the mayor said, adding "and why wouldn't they when we continue to be the ones footing the bill for their irresponsible actions."

In 2013 the township sent Ursino a surprise \$50,000 tax bill in January, the first one the restaurant received.

Township Administrator Ron Manzella explained there is a special provision in the law that allows a municipality to levy a tax if a state run facility rents the property to a for-profit business.

While Gourmet Dining Services, the operator of the restaurant, did not object to receiving a tax bill, they did have a problem with the amount and appealed the bill. The tax court eventually sided with the township and Kean immediately appealed the decision, tying the township's hands once again.

Because Ursino is on university property, they avoided the usual problem most businesses face when trying to open a restaurant: obtaining a liquor license. If a restaurant is on state property, the operator bypasses local authorities and goes directly through the state to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages, paying just \$1,000 for that privilege.

There are other advantages, too. Usually when a proprietor wants to open a restaurant, they face an uphill battle in getting a liquor license since each municipality only issues a certain number of licenses, depending on the population.



File Photo

The new Green Lane Building at Kean University, home of the infamous \$219,000 conference table, is also home of the on-campus Barnes and Noble, and Union wants the business to pay taxes.

Once this number is reached, no additional licenses can be given out until a restaurant closes and the license is up for grabs.

According to a restaurant owner who obtained a liquor license in Union, it does not come cheap. In fact, he said, a license to sell alcoholic beverages in an establishment can run as high as \$100,000.

A municipality, though, does not get involved except when it comes to issuing the license.

Sources said Gourmet Dining Group, owned by the Frungillo Brothers, received a ten-year, no-bid contract extension for food services at Kean, in addition to the right to operate the farm-to-table fare at Ursino to paying customers. But students can rarely afford to eat at this upscale restaurant because the prices are too steep for their budgets.

But while Ursino is supposed to be a culinary trend setter, it is bleeding money. Sources within the university

administration have confirmed the facility is losing money, but the loss will continue to be made up by Kean's food services contract. Enough, perhaps, to pay their tax bill, after all the appeals run their courses.

As for Barnes and Noble, this chain business took up residence in the group floor of the new Kean building at the corner of Morris Avenue and Green Lane. Upstairs, in a room with a wall of windows overlooking the Manhattan skyline, is the \$219,000 conference table Farahi ordered from China.

In addition to its normal merchandise, Barnes and Noble sells university related books and apparel, along with housing a Starbucks coffee franchise. The two businesses are profit makers, but it is unknown how much earnings were realized in year one and two. The facility is open to any consumers, and not simply students.

According to township officials, they fully intend to stay the course until Kean legally meets their tax obligations.

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'Taxpayers shouldn't be subsidizing Exxon'

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2006, that found ExxonMobil liable for restoration of the natural resources impacted by these discharges occurring over many decades.

The legal battle between the state DEP and ExxonMobil went on for more than a decade, but there was an expectation the oil giant would reimburse New Jersey \$8.9 billion based on what experts said during a trial last year targeting the company's liability.

That number, though, fell by the wayside when the state announced in early March it had come to an agreement with the company for \$225 million.

The lawsuit was filed in 2004 against the world's largest publicly traded energy company and after a trial in 2014 that lasted 66-days, Superior Court Judge Michael Hogan of Mt. Holley was within days of handing down a damages ruling when the governor's administration requested in late January that he hold off because the two were close to making a deal out of court.

Lesniak is not the only one calling the settlement a "sell-out." In addition to legislators, who are trying to block the state from accepting the settlement, environmental groups have come out against the deal.

Jeff Tittel, executive director of the New Jersey Sierra Club, was livid over the state accepting three-cents on the dollar for such extensive contamination damages.

"This is money that rightfully belongs to the people of New Jersey to make up for the injury to the environment," he said, adding that the deal was a "two-fer," which reduced settlements to help oil companies before Christie's presidential campaign and "the governor can quickly get more money for the record amounts of corporate subsidies he is handing out."

Raising the ire of legislators is that it is possible the settlement monies may not even be applied to what they was intended for, which is the environment. Due to a New Jersey appropriations law, the first \$50 million has to be designated to the state cleanup fund, but anything beyond that amount can be diverted to balance the state budget.

Earlier this year, with that budget language now law, the Christie administration finalized a series of settlements against Occidental Petroleum. Although a judge in 2011 ruled the company was liable for between \$1 and \$4 billion, in the end Christie's administration settled for \$355 million.

However, there are similarities between Occidental Petroleum's settlement and the ExxonMobil settlement.

According to information obtained by LocalSource, both energy companies were represented by the law firm of Archer and Greiner, which has extensive ties to the Christie administration. For instance, the same law firm represents the state attorney general in other matters.

What this means is the state negotiated with the same firm that represents their interests in other litigation. It is especially noteworthy because according to state records, the state has paid Archer and Greiner \$1.1 million since Christie took office in 2010; however, the law firm has done business with the state and locally since 2006 under both Democrat and Republican administrations.

Archer and Greiner was also a member of Christie's transition team when he took over as governor and was appointed to serve on the board of the New Jersey Economic Development Agency, which offers capital to businesses looking to grow in New Jersey. The firm is also bond counsel for this agency.

Since 2013 the Archer and Greiner law firm made \$30,000 in contributions to the Christie-led Republican Governors Association, according to information obtained from PoliticalMoneyLine.com. Its clients ExxonMobil and Occidental donated \$2 million to RGA since 2009, with \$1.9 million of that from ExxonMobil.

Christie's first attorney general also worked for Exxon for seven years and his deputy chief of staff left the governor's office in 2014 for a job with one of the oil giant's lobbying firms in Trenton. Weeks before the settlement was announced, one of his cabinet secretaries took a job with Exxon's New Jersey law firm.



File Photo

Sen. Ray Lesniak continues to raise the stakes in his battle against the proposed \$225 million settlement between ExxonMobil and the state, but new details about former Christie staffers working for the giant company as lobbyists and in other positions have emerged, which may raise further questions about the deal.

These donations included \$279,000 that was given during Christie's election and reelection races and another half-million when he chaired the organization in 2014.

In addition, one of ExxonMobil's law firms in the Bayway contamination case also made \$30,000 in donations to the RGA since 2013.

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Adding insult to injury was news that ExxonMobil probably can write off any payment they have to make in damages on the next year's taxes, lowering the overall amount of the fine.

Democrat State Senate President Steve Sweeney said last weekend that he will be introducing legislation pre-

venting ExxonMobil and other companies from deducting the cost of legal settlements from their state tax bills.

"Taxpayers shouldn't be subsidizing Exxon or other corporations for bad behavior," Sweeney said, adding "contaminating the environment should not be considered the cost of doing business."

Sweeney said his legislation will specifically prohibit corporations from defining legal settlements as a routine business expense that can be deducted from the state corporate business tax, which can significantly reduce a corporation's total costs and liabilities.

The proposed settlement, in which ExxonMobil does not admit guilt for the contamination, will resolve liability for the natural resource damage by contamination from refinery operations in Linden and Bayonne. A separate agreement requiring the mega oil company to clean up the two sites, which is estimated to cost as much as \$4 billion, was previously agreed upon and has been underway.

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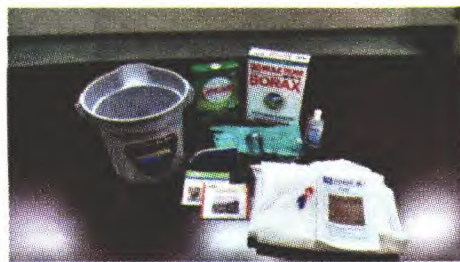
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Comptroller report identifies 'gap' in Homestead rebate

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property in their municipality. This data, they said, is already being collected by local tax assessors and could easily be included with property information currently being reported to the state.

"Our report identifies a gap in the oversight of property tax relief programs and it offers a clear solution for closing that gap," said Marc Larkins, acting state comptroller.

The state, he explained, can save millions of dollars a year by requiring local tax assessors to report information already known.

"We look forward to continuing to work with the state Division of Taxation to ensure that dollars set aside for property tax relief are spent appropriately and as the law intended," Larkins said.

In response to the investigation, the division of taxation has already sent letters to municipalities seeking adjustments from 3,771 taxpayers who received a full rebate from the Homestead Property Tax Credit program even though their properties were designated as multi-unit. The comptroller anticipates recovering more than \$1.6 million from that effort.

The comptroller also recommended that the taxation department attempt to identify all other property owners in the state who improperly received 100 percent credit from the Homestead Property Tax Credit, Property Tax Reimbursement and state Property Tax Deduction programs. More than \$1 billion has been budgeted for the three programs for 2015 and the comptroller estimates that such a review could possibly save the state millions of additional dollars.

The amount of rebates and credits for all three programs are adjusted downward when eligible homeowners do not occupy 100 percent of a multi-unit property. For example, the comptroller said the owner of a two-family home who occupies only one of two equally-sized units, would only be entitled to 50 percent of the total Homestead Property Tax Credit.

In order to see if the overpayments were occurring statewide, the comptroller's office got together with the division of taxation to identify properties whose owners received 100 percent of the homestead credit and had addresses that were listed on more than one state tax return. The search found 65,000 addresses.

From that list the state took a closer look at 101 properties and eventually determined that homeowners at 29 of them received \$9,000 more in rebates than they were entitled because they inaccurately reported occupying 100 percent of their residence. On average, the comptroller found homeowners received a rebate that was 55 percent higher than the amount they were entitled.

From that group of 29, the comptroller's office identified four homeowners who received excessive property tax reimbursements totaling \$1,500 and 12 homeowners who claimed excess property tax deductions amounting to more than \$48,000.

The names of these 29 property owners have all been referred to the state division of taxation.

'We look forward to continuing to work with the state Division of Taxation to ensure that dollars set aside for property tax relief are spent appropriately and as the law intended.'

— Marc Larkins



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With the snow and cold weather in the past, cyclists' thoughts are now turning to a signature annual event—the Tour de Elizabeth. On Sunday, May 17, the City of Elizabeth, in cooperation with Groundwork Elizabeth, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders HEART grant program, local representative governments, non-profit partners, and businesses, will host the annual “Tour de Elizabeth”, a 15-mile bicycle ride for riders of every skill level. Registration is open via www.elizabethnj.org, www.groundworkelizabeth.com, or by mail. Special incentives of a cap and shirt are slated for those who register by May 10.

City of Elizabeth Police provide escorts and traffic control officers to a crowd that includes riders of all ages and skill levels, so that cyclists make it safely through the many road intersections. Although the tour welcomes both young and old, the safety portion of the committee led by the Police Department stresses that riders should have a basic level of competency and children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. And of course, helmets are a requirement.

This year's theme is “Elizabeth's Arches, Bridges, and Parks”, which will offer a view of open space architectural achievements. Mayor Chris Bollwage looks forward to the tour every year, saying, “from historic sites to new developments, this family friendly event is a great way to experience the fourth largest City in the State.”

The Tour starts promptly at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 17, but registrants are advised to arrive early. Riders can register by downloading the registration form at elizabethnj.org or groundworkelizabeth.com or by calling 908-289-0262. Forms are also available at bicycle stores and other venues across Union County. Last minute registration on the morning of the ride beginning at 7:30 a.m. is also possible at the event site, 50 Winfield Scott Plaza. Those who sign up by May 10 will receive a free hat or T-shirt courtesy of tour sponsors Elegant Headwear and T-rific T's.



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A rider smiles wide during last year's Tour de Elizabeth, which is an annual event and just around the corner. The tour is set for May 17, but residents who register by May 10 will receive a cap and T-shirt.

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Residents very concerned about park plans

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posed upgrades to the park they formed a group called The Coalition to Save Historic Rahway River Park.

Since then misinformation has continued to surface about what would be built, which raised the ire of both coalition members and officials, who want the facts out there, not half-truths.

“The county wants to have a dialogue with the residents but when mischaracterizations occur, that becomes difficult,” said Union County Communication Director Sebastian D’Elia.

Freeholder Angel Estrada was concerned about the half-truths that have been making the rounds and tried to set the record straight.

“This is no Meadowlands. It’s a simple complex of 1,200 seats. This is a very moving and ongoing issue, but the reality is there will be more information as this develops,” said Estrada, adding that he believed “the kids deserve a place where they can play that is open to communities as a whole.”

The coalition, represented by president Kelly Tropeano, believes the money for this project will come out of taxpayers pockets not only in Rahway, but countywide. Because of this and many other reasons, they fully intend to stop the proposed stadium from ever being built in order to “preserve Rahway River Park as it was intended: a peaceful haven of relaxation, light recreation with natural open spaces to be enjoyed by both humans and local wildlife.”

“The coalition has maintained from the beginning that our issue is not with giving the children of Rahway an upgraded athletic facility, as we do agree they are in need of a safe and reliable place for their sporting events,” said Tropeano, arguing the upgrades should not be done in Rahway River Park due to the impact it would have on the park’s ecosystem and surrounding neighborhoods.

The county has flatly denied the coalition’s accusation, noting the proposed upgrade of the sports field will not impact the wildlife in the area, or cause traffic and parking issues.

Tropeano said it was “thoughtless and naïve” of city and county officials to think a stadium will not have any impact on the park’s wildlife, let alone parking and traffic.

One Rahway resident who stepped to the microphone during the freeholder board meeting said he was very concerned about the 110 species of birds in the park, in addition to six species of ducks and several types of owls, not to mention the resulting parking problem that would occur.

Steinman explained many spectators carpool to football games, while the teams go by bus. Additionally, he pointed out that Rahway River Park is traditionally busiest during the summer months, while school athletic games are typically held during the spring and fall.

“This project is sensible and not as blown up as some have made it out to be. The field will be built upon what is already there and will preserve the natural beauty of the park,” the Rahway mayor said.

Another resident of Rahway, Robert Carson, a soccer coach for the last 20 years, said Rahway River Park “is a gem that is rare in Union County.”

“I think there is a lot of clarification that needs to be done,” he told the freeholder board, mentioning that turf is “toxic and can reach a temperature of 160 degrees in summer.”

Jeff Freeman, a Rahway resident for 31 years, lives adjacent to the park. He told the freeholder board he was very concerned about the impact such a project would eventually have on his home value.

“For myself and neighbors, this would drastically reduce our property values,” he said.

Freeholder Board Chairman Mohamed Jalloh explained that plans were in the early stages and the county fully



Photo By Cheryl Hehl

Rahway and the county want to install a turf field, a track, bleachers for 1,200, a scoreboard and a concession stand with restrooms at Rahway River Park, but many residents in the area are very concerned about unintended consequences, like traffic, parking issues and disturbing the wildlife.

intended to have a public meeting on the matter as soon as things were finalized.

“There are no contractors hired, no resolution has been drafted or approved, but there will be a presentation on this in the future,” said the freeholder chairman.

County officials also put together several fact sheets to clarify the half-truths circulating, specifically that the turf field and track were not original to the design of the park.

D’Elia pointed out that a contract signed by Percival Gallager of the Olmsted Brothers firm on March 6, 1925 explained what uses there would be in the park when it was conceived. The designation then, he said, was for football and track, even though currently it is only being used for soccer and track.

Officials felt the coalition also put statements on Facebook that greatly exaggerated the size of the project. For example, although the coalition continues to say there will be 5,000 bleacher seats, that was reduced to 1,200 after input from residents and officials.

At a recent freeholder meeting county manager Al Faella said that although a four-foot chain link fence would be erected around the track, it will not be locked. The fence, he explained, will be a standard safety upgrade.

“It’s purpose is to discourage unsafe and potentially damaging use of the track, for example by off-road or motorized vehicles,” Faella added.

The county manager also addressed the issue of any of the upgrades violating state environmental regulations.

“Any work we do will undergo the required reviews by the DEP and other regulators,” Faella said, bringing up yet another point that he felt had been misrepresented by the objecting residents.

“This park is not on the state or town historic register,”

he said, noting that while Rahway River Park is certainly eligible to be on the historic register, it is not.

Faella also mentioned that there has been information circulating that the new field will encroach on at least one existing baseball field and this “is absolutely false. There will be no encroachment on any baseball field.”

Rahway Business Administrator Cherron Rountree also spoke on the issue during the freeholder board meeting, expressing concern that many of the facts involved with the upgrades to the park were not reaching the public.

Rountree said that although rumors continue to persist that thousands of people would be attending the five to seven Rahway High School home football games during the fall months, that was not accurate.

“While I would love to say we have thousands of people coming out to our games, we actually only have a few hundred,” the city business administrator said.

Steinman has responded to letters and emails sent by Tropeano and concerned residents living in Rahway and Clark, in an attempt to dispel rumors.

“The current proposal is to build a multi-purpose athletic field, but this is not intended to be a stadium,” he said in one response letter, pointing out the improvements would be “largely in the footprint of the current field.”

Steinman also said it was Rahway that asked the county to add the two team pavilions, scoreboard, bleachers, press box and small concession stand with bathrooms.

“This would be built at Rahway’s expense,” the Rahway mayor said.

“The freeholders have been gracious enough to work with us on this project which will result in a better facility not only for Rahway residents but residents throughout the county,” the mayor added.

RAHWAY NEWS

Prevention Coalition to discuss 'emerging trends' in marijuana use

The Rahway Prevention Coalition will partner with the Health and Wellness Coalition of Union County to host a parent program on emerging trends in youth marijuana use on Monday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 1 City Hall Plaza. The featured presenter will be Timothy Shoemaker, a veteran police officer, drug educator and founder of MPowered Parent, a drug-information resource for parents.

With more than 20 years of teaching experience and the latest in audio-visual technology, Shoemaker brings the clandestine world of the recreational drug user right to parents in an unparalleled presentation, bringing information to parents about the latest in teen marijuana trends. Attendees will have the opportunity to: closely inspect real drug paraphernalia and drug placebos, witness live demonstrations of concealment products and techniques, learn reliable real-world methods for detecting marijuana, and explore research-based parenting techniques proven to reduce substance use among teens.

Last year Rahway was awarded the 2014 Drug Free Communities Support Grant providing funding for the Rahway Prevention Coalition to organize in an effort prevent youth substance use.

The program is funded in part by the Drug Free Communities Grant, administered by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and is free to attend. Seating is limited and advance registration is encouraged. To register, visit www.Facebook.com/RahwayPreventionCoalition.

Bonagura; Jesse & Noah to perform at UCPAC Loft, April 25

Americana artists Alyssa Bonagura and Jesse & Noah will perform on Saturday, April 25 at 8 p.m. at the Loft at

Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. The concert is part of the ongoing Split Level Concert Series highlighting critically acclaimed singer-songwriters in an intimate setting.

Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$24 at the door, and can be purchased by calling the UCPAC Box Office at 732-499-8226 or visiting www.ucpac.org.

Upcoming Split Level Concerts include Amy Black at UCPAC Mainstage on May 2, and Dayna Kurtz at UCPAC Loft on June 6. For a full listing of shows, visit Split Level Concerts website at www.splitlevelconcerts.com and Union County Performing Arts Center website at www.ucpac.org.

'Firefly Run' 5K set for May 21

New Jersey's first Firefly Run, an illuminated 5K race, will take place at dusk in downtown Rahway on May 21. The run begins at Rahway City Hall at 7:30 p.m., with registration from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration fees range from \$25 to \$55, depending on the registration date.

All registrants receive a T-shirt, two Firefly Run 3M reflective LED light bands, a race bib, and a mystery gift. A costume contest and post-race celebration follows the race at 9 p.m. with music, lights, lasers, costume contest and dancing.

The Firefly Run, which will benefit The Valerie Fund, is one-of-a-kind night-time race open to runners and walkers of all speeds and experience. Costume-contest participation is encouraged.

The Valerie Fund is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide support for the comprehensive health care of children with cancer and blood disorders. Families turn to The Valerie Fund because of the combination of medical care, counseling, and other services it provides. The Valerie Fund Children's Centers comprise the largest network of health care facilities for children with cancer and blood disorders in New Jersey, and one of the largest

in the nation. For more information about the Firefly Run, contact Jorge E. Casalins at 732-827-2096, or visit www.cityofrahway.com or www.fireflyrun.com.

Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Party set for June 18 at Hamilton Stage

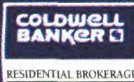
The second annual Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Party is set for Thursday, June 18, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Hamilton Stage, 360 Hamilton St. in Rahway. This event is a fundraiser for Union County Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door; patrons must be 21 years or older to attend.

A selection of fine domestic and foreign wines will be available, as well as an array of international cheeses, assorted chocolate and live music by Karickter, Rahway's own pop duo. Tickets are available online at www.ucpac.org, by phone at 732-499-8226 or at the UCPAC box office, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For a full listing of shows, visit the Union County Performing Arts Center website at www.ucpac.org.

Farmers market accepting applications from potential vendors

Mayor Samson D. Steinman has announced that the Rahway Department of Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications from vendors who wish to sell their produce and products at the Rahway Farmers Market. The Rahway Farmers Market will be held Thursdays from May 21 to Nov. 19, from noon to 7 p.m. at the Rahway Train Station Plaza. Space is available on a first come, first served basis.

Vendors may sell farm grown whole fruits and vegetables as well as value-added agricultural products including cheese, honey, cut flowers, jams and jellies, nuts and soaps produced or processed by the seller and regulated by government agency.



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Former mayor sentenced for insurance fraud

A former mayor of Roselle has been sentenced to 90 days in county jail for committing insurance fraud in connection with a motor vehicle accident that took place a little more than four years ago, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park announced Friday, April 10.

Garrett Smith, 53, will also serve a period of three years' probation, according to the terms set down Friday by state Superior Court Judge Robert J. Mega. Smith had pleaded guilty in February to a single count of second-degree insurance fraud, with the admission coming the day before his trial was scheduled to begin.

At approximately 2 a.m. on Dec. 25, 2010, Smith left a Roselle bar and struck a parked vehicle with his 2001 Lincoln Town Car on his way home, according to Union County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Vanderstreet, who prosecuted the case.

Instead of reporting the accident, however, Smith continued home, Vanderstreet said. The next day, having parked his car facing the wrong way on the street outside of his home, Smith called police to report that someone, possibly the driver of a snowplow, had struck his vehicle in the aftermath of a significant snowstorm that had just hit the area.

Contradicting that account were two facts uncovered by the Roselle Police Department: first, Vanderstreet said, officers traced a trail of automotive fluids from the scene of the actual accident to Smith's garage, and second, a broken piece of Smith's Town Car's bumper was also recovered next to the vehicle he had struck.

ROSELLE NEWS

Come out to Roselle Health screenings

The Roselle Health Department announces a partnership with HeartScan Services, a non-invasive, mobile cardiovascular screening and wellness company.

On Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., medical professionals will provide stroke screenings, thyroid nodule screenings, blood pressure screenings, and acidity testing, along with other services. In addition, there will be educational materials available on various health topics. Call the Borough of Roselle Health Department to schedule your appointment for screening at 908-259-3032/3039.

Roselle presents the tumbling program

The Roselle Department of Recreation presents the 2015 Roselle Tumbling Program. This six-week program for Roselle residents, ages 5 to 16, will be held every Thursday, from 6 to 7 p.m., through May 7, at Diamond Gymnastics, 1 Commerce Drive, Cranford.

For more information, contact Janna Williams at 908-590-3869 or jannawilliams1@gmail.com; or Donald Shaw at 908-634-4502 or dshaw@boroughofroselle.com.

Volunteer for Roselle Cares Day

Volunteer for Roselle Cares Day on April 18. There will be flowers planted, tilling of the community garden, paint-

ing, and cleaning of community parks beginning at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut St., from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Donald Shaw at 908-634-4502 or dshaw@boroughofroselle.com; Sharon West at sqwest102@yahoo.com.

Sign up for Roselle Double Dutch

The Roselle Department of Recreation presents "Roselle Double Dutch" by the Floyd-Little Athletic Clinic. This free 10-week program for Roselle residents, ages 7 and up, meets every Wednesday through June 3 at L.V. Moore Middle School, 710 Locust St., from 6 to 7 p.m.

Limited space is available. For more information, contact Janna Williams at 908-590-3869 or jannawilliams1@gmail.com; or Donald Shaw at 908-634-4502 or dshaw@boroughofroselle.com.

2015 Roselle Summer Camp employment applications available

Like to work with children and need a summer job? Apply to work at the 2015 Roselle Summer Camp. Applications are available until May 29, at the Borough of Roselle Clerk's Office, Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut St.

Roselle to take up 'My Brother's Keeper' community challenge

Mayor Jamel C. Holley and the Roselle Borough Council have signed on to be a "My Brother's Keeper" community, focused on helping boys and young men of color achieve success.

The borough's adoption of this effort follows President Obama's September 2014 challenge to cities, towns, counties and tribes across the country to become "MBK Communities."

The MBK Community Challenge encourages communities to implement a coherent cradle-to-college-and-career strategy for improving the life outcomes of all young people to ensure that they can reach their full potential, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or the circumstances into which they are born.

Attend Roselle Public Library's Family Fun Night

Bring the entire family and enjoy a variety of activities including scavenger hunts, board games, charades, puppetry, crafting, creative drama and more on Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Roselle Public Library, 104 West Fourth Ave.



Clark students 'serve' women's history

The second grade students from Frank K. Hehnlly School in Clark recently had the opportunity to research famous women in history as part of Women's History Month. Students were asked to use various sources of information to gather facts on a famous woman in history and to write a report on that famous woman. There was a fun twist to this assignment; the report was created in a pizza box and 'served' to fellow students and parents to enjoy. 'The students really enjoy learning about the women who have made important contributions to our society,' said Shirley Bergin, principal of Hehnlly School. 'I am so proud of their creations, as they not only demonstrate how proficient our students are with research and writing, but also how creative our students can be as well. I also extend my kudos to our teachers, for motivating our researchers with a fun, learning experience.'

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Design It! Explore It! with 4-H youth club

Educators and after-school program staff will have an opportunity to learn hands-on activities that give students real-life experience with engineering and scientific exploration with "Design It! Explore It!" This professional development workshop series is offered by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development program.

The workshops provide everything educators need to introduce the activities to an after-school program for students in grades two to eight. Ongoing support from Rutgers 4-H is also included.

"Design It! and Explore It!" is designed to help students engage with science and technology topics through fun, hands-on projects including gliders, straw rockets, and cake chemistry. The programs were created by Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development and the New Jersey School-Age Care Coalition, which have also partnered to introduce the two programs to educators throughout New Jersey. Registration closes June 12; to reserve a place, visit the Extension at Rutgers University, nj4h.rutgers.edu/educators.

For more information about programs in Union County visit ucnj.org/rce or call 908-654-9854.

SUMMIT NEWS

Summit holds 9th annual Earth Day Clean-up on April 18

The City of Summit is holding its 9th annual Earth Day Clean-up on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to noon, and Sunday afternoon, April 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. Members of the community, individuals and groups are invited to pitch in and help beautify Summit's parks and open spaces.

The Clean-up is sponsored by the City of Summit Environmental Commission and is conducted in partnership with the Washington Area Association, Briant Park Olmsted Conservancy, and Summit GreenFaith Circle.

According to Division of Public Works Superintendent Paul Cascais, last year 140 volunteers of all ages collected an estimated 1.23 tons of trash and debris from City parks and open spaces. Volunteers also removed invasive plants and spread wood chips on trails.

On Saturday, city sites that will be part of the Earth Day Clean-up include portions of Wilson Park, Martin's Brook, and the open spaces surrounding the Transfer Station near Mount Vernon Road, Constantine Place and Risk Avenue.

Union County sites in Summit that will be part of the clean-up include Passaic River Park and Briant Park. On Sunday afternoon, the Summit GreenFaith Circle will supervise the clean-up of Hidden Valley Park near Jefferson School. To register a group for participation, email summitearthday2015@gmail.com. Individuals and walk-ins are welcome at Briant Park and Martin's Brook on Saturday, April 18, between 9 a.m. and noon, and at Hidden Valley Park on Sunday between 1 and 4 p.m. Participants are asked to bring work gloves and a beverage. Community service hours are available. In the event of heavy rain on Saturday, the Clean-up will be held on Sunday, April 19. Weather updates will be posted on cityofsummit.org for both days, if necessary.

Haiku poets to give reading, April 26

On Sunday, April 26, from 2 to 4 p.m., the Haiku Poets of the Garden State will give a poetry reading at the Summit Free Public Library in celebration of National Poetry Month.

This group of writers dedicated to the craft of haiku poetry meets regularly to share and critique their work. The program will include a short overview of Japanese poetic forms. It is free and open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

The Summit Free Public Library is located at 75 Maple Street. For more information, call 908-273-0350 or visit www.summitlibrary.org.

Library to present Arbor Day event

On Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., the Summit Free Public Library presents its annual Arbor Day presentation, "Native Species for Planting in Summit: A Guide to Ecological Landscaping." The program will feature a panel discussion on the appreciation and utilization of native New Jersey species for residential and commercial landscaping.

The panelists, City Forester John Linson and Reeves-Reed Arboretum Director of Horticulture Marc Montefusco, will discuss gardening with native trees and shrubs, ecological landscaping, retail sources for native New Jersey species, and more.

This event is part of the city of Summit's 20th annual Arbor Day celebration.

After the program all attendees are invited to meet the panelists and enjoy light refreshments, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

The Summit Free Public Library is located at 75 Maple Street. For information, call 908-273-0350, or visit www.summitlibrary.org.

Welsh Scholarship applications now available at Oak Knoll

Applications for the Beverly Jeanne Welsh Scholarship Fund are now available through the guidance offices at Kent Place School, Oak Knoll School and Summit High School.

The Welsh Scholarship is open to young women who demonstrate financial need, who are permanent residents of Summit, and who currently attend or have graduated from one of these Summit high schools. It is available to students who will either enter college in the fall, are currently enrolled as undergraduates, or who have completed an undergraduate degree and are seeking assistance for graduate or professional study. The scholarship, administered through Kent Place School, will grant awards to local young women demonstrating academic excellence, leadership, service to the community, citizenship and character.

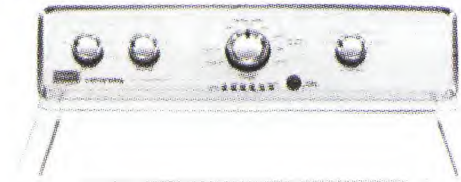
A \$1 million bequest from the estate of longtime Summit resident Evelyn Welsh endowed the Beverly Jeanne Welsh Scholarship Fund that provides the funds for the scholarships. The Welsh Scholarship Fund, which also provides financial aid for Kent Place students, honors the memory of Beverly Jeanne Welsh, a 1952 graduate of Kent Place School.

Scholarship decisions are made by a selection committee that includes Jennifer Simpson at Kent Place School; Jay McGraw of the Kent Place School Board; Laura Kaplan at Summit High School; and Kathleen Skiff at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child. Young women interested in applying for the scholarship should contact a member of the selection committee from their high school. Completed applications must be postmarked or returned to the applicant's guidance office by April 24. The selection committee will meet in May. Decisions will be announced by June 12.

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OPINION

Stop driving while distracted

EDITORIAL

New Jersey is often called the “commuter state,” particularly because so many of its residents travel to work in the adjoining states of New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware, and the urban centers of New York City and Philadelphia. Traffic comes into the Garden State as well, making traffic jams and delays just another part of the landscape. A big cause for these delays is car accidents. And although reckless drivers often bob and weave through traffic to save a few minutes on their commute, the No. 1 cause of accidents in New Jersey is distracted driving, according to an annual analysis by the state police.

In an effort to tackle this problem head on, New Jersey is giving \$5,000 enforcement grants to 38 law-enforcement agencies throughout the state, as part of the larger nationwide “U Text, U Drive, U Pay” effort, which continues through Tuesday, April 21. Many law-enforcement agencies who did not receive a grant are also participating.

State safety officials are hoping this effort will reduce distracted driving in the same way that “Click It or Ticket” increased seat belt use. During last year’s “U Text, U Drive, U Pay” campaign, 13,478 summonses were issued in New Jersey for illegal phone use, which carries a \$200 to \$400 fine for the first offense; for a third offense, the penalty is an \$800 fine and three motor vehicle points.

According to John Hoffman, acting attorney general of the state of New Jersey, of the 3 million motor vehicle accidents in New Jersey between 2004 and 2013, 1.4 million involved driver inattention. In 2004, driver inattention was cited as a major contributing circumstance in 42 percent of the crashes; by 2013, that number had increased to 53 percent. As of April 2015, 14 states, including New Jersey, as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands, prohibit all drivers from using hand-held cell phones while driving. These bans are considered primary enforcement laws — meaning an officer may cite a driver for using a hand-held cell phone without any other offense taking place. Further, text messaging is banned in 45 states, including New Jersey, as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Distracted driving has burgeoned with the proliferation of cell phones, global positioning systems and other in-vehicle and personal electronic devices. According to the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine, as of March 2014, more than 3,300 people are killed

annually and an additional 400,000 are injured in the United States in distracted-driving crashes. As of July 1, New Jersey ranked 11th in the nation. Our state has an unofficial population of 8,938,175 residents, with 3,603,866 cars, 3,213,690 trucks, 152,111 motorcycles and 14,364 buses, for a grand total of 6,984,031 vehicles. With all of those vehicles on the road, it’s no wonder New Jersey numbers for distracted driving are so large. And if we don’t do something about it, it’s only going to get worse.

According to information released by OnlineSchools.com in 2013, in 2011, at least 23 percent of auto collisions in the United States involved cell phones; that’s 1.3 million crashes. The minimum amount of time your attention is taken away from the road while you’re texting and driving is 5 seconds, during which, if you’re driving at 55 mph, you would drive the length of a football field without looking at the road. Text messaging makes a crash 23 times more likely to occur. Of drivers age 18 to 20 who were involved in an auto accident in 2013, 13 percent admitted to texting or talking on their mobile devices at the time of the crash. In 2013, of the 82 percent of Americans ages 16 to 17 who own cell phones, 52 percent say they have talked on the phone while driving and 34 percent say they have texted while driving.

Unfortunately, the problem is not limited to teenagers. At least 48 percent of young drivers have seen their parents talk on a cell phone while driving; 48 percent of children ages 12 to 17 have been in a car while the driver was texting; 15 percent of young drivers have seen their parents text while driving; and 27 percent of adults have sent or received a text while driving. Further, 1 in 5 drivers of all ages has confessed to surfing the web while driving. And the way they justify texting is shocking: excuses include that reading a text is safer than composing and sending one; that texting is safe if the driver increases their following distance; and that they only text at a stop sign or red light.

The numbers don’t lie: when you’re driving a motor vehicle, reduce the number of distractions and focus on getting yourself and your passengers to the intended destination safely. Drivers should spend all of their energies driving.

Police will be cracking down through much of April on people who are texting while driving, but it’s something drivers should refrain from doing year-round. If you can’t be responsible enough to drive safely, then you shouldn’t be driving in the first place.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smokers should be more courteous

To the Editor:

A recent article in the Star-Ledger reported on more than 315,000 trash items picked up at the New Jersey shore line by volunteers in 2014. Cigarette butts, filters, cigar tips and lighters accounted for about 10 percent of all trash. At a recent trip to a store I was annoyed to see many cigarettes butts, even with a nearby cigarette disposal receptacle. I would appreciate it if smokers would be more concerned with disposing of their butts properly.

Bob Barrett
Clark

Must ‘critically challenge’ on ExxonMobil

To the Editor:

Not critically challenging the proposed sweetheart provisions of the ExxonMobile-New Jersey environment settlement that affect Linden would be akin to administrating a disorderly persons ticket to the criminal perpetrators who violently participated in the infamous 1929 Chicago St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Smith
Linden

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OPINION

Grant funds available to help improve trails

Believe it or not, our woods, fields, meadows, lawns and gardens are finally greening up, and it's time for New Jersey's "hibernators" to stretch their legs and get outdoors again!

There's no better — or more economical — path to health and fitness than getting out on New Jersey's trails. In addition to building muscles and improving heart health, a walk, run or bike ride in nature lifts depression and boosts feelings of well-being.

We're lucky to have a vast network of trails in this state we're in. New Jersey's trails range from short loops in local parks to ultra-long paths such as the 72-mile stretch of the Appalachian Trail through the Highlands or the 53-mile Batona Trail in the Pine Barrens.

Some trails are for hiking only, and some allow biking and horseback riding. There are even "paddle trails" for canoes and kayaks.

And nearly all are free!

So it's very welcome news to hear that the state Department of Environmental Protection is once again accepting applica-

THE STATE WE'RE IN

BY MICHELE S. BYERS

tions for Recreation Trail Program grants.

Local, county, state and federal agencies, as well as nonprofit groups, can apply for nearly \$1.5 million in funds to develop, maintain and restore trails and trail-related facilities. The funds come from the motor-fuel excise tax, via the Federal Highway Trust Fund. Since the Recreation Trails Program began in 1993, more than \$18 million has been awarded to projects in New Jersey.

"Trails provide recreational and health benefits to people and improve the quality of life in our communities," said Bob Martin, commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection. "New Jersey residents of all ages will be able to enjoy the trails that are created and improved with this funding."

The goal of the program is to improve access to nature, enhance environmental resources, create urban and suburban cor-

ridors, and provide additional hiking, biking and horseback riding opportunities in all parts of the state.

Past years' projects included improvements to the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park, Watchung Reservation, Liberty State Park, Hacklebarney State Park, Round Valley Recreation Area, Patriots' Path in Morris County, the Batona Trail, Allaire State Park, Stokes State Forest and the Morris Canal Greenway.

A few "water trail" projects were funded, including the Tidal Maurice River Water Trail and the Meadowlands Paddle Trails. Several projects provided summer youth employment through groups such as the Student Conservation Association.

Applicants have until April 30 to apply for the newest round of trails funding. If previous years are any indication, there should be a lot of interest; last time there were twice as many applicants as grants awarded.

Get out and enjoy a trail today! The combined benefits of fresh air, exercise and the beauty of nature can't be beat!

And if you want to challenge yourself

this year, join the "Step Into Nature Challenge." You decide on your personal goals — for example, hiking 100 miles or biking 500 miles — and New Jersey Conservation will help you achieve them in the state's great outdoors.

For information and registration go to www.njconservation.org/StepIntoNatureChallenge.htm.

To find a trail near you, check out the New York New Jersey Trail Conference website at www.nynjtc.org, New Jersey Conservation Foundation's trailhead locator map at www.njconservation.org/recreation.html, the New Jersey Trails website at www.njtrails.org or the New Jersey Hiking website at www.njhiking.com.

And to learn more about preserving land and natural resources in the Garden State, visit the New Jersey Conservation website at www.njconservation.org or contact me at info@njconservation.org.

Michele S. Byers is the executive director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation.

Waiting for the daffodil Mrs. Backhouse

THE GARDENER'S APPRENTICE

BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

The first clumps of daffodils are blooming at long last and I have to resist the urge to go out and pick all of them for the house. Little nose-gays of snowdrops and early crocus have been a welcome relief from grocery-store flowers, but daffodils in a vase — especially a blue vase — radiate spring sunshine. Any daffodil restores the soul after a long winter, but I am especially looking forward to Mrs. R.O. Backhouse, a medium-size daffodil named for a major figure in narcissus history.

Introduced in 1921, Mrs. Backhouse has long been heralded as the first pink-cupped daffodil. That description conjures up images of the harsh, blue-pink shade most often depicted in catalogs, but those images are light years away from the reality of Mrs. Backhouse.

The "pink" cups vary somewhat in color according to soil, temperature and light conditions, but are generally a soft apricot pink, accented by ivory perianth or surrounding petals. Mrs. Backhouse made a big splash at the time of its introduction, but the actual plants are subtle and elegant in the garden.

The daffodil is named for Sarah Elizabeth Dodgson Backhouse, 1857 to 1921, a pioneering daffodil breeder. It was introduced by her husband and fellow hybridizer, Robert, after her death.

Some sources suggest that she had a hand in breeding it. It is fitting that the beautiful, ground-breaking daffodil was

named after an accomplished, ground-breaking woman.

A history professor of mine once said that it is a mistake to look at and judge other eras as refracted through the prism of our own time. I try to remember that when I think of Mrs. Backhouse. When Robert Backhouse christened his pink and white narcissus, he was following long-held garden tradition by calling it Mrs. R.O. Backhouse instead of Sarah Elizabeth Backhouse.

In the 19th and much of the 20th century, most married women, except possibly actresses, went by their husband's name. In fact, "Mrs." in front of a last name, was sometimes used by single women of a certain age, as it guaranteed a degree of respectability and ruled out the possibility that the user of the title suffered from the dreaded fate of being an "old maid."

And so it was that Sarah Elizabeth Backhouse, the plant breeder, became Mrs. R.O. Backhouse, the daffodil. Her name is also attached to a golden-peach colored martagon, or Turk's cap lily, and a snowdrop, Mrs. Backhouse 12.

But who was Mrs. R.O. Backhouse? There is not much to know of her before her marriage in 1884.

Robert Ormston Backhouse, her husband, was born into a prominent Quaker family of bankers and plantmen that included his father and grandfather, both named William. R.O. Backhouse was also a competitive archer, plying his bow in the 1908 summer games in London at the advanced age of 54. It isn't clear whether Sarah arrived at plant breeding before or after her marriage. It is clear that she became very adept at it. Daffseek, the searchable database of the American Daffodil Society, credits her with nearly 270 introductions out of the 578 total for the Backhouse family.

The Backhouses were based at Sutton Court, an estate in the English County of Hertfordshire.

In addition to birthing new narcissus and lily varieties, the couple had one child, William Ormston Backhouse, born in 1885. Not surprisingly, he also became a horticulturist.

Sometimes you can tell a lot about a plant breeder's personality by looking at the traits he or she introduces into new varieties.

Sarah Backhouse bred all types and colors of daffodils, and won prizes for a white-flowered variety called Moonbeam, but she specialized in varieties with orange or golden orange cups. These were rather flashy creations from a woman who seemed to avoid the spotlight. After her death, an "In Memoriam" tribute to her in the RHS offi-

cial publication, *The Garden*, read: "Few of the famous raisers of new varieties were less known on committees or at meetings, and it was not very often that she staged many flowers in public, but when she did, it was something like a revelation to see what was there."

Not everyone can be credited with the production of "revelations."

Sarah Elizabeth Backhouse lives on in her daffodils, especially her namesake variety, which is still commercially available. It is fitting that a female descendent, Caroline Thompson, has transferred a collection of original Backhouse daffodils to her garden at the Rofsie Estate, near St. Andrews in Scotland.

A look at the estate's website — www.rofsie-estate.com/ — suggests that Thompson and her family are in the process of building on the Backhouse connection and legacy.

Next fall consider inviting Mrs. R.O. Backhouse into your own garden. Order from Old House Gardens, 536 Third St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103, 734-995-1486, www.oldhousegardens.com. Catalog \$2

Elisabeth Ginsburg, a resident of Glen Ridge, is a frequent contributor to Worrall Community Newspapers. The writer archives past columns at www.gardenersapprentice.com.

UCC to hold financial aid workshops

Beginning on Saturday, April 18, and continuing into May, Union County College will be hosting nine financial aid workshops. These workshops are to educate future college students about financial aid opportunities, scholarships, grants, loans, and more. Attendees will receive help in completing their financial aid application. Union County College will be hosting these workshops on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, April 18, at 10 a.m. — Plainfield Campus
- Wednesday, April 22, — Elizabeth Campus, Kellogg Building Rm. 414
- Saturday, April 25, at 10 a.m. — Rahway location at 1591 Irving Street
- Wednesday, April 29, at 6 p.m. — Rahway location at 1591 Irving Street
- Friday, May 1, at 12 p.m. — Plainfield Campus, Room 118
- Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m. — Elizabeth Campus, Kellogg Building Rm. 217
- Friday, May 8, at 12 p.m. — Elizabeth Campus, Kellogg Building Rm. 217
- Friday, May 15, at 12 p.m. — Elizabeth Campus, Kellogg Building Rm. 217

For more information call 908-709-7518 or visit www.ucc.edu. If you or someone attending with you is in need of special accommodations due to a disability, contact the Coordinator Services for Students with Disabilities at 908-709-7164.



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UNION THEATER REOPENS — Following a long spell with its doors closed, the Union Center movie theater on Stuyvesant Avenue has reopened with a new owner and a newly renovated space.

UNION NEWS

Union Public Library has children's programs set for May

The Children's Department of the Union Public Library has scheduled a number of programs at the Main Library during the month of May.

Preschool Storytime for children 3 1/2 through kindergarten will be held Mondays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 10:30 a.m. Registration is not required.

Saturday Craft and Story will be held Saturday, May 9, at 11 a.m. to noon, and Saturday, May 23, from 11 a.m. to noon. Children of all ages and their families, friends, and caregivers are welcome. No registration is required.

Bedtime Storytime for children of all ages will be held May 4, 11 and 18 at 7 p.m. Dress in pajamas and bring a stuffed animal for sing-along rhymes and songs. No registration is required.

Lego Club meets Thursday, May 21, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Lego creations must stay in the library, so bring a camera to take a picture. Children of all ages are welcome. No registration necessary.

ESL offered at Grace Church

Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, will offer free ESL classes Wednesday mornings, from 9:30-11:30, from April 1 to June 17. Instructors are retired teachers with a background in ESL or individuals trained in teaching ESL. Three levels of instruction will be offered. To determine the

level assignments, testing will be held Wednesday, March 25, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. To register for classes, call the church office at 908-686-3965 or email the church at gracelu4u@yahoo.com.

UHS 50th reunion set for October

The Union High School Class of 1965 will celebrate its 50th reUNION on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 7 p.m. until midnight, at Galloping Hills Caterers in Union. The \$85 ticket includes cocktail hour with open bar, buffet, oldies music by a DJ and a slide show.

Many classmates have been located, but organizers are looking for several more.

For information, or to contact the reunion committee, call Arleen Miller at 732-492-6785 or email her at auntarleen@aol.com with "Reunion" in subject line.

Community Gardens accepting new applications

The Community Gardens of Union Township is now accepting applications for a 4-by-8 raised organic bed. The cost is \$25 and includes bed soil, water source, access to the tool shed and compost pile.

For information, contact unioncommunitygardens.org, the Community Gardens of Union Facebook page, Adrienne at 908-347-7736 or Veronica at 908-687-0237.



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A windy day in Union Center. Check back for more events, as Union, just like most towns around the county, has many plans going on as the weather warms up.

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CRANFORD NEWS

Library presents 'From Ragtime to Broadway' on April 26

The Cranford Historical Society presents "American Popular Music from Ragtime to Broadway" with musician Tom Langmaack on Sunday, April 26, from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. at the Hanson House. Doors open at 2 p.m. Admission is free but reservations are required.

To R.S.V.P. please call the Historical Society's office at 908-276-0082 or send an email to cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net. The Hanson House is located at 38 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

Students host fashion show, April 17

The Cranford High School Class of 2015 will host the Garden State Exit 2015 Fashion Show on Friday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford High School Auditorium, 201 West End Place.

Come see this season's prom dresses and tuxedos modeled by Cranford High School seniors while enjoying the sights and sounds of New Jersey.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance from a participating Cranford High School senior or at the Cranford High School Library. Tickets will be available the night of the event at the Auditorium box office. Proceeds will benefit the Cranford High School Project Graduation.

Rec. Department has fitness classes

Cranford Recreation and Parks Department announces "Stretch-N-Grow," a weekly fun fitness program designed to promote exercise and wellness for preschool-aged children. The class focuses on balance, coordination and sports readiness skills. Sessions include warm up, cardio, cool down and stretching, including kids yoga.

The program is for children age 2 to 5 years old and takes place Wednesdays, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., April 15 to June 3, at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Registration is for Cranford residents only and may be done in person at the Cranford Community Center or online through Community Pass. The cost is \$85. For more information, contact the Cranford Community Center at 908-709-7283.

Theater Project presents staged reading of 'Back Channel' on April 18

The Theater Project presents a staged reading of "Back Channel," a new play by Joseph Vitale, on Saturday, April 18, at 2 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Set in 1962 during the Cuban Missile Crisis, "Back Channel" tells the story of two men who meet for lunch in a Washington, D.C. restaurant. One is television reporter John Scali; the other is Soviet embassy official Alexander Feklisov, who is, in reality, a KGB agent. Each is being used as a "back channel" by his respective government in an attempt to resolve the crisis. Out of the glare of the media and in opposition to the intransigent, "official" positions of their governments, Scali and Feklisov try to work out a deal. But is each man who he says he is? With the fate of the world at stake and the clock ticking, can they learn to trust each another? And, most important, will they have enough time?

The Theater Project is a New Jersey-based professional theater group and the winner of two New Jersey Tony Awards. Following the reading, Vitale will discuss the play with the audience, director and the actors. Admission is free and all are welcome. The program is sponsored by the

Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

Rec. Department offers typing classes

Cranford Recreation and Parks Department announces spring typing classes.

Typing classes will be offered for students in grades three to eight Mondays, April 27 to May 18, or Wednesdays, April 29 to May 20. Grades three to five will meet from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. and grades six to eight will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Students must bring their own laptops with internet capability. Registration is for Cranford residents only and may be done in person at the Cranford Community Center or online through Community Pass. The cost is \$35. Registration must be completed by Friday, April 1.

Contact the Cranford Community Center at 908-709-7283 with any questions.

Readers' Forum has upcoming dates

The Readers' Forum, the book discussion group of the Cranford Public Library, will meet next in the library on Monday, April 27, at 7 p.m. to discuss "Americanah," a novel by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. The Readers' Forum will also meet Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Circle" by Dave Eggers. The group welcomes new members at any time. For more information, call the library at 908-709-7272, or send an email to library@cranfordnj.org.

Books and Bagels meets May 2

The next session of Books & Bagels, the Cranford Public Library's monthly book-chat program for adults, will take place on the following Saturdays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the library's Raddin Room: May 2 and June 6.

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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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County collects 'special waste' in Scotch Plains, April 18

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor a Household Special Waste Collection event on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools campus, 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. Union County residents can get rid of outdated or unwanted household chemicals, mercury thermostats, propane tanks, and automobile tires in an environmentally safe manner. Residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost by bringing their household special waste, propane tanks, automobile tires, and mercury thermostats to the site, where workers will unload the vehicles.

Household special waste includes: oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, blood pressure devices, and mercury switches. Only materials in origi-

nal or labeled containers will be accepted. No containers larger than five gallons will be accepted. There is a limit of eight automobile tires per household. This is a household recycling event.

Latex paint and empty cans will not be accepted. They should be disposed of with the regular garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper can be added.

A complete list of the materials that will be accepted on April 18 is available at the Union County Bureau of Recycling and Planning web site: www.ucnj.org/recycle. The next scheduled household hazardous waste collection will be on June 6 at the Union County College campus in Cranford.

The household hazardous waste collection will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required. For more information, please call the Recycling Hotline at 908-654-9889.

Autism Health Fair set for April 25 at Robert Wood Johnson center

The Union County Spectrum All Stars will hold their second annual Autism Awareness Health Fair on April 25, at Robert Wood Johnson Fitness and Wellness center, 2120 Lamberts Mill Road, Scotch Plain, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds benefit programs for children with autism.

Featured demonstrations include karate, special needs dance, Heimlich/CPR, free blood pressure readings, reiki and gluten-free cooking. Guest speakers and advisors include representatives from Autism Speaks, a special needs financial planner, Children's Specialized Hospital, HOPE Autism Solutions, Our House Inc., Brain Balance Center, Bedside Harp, Coping Connections, and 3B Autism Travel Coordination. They will also be vendors, raffles, bake sales and more. The event is free and open to the public.

OBITUARIES

Fred Baruchin

Fred Baruchin, former Superintendent of Schools for grades K-8 in Springfield, died on Sunday, March 29 at 82.

Originally from the Bronx, Dr. Baruchin was a proud graduate of City College and earned his Doctorate in Education from SUNY-Albany. He specialized in elementary curriculum and became supervisor of elementary education for the NY State Education Department in Albany in 1965. He served as Superintendent in Springfield from 1972 to 1986, overseeing the reorganization of the district's elementary schools. He then worked as an administrator in the Syosset and Patchogue-Medford school districts on Long Island.

"At the end of everything we do in education ultimately lie the interests and well-being of a student. Basically, therefore, we are child advocates first and foremost," he wrote.

"We seek to have children's minds among the stars, at the same time that their feet are anchored in the foundation of reason and good common sense."

Dr. Baruchin is survived by his wife, Phyllis Kogan of Coram, NY; his daughters Aliyah (Donald Harding) of Maplewood and Celia (Ed Carter) of Staten Island; five grandchildren; his brother Leonard (Selma) of Boynton Beach, FL; his stepdaughter Audrey Handelsman (Adam) and stepson Marc Kogan (Kim); and beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. His first wife, Sula Mekelatos Baruchin, died in 2001.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 19th at Gutterman's Memorial Chapel, 8000 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, NY, at 3:00 PM. Donations can be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLCenter.org) or to ACLD (acld.org).



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Premiere Stages teams with Prevention Links, Recovery High

Premiere Stages, the professional theatre company in residence at Kean University, has partnered with Prevention Links to offer a seven-week playwriting residency for the Raymond Lesniak ESH Recovery High School at Kean.

The residency, for high school students in recovery from a substance-use condition, will culminate in a public presentation of student-written plays read by professional actors on Friday, April 24 at 6 p.m. in Kean University's Little Theatre, located in the University Center at 1000 Morris Avenue in Union.

Premiere Stages' playwriting residencies are specifically designed to support classroom learning objectives and the Common Core Curriculum, reinforcing literacy skills, encouraging creativity and collaboration, and bolstering student self-esteem. Professional teaching artists work closely with classroom teachers to specifically tailor each residency to the needs of the students. Over the course of seven weeks, students learn the basics of playwriting and collaborate to write original short plays for the stage. Each residency culminates in a public presentation of the students' work, as performed by professional actors.

The Raymond Lesniak ESH Recovery High School's mission is to provide an educational enrichment and recovery-support program that offers a safe, sober and supportive school environment where students and their recovery efforts are understood, valued and fostered. Its goals are to reduce the relapse rate amongst New Jersey youth returning to the community after substance abuse treatment; support parental and community involvement and provide opportunities for literacy and related educational development to the families of participating youth; and to establish a set of best practices in order to create a replicable model for New Jersey. For more information, visit <http://preventionlinks.org/recoveryhs>.

Prevention Links is a private, nonprofit organization that takes a leadership role in the prevention of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and related issues, by pulling together all available resources to eliminate the deleterious effects of drugs, alcohol, violence, and inadequate educational and health institutions in our communities. Prevention Links implements training programs and evidence-based strategies, practices and programs that are outcome-based and empower all segments of a community to be actively engaged in changing their environments.

For more details regarding the Premiere Play Factory Residency Program, call 908-737-4092 or send an email to premiere@kean.edu.

Domestic violence symposium to be held at Kean University, April 20

The second annual Union County Community, Action, Response, Education, and Safety Domestic Violence Symposium will be held Monday, April 20, at Kean University's STEM Center in Union Township.

The agenda features a total of eight panelists speaking on two topics: teen dating violence and cyberbullying, and the impact of trauma and domestic violence on children.

The first panel will feature keynote speaker Dr. Mitch Abrams, a sports, clinical, and forensic psychologist with offices in Tinton Falls and Edison. Abrams, one of the nation's leading experts on anger management and violence prevention in sports, will speak about his experiences in private practice working with young victims of dating violence.

The second panel will feature keynote speaker Dr. Esther Deblinger, the co-founder and co-director of the Child Abuse Research Education and Services Institute at Rowan University. Deblinger will speak about her experiences conducting extensive clinical research on treatment provided to victims of child sexual abuse.

Additional panelists include social



workers, mental health professionals, and Prosecutor's Office attorneys, who routinely handle cases of domestic violence and child abuse. After the two panels, attendees will join one of 10 informal roundtables to share lunch, network, and discuss various topics, including the role of schools in teen dating violence prevention, safety planning

with technology, demystifying images of love and sexuality in popular culture, deconstructing gender roles and building healthy relationships, identifying and reporting incidents of harassment occurring through social media, the legal response to teen dating violence, therapeutic supports for families experiencing domestic violence-related trauma; sexting, "sextortion," and legal accountability; building a community/culture that cares; and Union County resources for children.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence estimates that 1.3 million women become victims of physical violence by an intimate partner annually in the U.S., and in recent years, Union County municipal police departments have handled approximately 3,500 to 4,000 domestic violence calls per year, an average of more than 10 per day.

The symposium is sponsored by the Union County Prosecutor's Office, YWCA Union County, Kean University, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Elizabeth-based Family and Children's Services, and Trinitas Regional Medical Center.



BALLET AT KEAN — Complexions Contemporary Ballet will perform the New Jersey premiere of 'Innervisions,' set to the music of Stevie Wonder, at Kean University's Wilkins Theatre on Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. Complexions was founded in 1994 by two former Alvin Ailey members, Desmond Richardson and Dwight Rhoden. Wilkins Theatre is located on Kean University's main campus at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union. Tickets are \$35, and \$20 for seniors, students and children, available by calling 908-737-7469, and online at www.keanstage.com.

April 16, 2015



Spring home

Home & Garden SPRING

Create a rainwater harvesting system to meet H2O needs

Rainwater collection is a way to conserve water that can be adopted by both private homeowners and businesses. Harvesting water during peak times of precipitation ensures water will be on hand during drought or when water restrictions are implemented. Making use of rainwater reduces reliance on underground wells or municipal water systems. Harvesting rainwater also can help prevent flooding and soil erosion.

- Determine your roofing material. Potable water can be harvested from homes with sheet metal or slate roofing. Clay or adobe tiles also may be acceptable. Asphalt, wood shingles and tar roofs may leach toxic chemicals into the water, making it unsafe for drinking. This rainwater may only be collected to use for irrigation methods or washing cars and outdoor items.

- Check gutter materials. Some gutters are made with lead soldering components. A commercial lead swab test can help you determine if there is lead present in your gutters. At a later time you can choose to replace the gutters if you desire a potable supply of water.

- Invest in a collection tank or barrel. A number of manufacturers offer prefabricated rain collection systems complete with collection barrels.

Otherwise, you can use your own barrel or tank to house the collected water. Ensure it is large enough to handle the volume of water collected.

- Purchase and install leaf guards. If your home is surrounded by many trees, you probably accumulate leaf and tree debris in your home gutters and downspouts. Leaf guards will help keep the gutters clear and increase water flow through the water collection system.

- Create a water collection area. A portion of the gutter



Rather than have rainwater flow out of downspouts to the ground, homeowners can collect that rainwater in barrels to use it as a sustainable source of water.

system should be removed so that it connects to the collection barrel or tank. As the rain falls, it will run down the roof and into the gutters before it streams into the downspouts. The downspout connected to the tank will deposit the water directly inside. Filters can be installed to help block the flow of debris.

- Outfit the tank for overflow and water usage. A spigot and hose connection makes it easy to use the collected water

for outdoor purposes. Many rainwater collection systems are designed with an overflow safeguard that will prevent the water from backing up through the system. It will divert the rainwater back out of the downspout when the barrel or tank is full.

A rainwater collection system harnesses a natural source of water to be used for gardens and other outdoor purposes. This water doesn't contain chlorine or other additives, making it relatively clean and safe to use. Homeowners should check to see if a permit is necessary to install a rainwater collection system and then begin gathering water for various uses.

Winterizing the system is easy

While rain barrels can be effective in various climates, to prevent damage, water barrels may need to be stored in regions where freezing temperatures are common in the wintertime. When storing your rain barrel for the winter, consider the following tips.

- It is best to disconnect the downspout from the rain barrel and reattach the gutter extension to funnel water away from the foundation of the house.

- Make sure the rain barrel is empty. Frozen water expands as it forms into ice, and it can crack the rain barrel.

- Flip the rain barrel over so that it will not collect any rain or snow and store it in an out-of-the-way area outside. If you have enough room, you may want to store the barrel indoors in a garage, basement or storage shed.

- Take in any hoses so they do not freeze and crack from the cold weather.

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How to identify an unhealthy tree before it falls in a storm

Trees have a way of being a low priority on a homeowner's landscaping list. Trees also tend to be big and strong, so it's no surprise that they often are overlooked in favor of other areas of a lawn and garden that don't seem so strong in the face of Mother Nature.

But trees are susceptible to damage and disease, and homeowners who learn to recognize symptoms of such problems can prevent them from escalating and reduce the risk that the trees will cause damage to their properties. The following are just some of the ways homeowners can determine if their trees are unhealthy. Homeowners who suspect they have a tree that poses a safety risk should contact a professional tree service for an immediate inspection and steer clear of the tree until an inspection has been performed.

- Check around the base of the tree. The base of a tree may offer some telltale signs that the tree is unhealthy. Soil that is cracked or raised at the base of the tree may be indicative of a tree that has started to uproot. If you recognize any cracking or if the soil is raised, look at the tree to see if it is leaning. If the soil is cracked or raised because it is uprooting, then the tree might have already started to lean in the opposite direction of the cracking or raised soil.

- Examine for fungus. The growth of



Unhealthy trees may need to be removed from a property before they cause significant damage.

fungus on the tree trunk or close to it may be a sign that the tree is rotting or decaying. Fungal growth, such as a sudden population of mushrooms, around the base of the tree is another sign of decay. If the wood behind fungal growth crumbles easi-

ly, homeowners should call a professional tree service, as the fungal problem on the tree has likely already been festering for quite some time.

- Look for cavities on the trunk. Cracks and cavities on a tree may not be an emer-

gency, but especially deep cracks and cavities may be indicative of a structural problem. Multiple cracks and cavities also serve as red flags.

- Look for dead wood. It may sound simple, but dead wood poses a threat to the tree and anyone who happens to spend time in its vicinity. Dead wood snaps easily, and falling dead wood can harm anyone unlucky enough to be beneath the tree when the dead wood snaps. Dead wood branches won't bend in the wind, and such branches frequently fall off trees when strong gusts of wind come along. Dead branches either won't have leaves or the leaves will be brown, such as dead pine branches which will have brown needles.

- Weak connections. Unhealthy trees often have weak connections between their branches and their trunks. If branches don't appear to be strongly connected to the tree bark, call a tree service to determine a solution. The tree might not be on its way out, but you may have to take steps to strengthen the connections so branches are not at risk of falling.

Unhealthy trees can pose a significant safety hazard on a property. Homeowners who learn to recognize the signs of unhealthy trees can do something to prevent dying trees from damaging their homes.



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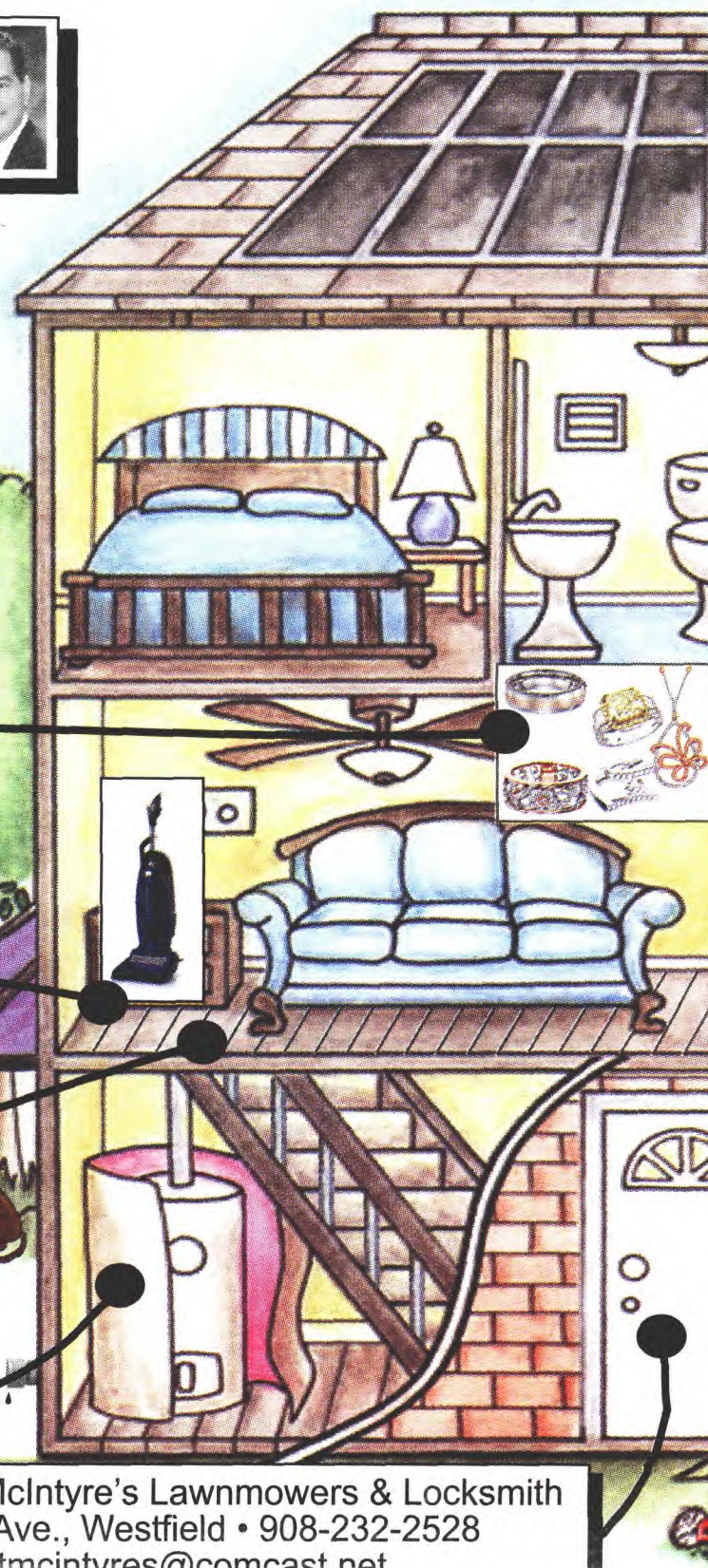
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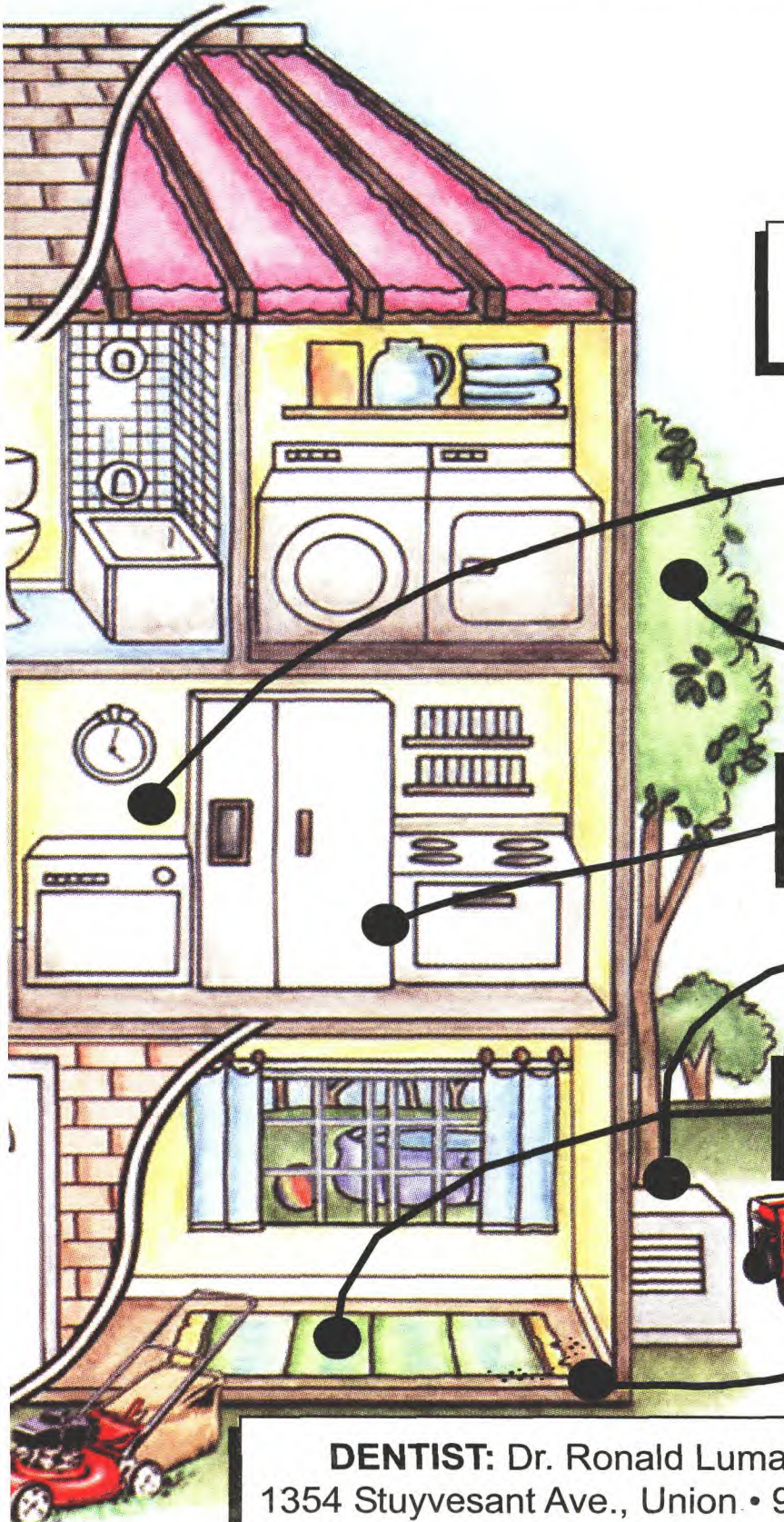
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Harsh winter weather can take a toll on roofs, gutters, landscaping, and just about any other part of the home that must face the cold head-on. The following are a few areas of your home that might need some help rebounding from winter now that spring has finally arrived.

Gutters: Gutters are vulnerable to winter weather, as strong winds may blow debris into the gutters or even blow the gutters off the house. Gutters should be cleaned prior to and after winter to ensure they're working properly and not backing up to the point that water can build up and damage the roof. Reattach any loose gutters and clear them of any debris left behind by winter winds.

Roof: The roof is another area of your home's exterior that may have been beaten down over the winter. Examine the roof for cracked, missing or deformed shingles that can allow water to enter a home and damage its interior. Some roof damage is visible from the ground, but homeowners who just endured especially harsh winters may want to climb up on their roof or hire a professional to get a closer look. Another way to determine if the roof was damaged is to go into your attic and check for water damage near roof trusses. Water damage indicates something went awry over the winter.

Walkways and driveways: Heavy

snowfall or significant accumulation of ice over the winter can result in cracked or damaged walkways, driveways and porches. Some of this damage may have resulted from aggressive shoveling or breaking up of ice. Look for any cracks in areas that needed shoveling over the winter, as such cracks can be safety hazards and may even prove to be entry points into your home for water.

Landscaping: Landscaping also tends to take a hit in areas that experience harsh winters. Winter storms may damage trees, which can put a home right in the line of falling limbs or worse. Walk around your property to inspect for tree damage, removing any fallen limbs or cutting down any limbs that appear dead or that might eventually prove a safety hazard. In addition, check the grass for any dead spots that might have fallen victim to winter freeze, and address those spots when the time comes to revitalize your lawn.

Appliances: When surveying your property after a long winter, inspect appliances like a central air conditioning unit or even dryer vents to make sure they made it through the winter unscathed. Such appliances may have proven an attractive nesting spot for animals over the winter, but damage can be significant if vermin or other animals seek shelter from winter weather inside appliances.

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Home & Garden

Attracting the right animals and insects to your garden

Planning and maintaining a garden requires a lot of effort, which can result in an aesthetically pleasing addition to the landscape. But that hard work can also fall victim to nature when local wildlife find a garden too mouth-watering to resist.

In an effort to rid a garden of unwanted pests, gardeners may unwittingly scare away animals and insects that might just protect the garden from more ill-intentioned animals. Not every creature that scurries is out to get prized petunias or to devour tomatoes. In fact, many can prove beneficial to gardens.

• Bats have a bad reputation, as people unnecessarily fear bats because they believe them to be carriers of disease. But many bats feed on insects or fruits and will not harm a human. The average brown bat can eat 1,000 mosquitoes in an hour, so it's

easy to see why bats are good to have around. Mosquitoes are not only a nuisance but also harbor potentially dangerous diseases. Bats also may eat certain rodents, which can cut down on the number of animals burrowing in a yard.

• Frogs and toads will prey on insects and make the local insect population more manageable. Toads eat mainly slugs, who feed on the leaves and fruits of many plants. Frogs and toads are attracted to water, so including a pond or another water feature in the garden will provide them with a habitat they like.

• While it is true that some birds can damage crops, many birds are content to feed on insects attracted to the garden, which helps to keep insect numbers in check. Chickadees, for example, will dine on aphid eggs, while larger birds may prey



Hummingbirds are excellent pollinators and a joy to watch in flight.

on mice or other rodents or simply scare them out of the garden. Jays and mockingbirds are known to be feisty and can even deter dogs and cats from a yard. Hummingbirds will sip on the nectar of flowers

and help pollinate plants.

Snakes in a garden can be disconcerting to some people, but snakes are ideal predators who feed on insects and rodents several times their size. Snakes are the right size and shape to invade the burrows of pest animals.

Butterflies and bees are responsible for pollinating the vast majority of plants. Avoid using pesticides that may diminish butterfly or bee populations. A beehive right next to a garden may not be practical, but don't make attempts to destroy it. Consult with a professional beekeeper to see what can be done to move the beehive without destroying it.

Many animals and insects can be detrimental to the health of a garden. However, several animals are handy to have around and should be welcomed to the landscape.

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SWING INTO SPRING — April has not had its shortage of showers, but it has also been predominantly warm and more and more residents have been getting into the spirit of things. Barbecues, outdoor events and spring sports are almost in full swing, just like this young Rahway resident.

Union County's 'Bio-Blitz' set for June 12 in Watchung reservation

The annual Union County Bio-Blitz is scheduled for June 12 and 13, and will take place within more than 2,000 acres of forests, fields, wetlands, streams, and lakes in the Watchung Reservation.

This 24-hour, round the clock nature survey provides a snapshot of wildlife and plant life in county parks, with the generous help of volunteer scientists and naturalists.

Scientists and naturalists are needed to help sample, observe, identify, and record the plant and animal species, including fungi and insects,

that make their homes in Union County parks.

In addition to the scientific surveys, Bio-Blitz includes exhibits, displays, and free public walk-in activities for children and adults. Information on this year's public walk-in activities will be available soon.

Register to join a field team online at ucnj.org/bio-blitz/expert. For more information about joining Bio-Blitz as a scientist or knowledgeable amateur, or to reserve an exhibit table, visit ucnj.org/bio-blitz or contact Betty Ann Kelly at bkelly@ucnj.org.

Wild Earth Fest set for April 26 at Trailside

The Trailside Nature and Science Center hosts Wild Earth Fest in Mountainside on Sunday, April 26, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., rain or shine.

Wild Earth Fest is an entertaining family event where attendees can learn ways to become eco-friendly and increase awareness of wildlife conservation. Among the events taking place will be a live animal demonstration and educational displays, music, face painting, Recycling Olympics, eco-art, a wildlife photography contest, and Environmental Hero Award Winners will be announced.

"Touch A Truck" will also take place in the Lower Loop Parking Lot, between 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., rain or shine. Youngers are invited to climb aboard dump trucks, bulldozers, police cars, HAZMAT response units and "The Bear" used by the Union County SWAT team in emergencies.

Admission to Wild Earth Fest is \$4 per person. Children 6 years of age and under will be admitted free. The admission price will allow attendees to participate in both events.

Trailside nature & Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. The center can be reached at 908-789-3670 or online at www.ucnj.org/trailside.

Local astronomy club meets every Friday

On Friday, April 17, at 9 p.m. in the Roy Smith Theater, Amateur Astronomers Inc. will present Summer Ash from Columbia University to discuss "The Intertwined Lives of Galaxies and their Supermassive Black Holes."

Following the presentation, attendees are invited to Sperry Observatory for refreshments, conversations with Ash and AAI members, and observing the stars. AAI is housed at the William Miller Sperry Observatory on the Cranford campus of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., and is one of the largest amateur astronomy clubs in the United States. The observatory holds two of the largest telescopes available to the public in the Northeast.

Open free to the public Fridays from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in all weather, AAI hosts a public astronomy talk at 8:30 p.m. Earlier programs for younger audiences, such as Scout groups and school children, must be scheduled in advance by emailing info@asterism.org. These programs are tailored to the particular group and consist of such topics as the constellations, the solar system, and how to use binoculars and star wheels. The public is invited to look through the huge 10-inch and 24-inch dome telescopes, as well as members' telescopes set up outside the observatory.

Admission is always free and there is plenty of free parking. In addition, AAI also holds star parties and safe solar observing at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside, and at Sandy Hook State Park.

From September through May, on the third Friday of each month, AAI holds a free, public membership meeting in the Nomehegan Building on the UCC campus, and hosts a professional guest speaker. Sperry is an observatory, not a planetarium. The temperature inside the domes is the same as the temperature outside, and viewing of the sky is done in cramped quarters in almost total darkness, conditions that may not be suitable for very young children. For more information, visit the AAI website at www.asterism.org.

5K to benefit Child Advocacy Center

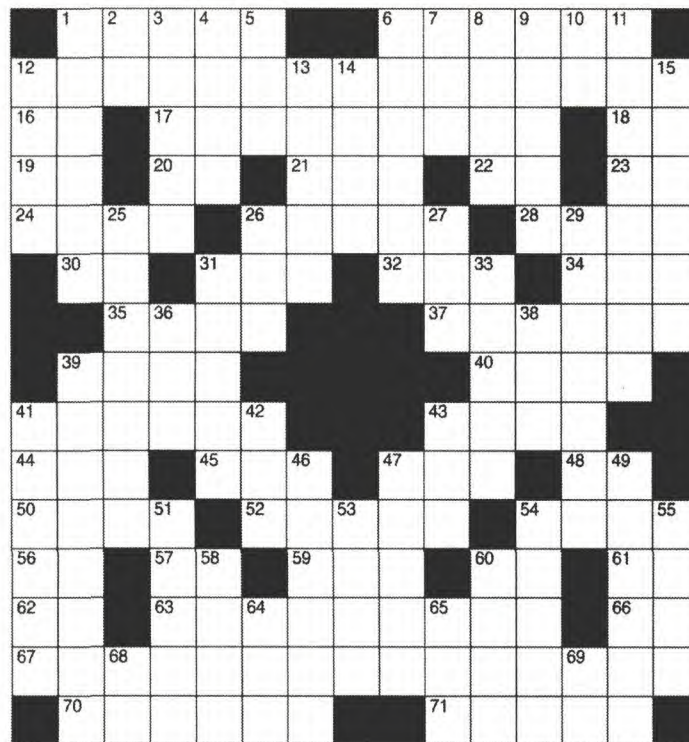
The Friends of the Union County Child Advocacy Center will host a 5K fundraiser, "Race 4 the Children," on Sunday, April 19, in Elizabeth's Warinanco Park. The 5K and a 2-mile fun walk are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., rain or shine. The event is being co-sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the city of Elizabeth, in memory of late Union County Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo, who served from 1991 until his death in 1995. Union County Child Advocacy Center is a nonprofit group whose mission is to provide support for the facility at which local victims of physical and sexual child abuse receive treatment and needed services. Funds will be used to provide for a psychologist to be stationed at the Center.

To participate, register online at www.friendscacunj.org; the cost to register is \$35. All entrants who register early will receive a T-shirt; male and female first-, second-, and third-place finishers of the 5K will receive Visa gift cards valued at \$250, \$150, and \$100, respectively.

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1. Hindu social class
6. Hassles
12. Pillsbury best seller
16. Midway between S and E
17. A President's 1st address
18. The 24th state
19. Atomic #18
20. Most abundant mineral in the body
21. Golf score
22. 14th Greek letter
23. 12th Greek letter
24. 4-stringed Chinese instrument
26. Order of the British Empire women
28. Watering places
30. Atomic #58
31. '___ death do us part
32. Radioactivity unit
34. Consumed food
35. Six (Spanish)
37. Hosts film festival
39. S.W. plateau
40. Made of fermented honey and water
41. Et-___
43. College army
44. Flower petals
45. Assist
47. An open metal dish
48. And, Latin
50. Supreme singer Diana
52. Gaelic name (morning)
54. Expresses pleasure
56. Overdose
57. Spanish be
59. A border for a picture
60. Doctor
61. Ancient Egyptian sun god
62. Lansing is the capital
63. Clothed
66. In contact with the surface
67. 70 year olds
70. Wall bracket for candles
71. Metrical romance (archaic)



CLUES DOWN

1. A member of the clergy
2. Gangster Capone
3. The brightest star in Virgo
4. Starkist's Charlie
5. Amount of time
6. Loaner
7. Prefix denoting "in a"
8. 2nd largest Tunisian city
9. Schenectady Hospital
10. Toward
11. Totaled
12. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
13. Nonfeeding stage for insects
14. Old Irish alphabet
15. Brings out of sleep
25. Old Spanish monetary units
26. Roman God of the underworld
27. Pouch
29. For all ills or diseases
31. Jewelled headdress
33. Hostage for Pythias
36. Midway between E and SE
38. Financial gain over time
39. Tunes
41. In a way, ricochets
42. Direct a weapon
43. Stood for election
46. Harm to property
47. Plate for Eucharist
49. Monarch's ceremonial seat
51. Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
53. A nostril
54. ___ Adaba
55. Without (French)
58. Wound fibers to make yarn
60. Nothing more than
64. Political action committee
65. Fail to keep pace
68. Personal computer
69. Indicates position

HOROSCOPE

ARIES, March 21 to April 20

Aries, your imagination is running wild, and that can be a good thing. You are full of inspiration and fun ideas this week, which only makes you more charming.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21

Taurus, you may need to open new lines of communication to complete an important project this week. Don't be afraid to engage others as your deadline nears.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21

Gemini, this week is a great time to put plans you have been keeping private in motion. Enjoy this exciting time and don't hesitate to share your excitement with others.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22

Cancer, your love of competition comes to the forefront this week. This competitive spirit may open new doors for you. Make the most of these opportunities.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23

Leo, use this week as a time to conduct some personal inventory. Opportunity awaits around the corner, and your work this week will help you make the most of this new development.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22

Virgo, make this week all about spending time with your significant other. Plan a date night or sit and snuggle. Enjoy every moment you get to spend together.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Libra, your responsibilities beckon this week. You enjoy being responsible, so don't sweat it when you must make some decisions. Be confident that you will make the right calls.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Scorpio, you are ready to embrace the great outdoors and all it has to offer. You never know what adventure awaits you, but you know one is on the horizon.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Sagittarius, you have a lot of energy this week. Put that bounce in your step to good use by fixing up something around the house or beginning a new fitness regimen.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Your words will carry significant weight this week, Capricorn. With that realization comes much responsibility. Make sure you wield your influence accordingly.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

Aquarius, a financial windfall might be headed your way in the weeks to come. Allow yourself some time to splurge, but do your best to save some money as well.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20

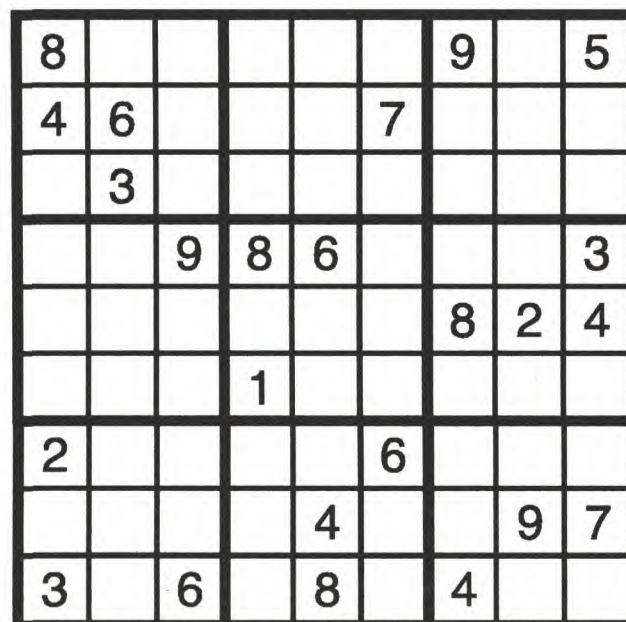
Bold action is awarded this week, Pisces. You are one of the few people in your circle willing to take a few chances, and that will pay off soon.

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Summit

• April 11: At 7:47 a.m., the Summit Fire Department responded to the Magic Fountain on Morris Avenue after receiving a report of smoke coming from the building. Firefighters were able to quickly contain the fire and it was declared under control at 8:39 a.m. "Our firefighters made a quick stop and were able to effectively knock down the fire," said Summit Battalion Chief Paul Imbimbo. "Although heavy damage was done to the storage and attic areas, and smoke and heat damage were evident throughout the building, there were no reported injuries to residents or firefighters. It is anticipated that the Magic Fountain will be closed for a significant period with the amount of damage caused by the fire." Summit Fire Department was assisted at the scene by Millburn Fire Department. Summit headquarters was covered by New Providence, Mountainside and Fanwood Fire Departments. The cause of the fire is under investigation by members of the Summit Fire Department investigation team with the Union County Investigation Unit.

Roselle Park

• April 9: At approximately 11:30 p.m., police responded to a single family residence on Laurel Avenue on a report of a missing person. The complainant reported that his sister, 79, had been missing since 4:30 p.m. He provided the sister's vehicle description and registration number as well as some of her usual destinations. As

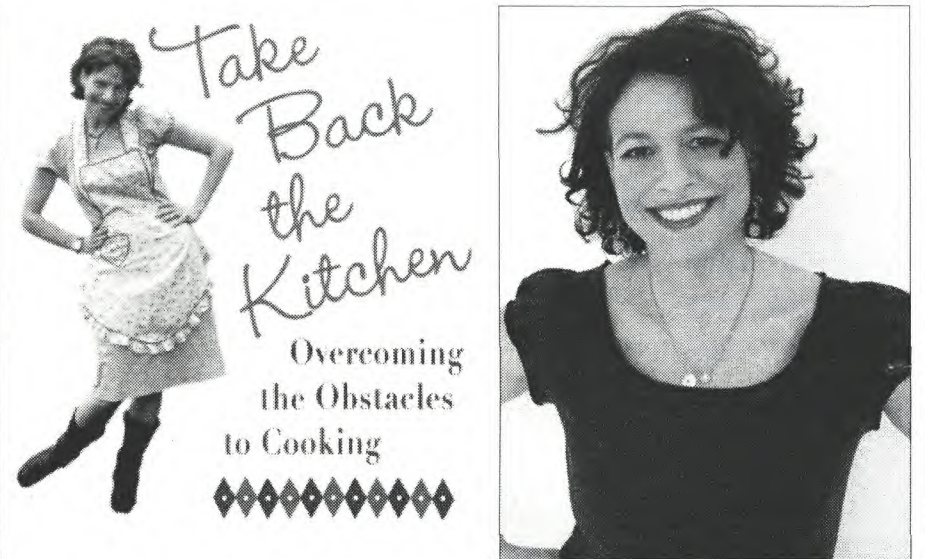
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responding officers gathered the necessary details for the missing person investigation, police began searching the missing woman's favorite locales. Unable to locate her at the listed locations, the search area was expanded. A short while later, her vehicle was found in the Overlook Hospital Union Campus Parking Lot. The woman in question was found lying across the front seats of her car with a ligature tied around her neck; she did not respond to an officer's attempt to get her attention. The officers forced entry into the vehicle through a rear window, removed the victim from the car, cut the ligature from her neck and provided medical aid until assisted by staff from Overlook Hospital. Later, the woman told police that she was depressed and intended to harm herself. She was admitted into the hospital and was later transferred to Trinitas Hospital. Police located an empty prescription bottle and a suicide note inside the car, according to reports.

• April 2: At approximately 9:53 p.m., police conducted a motor vehicle stop on W. Grant Avenue at Chestnut Street for an equipment violation.

The driver, William G. Lawrence, 23, of Somerset was allegedly found to be in possession of marijuana. He was arrested, charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession in a

See **POLICE**, Page 36



The hardest part about attempting to eat gluten free is the bread! These little "muffins" or "scones" get me through the day if I am craving some bread-like carbs. The beauty is that you can add any kind of dried fruit you like, any kind of nuts, and they are equally delicious. Pack a few in your car for a little snack or toast them up and add some butter. Yum!

Date Nut Almond Muffins

Ingredients

2/3 cup cashews, walnuts or pecans, chopped
1/2 cup dates or prunes, chopped
1 2/3 cup almond flour, chestnut flour or cashew flour
1/4 cup coconut flour
3 very ripe bananas, mashed
2 eggs
1/2 cup cacao nibs or mini chocolate chips
1/3 cup coconut oil, melted and cooled, or melted and cooled butter
3/4 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla

Method

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Lay parchment paper on a baking sheet

In a medium bowl, combine almond flour, coconut flour, salt and baking soda.

In a separate bowl, whisk eggs, mashed banana, coconut oil and vanilla.

Combine all the ingredients and stir to combine.

Add the cacao nibs or mini chocolate chips, nuts and chopped dates.

Spoon batter into 2 to 3 Tbs. lumps onto the parchment paper-lined baking sheet and bake for about 30 minutes or until they turn golden brown and the bottom is browning.

Store in the freezer in an air-tight container.

Alma Schneider, a licensed clinical social worker and cooking coach, provides individual sessions, corporate presentations and group workshops helping individuals overcome their practical and psychological obstacles to cooking. Alma has appeared on the Today Show, TV Land and has presented at the TEDx Talks. She has also been featured in Family Circle Magazine and numerous other publications. 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?

BOOKSALE

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
APRIL 25 & 26, 2015**

EVENT: BOOK SALE

PLACE: Maplewood Memorial Library,
51 Baker Street, Maplewood, NJ

TIME: Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun., 11am-5pm.

DETAILS: Hardbacks and paperbacks, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, records, VHS tapes, cassettes; Sunday fill a bag supplied by Friends for \$8. All proceeds benefit the Library. Call 973-762-4136.

SPONSOR: Friends of the Maplewood Library

BOOKSALE

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
APRIL 8-12 and 17-19, 2015**

EVENT: Used Book Movie & Music Sale

PLACE: 26 Park Street Montclair, NJ

TIME: Wed. April 8, 2pm-7pm (Children's Day).

OPENING DAY, Thurs. April 9, 9:30am-9pm. \$15

ADMISSION opening day ONLY, from 9:30am till noon;

No fee thereafter.

Fri. April 10: 9:30am-9pm.

Sat. April 11: 9:30am-7pm.

Sun. April 12: 1pm-6pm.

****SPECIAL on 4/12: HALF-PRICE**

for Teachers and Librarians ONLY.

(bring professional ID)

Fri. April 17: 1/2 price day, 9:30am - 9pm

Sat. April 18: \$5 Bag Day, 9:30am-7pm

Sun. April 19: \$5 Bag Day, 1 pm - 6 pm

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CWCbooksale@gmail.com

Proceeds fund scholarships for local students

ORGANIZATION: College Women's Club of Montclair (a branch of AAUW)

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**What is your non-profit
organization working on?
Let us know today!**

908-686-7850

What's Going On is a paid directory of events for non-profit organizations. It is PRE-PAID and costs only \$20.00 for 2 weeks in Essex or Union County and just \$30.00 for both counties. Your notice must be in our office by 12:00pm on Monday for publication the following Thursday. Office is located at 1291 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union, NJ 07083.

You can e-mail us at: class@thelocalsource.com

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- (c) Sergeants (not more than eight including two Detective Sergeants).
- (d) Police officers (not more than 40).
- (e) Detectives (not more than seven).
- (f) Public Safety Telecommunicators (not more than six).
- (g) Keyboarding Clerk-3 (1).
- (h) Keyboarding Clerk-1 (3).
- (i) Records Support Technician -3 (1)
- (j) Parking enforcement officer (2).
- (k) School crossing guards (not more than 20).
- (PT) (l) Substitute crossing guards (not more than three) (PT)
- (2) Fire Department.
 - (a) Battalion Chief (5).
 - (b) Captain (5).
 - (c) Fire Fighter (16).
 - (d) Senior Inspector (1).
 - (e) Inspector (1).
 - (f) Keyboarding Clerk 2 (1).
- (3) Department of Public Works.
 - (l) Public Works Division
 - (a) Supervisor Equipment Operator (1).
 - (b) Assistant Supervisors — Public Works
 - (c) Equipment Operator (4).
 - (d) Truck Driver (9).
 - (e) Laborer (14).
 - (f) Senior Mechanic (1).
 - (g) Mechanic (1).
 - (h) Keyboarding Clerk 2 (1).
 - (i) Keyboarding Clerk 1 (2).
 - (j) Omni Bus Drivers (PT) (1)
 - (k) Recycling Coordinator (PT) (1)
- (4) Construction Department.
 - (a) Code Enforcement Officer (1)
 - (b) Technical Assistant to the Construction Official (1)
 - (c) Clerk-2 (1).
 - (d) Electrical sub code Official (1) PIT
 - (e) Plumbing sub code Official (1) PIT
- (5) Municipal Court.
 - (a) Court Administrator (1).
 - (b) Deputy Court Administrator (1).
 - (c) Keyboarding Clerk 1 (2).
- (6) Legal Department.
 - (a) Prosecutor (PT) (1).
 - (b) Public Defender (PT) (2).

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication according to law. **PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time a Workshop Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle on April 8, 2015 and this Ordinance will be considered for final passage at the Workshop Meeting of the Borough Council to be held May 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 210 Chestnut St., Roselle, New Jersey, at which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same. A copy of this Ordinance is available at no charge to the general public between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (Legal Holidays excluded), in the Office of the Municipal Clerk at Roselle Borough Hall.

Lydia D. Agbejimi
Deputy Borough Clerk
U24402 PRO April 16, 2015 (\$76.44)

ROSELLE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2516-15**

CALENDAR YEAR 2015 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 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 up to 1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriation, 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 appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle in the County of Union finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY2015 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 Borough Council hereby determines that the 2% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$618,655.40 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council 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 Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Roselle shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased 2%, amounting to \$618,655.40 and that the CY 2015

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municipal budget for the borough of Roselle be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 RESOLVED, 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 RESOLVED, 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time a Workshop Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle on April 8, 2015 and this Ordinance will be considered for final passage at the Workshop Meeting of the Borough Council to be held May 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached at Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 210 Chestnut St., Roselle, New Jersey, at which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same. A copy of this Ordinance is available at no charge to the general public between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (Legal Holidays excluded), in the Office of the Municipal Clerk at Roselle Borough Hall.

Lydia D. Agbejimi
Deputy Borough Clerk
U24404 PRO April 16, 2015 (\$45.55)

ROSELLE

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE,
ROSELLE, NEW JERSEY**

NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD

The Borough of Roselle, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i). The contract and the resolution authorizing it are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED: NW Financial Group, LLC
2 Hudson Place
Hoboken, NJ 07030

SERVICE: Financial Advisors for the Borough of Roselle
DURATION: January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

AMOUNT OF CONTRACT: \$35,000
U24332 PRO April 16, 2015 (\$13.72)

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BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, ROSELLE,
NEW JERSEY**

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AWARDED: The Law Offices of Shain, Schaffer & Rafanello are Attorneys at Law of the State of New Jersey and experienced as Acting Municipal Prosecutor for the Borough of Roselle

SERVICE: Special Counsel

DURATION: January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

NOT TO EXCEED: \$15,000
U24341 PRO April 16, 2015 (\$14.21)

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SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-15001450
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F04488713
County: Union
Plaintiff: BANK OF AMERICA N.A.
VS
Defendant: DARREN BARNO; UNION COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; FIRST INTERSTATE FINANCIAL CORP.
Sale Date: 05/06/2015
Writ of Execution: 02/23/2015
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the BOROUGH of ROSELLE, County of UNION, State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: **212 PINE STREET, ROSELLE, NJ 07203-1106**
BEING KNOWN AS LOT 9, BLOCK 4803 on the official Tax Map of the BOROUGH of ROSELLE

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Dimensions:
107.00FTX40.00FTX107.00FTX40.00FT
Nearest Cross Street: **Second Avenue**
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.

Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

****If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.**

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$290,797.27* Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven and 27/100*****
Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & DIAMOND, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP RD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$302,756.92***Three Hundred Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six and 92/100***
April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015
U24004 PRO (\$164.64)

OBS-LEGALS

MOUNTAINSIDE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside, in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside NJ on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. on the following applications.

Glenn, 579 Hillside Avenue, Block 11, Lot 6 — Applicant proposes to construct an in-ground pool in the front yard of a single-family dwelling. New variances include pool, spa and patio in the front yard, proposed and proposed fencing in the front and, and fencing over 6 feet high where 8 feet is proposed.

Semler, 310 Indian Trail, Block 15.N, Lot 30 — Applicant proposes to construct a one-story addition in the side yard setback of a single-family dwelling. This is a revision from a previously submitted plan to the Planning Board. Existing variances include lot area under 15,000 square feet where 10,845 square feet exists and lot width under 100 feet where 79.7 feet exists. New variances include side yard under 10 feet or 10 percent width where 8.75 feet is proposed, and foundation area over 15 percent where 22.6 percent is proposed and lot coverage over 30 percent where 32.1 percent is proposed.

Lynn, Heather, 1501 Force Drive, Block 3.A, Lot 54 — Applicant proposes to install solar panels onto the roof of a single-family dwelling. Existing variance includes driveway in the side yard. New variance includes the solar panels which are considered an accessory structure and accessory use.

Bezerra, 1399 Wood Valley Road, Block 15.F, Lot 2 — Applicant proposes to construct and install an above-ground pool in the rear yard of a single-family dwelling. Existing variances include lot area under 15,000 square feet where 9,961 square feet exists, lot width under 100 feet where 76.6 feet exists, ground projections over 3.75 percent where 6.4 percent exists, lot area within 150 feet, front yard coverage over 30 percent where 43 percent exists, and driveway in the side yard. A new variance includes lot coverage over 30 percent where 33.7 percent is proposed.

All applications are subject to the Mountainside Lane Use Ordinance and bulk variances may be required. If requested by the board, additional variance and waiver relief may be required. Other issues may be discussed and action may be taken.

Ruth M. Rees
Secretary
U24399 OBS April 16, 2015 (\$32.83)

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Explanation: This ordinance appropriates monies from the General Capital Fund Bal-

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ance and Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of a multi passenger transportation equipment [bus].

**TOWN-
SHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-09**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield has deemed it necessary to appropriate money for purchases of equipment listed below; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of said material and purchases is not to exceed \$75,000.00.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that:

1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$45,000.00 in funds available from General Capital Fund Balance and \$30,000.00 from funds available from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay the cost of the following capital projects:

- a. Purchase of a multi passenger transportation equipment a/k/a bus \$ 75,000.00
2. The Funds hereby appropriated are authorized to be expended by the proper officers of the Township of Springfield for the uses and purposes hereby authorized in the form and manner permitted by law.
3. Any and all monies obtained as a donation or grant money for this specific purpose shall be used to credit the Capital Fund Balance.
4. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law applicable thereto.

Linda M. Donnelly, does hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on April 28, 2015, Springfield Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m., at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U24487 OBS April 16, 2015 (\$28.42)

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**SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
139 MOUNTAIN AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07081**

**JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL
FAÇADE REHABILITATION – PHASE 3**

CONTRACT SP 2015-02

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for the JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL FAÇADE REHABILITATION – PHASE 3 PROJECT in the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will be received by the BOARD OF EDUCATION of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY of UNION, NEW JERSEY on **Friday, May 8, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.**

The Jonathan Dayton High School Façade Rehabilitation – Phase 3 project includes brick masonry façade repairs, steel lintel repairs, and flashing improvements to a portion of the West Elevation and parapet walls on the roof; all in accordance with the form of proposal, contract and specifications prepared by Pennoni Associates, Inc.

Plans and Specifications have been filed in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board of Education, Township of Springfield and may be inspected by prospective bidders at the office of the Board Secretary of the Board of Education, Township of Springfield, 139 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. A non-refundable payment of \$50 per set is required payable to Pennoni Associates, Inc.

All bidders shall attend, either in person or by representative, a pre-bid conference to be held at Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 on **Friday, April 24, 2015 at 10:00 AM.**

The contracted work is subject to the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Rate as determined by the New Jersey Department of Labor.

Bids shall be submitted on the forms provided, in the manner designated therein and required by the Specifications. They must be enclosed in sealed envelopes, bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project on the outside, addressed to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION, SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, and must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in the form provided of not less than 10% of the amount of bid. Said check or bid bond may not be less than \$500 nor shall it be more than \$20,000 and must be accompanied by a Consent of Surety statement in the form provided from a Surety Company stating that the Surety Company will provide the bidder with a bond for 100% of the Contract amount in the event that the Contract is awarded to the bidder. A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Record of Recent Contract Awards must also accompany the proposal on the forms provided. **PROPOSAL FORMS SHALL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE FORM OF PROPOS-**

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AL. PROPOSALS MUST BE MADE UPON THE BLANK FORMS PROVIDED AND SUBMITTED IN THE BOUND BOOK, WHICH SHALL BE LEFT WHOLE AND INTACT IN EVERY RESPECT.

Bidders must have at the time of bid, a Business Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Treasury.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 Chapter 127 for an affirmative action program for equal employment opportunity.

If awarded a contract, your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 C. 127 (NJAC 17:27).

Bidders must also comply with the requirements of P.L. 1977, Chapter 33 amending the Local Public Contracts Law. Bidders must submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all the stockholders in the corporation or members of the partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock, or have a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in the case of partnership.

No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. A Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or all proposals will be rejected within sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

The BOARD OF EDUCATION of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD reserves the right to reject all bids, to reject unbalanced bids, and to waive any informality in any bid.

**Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Matthew A. Clarke
U24396 OBS April 16, 2015 (\$54.88)**

SPRINGFIELD

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE
DOCKET NO.: 2015-DR-23-916
Cross Ref.: 2015-DR-23-693**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS
TO THE DEFENDANT:
"JOHN DOE," BIRTH FATHER**

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:

1. That an adoption proceeding was filed in the Family Court of Greenville County on March 4, 2015, and in this Complaint you are alleged to be the father of a Caucasian/Hispanic female child born in Greenville, South Carolina, on March 2, 2015.
2. That the Plaintiffs in the above captioned Notice are not named for the purpose of confidentiality; however, the Court knows the true identity of the Plaintiffs and in responding to this notice, you are required to use the caption and the number 2015-DR-23-916.
3. That if Notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond is filed by you with the Court within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings, you will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard on the merits of the adoption. To file notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond in this action, you must notify the above named Court at Greenville County Clerk of Court at 301 University Ridge, Greenville, South Carolina, 29601, in writing of your intention to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond. The above named Court must be informed of your current address and any changes of your address during the adoption proceedings.
4. That your failure to respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings constitutes your consent to the adoption and forfeiture of all of your rights and obligations to the above identified child. It is further alleged that your consent to this adoption is not required under S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-9-310 and that your parental rights should be terminated pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-7-2570 (7).

This notice is given pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-9-730 (E).

Raymond W. Godwin, Esq. (SC Bar #2162)
1527 Wade Hampton Blvd.
Greenville, SC 29609
PH (864) 241-2883
FAX: (864) 255-4342
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS
Date: March 20, 2015
April 2, 9, 16, 2015
U23852 OBS (\$95.55)

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Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Tuesday April 07, 2015, at Springfield Town Hall, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ:

**Applicant: # 2015-S
Applicant: Springfield Property Developers II
Site Location: 521 Mountain Avenue
Block: 2902 Lot: 60
For: Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision Was Approved**

All documents and plans related to this application, including but not limited to the memorialized Resolution are on file in the Office of the Planning Board Administrator, Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Avenue, Township of Springfield, NJ and are available for public

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inspection.

Jennifer Amend Law
Board Administrator
U24486 OBS April 16, 2015 (\$13.23)

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

CONTRACT SP 2015-02

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS in the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will be received at the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, Engineer's Office, Annex Building 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on **Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** prevailing time.

The work generally consists of traffic signal maintenance and repairs at nine intersections; all in accordance with the form of proposal, contract and specifications prepared by M. Disko Associates, Consulting Engineers, 151 Sumner Avenue, Kenilworth, New Jersey.

Plans and Specifications have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD and may be inspected by prospective bidders at the office of M. Disko Associates, 151 Sumner Avenue, Kenilworth, New Jersey or at the Township of Springfield, Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey during business hours. Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Contract Documents, Plans, and Specifications at the office of M. Disko Associates or the Municipal Clerk's Office on proper notice. A non-refundable charge of \$60.00 per set shall be paid to M. Disko Associates. Plans and Specifications will become available on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Bidders are notified that they must comply with the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act (Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, as amended) and that award will not be made to any bidder whom the Commissioner of Labor and Industry does not certify.

Bids shall be submitted on the forms provided, in the manner designated therein and required by the Specifications. They must be enclosed in sealed envelopes, bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project on the outside, addressed to the Municipal Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, and must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in the form provided of not less than 10% of the amount of bid. Said check or bid bond may not be less than \$500 nor shall it be more than \$20,000 and must be accompanied by a Consent of Surety statement in the form provided from a Surety Company stating that the Surety Company will provide the bidder with a bond for 100% of the Contract amount in the event that the Contract is awarded to the bidder. A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Record of Recent Contract Awards must also accompany the proposal on the forms provided.

PROPOSAL FORMS SHALL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE FORM OF PROPOSAL. PROPOSALS MUST BE MADE UPON THE BLANK FORMS PROVIDED AND SUBMITTED IN THE BOUND BOOK, WHICH SHALL BE LEFT WHOLE AND INTACT IN EVERY RESPECT.

Bidders must have at the time of bid, a Business Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Treasury.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of NJSA 10:5-31 et seq. and NJAC 17:27 for an affirmative action program for equal employment opportunity.

If awarded a contract, your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of NJSA 10:5-31 et seq. and NJAC 17:27.

Bidders must also comply with the requirements of P.L. 1977, Chapter 33 amending the Local Public Contracts Law. Bidders must submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all the stockholders in the corporation or members of the partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock, or have a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in the case of partnership.

No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. A Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or all proposals will be rejected within sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

The Mayor and Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD reserves the right to reject all bids, to reject unbalanced bids, and to waive any informality in any bid.

Anthony Cancro
Township Administrator
U24488 OBS April 16, 2015 (\$55.37)

SUMMIT

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-15001589
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F177213
County: Union

Plaintiff: PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS
Defendant: MARIA L. GUTIERREZ; ROLANDO A. GUTIERREZ, WIFE AND HUSBAND; EFREN

PUBLIC NOTICE

S. REYES: TD BANKNORTH, N.A.

Sale Date: 05/13/2015

Writ of Execution: 02/25/2014

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 SUMMIT, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 3 MOUNTAIN AVE, SUMMIT, NJ 07901.

Tax Lot No. 1 in Block No. 3313

Dimensions of Lot Approximately: .111

Nearest Cross Street: MORRIS AVE.

THE LAND AND ALL THE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES ON THE LAND IN THE CITY OF SUMMIT COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ON THE CORNER FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY SIDE LINE OF MOUNTAIN AVENUE AND THE SOUTHERLY SIDE LINE OF MORRIS AVENUE; THENCE (1) ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY SIDE LINE OF MOUNTAIN AVENUE SOUTH 48 DEGREES 8 MINUTES WEST 50.18 FEET; THENCE (2) NORTH 46 DEGREES 42 MINUTES WEST 95.43 FEET; THENCE (3) NORTH 43 DEGREES 18 MINUTES EAST 50 FEET TO THE SAID NORTHERLY SIDE LINE OF MORRIS AVENUE; THENCE (4) ALONG THE SAID SOUTHERLY SIDE LINE OF MORRIS AVENUE SOUTH 46 DEGREES 42 MINUTES EAST 99.58 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING.

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

PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES

TOTAL AS OF February 27, 2015 \$0.00

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$385,302.43Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Two and 43/100****

Attorney:

FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC

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SUITE 201

PARSIPPANY NJ 07054

(973)538-4700

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union

County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$420,324.17***Four Hundred Twenty

Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Four and

17/100**

April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2015

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SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-15001589

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F01900312

County: Union

Plaintiff: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET-BACKED
SECURITIES TRUST 2006-AB1, MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2006-AB1

VS

Defendant: DIANE L. RILEY; US MORTGAGE
CORP.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

Sale Date: 05/13/2015

Writ of Execution: 03/03/2015

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

Property to be sold is located in the CITY OF SUMMIT, County of UNION, State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 37 MADISON AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ 07901-1550

BEING KNOWN as LOT 13, BLOCK 802 on the official Tax Map of the CITY OF SUMMIT
Dimensions: 117.58FT X 35.00FT X 10.00FT X 35.00FT X 129.98FT X 70.04FT

Nearest Cross Street: Lowell Avenue

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

*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

Pursuant to 28, U.S.C. Section 2410©, this sale is subject to a 120 day right of redemption held by the United States of America by virtue of the Internal Revenue Service Lien: i. LIEN: DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE versus Diane L. Riley, dated October 20, 2011 and recorded November 2, 2011 in Book 202, Page 214 in the amount of \$55,837.28. ii. LIEN: DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE versus DIANE L. RILEY, dated June 2, 2010 and recorded June 15, 2010 in Book 199, Page 796 in the amount of \$42,314.07.

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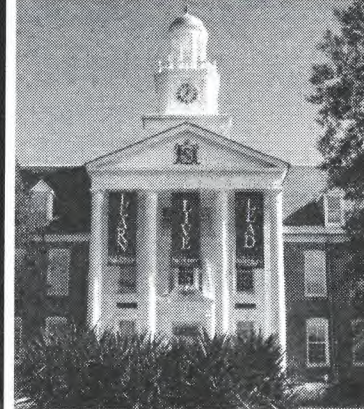
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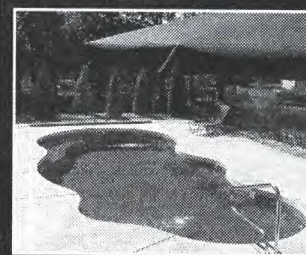
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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$774,854.85**Seven Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Four and 85/100******

Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & DIAMOND, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP RD
SUITE 100

MT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-5500

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$802,794.19****Eight Hundred Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Four and 19/100****

April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2015
U24209 OBS (\$196.00)

SUMMIT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Planning Board of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on April 27, 2015 at 7:30pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, to consider an application affecting the property whose street address is known as 3 & 5 Morris Avenue Block 3902, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The conditions affecting this property and the reasons for the application being heard are as follows:

Major Preliminary Site Plan Approval
Major Final Site Plan Approval
With the following variances:

35-4.3-12.E.8 - PARKING AREAS SHALL BE SCREENED FROM VIEW OF ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL ZONES BY LANDSCAPING, FENCING, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF TO CREATE A BUFFER AT LEAST FIVE (5) FEET WIDE AND AT LEAST FIVE (5) FEET TALL, AND SHALL PROVIDE SCREENING OF VEHICLES IN ALL SEASONS.

35-4.3-12.E.9 - TRASH DISPOSAL AREAS SHALL BE LOCATED AS FAR FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE BOUNDARIES AS POSSIBLE. EXISTING TRASH ENCLOSURE IS 1.7' FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE, WHERE PROPOSED IS 5'.

35-4.3-12.E.10 - LIGHTING SHALL BE NO CLOSER THAN 8' TO A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND SHALL NOT EXCEED EIGHT (8) FEET IN HEIGHT, WHERE A LIGHT FIXTURE IS PROPOSED 2.4' FROM A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT & THE PROPOSED LIGHT FIXTURES ON-SITE ARE 15' IN HEIGHT.

35-5.1-10 - FREESTANDING SIGN - 6 SF PER BUSINESS, 4' MAX. HEIGHT, 25' SETBACK FROM PROPERTY LINE, SIZE OF LETTERING NOT TO EXCEED 8", WHERE PROPOSED SIGN STRUCTURE IS 4' HIGH BY 5' WIDE WITH A SIGN AREA OF 6.9 SF AND LETTERING RANGING IN HEIGHT FROM 8" - 12" AND A SETBACK OF 12.7'.

35-5.1-10 - BUILDING SIGNS ARE ONLY PERMITTED ON BUILDING FACADES THAT FRONT A PUBLIC R.O.W., WHERE BUILDING SIGNS ARE PROPOSED ON FACADES FAC-

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ING PARKING LOTS. MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF BUILDING SIGNS NO MORE THAN HEIGHT OF FIRST FLOOR OR 17', WHERE 4 PROPOSED BUILDING SIGNS ARE MOUNTED HIGHER THAN 17'

35-5.2-2.B.1.A. - A STRIP OF LAND TWENTY (20%) PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE WIDTH (128') OF THE PROPERTY WHEN A NONRESIDENTIAL USE ABUTS A RESIDENTIAL ZONE ON THE SIDE SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS A BUFFER AREA OR 26', WHERE 5' IS PROPOSED.

35-5.2-15-H.1 / 35-5.2-15.1.6 - MINIMUM OF ONE LOADING SPACE IS REQUIRED, LOADING SPACES SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN 12' WIDE AND 60' LONG, WHERE 12'x 60' OFF-PEAK LOADING AREA IS PROVIDED IN DRIVE AISLE

Applicant requests any other waivers or variances as may be required by the Board or its professionals at 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 am to 4:00 pm. Any interested party may appear at the hearing and participate therein, subject to the rules of the Board.

Harvest Restaurant Group LLC
Applicant

U24353 OBS April 16, 2015 (\$45.08)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that Hartshorn Partners, LLC (hereinafter "Applicant"), has made application to the City of Summit Planning Board seeking preliminary and final subdivision approval and preliminary site plan approval regarding the property located at 11 Hillview Terrace, City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey, also identified on the City of Summit Tax Map as Block 1702, Lot 22, located in the R-15 (Residential) zone (hereinafter "Property"). The 0.806 acre Property is presently developed with a single family home.

The Applicant seeks preliminary and final subdivision approval and preliminary site plan approval to pave and improve a portion of Hillview Terrace and to divide the Property into two lots, namely proposed lots 22.01 and 22.02. The Applicant also seeks bulk variance relief, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70(c), from the City of Summit Development Regulations Ordinance related to the front yard setback. A front yard setback of 47.68 feet is required. The Applicant proposes a front yard setback of 42.50 feet for proposed lot 22.01 and 8.49 feet for proposed lot 22.02. The Applicant has a request pending before the City Council for a portion of Hillview Terrace bordering proposed lot 22.02 to be vacated. In the event that portion of Hillview Terrace is vacated, the front yard setback for proposed lot 22.02 would be 42.72 feet. The Appli-

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cant will seek any additional variances, waivers, interpretations or relief that may be required by the Board at the time of the public hearing.

The matter is scheduled for a public hearing before the Planning Board on April 27, 2015 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, NJ at 7:30 p.m., at which time you may appear, with or without counsel, to be heard in connection with the application.

All information pertaining to the application is available for inspection in the office of the Planning Board Secretary, in the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ and may be inspected any workday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

By: Douglas Henshaw, Esq.,
Porzio, Bromberg and Newman, PC
100 Southgate Parkway
Morristown, NJ 07962-1997

Attorney for Applicant
U24406 OBS April 16, 2015 (\$29.40)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING BOARD OF THE
CITY OF SUMMIT
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Take notice that the Planning Board of the City of Summit will conduct a public hearing at the Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey on April 27, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter may be called, which hearing may be continued, on an application for development by David and Sarah Rosen, applicants, regarding permission to improve the property located at 686 Springfield Avenue and designated as Lot 3, Block 2801 on the Tax Maps of the City of Summit in the R-15 District by seeking permission from the Planning Board of the City of Summit to subdivide the above referenced property into two lots.

The applicants request classification of the subdivision and minor subdivision approval, of the existing 3.24 acre lot into two lots: 3.01 and 3.02. Both lots will require Variances for Minimum Lot Width and Minimum Lot Frontage. A new house on Lot 3.02 will require Variances for Front Yard Setback and Steep Slope Disturbance, together with all other relief in the form of variances, appeals, interpretations, waivers or exceptions in the strict application of the provisions of the Development Regulations Ordinance, and other relief, which may arise during the course of the hearings in this application for development on file and as may be amended from time to time including at the hearing, and available for inspection in connection herewith.

All maps and documents for which approval is sought are available for public inspection at the Department of Community Services at City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey during business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

This notice is being given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-12 and Article 3.16 of the Development Regulation Ordinance of the City of Summit.

Dated: April 9, 2015

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PUBLIC NOTICE**MOUNTAINSIDE**

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2014 AUDIT REPORT OF
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.40A:5-7
COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS

| | DECEMBER 31, 2014 | DECEMBER 31, 2013 |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and Investments | \$5,525,885.91 | \$4,760,709.79 |
| Taxes, Assessments, Liens and Utility Charges Receivable | 450,131.91 | 238,983.81 |
| Property Acquired for Taxes-Assessed Value | 3,875.00 | 3,875.00 |
| Accounts Receivable | 609,310.22 | 558,479.31 |
| Fixed Assets | 13,772,675.29 | 13,772,675.29 |
| Fixed Capital - Authorized and Uncompleted | 269,996.00 | 269,996.00 |
| Fixed Capital - Utility | 784,157.77 | 750,094.56 |
| Deferred Charges to Future Taxation-General Capital | 5,962,677.93 | 6,578,555.86 |
| Deferred Charges-Revenue of Succeeding Years | | 118,054.28 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$27,378,710.03 | \$27,051,423.90 |
| LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE | | |
| Bonds Notes and Loans Payable | \$5,962,677.93 | \$4,678,555.86 |
| Improvement Authorizations | 559,514.93 | 2,133,609.90 |
| Other Liabilities and Special Funds | 3,253,540.12 | 2,932,272.53 |
| Amortization of Debt of Fixed Capital Acquired or Authorized | 994,153.77 | 930,090.56 |
| Reserve for Fixed Assets | 13,772,675.29 | 13,772,675.29 |
| Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable | 463,604.65 | 251,760.23 |
| Fund Balance | 2,372,543.34 | 2,352,459.53 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE | \$27,378,710.03 | \$27,051,423.90 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND

| | YEAR 2014 | YEAR 2013 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED | | |
| Fund Balance Utilized | \$1,435,000.00 | \$1,335,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous-From Other Than Local Property Tax Levies | 2,780,362.22 | 2,875,757.55 |
| Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens | 209,141.00 | 235,790.83 |
| Collection of Current Tax Levy | 31,793,760.16 | 30,858,064.95 |
| Total Income | \$36,218,263.38 | \$35,304,613.33 |
| EXPENDITURES | | |
| Budget Expenditures: Municipal Purposes | \$11,360,661.24 | \$10,964,161.68 |
| County Taxes | 8,804,810.14 | 8,353,218.68 |
| Local School Taxes | 14,611,649.00 | 14,351,445.00 |
| Other Expenditures | 2,594.81 | 9,059.55 |
| Total Expenditures | \$34,779,715.19 | \$33,677,884.91 |
| Excess in Revenue | \$1,438,548.19 | \$1,626,728.42 |
| Statutory Excess to Fund Balance | \$1,438,548.19 | \$1,626,728.42 |
| Fund Balance, January 1 | 2,186,052.01 | 1,894,323.59 |
| | \$3,624,800.20 | \$3,521,052.01 |
| Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue | 1,435,000.00 | 1,335,000.00 |
| Fund Balance, December 31 | \$2,189,600.20 | \$2,186,052.01 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - SWIMMING POOL UTILITY OPERATING FUND

| | YEAR 2014 | YEAR 2013 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED | | |
| Fund Balance Utilized | \$50,867.00 | \$75,757.00 |
| Membership Fees | 312,594.00 | 308,889.00 |
| Miscellaneous From Other Than Membership Fees | 90,109.09 | 84,344.39 |
| Total Income | \$453,570.09 | \$468,990.39 |
| EXPENDITURES | | |
| Budget Expenditures: Operating | \$280,757.00 | \$272,019.50 |
| Capital Improvement | 48,110.00 | 92,075.50 |
| Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures | 42,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Total Expenditures | \$370,867.00 | \$376,095.00 |
| Excess in Revenue | \$82,703.09 | \$92,895.39 |
| Fund Balance: | | |
| Balance, January 1 | 117,517.04 | 100,378.65 |
| | \$200,220.13 | \$193,274.04 |
| Decreased by: Utilized by Swimming Pool Operating Budget | \$50,867.00 | \$75,757.00 |
| | \$50,867.00 | \$75,757.00 |
| Fund Balance, December 31 | \$149,353.13 | \$117,517.04 |

RECOMMENDATIONS**NONE**

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, for the year 2014. This report of audit, submitted by Suplee, Clooney & Company, Registered Municipal Accountants and Certified Public Accountants, is on file at the Borough Clerk's Office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Martha Lopez
Borough Clerk

U24366 OBS April 16, 2015 (\$122.50)

PUBLIC NOTICE**PUBLIC NOTICE****PUBLIC NOTICE**

UNION
PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey Resolutions memorializing.

| Calendar # | Name of Applicant & Premises Affected | Variances Requested | Decision of the Board of Adjustment |
|-------------|--|--|---|
| Cal. # 3255 | Norman & Yolanda Wright 180 Parkview Dr. Block- 2615 Lot- 13 | 2nd flr. addition w/insufficient front & side yard setback | Carried for Resolution of Approval on 4/22/2015 |

Richard Malanda/tda
Richard Malanda, Bd. Of Adj. Secretary
U24403 UNL April 16, 2015 (\$26.46)

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|-------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Cal. # 3255 | Miraca Life Sciences 825 Rahway Avenue Block- 3915 Lot- 5 | Medical specimen processing laboratory | Granted by Resolution |
| Cal. # 3248 | The Salvation Army 1630 Vauxhall Road Block- 1704 Lot-115 | Warehousing & office are permitted in RA Zone | Granted by Resolution |

Richard Malanda/tda
Richard Malanda, Bd. Of Adj. Secretary
U24263 UNL April 16, 2015 (\$32.34)

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David Rosen
Sarah Rosen
U24369 OBS April 16, 2015 (\$26.46)

SUMMIT

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Zoning Board held a meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015, and memorialized the following resolution(s):

- Ana and Michael DaCosta
8 Meadowbrook Court
BL 2901 L 51
ZB-15-1718 - (c) and (d) variances for rear addition
- Aloysius and Nora McLaughlin
7 Essex Road
BL 2501 L 9
ZB-14-1715 - (c) variance for steep slope and building height

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Zoning Board held a meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015, and memorialized the following resolution(s):

- Ramzi and Lea Musalam
1 Woodcroft Road
BL 1203 L 23 and 24
ZB-14-1703 (c) variance for steep slope disturbance
- Erik and Michelle Frei
6 Hawthorne Place
BL 2004 L 21
ZB-14-1709 (d) variance FAR and height for addition
- James and Carol Gordon
33 Mountain Avenue
BL 3212 L 9.01 and 9.02
ZB-14-1705 (c) and (d) variance for minor division
- Matthew Lambert
149 Blackburn Road
BL 2801 L 36
ZB-14-1713 (d) FAR to enclose a covered porch

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CLARK

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-15001197

Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3666309
County: Union
Plaintiff: GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC
VS
Defendant: LORNA ONYANGO AND MR. ONYANGO HUSBAND OF LORNA ONYANGO

Sale Date: 04/22/2015
Writ of Execution: 10/17/2014

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

The property to be sold is located in the TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, County of Union, and State of NJ.

It is commonly known as 2 HILLSIDE AVENUE, CLARK, NJ 07066

It is known and designated as Block 172, Lot 6. The dimensions are approximately 38 feet wide by 92 feet long.

Nearest cross street: Elm Street

Prior lien(s): NONE

*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$363,638.31***Three Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight and 31/100***

Attorney:

PUBLIC NOTICE

STERN LAVINTHAL & FRANKENBERG, LLC
105 EISENHOWER PARKWAY - SUITE 302
ROSELAND NJ 07068
973-797-1100
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$373,445.05***Three Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five and 05/100***
March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015
U23441 EAG (\$145.04)

CLARK

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-15001554

Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00951413
County: Union
Plaintiff: FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
VS

Defendant: THOMAS A. BUESING JR.; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA
Sale Date: 05/13/2015
Writ of Execution: 02/19/2015

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: Township of Clark
Street Address: 144 Hart Street,
Clark, NJ, 07066

Tax Lot: 12
Tax Block: 96
Approximate dimensions: 43.96' x 100' x 44.08' x 100'

Nearest cross street: Franklin 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: \$327,600.00***Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred and 00/100***

Attorney:
PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC
20000 HORIZON WAY
SUITE 900

MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-1700
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$338,391.01***Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-One and 01/100***

April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 2015
U24259 EAG (\$125.44)

CRANFORD

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-15001459

Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3989009
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
VS

Defendant: RICHARD A. BUONTEMPO AND MARGARET M. BUONTEMPO, HIS WIFE; EVELYN PIZZARELLI, TENANT

Sale Date: 05/06/2015
Writ of Execution: 01/30/2015

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: Township of Cranford
Street Address: 125 New Street,
Cranford, NJ 07016

Tax Lot: 5
Tax Block: 404
Approximate dimensions: 28.10' x 100'

Nearest cross street: Burnside Avenue

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: \$323,991.68***Three Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-One and 68/100***

Attorney:

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PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC
20000 HORIZON WAY
SUITE 900
MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-1700
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan, Acting Sheriff
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$341,466.16***Three Hundred Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Six and 16/100***
April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015
U23991 EAG (\$123.48)

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ROSELLE PARK

2015 Municipal Budget of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union for the Fiscal Year 2015.

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

| Summary of Revenues | Anticipated | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| 1. Surplus | 1,400,000.00 | 1,450,000.00 |
| 2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues | 1,972,728.34 | 2,564,161.00 |
| 3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes | 460,000.00 | 460,000.00 |
| 4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes | 12,201,890.43 | 11,785,811.20 |
| c) Minimum Library Tax | 343,875.75 | 339,991.01 |
| Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget | 12,545,766.18 | 12,125,802.21 |
| Total General Revenues | 16,378,494.52 | 16,599,963.21 |

| Summary of Appropriations | 2015 | Final |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | Budget | 2014 Budget |
| 1. Operating Expenses: Salaries and Wages | 5,602,962.00 | 5,325,356.00 |
| Other Expenses | 6,523,129.36 | 6,698,483.38 |
| 2. Deferred Charges and Other Appropriations | 1,313,765.00 | 1,671,730.00 |
| 3. Capital Improvements | 100,000.00 | 100,000.00 |
| 4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes) | 1,940,636.16 | 1,934,076.83 |
| 5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes | 898,002.00 | 870,317.00 |
| Total General Appropriations | 16,378,494.52 | 16,599,963.21 |
| Total Number of Employees - Full Time and Part time | 160 | 161 |

| Summary of Revenues | 2015 Sewer Utility Budget | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| | 2015 | Anticipated 2014 |
| 1. Surplus | | |
| 2. Miscellaneous Revenues | 1,287,675.00 | 1,305,591.00 |
| 3. Deficit (General Budget) | | |
| Total Revenues | 1,287,675.00 | 1,305,591.00 |

| Summary of Appropriations | 2015 | Final |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | Budget | 2014 Budget |
| 1. Operating Expenses: Salaries and Wages | | |
| Other Expenses | 1,247,325.00 | 1,259,491.00 |
| 2. Capital Improvements | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 3. Debt Service | 35,350.00 | 41,100.00 |
| 4. Deferred Charges and Other Appropriations | | |
| 5. Surplus (General Budget) | | |
| Total Appropriations | 1,287,675.00 | 1,305,591.00 |
| Total Number of Employees - Full Time and Part time | | |

| Balance of Outstanding Bonded Debt | Assessment Trust | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | General | Sewer Utility | Assessment Trust |
| Interest | 3,902,827.75 | 350.00 | 11,460.00 |
| Principal | 15,410,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 117,000.00 |
| Outstanding Balance | 19,312,827.75 | 35,350.00 | 128,460.00 |

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution were approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union on March 12, 2015.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building, on May 7, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at which time and place discussions relating to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the Year 2015 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the Office of the Borough Clerk, Doreen Cali, at Borough Hall, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204, during the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. U23743 UNL April 16, 2015 (\$675.00)

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UNION - KENILWORTH BORO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of the Kenilworth school district, in the County of Union, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Board of Education Conference Room of the David Brearley Middle/High School, 401 Monroe Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ 07033, on April 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

| ENROLLMENT CATEGORIES | October 15, 2013 Actual | October 15, 2014 Actual | October 15, 2015 Estimated |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time | 1,223 | 1,212 | 1,208 |
| Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time | 33 | 47 | 47 |
| Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time | 166 | 196 | 229 |
| Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time | 19 | 13 | 0 |
| Subtotal - Pupils On Roll | 1,441 | 1,468 | 1,484 |
| Private School Placements | 14 | 15 | 19 |
| Pupils Sent to Other Dists-Spec Ed Prog | 10 | 12 | 7 |
| Pupils Received | 34 | 35 | 23 |
| Pupils in State Facilities | 0 | 2 | 2 |

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Advertised Revenues

| Budget Category | Account | 2013-14 Actual | 2014-15 Revised | 2015-16 Anticipated |
|---|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Operating Budget: | | | | |
| Revenues from Local Sources: | | | | |
| Local Tax Levy | 10-1210 | 16,519,624 | 17,083,017 | 18,472,786 |
| Total Tuition | 10-1300 | 384,828 | 453,367 | 404,881 |
| Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues | 10-1XXX | 254,681 | 155,000 | 147,500 |
| Subtotal - Revenues From Local Sources | | 17,159,133 | 17,691,384 | 19,025,167 |
| Revenues from State Sources: | | | | |
| School Choice Aid | 10-3116 | 2,099,135 | 2,159,493 | 2,125,960 |
| Categorical Transportation Aid | 10-3121 | 29,770 | 29,770 | 29,770 |
| Extraordinary Aid | 10-3131 | 97,725 | 64,000 | 64,000 |
| Categorical Special Education Aid | 10-3132 | 808,290 | 808,290 | 808,290 |
| Equalization Aid | 10-3176 | 1,246,171 | 1,246,171 | 1,246,171 |
| Categorical Security Aid | 10-3177 | 37,446 | 37,446 | 37,446 |
| Other State Aids | 10-3XXX | 46,156 | 74,516 | 108,049 |
| Subtotal - Revenues From State Sources | | 4,364,693 | 4,419,686 | 4,419,686 |
| Revenues from Federal Sources: | | | | |
| Medicaid Reimbursement | 10-4200 | 0 | 0 | 17,201 |
| Subtotal - Revenues From Federal Sources | | 0 | 0 | 17,201 |
| Budgeted Fund Balance - Operating Budget | 10-303 | 0 | 375,000 | 250,000 |
| Withdrawal From Maint. Reserve | 10-310 | 0 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Adjustment For Prior Year Encumbrances | | 0 | 500,205 | 0 |
| Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures | | 276,259 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Operating Budget | | 21,800,085 | 23,086,275 | 23,812,054 |
| Grants and Entitlements: | | | | |
| Revenues from State Sources: | | | | |
| Other Restricted Entitlements | 20-32XX | 136,044 | 178,386 | 152,400 |
| Total Revenues From State Sources | | 136,044 | 178,386 | 152,400 |
| Revenues from Federal Sources: | | | | |
| Title I | 20-4411-4416 | 123,041 | 116,000 | 116,000 |
| Title II | 20-4451-4455 | 21,874 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Title III | 20-4491-4494 | 797 | 0 | 0 |

| Budget Category | Account | 2013-14 Actual | 2014-15 Revised | 2015-16 Anticipated |
|---|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped) | 20-4420-4429 | 295,582 | 296,000 | 301,000 |
| Total Revenues From Federal Sources | | 441,294 | 432,000 | 437,000 |
| Total Grants And Entitlements | | 577,338 | 610,386 | 589,400 |
| Repayment of Debt: | | | | |
| Transfers From Other Funds | 40-5200 | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenues from Local Sources: | | | | |
| Local Tax Levy | 40-1210 | 695,330 | 787,607 | 848,149 |
| Total Revenues From Local Sources | | 695,330 | 787,607 | 848,149 |
| Revenues from State Sources: | | | | |
| Debt Service Aid Type II | 40-3160 | 299,806 | 373,397 | 416,375 |
| Budgeted Fund Balance | 40-303 | 0 | 103 | 8 |
| Total Local Repayment Of Debt | | 995,155 | 1,161,107 | 1,264,532 |
| Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures | | 202 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Repayment Of Debt | | 995,357 | 1,161,107 | 1,264,532 |
| Total Revenues/Sources | | 23,372,780 | 24,857,768 | 25,665,986 |
| Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers | | 23,372,780 | 24,857,768 | 25,665,986 |

UNION - KENILWORTH BORO

Advertised Appropriations

| Budget Category | Account | 2013-14 Actual | 2014-15 Revised | 2015-16 Anticipated |
|--|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| General Current Expense: | | | | |
| Instruction: | | | | |
| Regular Programs - Instruction | 11-1XX-100-XXX | 7,324,796 | 7,572,256 | 7,649,297 |
| Special Education - Instruction | 11-2XX-100-XXX | 1,850,233 | 2,174,936 | 2,524,926 |
| Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction | 11-230-100-XXX | 435,940 | 454,324 | 446,408 |
| Bilingual Education - Instruction | 11-240-100-XXX | 140,906 | 180,294 | 205,034 |
| School-Spon. Co/Extra Curr. Actvts. - Inst | 11-401-100-XXX | 192,034 | 185,613 | 221,017 |
| School-Sponsored Athletics - Instruction | 11-402-100-XXX | 306,931 | 347,553 | 364,518 |
| Support Services: | | | | |
| Undistributed Expenditures - Instruction (Tuition) | 11-000-100-XXX | 1,759,129 | 2,164,279 | 1,956,586 |
| Undist. Expend.-Attendance And Social Work | 11-000-211-XXX | 19,914 | 17,850 | 19,350 |
| Undist. Expenditures - Health Services | 11-000-213-XXX | 126,753 | 141,775 | 150,389 |
| Undist. Expend.-Speech, OT, PT And Related Svcs | 11-000-216-XXX | 250,309 | 281,947 | 357,482 |
| Undist. Expenditures - Guidance | 11-000-218-XXX | 449,225 | 454,026 | 454,629 |
| Undist. Expenditures - Child Study Teams | 11-000-219-XXX | 543,838 | 557,420 | 558,062 |
| Undist. Expend.-Improv. Of Inst. Serv. | 11-000-221-XXX | 338,619 | 384,046 | 412,670 |
| Undist. Expend.-Edu. Media Serv./Library | 11-000-222-XXX | 211,525 | 224,014 | 226,309 |
| Undist. Expend.-Instr. Staff Training Serv. | 11-000-223-XXX | 73,910 | 74,154 | 109,905 |
| Undist. Expend.-Support Serv.-Gen. Admin. | 11-000-230-XXX | 557,611 | 535,214 | 548,121 |
| Undist. Expend.-Support Serv.-School Admin. | 11-000-240-XXX | 645,822 | 666,278 | 677,183 |
| Undist. Expend. - Central Services | 11-000-251-XXX | 295,949 | 305,897 | 311,921 |
| Undist. Expend. - Admin. Info Technology | 11-000-252-XXX | 198,449 | 221,590 | 205,917 |
| Undist. Expend.-Oper. And Maint. Of Plant Serv. | 11-000-26X-XXX | 1,774,694 | 1,696,610 | 1,664,166 |
| Undist. Expend.-Student Transportation Serv. | 11-000-270-XXX | 665,699 | 656,998 | 714,376 |
| Personal Services - Employee Benefits | 11-XXX-XXX-2XX | 3,538,501 | 3,725,097 | 3,938,730 |

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| Budget Category | Account | 2013-14 Actual | 2014-15 Revised | 2015-16 Anticipated |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Total Undistributed Expenditures | | 11,449,947 | 12,107,195 | 12,305,796 |
| Total General Current Expense | | 21,700,787 | 23,022,171 | 23,716,996 |
| Capital Expenditures: | | | | |
| Equipment | 12-XXX-XXX-730 | 38,364 | 0 | 32,000 |
| Total Capital Outlay | | 38,364 | 0 | 32,000 |
| Special Schools: | | | | |
| Summer School: | | | | |
| Summer School - Instruction | 13-422-100-XXX | 57,140 | 60,158 | 58,998 |
| Summer School - Support Services | 13-422-200-XXX | 3,794 | 3,946 | 4,060 |
| Total Summer School | 13-422-X00-XXX | 60,934 | 64,104 | 63,058 |
| Total Special Schools | 13-XXX-XXX-XXX | 60,934 | 64,104 | 63,058 |
| General Fund Grand Total | | 21,800,085 | 23,086,275 | 23,812,054 |
| Special Grants and Entitlements: | | | | |
| Other State Projects: | | | | |
| Nonpublic Textbooks | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 10,897 | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Nonpublic Auxiliary Services | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 59,008 | 67,804 | 67,804 |
| Nonpublic Handicapped Services | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 48,754 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Nonpublic Nursing Services | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 13,428 | 19,024 | 19,024 |
| Nonpublic Technology Initiative | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 3,957 | 4,572 | 4,572 |
| Other | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 0 | 25,986 | 0 |
| Total Other State Projects | | 136,044 | 178,386 | 152,400 |
| Total State Projects | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 136,044 | 178,386 | 152,400 |
| Federal Projects: | | | | |
| Title I | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 123,041 | 116,000 | 116,000 |
| Title II | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 21,874 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Title III | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 797 | 0 | 0 |
| I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped) | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 295,582 | 296,000 | 301,000 |
| Total Federal Projects | 20-XXX-XXX-XXX | 441,294 | 432,000 | 437,000 |
| Total Special Revenue Funds | | 577,338 | 610,386 | 589,400 |
| Repayment of Debt: | | | | |
| Total Regular Debt Service | 40-701-510-XXX | 995,357 | 1,161,107 | 1,264,532 |
| Total Debt Service Funds | | 995,357 | 1,161,107 | 1,264,532 |
| Total Expenditures/Appropriations | | 23,372,780 | 24,857,768 | 25,665,986 |
| Total Expenditures Net of Transfers | | 23,372,780 | 24,857,768 | 25,665,986 |

UNION - KENILWORTH BORO
Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

| Budget Category | Audited Balance 6-30-2013 | Audited Balance 6-30-2014 | Estimated Balance 6-30-2015 | Estimated Balance 6-30-2016 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Unrestricted: | | | | |
| --General Operating Budget | 893,397 | 780,664 | 449,047 | 199,047 |
| --Repayment of Debt | 313 | 111 | 8 | 0 |
| Restricted for Specific Purposes- General Operating Budget: | | | | |
| --Capital Reserve | 1 | 85,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 |
| --Adult Education Programs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| --Maintenance Reserve | 850,000 | 600,000 | 500,000 | 400,000 |
| --Legal Reserve | 149,670 | 43,383 | 0 | 0 |
| --Tuition Reserve | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| --Current Expense Emergency Reserve | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Repayment of Debt: | | | | |

| Budget Category | Audited Balance 6-30-2013 | Audited Balance 6-30-2014 | Estimated Balance 6-30-2015 | Estimated Balance 6-30-2016 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| --Restricted for Repayment of Debt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

UNION - KENILWORTH BORO
Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations

| Per Pupil Cost Calculations | 2012-13 Actual Costs | 2013-14 Actual Costs | 2014-15 Original Budget | 2014-15 Revised Budget | 2015-16 Proposed Budget |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost | \$13,131 | \$14,049 | \$13,807 | \$14,056 | \$14,417 |
| Total Classroom Instruction | \$8,385 | \$8,433 | \$8,881 | \$9,041 | \$9,308 |
| Classroom-Salaries and Benefits | \$7,863 | \$7,657 | \$8,527 | \$8,678 | \$8,906 |
| Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks | \$454 | \$434 | \$270 | \$280 | \$316 |
| Classroom-Purchased Services | \$68 | \$342 | \$84 | \$84 | \$86 |
| Total Support Services | \$1,769 | \$1,747 | \$1,804 | \$1,838 | \$1,943 |
| Support Services-Salaries and Benefits | \$1,626 | \$1,604 | \$1,657 | \$1,683 | \$1,765 |
| Total Administrative Costs | \$1,439 | \$1,408 | \$1,429 | \$1,430 | \$1,425 |
| Administration Salaries and Benefits | \$1,093 | \$1,060 | \$1,089 | \$1,085 | \$1,087 |
| Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant | \$1,079 | \$1,323 | \$1,223 | \$1,273 | \$1,232 |
| Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits | \$422 | \$424 | \$435 | \$443 | \$435 |
| Board Contribution to Food Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Extracurricular Costs | \$443 | \$426 | \$443 | \$446 | \$485 |
| Total Equipment Costs | \$14 | \$27 | \$0 | \$0 | \$22 |
| Legal Costs | \$43 | \$62 | \$38 | \$39 | \$38 |
| Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries* | 27.49% | 27.99% | 27.13% | 26.57% | 27.04% |

*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.
** Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending (formerly Comparative Spending Guide) and can be found on the Department of Education website: <http://www.state.nj.us/education> under Finance, when available. This publication is available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2014-15 revised appropriations and the 2015-16 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Harding School, 426 Boulevard, Kenilworth, Union County New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

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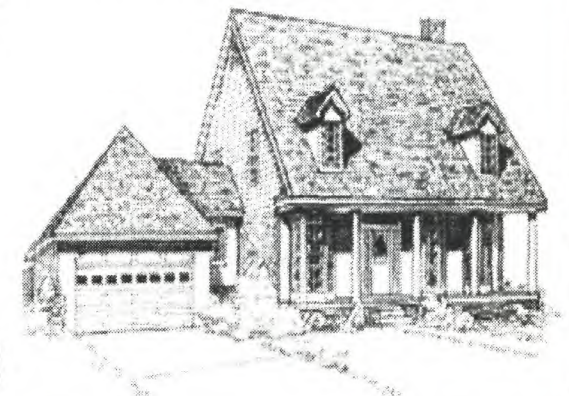
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SPORTS

Dad's Club Baseball includes R. Park at home vs. Columbia

8 games are scheduled for this weekend

By **JR Parachini**
Sports Editor

For the first time, last year's Roselle Park Dad's Club Baseball Invitational - played on the same weekend as this year's will be - included no rain and normal, comfortable temperatures to enjoy the sport by.

All 10 games were played, including some thrillers - there were three one-run games and three two-run contests.

Even Cranford won for the first time, coming back in its final at-bat to down Steinert 6-5 on the second day.

Although Cranford - which has captured North 2, Group 3 the past three seasons and four of the last five, is not in the event this time, there is still plenty of Union County flavor all three days.

On Friday, in the first game, New Providence takes on Hudson County foe Weehawken at 4:30 p.m.

In the final of four games on Saturday, host Roselle Park faces Columbia at 7 p.m.

With rain in the forecast for Friday and Saturday, unfortunately those two games could be in jeopardy.

Let's hope for the best and that the weatherman is wrong once again.

In Sunday's first of two games it will be Union Catholic facing Essex County foe Newark Academy at 10 a.m.

2015 ROSELLE PARK DAD'S CLUB BASEBALL INVITATIONAL - 7TH ANNUAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

New Providence vs. Weehawken, 4:30 p.m.

Washington Township vs. Marist, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Ramapo vs. Union City, 10 a.m.

Steinert vs. Bridgewater-Raritan, 1 p.m.

St. Peter's Prep vs. Millburn, 4 p.m.

Columbia vs. Roselle Park, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Union Catholic vs. Newark Academy, 10 a.m.

Middlesex vs. Bernards, 1 p.m.

First-time participants include Washington Township of South Jersey and Hudson County school Union City.

This is the first time that only two games are scheduled to be played on the Sunday, portion of the weekend instead of four.

"We shortened it a bit this year," Roselle Park head coach Nick Agoglia said. "We have some new teams and we have several back, including New Providence, Union Catholic, Columbia and Bridgewater-Raritan.

Also back are St. Peter's Prep, Newark Academy, Steinert and Ramapo.

"There's always been an interest," Agoglia said. "We've had success and our name has gotten out there. By me contacting people, word of mouth and teams getting back to me, we're able to put together a pretty good weekend of games.

"We just need the weather to cooperate more."

While Agoglia says that, "we haven't had the best of luck with the weather," he also reports positively from a financial standpoint that, "there has been no year that we've been in the red."

Saturday night's Roselle Park-Columbia matchup features winning programs from Union and Essex counties.

Roselle Park entered Monday's makeup home game against Union County Conference-Valley Division arch rival Brearley with a 3-1 record and two-game winning streak.

Columbia improved to 7-1 overall on Monday after winning at Newark East Side 1-0. It was the second straight win for the Cougars after they lost at home to Livingston 6-0 on April 8.

Roselle Park's first loss was at home against New Providence 16-8 on April 2, which was a UCC-crossover contest - the Pioneers are situated in the UCC's Mountain Division.

Roselle Park jumped out to a five-run lead and then needed nine innings to win a division game at Oratory Prep last Thursday, with the Panthers coming out on top 6-5.

Roselle Park took a 5-0 lead before Oratory Prep chipped away and tied the game at 5-5 by scoring one run in the bottom of the seventh.

In the top of the ninth, Roselle Park freshman Ray Arocha singled and then senior Mike Figueredo reached on a bunt single.

With a sacrifice bunt, senior Tyler Loneker moved the runners to second and third. Dan Mucha walked to load the bases before sophomore third baseman Phil Lagana drove in Arocha with a sacrifice fly.

In relief, Arocha pitched the final two innings scoreless to win his first varsity game in his initial varsity decision.

Roselle Park, which has six seniors, no juniors and a combined 29 freshmen and sophomores in the program this season, was to host Bloomfield Tech - weather permitting - Tuesday, play at Rahway Thursday and then at Hillside Friday, the latter two games UCC-crossover contests - the Indians and Comets are in the UCC's new Sky Division.

"We're all over the place this year," Agoglia said. "We have three freshmen on varsity and seven sophomores."

Heading into this week, Mucha, a senior right hander, was 2-0, with wins over Roselle Catholic and Summit when the Hilltoppers were undefeated at the time.

Loneker is the team's No. 3 batter in the order and plays first base and serves as a designated hitter when he's not pitching.

Agoglia said that Figueredo, who plays left field, and senior right fielder Andy Santamaria are also off to good starts.

Roselle Park opened with a 10-0 division win at home over Roselle Catholic on April 1.

Roselle Park began the week leading the UCC's Valley Division standings with a 3-0 record. Summit was in second place at 3-1.

UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE BASEBALL STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY, APRIL 13:

WATCHUNG DIVISION (6 schools)

- 1-Governor Livingston (3-0)
- 2-Elizabeth (2-0-1)
- 3-Scotch Plains (2-1)
- 4-Cranford (2-1-1)
- 5-Westfield (1-4)
- 6-Union (0-4)

MOUNTAIN DIVISION (5 schools)

- 1-Dayton (4-1)
- 2-Johnson (3-1)
- 3-Linden (2-2)
- 4-Union Catholic (1-3)
- New Providence (1-3)

VALLEY DIVISION (5 schools)

- 1-Roselle Park (3-0)
- 2-Summit (3-1)
- 3-Oratory Prep (2-2)
- 4-Brearley (1-2)
- 5-Roselle Catholic (0-4)

SKY DIVISION (5 schools)

- 1-Rahway (3-0)
- 2-Plainfield (3-1)
- 3-St. Mary's, Elizabeth (1-2)
- Hillside (1-2)
- 5-Roselle (0-3)

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UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE SOFTBALL STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY, APRIL 13:

WATCHUNG DIVISION (7 schools)

- 1-Governor Livingston (4-0)
- Johnson (4-0)
- 3-Westfield (2-2)
- 4-Cranford (1-3)
- Elizabeth (1-3)
- 6-New Providence (0-1)
- 7-Linden (0-3)

MOUNTAIN DIVISION (8 schools)

- 1-Rahway (4-1)
- 2-Dayton (3-2)
- Brearley (3-2)
- Union (3-2)
- 5-Scotch Plains (2-2)
- 6-Union Catholic (2-3)
- 7-Summit (1-3)
- 8-Roselle Park (1-4)

VALLEY DIVISION (8 schools)

- 1-Kent Place (5-0)
- 2-Oak Knoll (3-0)
- 3-Roselle (4-1)
- 4-Benedictine Academy (2-1)
- 5-Roselle Catholic (1-3)
- Plainfield (1-3)
- 7-Hillside (0-4)
- St. Mary's, Elizabeth (0-4)

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Governor Livingston, at left, and Dayton, at right, were scheduled - weather permitting - to play Tuesday at GL in a Union County Conference-crossover game. GL entered with 7-0 record and was leading the UCC's Watchung Division at



Photo by JR Parachini

GL baseball off to steady 7-0 beginning

However, head coach Roof would not call record a magnificent start

By **JR Parachini**
Sports Editor

Still seeking that elusive first Union County Tournament championship, the Governor Livingston baseball team is making a strong case to earn the top seed for the second straight season when the 62nd event is put together next week.

It took nine innings against a scrappy Union team that is better than its record to win Monday, with the Highlanders scoring two runs in the top of the ninth for a 3-1 Union County Conference-Watchung Division extra-inning triumph over the Farmers at Gordon R. LeMatty Field in Union.

GL improved to 7-0 overall - the Highlanders began last year 5-0 and 16-1 - and 4-0 in the Watchung Division to lead that portion of the UCC.

The rest of this week's schedule, with rain in the forecast for Friday and Saturday, includes Dayton home Tuesday, Union Catholic home Thursday, at Parsippany Friday and Hanover Park home Saturday at 2 p.m.

The games against Dayton and Union Catholic are UCC-crossover contests.

Against Union, GL took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third on a 6-4 fielder's choice RBI. Union came back quickly to tie the game in the bottom of the third.

On an 0-2 count and with two outs, Jake Pittus hit an off-speed pitch just over the head of the GL shortstop to plate Kyle Boyd from second.

Both starting pitchers, who hurled seven complete to get the game to extra innings, pitched in and out of jams to keep the tight league contest at 1-1.

Senior right hander Dan Belfer was tough with a fastball and off speed pitch for GL, while Union senior lefty Joe Poland had a decent fastball, got GL batters to hit the ball on the ground and when they hit it in the air it was usually right at well-placed outfielders for outs, including a fine diving catch by Boyd in left to close the top of the seventh.

Union had first and second and nobody out and then the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the sixth, but was unable to break through. Belfer retired Union's final two batters in the inning on a strikeout swinging of a 2-2 off-speed pitch and then a pop up to short.

Union fell to an uncharacteristic 0-7, with two losses by two runs and two by two runs. GL opened with a 2-1 home division win over Union back on April 1, with senior lefty Ethan Frohman getting the win and senior righty Jonathan Brignoni taking the hard-luck loss after tossing a four-hitter that included 10 strikeouts and one walk.

Frohman, with wins over Union and Westfield, began the week at 2-0. In his first 13 innings he allowed just six hits and one earned run for an impressive 0.54 ERA. He had 24 strikeouts, three walks and a whip of 0.69.

Sophomore left hander Nick Cocchia, who threw 4 and 2/3 innings in Saturday's 15-6 Highlander Classic title game home win over New Providence, was 2-0. Belfer was 1-0 with a win over Scotch Plains and sophomore right hander Vin Doren was also 1-0.

Scotch Plains defeated Elizabeth 4-1 at home Monday to improve to 6-1 overall and 3-1 in the Watchung Division.

The Raiders have won five straight since falling at GL 9-2 on April 2 in division play.

Scotch Plains was 10-11 last year, while GL finished 21-6 and reached its fourth UCT final and third under present head coach Chris Roof.

While most coaches would trade almost anything for a 7-0 start, Roof realizes that victories and team records can be very fleeting.

"We're a very poor hitting team," Roof said. "We're only batting .264 as a team and our on-base is .390."

GL has scored four runs or less in three of its first seven games.

Off to excellent starts at the plate are senior third baseman Ian Lynch, Frohman and senior first baseman Mike Falk.

Lynch began the week batting .500 at 7-for-14, with seven RBI, a team-leading seven runs and an on-base percentage of .652.

Frohman was hitting .353, with a team-leading 11 RBI, five runs and an on-base of .450.

Falk was at .312, with a .476 on-base, a team-leading 10 runs and 10 RBI.

A RESPECTED COACH, A SPECIAL PERSON

When I think of Dave Minsavage three things come to mind: Smith Field in Parsippany, Jethro Tull and the Gong Show.

I graduated Parsippany High School in 1981, two years after Dave. His younger brother Steve, who I graduated with, was one of my best friends in high school.

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File photo

GL senior lefty Ethan Frohman began the week 2-0, with wins over Union and Westfield. His earned-run average was an impressive 0.54.

Highlanders could earn the UCT's top seed once again

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I was fortunate enough to be included in pickup baseball games at Smith Field that involved both brothers. I also played high school sports with both - soccer and basketball.

Dave, the highly-successful Hanover Park baseball coach the past 19 seasons who passed away last Thursday at the age of 53 after suffering from pancreatic cancer, was someone I could look up to during my high school years.

He was mature and very responsible and also a fine athlete. He also had a comedic side which showed him to have a great sense of humor.

I remember his love for rock and roll music, especially Jethro Tull, and also remember the times I spent at the Minsavage Lake Hiawatha house watching the Gong Show with him, his brother Steve and other friends.

Those were good times, among many more, that I will always remember fondly.

Having covered Morris County before Dave became the head coach at Hanover Park and then Union County since 1991, the only time I got to cover one of Dave's games was the 2006 Group 2 final at Toms River South.

That day he guided the Hornets to a state championship as junior righty Joe DiRocco tossed a shutout in downing Governor Livingston 6-0. Hanover Park won its first state title since 1997 and I'm sure the smile on Minsavage's face spread all the way from Toms River back to East Hanover.

My prayers go out to him, his family and the entire Minsavage family.

Dave, I don't need to write how much you will be missed by so many you touched.

God Bless.

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Johnson 2, Monroe 1

Cranford 6, Steinert 5

Highland Regional 11, Metuchen 2

Roselle Park 12, Dunellen 2

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Union Catholic 12, Columbia 3

Middlesex 6, New Providence 5

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Bridgewater-Raritan 9

Bernards 6, Newark Academy 4



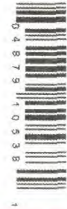


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HOOPS EXCELLENCE - Garwood Middle School boys' and girls' basketball teams both excelled this past winter season. The boys' fashioned a fine 10-4 mark, while the girls' concluded with an outstanding 13-2 record.

MOST VALUABLE- Roselle Catholic winter sports season MVPs, from left, include Nick Campanelli-bowling, Tyffani McQueen - basketball, Ifeanyi Okereke-indoor track, Azsiana James-cheerleading and Adia Ledbetter-indoor track. Missing from March 30 photo at Roselle Catholic is Isaiah Briscoe, who was in Chicago for the McDonald's All-American basketball game.

