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Kean denies tenure despite backlash

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

It will not be a merry Christmas for six Kean University professors who will lose their positions at the university at the end of the year.

Despite hours of impassioned pleas by faculty members and students, the Kean University Board of Trustees went along with recommendations of the administration and university President Dawood Farahi to deny tenure to the six professors who have held probationary status for five years.

The board did not make a statement regarding the decision, moving on with other items on the agenda immediately following the vote.

Kean Federation of Teachers President James Castiglione, who represents the university's tenured faculty members, felt the decision would compromise the school's academic standards.

"I think it is shameful that any board would not provide any reason for their decision after all the public outcry that was heard," said the KFT president.

By voting down tenure for the six employees, the board unanimously supported Farahi's belief that tenure "is not an



File Photo

Teachers and students traveled by bus to the Kean's satellite campus in Toms River, but were unsuccessful in stopping the board from denying tenure to six teachers.

entitlement," and should not be given out lightly at a state university.

In October, eight out of the ten professors and administrators up for tenure received a negative recommendation for

reappointment from Kean President of Academic Affairs Jeffrey Toney.

Kean Federation of Teachers President James Castiglione was baffled by this decision.

"These professors received unanimous or near unanimous votes in their departmental and college levels," the KFT president said in early November, admitting he did not understand the rationale of such a move.

Although the professors involved appealed the decision to Farahi, he later released a two-page statement regarding the issue of tenure.

"The collective bargaining representative may consider tenure an automatic right, but the administration and the board of trustees take the tenure process seriously," the university president said, adding that "a lifetime job in the university system is not an entitlement, it has to be earned. That is our responsibility to our students and to the taxpayers of New Jersey."

Although the Kean Federation of Teachers union mobilized to defend the integrity of academics and tenure at the embattled university, their efforts were in vain.

The board meeting, held Saturday at Kean's satellite campus in Toms River, drew busloads of faculty and students from the Union campus. Once the meeting began at 10 a.m. there was a continual line of speakers stepping to the podium to plea

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Garretson wins Hillside run off election against Menza

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE – Although Mayor Joe Menza was hoping to receive the support of voters in a run-off mayoral election last week against Councilwoman Angela Garretson, it failed to materialize. Garretson's supporters flooded the polls, ushering her into the seat by a margin of 380 votes.

The special election was held because during the general election on Nov. 5 neither candidate managed to garner 50 percent of the vote, which is required by Hillside's form of government in order to be declared the winner.

According to the Union County Board of Elections Administrator Dennis Kobitz, Garretson
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Three indicted in Elizabeth free lunch program scandal

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

ELIZABETH – On Monday, Dec. 9, a former Elizabeth Board of Education member, board attorney and outside board counsel were indicted by a grand jury on charges they covered up a false free lunch application filed by the board member's wife. All three, previously arrested in April, face serious charges as a result.

Acting Attorney General John J. Hoff-

man said former school board member Juan Donoso, 42, of Elizabeth, was charged in a five-count indictment with two counts of official misconduct and one count each of tampering with public records or information, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and hindering apprehension or prosecution.

Board Attorney Kirk Nelson, 46, of Roselle and Frank Capece, 63, of Cranford,
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BUGGING OUT IN RAHWAY — The shoreline of Rahway's Lake Milton recently was the destination of Rahway High School teacher Jessica Merrill's Advanced Placement Environmental Science class. Students spent an entire day collecting macroinvertebrates from the shoreline and small creeks behind the lake. Macroinvertebrates are small animals without a backbone, visible without magnification; examples are crayfish, leeches, and snails. The presence of indicator species is an inexpensive and simple method to enable scientists to evaluate the health of an ecosystem. Therefore, it was important for students to find, count, and classify the various invertebrates. From their data collection, they were able to calculate the biodiversity of the area. Left: Teacher Merrill explains about calculation of biodiversity to student Madison Sullivan-Hennessey. Above: Brianna Nelson, left, Sullivan-Hennessey, Alayah Reddock, and Camilla Albuquerque use tweezers to extract macroinvertebrates from the mud from the creeks and shoreline.

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Bail reduction denied for Cranford 'firestarter'

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

The husband of the Cranford mom arrested for attempting to kill the couple's twins by setting fire to their car on the Garden State Parkway tried to get her bail reduced last week, but failed.

Ron Zuber, on leave from his job as the director of the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal, was emotionally crushed when he heard Superior Court Judge Robert Mega refused to lower the \$800,000 bail for his wife, Narcissa Zuber, 48, saying she faced up to 70 years in jail if found guilty.

According to sources in the prosecutor's office, if Zuber is indicted she faces two counts of attempted murder, one for each child.

Zuber was charged Nov. 28 with attempted murder in connection with the early evening Oct. 26 incident, with additional charges of aggravated arson and child endangerment also levied.

Friday was the first time authorities released information that the joint investigation by the prosecutor's office,

Troop E Criminal Investigation Office, and the arson unit of the state police revealed an accelerant had been used to start the fire that left the twins, a boy and girl, and their mother severely burned.

Prosecutors alleged that Zuber set the fire in the Jeep Liberty around 6:45 p.m. on Oct. 26 on the Parkway in Clark and then drove south for an additional two miles before stopping in Woodbridge, where motorists called the state police and local authorities.

The bail denial came Friday after the Cranford mother's attorney William Lundsten told Mega his client was in need of medical and psychological help and could not obtain it in jail.

He also told the judge her husband was willing to put up their Cranford home in order to get her released from jail, but Union County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Vanderstreet fought the motion.

Vanderstreet argued that their investigation found Zuber poured a flammable accelerant inside the Jeep Liberty that contained her 7-year-old twins.

This was the first time authorities released informa-

tion explaining why Zuber was arrested Nov. 28 when she was released from St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Initially when the incident occurred, it was thought the vehicle caught fire and the mother and children were trapped inside the vehicle.

Lundsten told Mega if Zuber's bail was reduced she could stay at her sister's house and be able to receive the medical help needed, but after Vanderstreet revealed a witness at St. Barnabas Medical Center overheard Zuber allegedly admit she tried to kill herself and her children, the judge denied the motion.

According to sources close to the investigation, the Cranford mother, originally from Columbia, suffered a stroke in 2011 and has aphasia, which affects her ability to speak.

The children, now released from the hospital, are living with their father in Cranford.

Zuber, according to neighbors and other sources, reportedly does not believe his wife set fire to their SUV and remains determined to get her out of custody.



Photo by David VanDeventer

SNOW-NANZA — Residents awoke in Union County on Tuesday morning to the sight of their first significant winter snow storm of the season. Commutes were slow moving as delays were reported all over the Tri-State area. The National Weather Service called for 1 to 3 inches of snow before temperatures plummeted below 30 degrees overnight.

Tree of Hope planted at courthouse

Sheriff's officers seek donations to help needy children for Christmas

Every holiday season for 16 years, Union County Sheriff's Officers have set up their "Tree of Hope" in the courthouse seeking donations of toys and clothing for needy children throughout the county. Each year the response has been overwhelming.

The "Tree of Hope" was first planted in 1997 when officers approached Sheriff Ralph Froehlich and related troubling stories of children who were going to experience a less than happy holiday season. The children the officers encountered were homeless or living in shelters, were victims of domestic violence or medically fragile. Their parents or guardians did not have the financial ability to provide holiday gifts.

Every year since the Sheriff and the "Tree of Hope" committee have erected a tree in the Union County Courthouse featuring paper ornaments. Volunteers make the ornaments and write a particular gift on each one.

"These caring officers do a tremendous job in helping these children," Sheriff Froehlich said. "Even during tough economic and personal times, it is important not to forget those kids who are less fortunate."

Monetary donations to help provide additional gifts are also being sought.

Contributions of money (tax-deductible), toys and clothing can be sent to: Union County Sheriff's Officers Tree of Hope, Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, N.J., 07207. For more information, call the "Tree of Hope" hotline at 908-629-2158.

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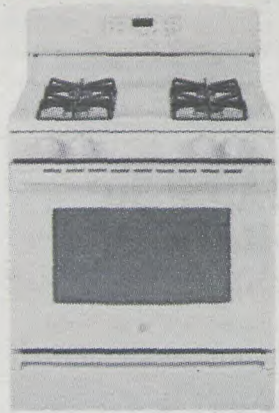
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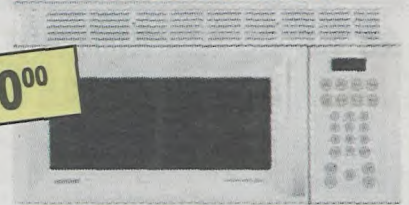
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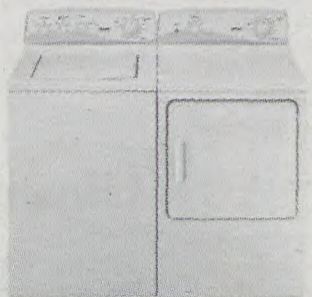
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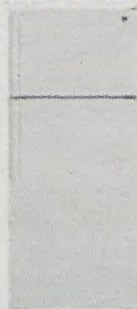


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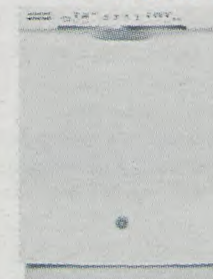
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File Photo

Mayor Joe Menza lost to Angela Garretson in the town's recent run off election.

Menza out, Garretson in as mayor

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ended up with 1,936 votes and Menza 1,556. These numbers did not include the 10 provisional, or paper ballots.

In an interview with LocalSource, Garretson admitted she was experiencing a wide range of emotions since hearing she won the mayor's seat.

"This has been amazing journey and very humbling," said the Democrat councilwoman who is wrapping up her first four-year term on the governing body.

The mayor elect said she felt very strongly that her campaign of focusing on bringing the community together and not being divisive helped voters decide she would be able to provide the leadership Hillside needs at this time.

"I think the residents of Hillside are tired of divisiveness. They want a mayor who can provide the leadership needed," said Garretson, adding she ran for the mayors seat because she "had pride as a Hillside resident and I want our residents to feel that same pride in our town."

Garretson said she plans to take her seat as mayor with a plan in hand and a transition team in place on Jan. 1 when she takes the oath of office at 1 p.m. in town hall.

"We need to go into town hall with a plan and a vision. I'm not going in blindly. I intend to give each employee and every resident the respect they deserve and provide transparency and accessibility," she said, pointing out that she strongly felt people truly wanted change.

The mayor elect, though, is well aware she has her work cut out, but stressed that her mayoral style will be quite different from Menza's.

"My leadership style is different than Joe's. I plan to be receptive to what council's vision is for Hillside and I will share my own vision with them," Garretson said, adding that she intends to represent the people, not political interests.

Although Garretson did not have the support of Hillside's Democrat Municipal Chairman Charlotte D'Filippo, who remained neutral during the run off election, she did have many political allies, including Union County Democratic County Chairman Jerry Green, who rolled out the political red carpet when it came to standing behind the Hillside mayoral candidate. Garretson explained that thanks to Democrat leaders such as State Sen. Ray Lesniak and Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage, she was able to get her message to the community, who then rallied to her support.

"I believe having the support of the unions and campaigning for more transparency really was effective," she added.

Menza, on the other hand, was gracious about the loss, preferring to focus on what he achieved as mayor the last four years.

"I'm proud of what I've done. I think I was the right person at the right time for the job," the mayor added.

"Look, I can be proud because when I became mayor four years ago I inherited a \$3.6 million deficit and today we have no deficit, \$800,000 in surplus, and two years running with a zero tax increase," Menza explained, adding Garretson "has her work cut out."

"In Hillside you aren't a ribbon cutting mayor, you are a working mayor and things get tough," he said, mentioning that Garretson will face the same challenges he did — a council that controls the purse strings.

Would he do it all again if given the opportunity? Laughing heartily, Menza confesses that things were different four years ago.

"First of all I had a lot more hair and it wasn't so gray," he quipped, but added there were moments that made it all worth it, such as in 2012 when he earned the title of Gateway Regional Chamber's Mayor of the year.

"You have to love a moment like that because it speaks to who you are as a mayor of a community. Was it easy? No, it was a lot of work, but I'm proud to say I made changes that were needed and the taxpayers were the benefit of that," Menza said.

Skate with Santa at Warinanco Park, Dec. 15

Santa Claus will visit the ice skating rink at Warinanco Park in Roselle on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal, ice skating with Santa offers families a cool way to enjoy an afternoon out together during the holidays.

"Come skate along on the ice with Santa and warm up later by the fireplace as you listen to your favorite Christmas carols," said Freeholder Chairman Linda Carter. "This family-oriented afternoon will offer a mixture of holiday classics, candy canes and an opportunity to take photos with Santa on ice skates."

Regular admission fees apply: Adults \$6.00; youths 17 years and younger, \$5.00; seniors (62 and older) \$4.00. Ice skate rental is available for an additional \$4.00.

The Warinanco Ice Skating Center is conveniently located in Warinanco Park, off St. Georges Avenue on the Roselle/Elizabeth border. For more information visit the Union County website, www.ucnj.org/skating or call 908-298-7850.

Blood drive set for Dec. 16 at Linden Library

There will be a blood drive Monday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 7 p.m. in the Columbia Bank Room at the Linden Public Library, 31 E. Henry St., Linden.

This is a Super Community Blood Drive; all eligible donors will be entered into a sweepstakes to win a pair of Super Bowl tickets.

Library open 24/7

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UNION NEWS

United Methodist to present Christmas music concert, Dec. 20

The United Methodist Church in Union will present an evening of Christmas music Friday, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m., featuring the Fellowship Choir performing the Christmas cantata, "Once Upon a Holy Night." There will also be carol singing and special musical presentations by church soloists. Refreshments will be served after the performance.

The church is located at 2095 Berwyn St. in Union, just behind Union Center. For more information, call 908 687-8077.

Vauzhaul library has much planned

The Children's Department of the Union Public Library has scheduled the following programs at the Vauxhall

Branch during the month of January:

- Monday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.: Bedtime Storytime, for children of all ages and their caregivers. No registration required.
- Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 11 a.m.: Winter Snowman Storytime and Craft Program for children, ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. Registration is required.
- Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 3 p.m.: Learn to play chess with instructors Mr. Perry and Mr. Outlaw, for children ages 8 through 16. Registration is required.
- Thursday, Jan. 16 at 3:30 p.m.: I Have a Dream School-age Craft Program, for children in grade one and up, and their caregivers. Registration is required.
- Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 11 a.m.: "LeapFrog: Scout & Friends - Adventures in Shapeville Park" will be screened for children of all ages and their caregivers. No registration required.

• Thursday, Jan. 23 at 3:30 p.m.: After School Game Day for children in grades one through six and their caregivers. Registration is required.


• Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 11 a.m.: Game Day for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. Registration is required.

• Thursday, Jan. 30 at 3 p.m.: "Disney's Tarzan" will be screened for children of all ages. No registration required.

Municipal Band to play free concert

The Union Municipal Band presents a free concert of holiday music at Hannah Caldwell School Auditorium, 1120 Commerce Ave., on Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Musicians from Union and the surrounding communities are invited to join the group. Those interested should call Dr. John H. Bunnell at 973-377-8058.

For directions or questions, call the Union Recreation Department at 908-686-4200.



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Dec. 24th

Christmas Eve Service

- 4:00pm Family Service with Children's Pageant

- 11:00pm Candlelight Service with Communion

Dec. 29th

10:15am Service of Lessons and Carols

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Tenure denied by Kean board

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for the board to override the decision by Farahi and Toney. Most let their anger and frustration out on Farahi, defending the professors who will lose their jobs as a result of not receiving tenure.

One professor had bitter words for the board.

"This is not the world-class education we advertise. This is an academic crime," said Richard Katz, a professor in the English Department where there are over 100 adjunct instructors but only 17 tenured professors.

Other speakers used their time at the podium to try and show the board that Kean was heading downhill, not up, as Farahi has indicated. Kean Assistant Professor of Philosophy Jesus Diaz was one of them.

He read off several statements about Kean wanting to be the "University of choice," and "developing Kean into a model public university," pointing out these were words taken from a brochure put out by the school. He also brought up the fact that Kean's rating with Moody's Investor Service remained "negative" because the university has \$379 million in debt, declining enrollment numbers, and continued borrowing without significant growth

of financial resources.

Diaz said Kean has become a "construction company with a university name," pointing out that the Union County four-year higher education institution was the only one of all the state universities to be put on probation by Middle States.

"The trends in the data are not good. Kean looks like a still salvageable sinking ship," Diaz said, asking the board "do you owe your fiduciary duty to Sen. Lesniak or to Kean University?"

Castiglione reminded the board about the "long list of scandals" the university had been plagued with, the lack of coordination at the administration level which led to cancellation of classes at the eleventh hour, and the decline of qualified personnel.

"This is turning this entire institution upside down," the KFT president said, adding that "this strikes to the very core of what we do."

Tim Harrigan, of the Council of New Jersey State College Locals, felt the decision was "a mass firing that in no way could benefit Kean."

In higher education, tenure is a professor's permanent job "contract" that is granted after a probationary period of five to seven years.

Academic tenure is primarily intended to guarantee the right of academic freedom. It protects teachers and researchers when they go against university opinion, disagree with university authorities or spend time on issues that are not favored by the institution.

According to one source, the intent of tenure is to allow original ideas to rise. The tenure track has always been a defining feature of employment but it has become less so in recent years. For instance, most universities currently supplement the work of tenured professors with the services on non-tenured "adjunct" professors, who teach for lower wages and fewer employment benefits, such as health care.

Although a tenured professor can be

Kean teachers, faculty and students are very upset about the recent decision by the board of trustees not to extend tenure to eight teachers who all received unanimous or near unanimous recommendations.

fired for incompetence or gross misconduct, they cannot be let go during periods of low enrollment. However, non-tenured professors can be let go or just not given tenure. Kean is in a period of low enrollment, which has been steadily declining since the 2009 fall semester.

Diaz, a tenured employee, said in the fall of 2009 there were 15,051 undergraduates and graduate students, compared to 2013 when that number dropped to 14,842. However, in 2011, enrollment actually went up to 16,187, but dipped again the following year.

Kean also has seen a 17 percent decline in full time assistant associates and full time professors since 2007, compared to other state universities such as Rowan, which only saw a 4.43 percent dip. Most state universities saw an increase, such as Montclair State University which saw a 14.92 percent increase in staff professors, while Ramapo saw a 10.15 percent increase.

On the other hand, the use of adjunct professors, or non-tenured staff at Kean, climbed from 770 in 2005 to 953 this year.

In fact, in 2005, 25 professors began the tenure track at Kean but only eight, or 32 percent, received the nod this year.

Montclair State University, though, also saw a decline, with 38 starting the tenure track but 25 of that number achieving full tenure status. Of all state universities, Kean was the only one to have such a low tenure receiving percentage, with only Ramapo's percentage dipping to 46 percent and Rowan, 45 percent.

However, none of the state universities brought aboard every professor that began the tenure track in 2005. Some, such as New Jersey City University, denied tenure to as few as three professors while Montclair State University saw 13 out of 38 not make the grade.

Over the years, 42 of 57 eligible Kean faculty members have been granted tenure, while those that did not lost their positions at the end of the school year.

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Christmas just isn't like it used to be

Once upon a time the Christmas season was magical but it seems the magic is fading a little more every year.

The time honored tradition of adhering to traditional timelines for kicking off this holiday season was respected and few thought of violating this unwritten edict. No one tried to rush the season by putting up Christmas lights before Thanksgiving, or look for big sales that now only send people into shopping frenzies that become a full fledged shopping onslaught before the turkey is even cold.

I don't know when Black Friday first surfaced, but the concept sure isn't doing anything to pave the way for a Christmas that is merry and bright. In fact, if the violent antics I saw unfolding on the news after the Black Friday shopping marathon are any indication, the entire meaning of Christmas has been seriously compromised and quite possibly on the verge of extinction.

Although some folks may disagree, I don't think I'm far off track this time.

For instance, the people who line up in the middle of the night at big box stores and somehow end up engaging in physical violence with fellow customers so they don't lose out on reduced prices is only one example of how folks are forgetting the real meaning of why we even celebrate this holiday.

How do people forget to be polite and end up pummeling some guy next to them just to get to a sale item first? Is it temporary insanity or merely extreme holiday pressure that forces people to want a bigger, better and more outrageous Christmas than the year before? You tell me, because I feel the magic slipping away a little more each year and it saddens me.

Maybe my idea of how Christmas should be has gone by the wayside, but I don't think so. There are others out there who are trying to keep the magic of Christmas in their hearts and celebrations, but our number is dwindling. Truth is, as our older generation passes on, the simpler, sweeter, magical version of Christmas is dying right along with them.

It seems Christmas has become more about how much you spend, even if you have to go into debt to do it. Big screen TV's are flying off the shelves as we speak, because I suppose it would be a sin if anyone had to watch "It's a Wonderful Life" on a smaller screen or have to explain to friends and relatives on Christmas why they are still living in the dark ages.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

BY CHERYL HEHL

Trust me, I know the whole scenario because I own several of those old televisions and they are still going strong. In fact, they are staying right where they are until they blow up.

Children get so many presents these days that the sentiment behind each one is completely lost as they tear through huge piles of presents. The heartfelt gift selected by a caring relative gets torn open and quickly tossed aside in favor of the next gaily wrapped gift in that mountain of others.

I guess back when I was growing up the focus was not on how many presents you received nor how big they were, and perhaps that sensibility enabled us kids to not only see the simplicity of this holiday, but enjoy it. Something as simple as taking a bottle of glue and cotton to make hills of snow on our two tiny front windows was a tradition we looked forward to every year. As for decorations, my mom proudly hung our Christmas school art everywhere, and engaged us in making paper chains and ornaments for the tree.

Even going out to buy our tree was an event heralded by much fanfare and excitement, but back then no one put their tree up a month before Christmas. There was a time for everything when it came to this holiday, including penning our letters to Santa.

I remember one year in particular asking for Lincoln Logs and a paint by number set. That's all that was on my list besides a bicycle, but I always asked for a bike and never did get one. Did it scar me for life? Not at all. Instead I used my brother's bike, when I could get to it first.

When I hear the outrageously expensive presents which parents and grandparents have already bought, I shake my head in disbelief. How many presents does it take to make a kid happy these days? Obviously more than the few we received, which, of course, did include the requisite socks and underwear in our Christmas stocking. As mom would say, you can never have too many pairs of socks and underwear.

From what I see, when I'm out Christmas shopping, I wonder how many children are actually being taught about the spirit of giving, if only in a small way. I know some

schools have a day set aside when kids can buy small presents for their parents and siblings and that is a step in the right direction. Kids should learn early that this holiday is about making others happy.

I'm well aware I sound just like the old timers back in my youth who felt our generation was headed to "hell in a hand basket." With age comes wisdom, though. Bless the old timers who were just trying to warn the younger generation that when you chip away at something long enough, much falls away.

There is simplicity to the way Christmas used to be, and somehow that enabled everyone to enjoy this holiday, not groan and complain about the stress it causes. Actually it's the only time of year when we all have the opportunity to become children again.

I'm not sure what could change things at this point. Whether it is simply calling a halt to all the buying in lieu of making presents or setting a limit on how much can be spent or setting aside a special time to watch one of those classic Christmas movies like "A Christmas Carol," "A Christmas Story" or "Christmas Vacation" with only the lights of the tree illuminating the room, it can make a difference.

The beauty of this time of year is being able to enjoy the moment, not working ourselves into a frenzy of preparation that leaves everyone in the family exhausted, cranky and grateful when it's over.

All the beautifully wrapped, big, expensive presents, perfectly decorated homes, dozens upon dozens of homemade cookies and gourmet holiday dinners could never take the place of that magical moment when a hush falls over every city, town, village and hamlet on Christmas Eve, and being able to appreciate it.

For those lucky enough to witness this moment, it forever leaves you with the sense that all the holiday rush, fanfare and gift giving is nothing compared to what happened 2,000 years ago in a stable in Bethlehem. That alone should give every man, woman and child pause during this holiday season.

Take a moment amid all the hustle and bustle this year to breathe in the magic of Christmas and pay it forward. Maybe if we all try hard we can preserve the magic of Christmas so the old timers have a reason to smile down on us this year. As it should be.

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OPINION

Adopt a fire hydrant, save a house

The official start of winter is less than two weeks away and with it comes the temperature changes that many of us dread: the bone-chilling cold, the freezing winds and the snow that never seems to go away. It is this last element in particular that is of most concern, particularly for safety, although possibly not where you might expect: fire hydrants.

Yes, those wonderful devices that provide local fire departments with access to water that can prevent a small fire from turning into a house- or neighborhood-consuming blaze. During winter, they often are buried beneath a mountain of snow, particularly if the hydrants are located on a corner. What might seem to be a small concern is something to which everyone should give a lot of attention.

During a fire, seconds count. The extra minutes that firefighters spend removing snow from around a fire hydrant could be the difference between a fire that was caught in time and a fire that creates a disaster. Irvington Fire Chief Gary Shumlich reports that he and his fire crews try to drive around whenever there is a big snowstorm to make certain fire hydrants are cleared of snow. While the efforts that Irvington and other fire departments put forth are admirable, there is no reason residents can't "adopt" a fire hydrant and make

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sure it is always clear. Shumlich added there's nothing special that has to be done: just clear the snow away from a 3-foot radius around the hydrant.

Such an effort might seem inconsequential, but the fire chief insists it really matters. He said, too often, firefighters are forced to first find a hydrant buried in snow, then clear space around it. This is often made more difficult if the snow has had time to freeze. The time spent digging out a hydrant is time they simply can't afford to waste.

Fire companies often have a tanker truck which holds perhaps 500 gallons of water, and although that may sound as though it's a lot of water, it's not, especially during a bad house fire.

This is your chance to do something for your community. Be responsible. Take into account fire hydrants situated near your home where elderly people live; they may be unable to clear the fire hydrants away themselves. Take it upon yourself to adopt their hydrant and make sure it remains clear of snow this winter. Do the same for the hydrant near your home. And if you normally hire a neighborhood kid to shovel your walk and driveway, when he comes around after the next snowstorm, tell him not to forget to clear the hydrant. The life you save may be your own.

The aggregation of energy

The Shell gas station in the west bound lane of Route 22 in Union was doing "ok" business on Sunday morning with their price of \$3.17.9 a gallon, actually a bit on the low side. Energy costs have fallen off the public proverbial radar scene. Even the proposed natural gas pipeline from Canada to Texas, which was always a line in the sand between the merchant class and environmentalists, has landed on the back shelf.

Maybe, despite the abundance of fuel types, it's time to raise the profile of energy savings initiatives.

By the end of the week, Linden officials may join with Union in offering an innovative energy and natural gas aggregation program. Translated, the effort is a program that allows the community to conduct a bulk purchase of energy supply on behalf of residents and business at prices lower than the average utility price.

Under the proposed Linden ordinance, "The Reverse Energy auction will seek bids from licensed and appropriate third party suppliers. If such winning bid is selected and agreement executed, individual residential consumers would retain the option not to participate." There have been exam-

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

ples in the state where communities have saved as much as \$165 per customer in a year.

Savings at the wholesale level have been a positive step forward. It's at the state level where the initiatives have been failing.

The attendees at the recent League of Municipalities got a first hard look at the wind farms in Atlantic City. It may turn out to be an isolated situation. There is a certain irony that state's as diverse as Texas and Maryland are surging in providing this alternate energy source. To quote one environmental writer, "The state's effort is losing steam."

In a press conference last week, Senate President Stephen Sweeney lashed out.

"Three years ago," he said, "we took a great step forward for renewable energy, jobs, and economic growth in New Jersey. But three years later almost nothing has come to pass."

The criticism has been focused on the lack of action by the Board of Public Utilities.

The last time we heard from Assemblyman Upendra Chivakula he was trying to unseat a popular incumbent from Union County, Congressman Leonard Lance. He was unsuccessful in that effort.

In his position as Chairman of the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee, he has been leading the charge to bring about more solar grid supply projects.

Chivakula's attack is also centered on the Board of Public Utilities for not approving projects on farmland and other available areas.

The usually low key Chivakula was pointed in saying, "Changing rules for projects already in the development pipeline, the BPU has unfairly obstructed important renewable energy projects and denied the state millions of dollars in economic investments. If these projects proceed, they would feed electricity directly into the regional power grid, helping the grid deliver its biggest out peak at peak periods."

While we all enjoy the savings of short-term energy glut, it would be a shame to look back at the next energy crisis, and realize that we wasted the most valuable resource we have—time.

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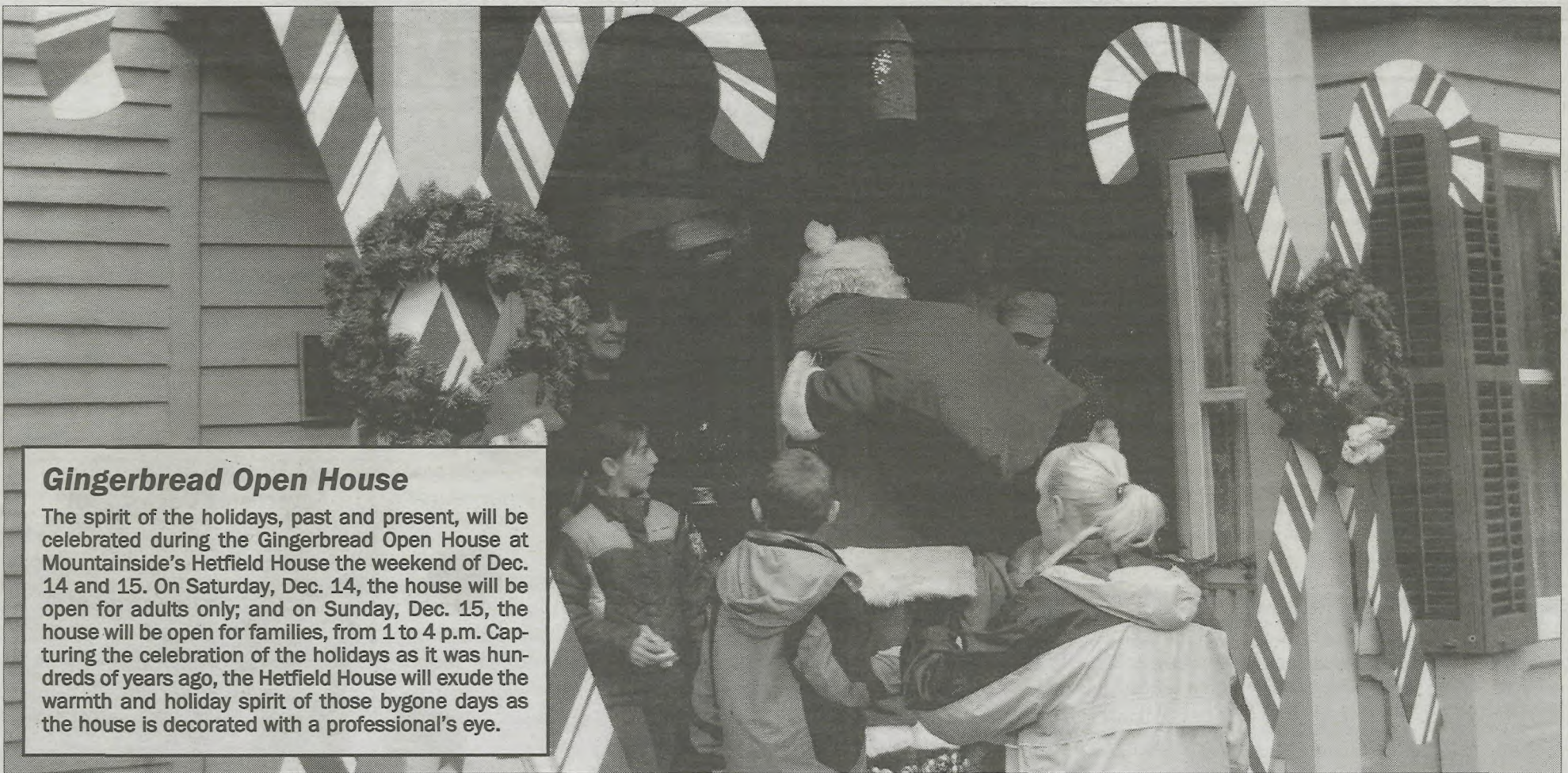
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Gingerbread Open House

The spirit of the holidays, past and present, will be celebrated during the Gingerbread Open House at Mountainside's Hetfield House the weekend of Dec. 14 and 15. On Saturday, Dec. 14, the house will be open for adults only; and on Sunday, Dec. 15, the house will be open for families, from 1 to 4 p.m. Capturing the celebration of the holidays as it was hundreds of years ago, the Hetfield House will exude the warmth and holiday spirit of those bygone days as the house is decorated with a professional's eye.

Fancy-leaf begonias on the ascendancy

THE GARDENER'S APPRENTICE

BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

These days plant dealers need specimens that do the following things: look good 98 percent of the time; provide reliable color or interest; perform in part shade; flourish in gardens or containers; and require very little care. Breeders have slaved over certain perennial plant genera, including heuchera, tiarella and brunnera, in an effort to produce those results. In recent years, many of the same breeders have broadened their horizons to include fancy-leaf begonias. Now those shade-loving plants are experiencing a moment in the sunshine of popular acclaim.

The phenomenon has come to my attention, as so many things do, through e-mail, specifically promotional emails from the giant wholesaler Terra Nova Nurseries, of Canby, Ore. Led by its president and resident plant guru, Dan Heims, Terra Nova is an industry leader in plant introductions and the creation of dramatic new horticultural fashions. If you have ever bought one of the scores of colorful heuchera varieties, you have probably bought a plant introduced by Terra Nova. Color is Terra Nova's middle name, and they look for it everywhere, in flowers, leaves, stems and any other plant part visible above ground.

They especially love colorful shade plants, so fancy-leaf begonias are right up their merchandising alley. Up until a few years ago, rex and angel-wing types were only available from specialty nurseries. Now they make regular appearances in

mainstream plant catalogs and large garden centers.

The name "begonia" can be confusing because there are so many different types of plants within the genus. Most of us know wax begonias, those low-growing, sun-loving, summer-bedding plants that usually bear red or white flowers. Some of us have grown — or in my case, tried to grow — tuberous begonias, which also flower in summer. Tuberous types, sometimes referred to as the "tuberosa group," boast sumptuous, somewhat camellia-like flowers in shades ranging from white through a host of pinks, reds, oranges, apricots and yellow. Though a bit finicky, they are glorious in bloom and wonderful for the summer shade garden.

Fancy leaf begonias grow from rhizomes and have historically been indoor or greenhouse plants. They were beloved by Victorians who used them to liven up their dim parlors and bright aspirational conservatories. The flashiest fancy-leaf types are part of a group that goes by the name "rex begonias," because they are descended from a distinct species, *Begonia rex*. Over the years, *Begonia rex* has been crossed with closely related species to produce showy plants with gloriously colored and marked leaves. As if all that color weren't enough,

rex leaves are sometimes ruffled, curled or twisted, as in the popular variety "Escargot." Angel-wing types also have interesting leaves, generally angular and wing-like, often with contrasting silver markings. The angels frequently bear large, attractive flower clusters, making them a good compromise for people who want plants that look equally good in or out of bloom.

Those enterprising new Victorians at Terra Nova are introducing quite a few begonias this year, including a series of three technicolor angel-wing types called "Garden Angel." One of them, Garden Angel Blush, features silver leaves blushed with rosy violet. The veins are black and the leaves bear a closer resemblance to Japanese maples than guardian angels. In the rex realm, Terra Nova is also introducing the T Rex series, featuring plants like T Rex Painter's Palette, which bears pale-green leaves heavily veined in darker green and blushed at the center of each leaf with dark rose.

Like other fancy-leaf types, the new Terra Nova introductions are only hardy outdoors in parts of the South and West, USDA zones 9 through 11. However, they are being touted as good garden plants and can certainly spend the growing season outside, either in pots or in the ground.

Indoors the fancy-leaf types prefer bright, indirect light, as in an eastern or western exposure, and temperatures above 60 degrees. Both rexes and angel wings like

a high degree of humidity — above 50 percent — so grow them with the pots positioned atop a tray filled with pebbles and water.

Many a fancy-leaf begonia has been killed by the kindness of overwatering, so refrain from watering until the soil appears dry. When you finally do water, stop when you see liquid running out of the bottom drainage holes. Feed once a week during the summer growth season with a balanced fertilizer. Rex types are like many gardeners and need a rest period in the winter. When this happens, keep them in a well-lit place, give them the rest they need and don't overwater just because the plants seem torpid.

The new angel wings are lovely, but my heart pines for a few of the rex types. I am very drawn to Curly Fireflush, a rex with spiraling leaves decorated with chocolate and a hint of red. Find it, along with a herd of other rexes and a host of angels, at Logee's, 141 North St., Danielson, CT 06239, 888-330-8038; www.logees.com. Free catalog. The Terra Nova introductions will be in nurseries and garden centers next spring.

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Union ushers in the holiday season

By Maryum Tucker
Correspondent

UNION — Union held its 30th annual holiday celebration and tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the municipal building lawn on Morris Avenue in a celebration that kicked off the holiday season and showed appreciation for the children and families of Union.

Director of Recreation for Union, Matty Magliacano, used the opportunity to inform the audience and residents of Union about the upcoming events, but the focus of the celebration was mainly on the children of Union. It centered on students from Battle Hill and Jefferson elementary who performed all the music in the celebration. The audience was urged by State Assemblyman Joe Cryan to “give all the children a round of applause.”

Mayor Clifton People Jr. said it was “definitely a great time for the young people” and wished everyone a “very happy and healthy holiday season.”

The celebration was organized by Magliacano.

Union is “very welcome for the people of the township, especially the children,” said Magliacano. “They look forward to it.”

He went on to thank members from the township council, Deputy Mayor Manuel Figueiredo, Anthony Terrezza, Suzetta Cavadas, and Joseph Florio, all of whom made the event possible, he said.

Members from all over the community pitched in to help make the event a success. Members of Crossroads Christian Fellowship performed the nativity scene. They had live animals and let the kids take pictures with them. Union High School Theater program set up a concession booth to raise funds for their program. The Girl Scouts were there as well, handing out free cookies to the crowd. Children from Battle Hill and Jefferson played an array of Christmas classics like, “Joy to the World”, “Sing a Song of Christmas”, “Jingle Bell”, “Grandmas Killer Fruit Cake”, and “Jingle Bell Rock.”

Residents of Union came out to enjoy the event and to support family members who performed in the concert.

“I enjoy every year they do the tree lighting. My brother David Rodriguez is in it. He’s always the loudest one and really cute,” said Saphaire Rodriguez, graduate of Union High School.

“My son Byron is playing the trumpet. It’s a family tradition. The kids get a little psyched up, they get happy, they know Christmas is coming. We do it for them,” said Byron Maddox, proud parent of the trumpet player.

Despite the 32-degree weather and snow, parents were happy to attend the celebration.

“It’s a wonderful event, especially for the children. My kids are excited they’ve been waiting for it and talking about it,” said Irna Abdulkina, a two-year Union resident.

“It’s a lot of fun for the kids. I wish it was not so cold. If it was a little warmer, it would have been nicer but I had a great time. I think the kids did, too,” said David Braham, a Union County resident and concert participant.

The honor of lighting the tree went to Bill Lavin, a firefighter and former president of the Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association and sole

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Above: Former Union County resident Monica Bukowski returned to Union Center to enjoy the annual tree-lighting ceremony in front of the Union Municipal Building and even bumped into a warm-hearted snowman along Stuyvesant Avenue. Left: Union Center now features holiday wreaths on many of its lightposts to welcome shoppers to the downtown area.

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In his speech, Bill Lavin urged parents to 'hug your kids tight this Christmas, let Santa go a little overboard. Life is short and precious.' He ended with a quote from his mother: 'If you throw your problems in a pile with everyone else's you will be fighting to get yours back.' He also advised members of the audience to be grateful for their children and what they have.

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founder of Where Angels Play, an organization that builds playgrounds in superstorm Sandy-affected areas and dedicates them to memorialize the students and teachers who lost their lives in the Sandy Hook tragedy.

Each of the playgrounds is designed to reflect the personality of one of the Sandy Hill victims. His organization raised \$1 million and built 14 playgrounds to date in the tri-state area.

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The celebration concluded with Santa Claus riding in on a fire truck with the lights flashing. He shook hands with the cops, waved to the children, and wished everyone a merry Christmas while posing for picture with the kids.

It was a merry celebration in Union to ring in the holiday season.



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Even Mr. Met took part in the fun at the Union Winter Festival last week.



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Three more indicted in free lunch scandal

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were named in separate six-count indictments that charged each with two-counts of official misconduct, one count each of conspiracy, tampering with public records or information, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and hindering apprehension or prosecution.

The attorney general's office alleged that at Donoso's request, Nelson and Capece obstructed a state investigation into abuse of the school lunch program by covering up a false application filed by Donoso's wife.

After the state police served a subpoena on the school district which demanded all applications for the free lunch program going back to 2004, the attorney general said Nelson and Capece allegedly directed a school district employee to remove the wife's application from district records so it would not be turned over in response to the subpoena.

Donoso's wife, Olga Oviedo-Arevalo, was charged by complaint in April with filing several false applications but was admitted into the pre-intervention program in August. Charges against her will be dismissed, the attorney general's office explained, if she successfully completes the program. Olga Oviedo-Arevalo also paid restitution of \$1,700 as a condition of her enrollment in the program.

The attorney general's office explained that Oviedo-Arevalo filed the false applications for three school years, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Further investigation proved she only listed \$13,000, or \$250 a week, as an income for herself and did not put any income for Donoso when they, in fact, had an income of more than \$50,000 a year for each of those years. This resulted in Oviedo-Arevalo's son receiving \$1,700 in free lunches. In addition, the attorney general's office said, the Elizabeth mother also filed a false application for the 2011-2012 school year for her son and daughter that listed only a fraction of the income Donoso earned, said Honig. However, Donoso is not the father of her two children.

"We allege that these two defendants corruptly used their authority within the school district to try and sweep this matter under the rug," said Acting Attorney General

'These two attorneys allegedly did Donoso's bidding by deliberately thwarting a state police subpoena that would have uncovered his wife's false application for the free lunch program,' said Director Elie Honig of the Division of Criminal Justice.

John Hoffman, adding "we simply will not tolerate such a blatant disregard for the law."

Hoffman said Nelson and Capece orchestrated the entire scheme.

"These two attorneys allegedly did Donoso's bidding by deliberately thwarting a state police subpoena that would have uncovered his wife's false application for the free lunch program," said Director Elie Honig of the Division of Criminal Justice.

"Rather than fulfilling their obligation as lawyers to uphold the law, Nelson and Capece allegedly obstructed a criminal investigation to satisfy their client. All three men rightfully face serious charges," Honig added.

When reached, Capece said that under the advisement of his attorney, Robert DeGroot of Newark, he could not comment on the matter, but would rely on a statement released concerning the indictment.

In his statement, DeGroot said Capece entered a not guilty plea in April when he was arrested and "he stands by that plea and will vigorously defend his good name, and his years of public service from these charges."

"At all times Mr. Capece acted honorably and in good faith and attempted to discharge his obligations as an attorney. When it became apparent that Mr. Donoso's spouse had inaccurately sought school lunches for her children, Donoso was desirous of withdrawing his family from eligibility in a free nutritional program for their children," DeGroot said in the prepared statement, vigorously defending

that the Cranford resident had nothing to do with hiding the application.

"Mr. Capece's sole involvement was to recommend the withdrawal of the application over which he had no control," the attorney added, explaining his client "did everything he could to rectify the inaccuracies in the Donoso application and have it withdrawn from consideration for subsidized lunches."

DeGroot also explained that the records in question were kept and maintained by others, not Capece, which put the matter out of his hands.

"Compliance with investigation and subpoenas were under the control of others and instead of recognizing Mr. Capece's good faith attempt and recommendation to withdraw the application, the state has elected to give a sinister meaning to every action," said Capece's attorney, adding "that sinister reading of the events and its one sided presentation to the Grand Jury resulted in this indictment."

"The air will be cleared when Mr. Capece finally gets to present the evidence," said DeGroot, pointing out "he will then be exonerated."

Sources involved with the case noted that Capece, Nelson and Donoso were not allowed to testify before the grand jury.

According to the indictment, which LocalSource obtained, the attorney general's office felt Capece's and Nelson's part of the conspiracy involved directing an employee of the board of education to remove a document from the records of the board. The document, the indictment said, was the application submitted for the free lunch program.

The attorney general noted in the indictment that both Nelson and Capece knew the document was "relevant" to an ongoing investigation being conducted by the state but still went ahead and instructed this employee to alter an electronic computer entry related to the application for the free lunch program.

The indictment said Nelson and Capece between Aug. 1
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Police in Union County respond to many incidents

Clark

- Nov. 26: Police took a report of a theft of items from a motor vehicle that was parked at a residence at 159 Acorn Drive.

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- Nov. 26: Police took a report of a theft of items from a motor vehicle that was parked at a residence at 166 Acorn Drive.

- Nov. 26: Police took a report of a theft of items from a motor vehicle that was parked at a residence at 69 Acorn Drive.

- Nov. 26: Police took a report of a burglary to a motor vehicle that was parked at a residence at 7 White Place.

- Nov. 29: Police took a report of a burglary at 1689 Raritan Road.

- Nov. 30: Police arrested Lee Humphries, 65, of Dunellen on Raritan Road for driving while intoxicated. He was subsequently released pending a court date.

- Dec. 1: In the vicinity of the Garden State Parkway southbound exit ramp, police arrested John Ayala, 21, of English-town, New Jersey for driving while intoxi-

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cated. He was subsequently released pending a court date.

Elizabeth

- Dec. 3: At 11:04 p.m. Elizabeth officers responded to the Oakwood Plaza Housing Complex at 230 Parker Road on a report of gunshots on the 3rd floor. Officers found Randy Greene, 33, a resident of the building, in a stairwell, an apparent victim of a homicide. Elizabeth Police Department homicide detectives responded and are conducting the investigation. Anyone with information concerning this matter is asked to call Detective David Derosa at 908-558-2016 or Detective Raymond Smith at 908-558-2017.

Linden

- Dec. 2: At 5:24 p.m. police responded to Walmart on a report of credit card fraud. Loss Prevention personnel informed officers that a woman had purchased electronic items valued at \$2,354 with a credit card that they suspected was fraudulent. Simone J. Ogbarmey-Tetteh, 41, of

Newark, attempted to purchase two iPads, a 32-inch flat-screen television, and two radio speakers with a Mastercard. When asked for identification, Ogbarmey-Tetteh gave a New York driver license with the name "Yvonne Jordan." Ogbarmey-Tetteh later told officers that the credit card and driver license were fraudulent and that was not her name. She was arrested and charged with forgery, theft by deception, credit card theft, and exhibiting false documents. Her companion, James W. Allen, 46, of Hillside was found to have an active warrant from the Atlantic County Sheriff's Department and was also taken into custody, according to police reports.

Union

- Nov. 29: At 2:45 a.m. police responded to Maxwell street on a report of the theft of a 1999 Audi A4. The vehicle was later recovered after a crash on a Route 78 ramp. The suspects allegedly fled in a black BMW X5.

- Nov. 29: At 3 a.m. Frederick Owusu and Leslie Okaikoi were arrested at Best Buy for shoplifting.

- Nov. 29: At 12:32 p.m. Salvador Perez

was arrested on Chestnut Street for attempting to cash a check using a false government document.

- Nov. 29: At 7:07 p.m. police responded to Clark Place on a report of a burglary. Entry was gained by kicking in the front door; electronics and jewelry were taken.

- Nov. 30: At 10:03 a.m. on Route 22, Mustafa Diab was arrested by police for hindering during a motor vehicle stop.

- Nov. 30: At 1:50 p.m. police responded to Manor Drive on a report of a 19-year-old female missing since Nov. 25.

- Nov. 30: At 2:29 p.m. police arrested Charles Buie Jr. on Potter Avenue for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and warrants.

- Nov. 30: At 4:57 p.m. Monikk Majors was arrested on Hudson Street for possession of a controlled dangerous substance, when stopped for parking in an illegal zone.

- Nov. 30: At 5:57 p.m. police responded to a report of a robbery on Andrew Street. The victim stated he was robbed at gunpoint by three black males, who took his iPhone and keys, according to police

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Gift giving has long-established traditions of etiquette

The rules of etiquette have loosened a bit from centuries past. No longer are people held accountable for the slightest misstep, and sometimes the rule-breakers are revered. However, when it comes to holiday gifting, erring on the side of caution and following proper etiquette can make exchanging gifts go more smoothly.

Being considerate when gifting helps make the holidays enjoyable and as stress-free as possible. Some may find it unfortunate that so much pressure is placed on giving gifts at this time of year. When exchanging, heed these suggestions.

- Gift-giving is about the recipient and not you as the giver. The idea is to create that warm and fuzzy feeling for the person on the receiving end of the gift. Think about the person's interests and find a gift that pertains to these interests. It may not be the easiest thing to find a rare book or those collectible golf clubs, but putting forth the effort will mean more to the person getting the gift.

- Don't up the ante. When exchanging gifts with a person, do not try to anticipate what he or she will spend and then go above that price. This may come off as petty and make the other person feel uncomfortable. Instead, choose a price that you can readily afford and find the nicest thing within that range. If a person with whom you hadn't anticipated exchanging gifts gives you something, simply offer thanks and don't feel uncomfortable that you do not have something to offer in return.

- Gift receipts are very thoughtful. Including a gift



Even though we live in a much less formal world than the one that existed when our parents were young, there still are rules of etiquette that can make the giving season a more pleasant experience.

receipt with your gift tells the recipient that you tried to find something that he or she will enjoy, but that you're comfortable with them returning the gift if it's not just right. Again, this conveys your feelings for the recipient. Do not, however, use gift receipts as a "get out of jail free" pass. That means, don't simply grab anything off the rack, attach a gift receipt and attempt to pass it off as a meaningful gift.

- Do not e-mail thank you notes. If you are not able to thank a person in person for a gift, it is in better taste to send a handwritten note than to fire off a quick e-mail. While writing letters has become a lost art, a handwritten thank-you note stands out and shows how much you appreciate the gift.

- It's unnecessary to give your boss a gift. Gifting your boss may come across like you are trying to win favor. It also may create a competition within the office. Stick to gifting colleagues, but leave the boss out of the holiday pool.

- Gift cards do not break etiquette rules. Although gift cards may seem like the easy way out of gifting, they've become more acceptable and popular. If you want to personalize a gift card, try using a photo or special memory that correlates to the gift card. Otherwise, package the gift card with a few inexpensive items to create a gift basket.

- When in doubt, stick with non-intimate gifts. Perfume, cologne, intimate apparel and similar items say that you know a person on a deeper level and are extremely personal. For friends and acquaintances, stick with safer gifts that do not give off intimate undertones.

- Don't regift. Whenever possible, graciously accept gifts and do not try to pass them off as your own to other people. If caught, you will be more embarrassed than if you had not given a gift at all.

Following a few guidelines on gift-giving etiquette can help to make the holidays even happier.

As gift returns increase, stores become more vigilant

Gift returns are inevitable come the holiday season. No matter how much thought shoppers put into gifts for their loved ones, chances are someone is going to return one of those gifts. Clothing may not fit or a gift might be a duplicate, while other gifts simply don't tickle a recipient's fancy. But returns should not be taken as a personal slight, and men and women can take steps to make the process of returning gifts a lot easier.

Givers

There are many ways to facilitate the process of exchanging gifts or making returns, including finding a gift that is less likely to be returned. In a survey for the popular department store Kohl's, researchers found that clothing, items for the home and beauty and fragrance items were the gifts most likely to be returned. So shoppers may want to avoid such gifts this holiday season.

Another way to make returning or exchanging gifts easier is to make note of the policies governing such returns and exchanges. Such policies are often posted near checkout areas and are outlined on the back of printed receipts. Before embarking on a shopping trip, shoppers can visit a retailer's Web site and familiarize themselves with its return policies. If



Each year, many gifts are returned to the store for a variety of reasons. The purchaser and the receiver of that gift can take steps to help make the exchange go as smoothly as possible.

rules are unclear, ask an employee.

Shoppers also can shop at stores that allow consumers ample time to return or exchanges gifts. This allows your loved ones to return or exchange a gift when it's most convenient for them.

Many retailers have recognized the advantages to having more liberal return policies. A recent survey by Consumer-

Choosing retailers with more lenient return and exchange policies can make things easier on your loved ones.

World.org identified which retailers have made changes and which have maintained the same return policies. Choosing retailers with more lenient return and exchange policies can make things easier on your loved ones.

Shoppers also should include a gift receipt with gifts. This shows recipients that you have their needs in mind and want to make the process of exchanging or returning a gift as easy as possible. Without a receipt, recipients may not get the full value of the item at its time of purchase and only get credited with the current price of the item. Prices are often slashed in the days following the holidays.

Many stores have become more stringent with their return policies in an attempt to avoid fraud. As a result, receipts are essential because without a receipt stores cannot verify purchases or issue a refund or exchange. Certain stores will allow a certain number of returns without a receipt, but these are carefully recorded

and linked to a shopper's driver's license number. This makes it easier for retailers to monitor serial returners. Some retailers even refuse returns without receipts.

Recipients

Try to make returns during less busy times of the day. Long lines at the customer service counter are commonplace in the days after Christmas.

Check the receipt for the return deadline, and try to wait at least a week or two after the holiday rush is over, eventually visiting the store in the early morning or late evening when crowds typically have thinned.

Returns for online purchases may be challenging. Some retailers allow returns at their brick-and-mortar stores, while others require consumers to mail back the item. Some stores will only offer store credit instead of a cash refund or replacement of funds on a credit card. Online returns may require the help of the person who gave you the gift.

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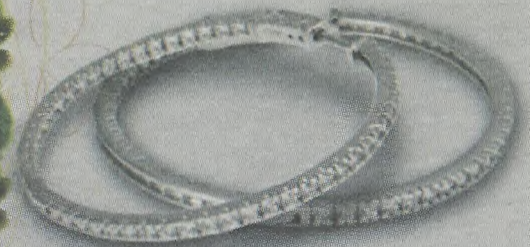
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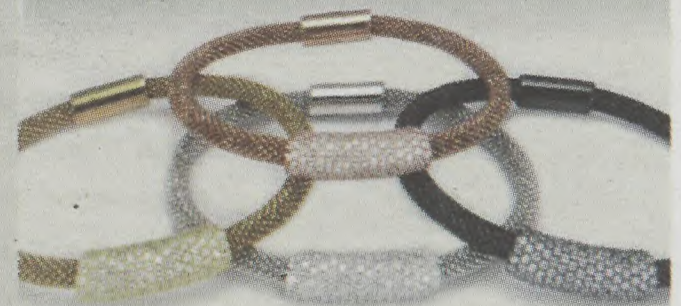


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You should also raise your attention level if you experienced three or more blistering sunburns before age 20 or worked outdoors during summers as a teenager. Lastly, receiving increased media attention and research data, is that indoor tanning increases the risk of melanoma by 75%! Not surprisingly, the largest increase in the incidence of melanoma has been in women age 16-30 years old.

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The must-have holiday gifts change from year to year

Many parents have spent time during the holiday season on endless quests for the perfect gift for their children. Many gifts have earned "must-have" status over the years, and although many of these gifts are forgotten by the time the next holiday season comes around, certain products have remained timeless. Some of these more memorable products have even been resurrected into newer, modern-day versions of their previous selves. Here's a look at some of the toys that have made their mark over the last several decades.

- **Rubik's Cube:** Rubik's Cube reached the height of its popularity during the 1980s, when the colorful game puzzle was mass-marketed to the public. Hungarian sculptor and professor of architecture Erno Rubik actually invented what he dubbed the "Magic Cube" a decade prior. Since the product's inception, millions of Rubik's Cubes have been sold across the globe, making it one of the top-selling puzzles and toys.

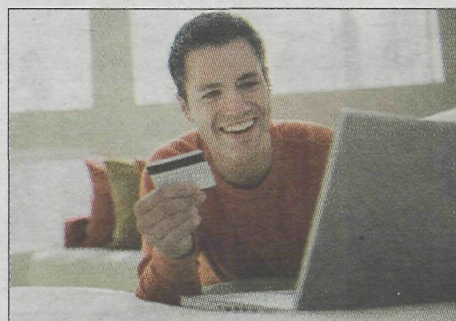
- **Cabbage Patch Kids:** Adults stormed stores in the mid 1980s for Cabbage Patch Kids, which became one of the most popular toys of the decade. Designed by art student Xavier Roberts, Cabbage Patch Kids began as dolls called "Little People." The dolls were marketed with a fantastical story

about a cabbage patch in a magical valley, where dolls were born and awaited their adoption into loving homes. Cabbage Patch Kids have been produced by a number of different toy manufacturers through the years, and shoppers can still find new incarnations at stores today.

- **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles:** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles started as a comic designed to parody established popular comics of the early 1980s. The concept of genetically mutated turtles that possessed ninja skills quickly caught on and the TMNT franchise expanded to television shows and scores of complementary merchandise.

- **Beanie Babies:** Ty Inc. introduced a series of plush toys filled with tiny plastic pellets instead of traditional polyester stuffing in 1993. These pellets made the dolls flexible and cuddly, which played a role in their popularity. Throughout the 1990s, children collected as many of the Beanie Babies as they could, though some of the dolls were more coveted than others. Ty ceased production of Beanie Babies in 1999 with a bear called "The End," but it wasn't long before new Beanie Babies were manufactured for a new generation of children to collect.

- **Tickle Me Elmo:** The hottest toy of the



The most-wanted gifts for this season lean toward electronic games, gadgets and computers. But in year's past, toys and rag dolls were very popular

1996 giving season was Tickle Me Elmo, a plush doll based on the beloved Sesame Street monster. When prompted, Elmo would laugh, giggle and gyrate to the delight of kids and adults alike. Tickle Me Elmo caused mass frenzy at stores during the 1996 holiday season, as shoppers swarmed toy stores to get their hands on the top toy of the year.

- **Nintendo DS:** The Nintendo DS, first offered in 2004, was the first Nintendo console released in North America before it was released in Japan. With its dual

screens, the lower being a touchscreen, and portability factor, the handheld device became one of the most popular gifts for young gamers.

- **Zhu Zhu Pets:** Interactive, robotic hamsters, Zhu Zhu Pets first appeared on the scene in 2009. Their name was derived from Mandarin Chinese and translates to "little pig." These small toys could be set to explore their environment or simply emit cooing sounds in the "nurturing mode."

- **Nintendo Wii:** In addition to the Sony Playstation and Microsoft's Xbox 360, the Nintendo Wii became the latest in a history of must-have video game consoles in the early 21st century. Games on the Wii were interactive through the use of motion-sensing hand controllers and other gaming interfaces. The later release of the Wii Fit package made the Nintendo Wii even more popular.

- **Monster High Dolls:** With their ghoulish good looks, Monster High action figures were one of the most gifts of 2012. The dolls are based on a series of young adult novels modeled after "Twilight," though the Monster High dolls are targeted to younger children than items associated with the wildly popular "Twilight" series.

It remains to be seen which toy will become this season's "must-have" item.

Be creative wrapping gifts

Holiday shoppers spend billions of dollars each year on gifts for friends, family and coworkers. But holiday shoppers also spend substantial amounts of money dressing up those gifts with bows and wrapping paper. Shoppers may not want to spend much more on wrapping paper, bags and other ways to dress-up their gifts, and by employing a few tricks of the gift wrapping trade, they may not have to. The following are some frugal, yet flashy, ways to wrap presents this holiday season.

- **Children's artwork:** Over the course of a school year parents can accumulate dozens of original pieces of art from their children's time in the classroom. Instead of relegating those pictures to a memory box or temporary glory on the refrigerator, turn them into unique gift wrap. Pair these pieces of art with colored ribbon, and everyone who gets a unique masterpiece will feel special.

- **Newspaper:** Recycle newsprint and comics into wrapping paper. Encourage everyone to wrap in newspaper for a cohesive look come Christmas morning.

- **Cloth:** Leftover cloth from Halloween or cloth purchased to create homemade curtains can be turned into giftwrap for

awkward-shaped gifts. Use decorative ribbon to seal the bundle shut.

- **Brown paper:** Brown paper tied with twine or ribbon is inexpensive and can easily be recycled after use. Use a marker to put the names of gift recipients on each package to save on gift tags as well.

- **Glass jars:** Use mason jars when wrapping smaller gifts, including gift cards, to give them an arts-and-crafts feel.

- **Fabric gift bags:** If you're handy with a needle and thread, sew sacks out of leftover fabric to make gift bags of various sizes.

- **Cookie tins:** Find unique cookie tins from yard sales or leftover tins from holidays past and use them as gift boxes.

- **Recipes:** If you will be giving a cookbook or food-themed gifts, print recipes that can be used as gift wrap and then later used to make certain dishes.

- **Baby linens:** From blankets to wash cloths, use baby linens to wrap infant-themed gifts for new parents.

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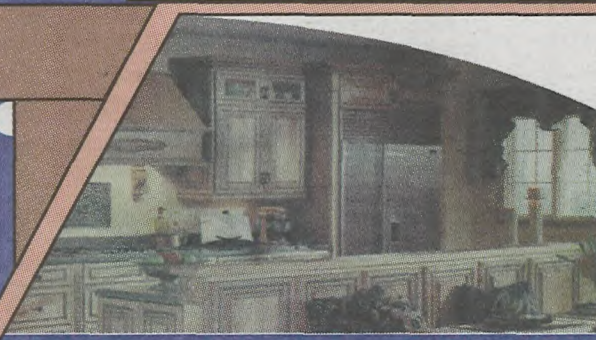
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Police respond to many incidents throughout UC

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reports.

- Nov. 30: At 10:36 p.m. Jimmy Baptiste was arrested in Irvington for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.
- Dec. 1: At 1:27 p.m. Steven Cintron was arrested on Route 22 for receiving stolen property — an iPhone.
- Dec. 1: At 1:27 p.m. an Emergency room doctor reported to police that he suspected a patient had packaged controlled dangerous substances stored inside his intestinal tract. The detective bureau was notified and the patient was transferred to Overlook Hospital, according to police reports.
- Dec. 1: At 2:35 p.m. on Melrose Parkway, police arrested Andy Simmonds, Oraine Brown and a juvenile male for possession of a loaded handgun.
- Dec. 1: At 6:55 p.m. police responded to Manor Drive on a report of a burglary. Entry was gained through a bedroom window sometime between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Electronics and clothing were taken, according to police reports.
- Dec. 2: At 5:59 p.m. Oluswasegun Akinola was arrested on Morris Avenue for shoplifting.
- Dec. 2: At 8:47 p.m. police responded to Carnegie Place for a reported robbery. A victim said he met with someone to sell his iPhone and was approached at the meeting spot by a black male wearing jeans and an Adidas sweatshirt who carried a silver handgun. The suspect took the phone and fled north on Carnegie Place on foot, according to the police report.
- Dec. 3: At 11:55 a.m. police responded to a burglary on Mercer Avenue. Entry was gained through an unlocked bathroom window; it was unknown whether anything was missing.

Linden police ask public for help finding missing 16-year-old girl

Linden Police Juvenile detectives have exhausted all leads into the investigation of a missing girl and are asking the public's help in locating her.

Shania Foley, 16, was last seen on Nov. 19 after she had an argument with her foster mother and left her Linden home. She broke her cell phone during the argument and may have no means of communication. She is an 11th-grade student at Linden High School and school officials have described her as an above-average "B" student who plays in the orchestra and was Student of the Month for October.

Investigators have spoken to her father, a Linden resident, and her biological mother, who lives in Newark, and neither claims to have had any contact with her.

She is 5'3", 120 lbs., with olive-skin complexion, and reddish-brown long hair. She also wears glasses and was last seen wearing a Guess black pea coat-style jacket, a black and orange hooded-sweatshirt, black pants, and black slippers. She also was carrying a patchwork multi-colored messenger style bookbag/purse.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Steve Zevlikaris at 908-474-8520 or the Linden Police at 908-474-8500. Tips can also be emailed to crimetips@police.lindenes-nj.org.

OBITUARIES

Mildred T. Sabo

Mildred T. Sabo, "Millie", 97, of Union passed away peacefully at Cranford Health and Extended Care on November 30th. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at the Church of the Assumption, 113 Chiego Place, Roselle Park on Wednesday, December 11th at 10:00am. Entombment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Friends and family are invited to visit at Bradley Haeberle & Barth Funeral Home, 1100 Pine Ave. in Union on Tuesday December 10th from 2 to 4pm and 6 to 8pm. For further information or to send a condolence, please go to www.bradleyfuneralhomes.com.

Born in Irvington and raised in Newark, Millie lived in Union since 1951. She had worked for many years in food service for the Seminarians at Seton Hall University. A great cook, Millie will be fondly remembered for her kindness, devotion to her family and friends and for her love of candy especially chocolate.

Millie was the beloved wife of 70 years to the late William. She was the loving mother of Marilyn Ellwood (Steven), Wayne Sabo (Sandra) and Debra Kwiatek (Robert), cherished grandmother of Scott Ellwood (Sadie), Brian Ellwood, Michael Sabo, Jeffrey Sabo and Daniel Kwiatek and great granddaughter Vivien Rose Ellwood. She is predeceased by her son William John Sabo, Jr and 8 siblings.

IN MEMORIAM

- AIREL — Anna M., of Linden; Nov. 26. Western Electric retiree, was 91.
- AVANTAGAIATO — Salvatore L., of Union; Nov. 28. WWII Army veteran.
- BELFIORE — Richard, of Union; Nov. 30. Retired attorney, leaves a sister.
- BELMONT — Robert A., of Elizabeth; Nov. 24. Owner of local funeral home.
- BOGERT — Joann M., nee Usa, of Elizabeth; Dec. 1. Lifelong resident, 68.
- BRENNAN — Florence O'Keeffe, formerly of Roselle; Dec. 4. Mother of 9.
- CHORAZAK — Joseph F., of Roselle; Nov. 28. Retired IRS special agent, 80.
- CIESIELSKI — Maria Stach, of Elizabeth; Dec. 4. Native of Poland, was 83.
- CLARK — George R., of Union; Nov. 28. Retired Union Fire Dept. chief, 87.
- CONLON — Joan, formerly of Union; Dec. 4. Bank vice president, volunteer.
- DECKER — Joseph Brian, of Elizabeth; Dec. 2. Union Elks member, father.
- DELFINOPOULOS — Dolores "Antonia," of Rahway; Nov. 29. City retiree.
- DZUGAN — Mathilda T., of Clark; Nov. 27. Longtime resident, grandmother.
- FABER — Andrew, of Union; Dec. 2. WWII vet, grandfather of eight, was 93.
- FARLEY — Eileen, formerly of Elizabeth and Union; Nov. 28. PSE&G retiree.
- FEIMAN — Mildred, of Union; Nov. 30. GE accountant, was 87 years old.
- FISHER — Lucy M., formerly of Rahway; Nov. 24. Grandmother of five.
- FRANK — Edward J. Sr., of Roselle Park; Nov. 28. Owned landscaping co.
- FULGENCIO — Norma, formerly of Kenilworth; Nov. 30. Great-grandmother.
- GREENWALD — Molly, of Springfield; Dec. 3. Ten-year-old leaves parents.
- HANDLEY — Warren F., formerly of Linden; Nov. 26. Marine Corps veteran.
- HEFFERNAN — James H. III, formerly of Westfield; Dec. 1. NYSE member.
- HINES — Tyrone, of Roselle; Nov. 29. Leaves five siblings, was 36 years old.
- JACKSON — Louise, of Roselle; Dec. 3. Retired nurse's aide, leaves niece.
- KAKALETRIS — Efstratios, of Union; Nov. 27. Great-grandfather of two.
- KIRSCHENBAUM — Sandra, formerly of Scotch Plains; Nov. 30. Mother.
- LAROCCO — Mary, of Cranford; Nov. 30. Seamstress, leaves one son, 95.
- LEVINE — Bernice, nee Salowe, of Union, formerly of Hillside; Nov. 28.
- LINDSEY — Patricia, of Fanwood; Dec. 2. Owned Pat Lane School of Dance.
- LITCHFIELD — Elaine J., of Rahway; Nov. 20. Lifelong resident, was 87.
- LOMBARDO — Sally Ann, of Berkeley Heights; Dec. 1. BOE secretary, 70.
- MALASPINA — Ben A., of Roselle Park; Dec. 3. Retired local police chief.
- MARZIANO — Peter, formerly of Elizabeth; Nov. 19. Disneyland employee.
- MCSWEENEY — Joseph M., of Westfield; Dec. 5. Leaves wife of 60 years.
- MELILLO — Victoria A., of Berkeley Heights; Dec. 3. USPS retiree, was 75.
- MON — Thomas B., of Berkeley Heights; Nov. 27. Civil engineer, leaves wife.
- MONROE — Millie Mazza, formerly of Scotch Plains and Summit; Nov. 28.
- PETERSON — Virginia Ruh "Ginny," formerly of Westfield; Nov. 21. Was 91.
- POLON — Rose DiFrancesco, of Scotch Plains; Dec. 4. Leaves two children.
- QUAGLIATO — Corrine, nee Risley, of Clark; Dec. 4. Hospital volunteer, 79.
- ROTELLA — Olive "Ollie" Holman, of Rahway; Dec. 2. Homemaker, was 91.
- ROTTENBERG — Jon, of New Providence; Dec. 4. Owned Newark business.
- RUBIN — Judy Appel, of Rahway; Dec. 1. Temple Beth Torah member, 87.
- RYDEN — Dorothy Lee, of Summit; Nov. 24. Central Presbyterian member.
- SABO — Mildred T. "Millie," of Union; Nov. 30. Seton Hall cook, was 97.
- SCHMALZ — Richard B., of New Providence; Dec. 2. Newark PD detective.
- SEBOLAO — Idalina, of Union; Dec. 3. Survived by husband and son, was 83.
- SEMEL — Leonard, formerly of Springfield; Nov. 29. Floor business owner.
- SMELA — Edward T., of Clark; Nov. 22. Vietnam War vet, father of two.
- SMITH — May K., formerly of Scotch Plains; Nov. 3. Grandmother of five, 85.
- SOUTHERS — James D. "Danny," of Fanwood, formerly of Elizabeth; Dec. 1.
- WEBSTER — Hamilton, of Garwood; Nov. 28. He was 28 years old.
- WHEDON — Viola Irwin, of Roselle; Dec. 1. AT&T retiree, longtime resident.
- WINTER — Erika M., formerly of Union; Nov. 28. Native of Germany, 86.
- YEZO — Edward Vincent, formerly of Fanwood; Nov. 20. Kean Univ. retiree.
- ZAMORSKI — Roger F., formerly of Rahway; Nov. 22. NJ Transit retiree, 63.

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Three more are indicted in Elizabeth free lunch scandal

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and Dec. 22, 2011, "did purposely and unlawfully destroy, conceal, remove, mutilate or otherwise impair" a record that was required by law to be kept by the school district.

As a result the application was not turned over to the Division of Criminal Justice when the board of education responded to the subpoena. Afterward, the acting attorney general said, Capece and Nelson arranged for the application to be put back into the district's files and the children were switched from free to paid status in the computer system.

Because the two attorneys allegedly tried to hinder the detention, apprehension, investigation, prosecution, conviction or punishment of another for an offense, they were charged with multiple offenses.

This is not the first time Elizabeth school district has been under the microscope for misconduct involving the federally funded free lunch program. It did, however, lead to the alleged crime committed by Donoso, Capece and Nelson.

Former board of education president Marie Munn and others in the district allegedly filed false free lunch program applications for the 2011-12 school years and were later charged by the Division of Criminal Justice.

After this story broke in the media, Hoffman said Donoso went to Capece and Nelson to explain that his wife had not accurately filled out the lunch application. He allegedly said he "wanted them to fix it so he would not end up like Munn," the acting attorney general explained.

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St. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH COMMUNITY, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.973-376-3044. www.saintjamesparish.org. SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm (anticipated), Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am and 12:00 noon. WEEKDAY MASS: Monday-Friday 7:30am, Saturday 8:00am. RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11:00am (any time by appointment).

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Please address changes to:

Connie Sloan

1291 Stuyvesant Ave. P.O. Box 1596

Union, N.J. 07083

KENILWORTH NEWS

Library has many upcoming programs

The Winter Reading Program at the Kenilworth Public Library begins Monday, Jan 6, and concludes on Friday, Feb. 21. Children who were previously signed up for the Fall Reading Program will automatically be registered. For more information or to register for programs, visit the Kenilworth

Public Library at 548 Boulevard, call 908-276-2451, or visit www.kenilworthlibrary.org. Children must be registered in one of the following programs in order to participate in any other Kenilworth Public Library special event:

- Mommy, Daddy & Me: A parent-child, at-home reading program for children ages 2 to 5;

- I Can Read: A reading program for children starting to read on their own for ages children ages 6 to 8; and

- Club Readsalot: A reading program for children ages 9 to 12.

Regular Storytimes

- Tuesdays from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. on Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28, and Feb. 4, 11 and 18: Lap Sit, for babies up to 23 months old. Registration required.

- Wednesdays from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. on Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29, and Feb. 5, 12 and 19: Toddler Time for 2-year-olds. Registration required.

- Thursdays from 3:30 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, and Feb. 6, 13 and 20: Storytime for children ages 3 and older. Registration required.

Special programs

- Thursday, Jan. 9, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.: Talkin Trash will educate children ages 3 and up about how to recycle, reduce and reuse. Registration is required. Children registered for story time do not need to register separately for this program. Kenilworth residents may begin to register one week prior to this event. Residents from other towns may begin to register two days prior to the event.

- Saturday, Feb. 8, from 11a.m. to 12:15 p.m.: "Circle Of Friends," a play is based on characters from the American Girl book series, will be presented. Kaya, Felicity, Josefina, Kirsten, Addy, Samantha, Kit, and Molly will come to life as they learn the true meaning of friendship. Recommended

for children ages 6 and older. Registration is required. Kenilworth residents may begin to register one week prior to this event. Residents from other towns may begin to register two days prior to the event.

Bingo

- Fridays from 3:30 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 10 and 24th, and Feb. 7 and 21: Bingo For Young Children is for children ages 3 and older. Games may include A-B-C Bingo, Number Bingo, and Color and Shape Bingo. Parents must remain in the library during the program.

- Fridays from 3:30 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 17 and 31, and Feb. 14: Bingo For Children Who Can Read. Games may include Book Bingo, USA Bingo, History Bingo and Kenilworth Bingo.

Learn more about the local Rotary Club in Kenilworth

The Kenilworth Rotary Club has been awarding high school seniors in Kenilworth with scholarships for more than 30 years. Celebrating 66 years of service to Kenilworth, the club meets every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at Rinaldi's, formerly Bella Napoli, at 24 N. 20th St.

To learn more about being part of Rotary International and servicing the needs of Kenilworth, call Terry Zuckerman at 908-272-5550, or Scott Taylor at 908-276-5936. For more information, visit kenilworthnjrotary.org.



Take Back the Kitchen
Overcoming the Obstacles to Cooking

Hi everyone! It's time for the holiday shopping to begin and I am excited to tell you about a perfect, unique gift: Take Back the Kitchen's new line of custom-made, one-of-a-kind retro aprons. Whether you want to inspire a novice chef or a confident cook, these aprons will get you in the kitchen and make you look great while you whip up meals for 2014. Available now at www.takebackthekitchen.com.

Lana's Breakfast Pumpkin with Granola and fruit

I always wonder why we eat eggs for breakfast when so much of the rest of the world eats eggs for lunch and dinner. Similarly, why do we eat squash for lunch and dinner but not breakfast? Well, my friend Lana created a delicious breakfast pumpkin recipe that is perfect for fall. Let's think outside the box! Pumpkin is delicious and nutritious and a great way to start the day. You can even throw a fried egg on top!

Ingredients

One pumpkin, size of your choice
Optional: Whipped cream, maple syrup, raisins, dried currants, or any other dried or fresh fruit

Method

Split open the pumpkin, save the seeds for later roasting and place flesh side up on a cookie sheet covered in tin foil or parchment paper.

Bake at 400 degrees for 40 minutes to an hour, depending on the size of the pumpkin and remove from oven when the pumpkin is tender; test with a fork. Remove the pumpkin flesh and mash desired amount for breakfast and let the rest cool enough so you can store it in a Tupperware in the fridge.

Add whipped cream, maple syrup, raisins, dried currants or any other dried or fresh fruit and or seeds/nuts.

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.

Clark Scouts collect Toys for Tots

Drop boxes for The U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program have been placed throughout Clark. Donations of new, unwrapped toys for children and teens are needed for the holiday season. Drop boxes are now located at the following locations:

- Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave.;
- Clark Recreation Center, 430 Westfield Ave.;
- Clark Town Hall, Municipal Building at 430 Westfield Ave.;
- Investors Bank, 56 Westfield Ave.;
- Investors Bank, 77 Central Ave.;
- Access Self-Storage, 360 Central Ave.

Since 1947 the U.S. Marine Corps have helped needy children experience the joy of the holidays. For more information on the Toys for Tots Program, visit www.toysfortots.org, or www.cubpack145.info.

What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 14, 2013

EVENT: Flea Market / Craft Show

PLACE: 1407 St. George Ave., Rahway

TIME: Doors open from 9am - 3pm

PRICE: FREE Admission Free Parking

DETAILS: We will serve taylor ham and egg sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, Kielbasa subs, pierogies and stuffed cabbage. Coffee-tea-soda-water.

TABLE RENTALS or info 908-217-6856

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What's Going On?

Includes:
FLEA MARKETS
THRIFT SHOPS
CULTURAL EVENTS
SCHOOL CONCERTS
GARAGE SALES
FUNDRAISERS
AUCTIONS, ETC.

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

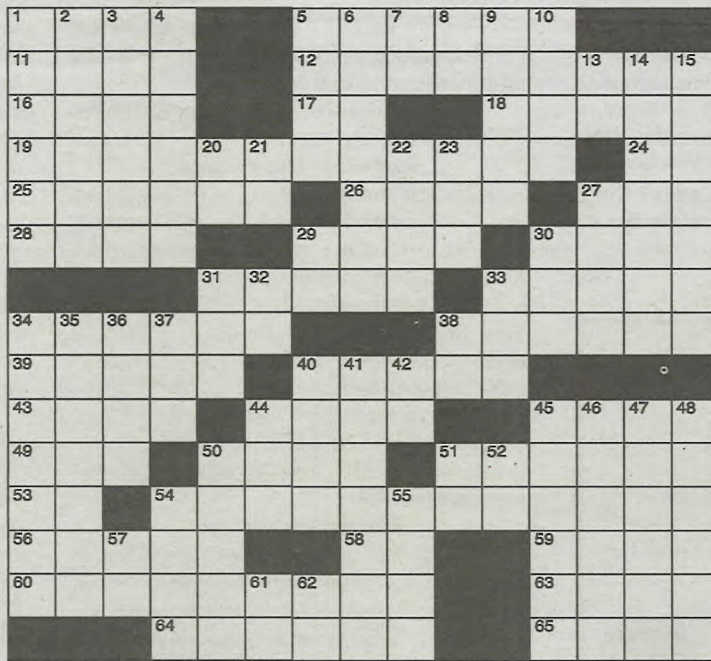
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Binder
5. Move up and down
11. Wild sheep of northern Africa
12. Annoys
16. An upward movement
17. Ducktail
18. Town in central Minnesota
19. Philatelist's delight
24. Carrier's invention
25. Foreign travellers
26. Aurochs
27. Batter advanced score
28. Show the way
29. Steep rugged mass of rock
30. Valley
31. Digital data device
33. Insert mark
34. Breakout
38. Dissention from dogma
39. Kuhil and clown fish
40. Unconsciousness
43. Czech River
44. Johann Sebastian
45. Flows to the Danube at Belgrade
49. World data organization (abbr.)
50. Comedian Sahl
51. Porch furniture wood
53. Potato state
54. American Pickers
56. Yellow-fever mosquitos
58. Edison's company
59. Axis and offshoot angle
60. Standard
63. Blame (Scottish)
64. Esoteric
65. Pronounces



CLUES DOWN

1. Any wrist bone
2. Baltimore bird
3. Czar's nation
4. Regulated food
5. Space next to someone
6. Expunction
7. Trauma center
8. Spanish yes
9. Matters
10. Twist out of shape
13. Toward
14. Renders able for a task
15. An extended social group
20. Article
21. GMA anchor's initials
22. Streetcar
23. Summer month (abbr.)
27. Not widely distributed
29. Plays great music
30. Female 1776 descendants
31. Speed gauge ratio
32. Old English
33. After B
34. Expressing sorrow
35. More hearty, firmer
36. Taxis
37. Single pip card
38. 50th state
40. A source of worry
41. Eight sided
42. Highest military valor award (abbr.)
44. Former Harvard Pres. Derek
45. Drinking tubes
46. Loss of coordination
47. Self-love
48. Talus joints
50. Accumulator
51. Rural delivery
52. Lady Soul's initials
54. Prefix indicating abstraction
55. Hawaiian goose
57. Prince William's mom, Lady —
61. Aid organization (abbr.)
62. Farm state

ANSWERS
APPEAR
IN OUR
CLASSIFIED
SECTION

HOROSCOPE

ARIES, March 21 to April 20.

Aries, handle some unfinished business and establish clear priorities. Otherwise, you may turn what could be a productive week into something frustrating.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21.

Taurus, when you wear your heart on your sleeve for everyone to see, you cannot be shy about expressing your emotions. Friends may be skeptical of you, though.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21.

Gemini, don't be shy about sharing unique plans with your loved ones. The support of friends and family members will only restore your confidence in this new direction.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22.

Expect your ideas to take shape over the next couple of days, Cancer. Concrete plans will materialize as you begin to pull thoughts from your imagination. The results will be unique.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23.

You probably are not interested in inching along this week, Leo. Though it's good to attack a project with gusto, don't rush so much that you make mistakes.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22.

Virgo, you are quite comfortable sharing your thoughts now that you have gotten some things worked out. It's now much easier to talk about future possibilities.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23.

Decoding all of the mixed signals coming your way won't be easy, Libra. The only thing you can do for the moment is to take each signal one at a time.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22.

Scorpio, you are not in the mood to play games, so you will want to push your romantic relationship to the next level. You will have no problem leading the way.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21.

Opportunities to address your physical well-being present themselves this week, Sagittarius. Make the most of these opportunities to make a significant change.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20.

Capricorn, you will ride a creative wave for the next several days. Inspiration will strike when you least expect it. You should have some time for play.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18.

Aquarius, expect some support from family members and close friends. Receive their generosity as warmly as you can, even if you're feeling a bit smothered.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20.

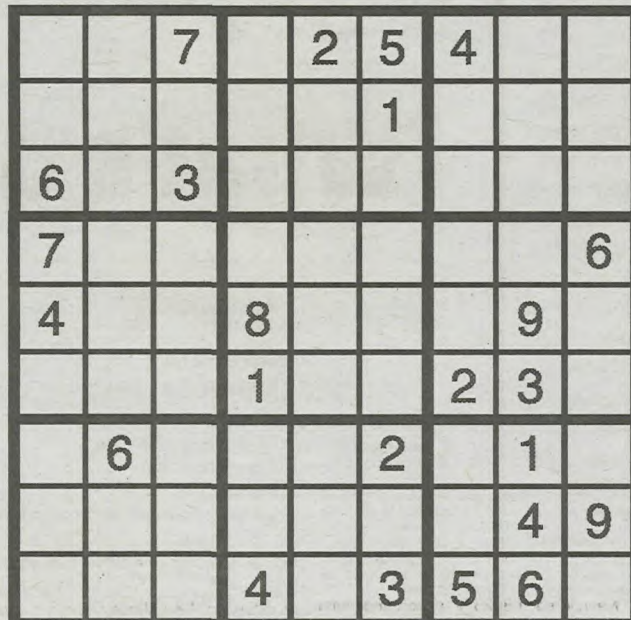
Pisces, it can be easy to get swept away by other people's agendas when you attempt to lend a helping hand. Do your best to pitch in.

SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

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

ANSWERS APPEAR IN
OUR CLASSIFIEDS SECTION



Level: Beginner

ROSELLE PARK NEWS

Library events set for December

The Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library, located at 404 Chestnut St. hosts the following programs through Friday, Dec. 20.

For more information on library programs, visit www.roselleparklibrary.org or call at 908-245-2456.

- Thursday, Dec. 12, 3:15 to 4 p.m.: After-school Crochet Club, ages 8 and older. Bring a J or K crochet hook. Registration required.

- Saturday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Family storytime.
- Tuesday, Dec. 17, 5 to 6 p.m.: Russian Literature Club.
- Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6 to 7 p.m.: Nonfiction Club for grades one to three.

- Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.: The Chain Gang Crochet Group.

- Thursday, Dec. 19, 3:15 to 4 p.m.: After-school Duct Tape Club, ages 8 and older. Bring a roll of duct tape.

Registration is required.

- Monday, Dec. 30, 6:30 p.m.: Between the Pages Book Club will discuss "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford.

- Mondays, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Tea and scones with Downtown Abbey.

- Mondays, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Beginner conversational English with Sister Ann.

- Mondays, 12 to 1 p.m.: Advanced conversational English with Sister Ann.

- Mondays, 3 to 4 p.m.: Math Help, for grades six to eight.

- Mondays, 4 to 5 p.m.: Conversational Spanish for Kids.

- Tuesdays, 3 to 3:30 p.m.: Math Help, grades three to five.

- Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.: Math Help, grades one and two.

- Wednesdays, 3:15 to 4 p.m.: Lego Club.

- Thursdays, 11 a.m.: Conversational English with Anthony.

- Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m.: Board of Trustees Meeting. The public is encouraged to attend.

Art exhibit funds YWCA

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, the Casano Community Center Art Gallery, 314 Chestnut St. in Roselle Park, hosted an "Evening of Art" fundraiser for the YWCA Union County.

The exhibit by digital artist Leona M. Seufert runs through Dec. 13.

The YWCA Union County services include emergency shelter; transitional and supportive housing; 24-hour hotline; and nonresidential counseling, among others.

For more information visit www.ywcauc.org. View her art at <http://studio-l.tripod.com/index.htm>.

PUBLIC NOTICE**PLAINFIELD****NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**

Docket No.: F-044054-13
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: **ELEANORE KOURIL, DECEASED**, his/her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Legal Title Trustee for LVS Title Trust I is plaintiff, and Eleanore Kouril, Deceased, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-044054-13 within thirty-five (35) days after December 12, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after December 12, 2013, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated May 31, 2006 made by Eleanore Kouril, unmarried as mortgagor, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. recorded on June 6, 2006 in Book M11718 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0520, which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Legal Title Trustee for LVS Title Trust I, by Assignment of Mortgage dated May 1, 2013; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 57 Terrill Road, Plainfield, NJ 07062, also being Lot 4 in Block 440.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

YOU, the heir, devisee, and personal representative of Eleanore Kouril, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are hereby made party defendants to this foreclosure action due to the death of Eleanore Kouril on June 28, 2008, the record owner of the mortgaged premises being foreclosed herein is deceased in which case you have an ownership interest in the mortgaged premises and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

File XCZ-181961

MICHELLE M. SMITH, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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practices of the Fair Housing Act in the conduct of its business."

U4133 WCN December 12, 2013 (\$47.04)

PLAINFIELD**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**

Docket No.: F-050719-10
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: **PHILOMENA T. CATO**, his/her/heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association is plaintiff, and Philomena T. Cato, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-050719-10 within thirty-five (35) days after December 12, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after December 12, 2013, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated February 22, 2006 made by Philomena T. Cato as mortgagor, to Washington Mutual Bank, FA recorded on February 27, 2006 in Book 11583 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0744; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1122-24 Saint Marks Place - a/k/a 1122 Saint Marks Place, Plainfield, NJ 07062, also being Lot 4 in Block 331.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

YOU, **PHILOMENA T. CATO**, his/her/heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

File FWZ143835

MICHELLE M. SMITH, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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U4207 WCN December 12, 2013 (\$43.61)

PUBLIC NOTICE**UNION COUNTY****MEETING NOTICE**

UNION COUNTY MORSES CREEK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR YEAR 2014 ARE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 3, MARCH 3, APRIL 7, MAY 5, JUNE 2, SEPTEMBER 8, OCTOBER 6, NOVEMBER 3, DECEMBER 1. ALL MEETINGS WILL BE AT 10:00 AM AT ROSELLE BOROUGH HALL, 210 CHESTNUT STREET.
U4132 WCN December 12, 2013 (\$6.86)

PUBLIC NOTICE**HILLSIDE**

BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
195 VIRGINIA STREET
HILLSIDE, NJ 07205

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Hillside Board of Education shall hold the following meeting in the month of December 2013:

Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. at the Administration Building, 195 Virginia Street, Hillside, NJ.

Following the opening of the meeting the board will adjourn to closed executive session and open session will resume approximately 7:00 p.m.

The board reserves the right of taking action on other items not known at this time.

HILLSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kenneth R. Weinheimer
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
12/3/2013
U4178 UNL December 12, 2013 (\$15.68)

HILLSIDE**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**

Docket No.: F-018828-13
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: **KHASHIF SHITTA-BEY**, his/her/heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is plaintiff, and Charlene Shitta-Bey, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-018828-13 within thirty-five (35) days after December 12, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after December 12, 2013, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

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This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated January 31, 2008 made by Charlene Shitta-Bey and Khashif Shitta-Bey, Wife and Husband as mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Weichert Financial Services recorded on February 5, 2008 in Book M12406 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0661, which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by Assignment of Mortgage dated August 24, 2011; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 149 Baltimore Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205, also being Lot 17 in Block 905.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

YOU, **KHASHIF SHITTA-BEY**, his/her/heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

File XFZ-153176

MICHELLE M. SMITH, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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U4266 UNL December 12, 2013 (\$45.08)

HILLSIDE**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**

Docket No.: F-023324-13
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: **CHRISTOPHER JENKINS**, his/her/heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is plaintiff, and Akliah Horton, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-023324-13 within thirty-five (35) days after December 12, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after December 12, 2013, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in

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accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated June 6, 2003 made by Akliah Horton, unmarried and Christopher Jenkins, unmarried as mortgagor, to National City Mortgage Co. dba Eastern Mortgage Services recorded on June 12, 2003 in Book 10137 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0808; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1573 Wainwright Street, Hillside, NJ 07205, also being Lot 7 in Block 306.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

YOU, **CHRISTOPHER JENKINS**, his/her/heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

File FWX-176734

MICHELLE M. SMITH, CLERK
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U4268 UNL December 12, 2013 (\$44.10)

HILLSIDE

POWERS KIRN, LLC
728 Marne Highway, Suite 200
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 802-1000
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Frances M. Kelly, Esquire - 031812002 (2010-2544)

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County
Docket No. F-30522-10

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

Armedia Simpson, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest, Individually and as Co-Executrix,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Attorneys for Plaintiff, Powers Kirn, LLC, 728 Marne Highway, Moorestown, NJ 08057, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is Plaintiff and Armedia Simpson, Individually and as Co-Executrix, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after December 12, 2013, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and

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Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules governing the courts. A \$135.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated June 22, 2007, recorded on January 15, 2008, in Book 12392 at Page 83&c made by Minnie Fann to World Savings Bank, FSB, and concerns real estate located at 262 Williamson Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205, Block 409 Lot 40.

YOU, Armedia Simpson, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest, Individually and as Co-Executrix are made a Defendant because you are the maker of the bond/note and mortgage and/or an owner thereof and Plaintiff is unable to determine the whereabouts of the defendant, and therefore, does not know whether he/she is living or dead, and therefore, names as defendants Armedia Simpson, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest, Individually and as Co-Executrix.

You are further advised that an individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-8315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: Legal Services (908) 354-4340, Lawyer Referral (908) 353-4715. File 2010-2544

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk of the Superior Court
U4262 UNL December 12, 2013 (\$40.67)

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
PUBLIC NOTICE

The following ordinance published herewith has been passed by the Township Council at a meeting held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, on December 2, 2013 and approved by the Mayor on December 4, 2013.

O-13-017

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE CODE AT CHAPTER 157 (FIRE PREVENTION) ARTICLES I AND II

Salonia Saxton
Council President

Approved by Mayor Joseph Menza
December 4, 2013
Attest: Deborah Karlsson, Township Clerk
U4325 UNL December 12, 2013 (\$12.25)

ROSELLE PARK

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a meeting held on December 5, 2013 and that said ordinance will be taken up for passage, and public hearing on December 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Borough Hall in said Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

By order of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park.

INTRODUCED
ORDINANCE NO. 2396

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III, SECTION 3-10 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK ENTITLED "SLEEPING OR HABITATION"

Doreen Cali
Borough Clerk
U4323 UNL December 12, 2013 (\$16.17)

ROSELLE PARK

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a meeting held on December 5, 2013 and that said ordinance will be taken up for passage, and public hearing on December 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Borough Hall in said Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

By order of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park.

INTRODUCED
ORDINANCE NO. 2397

PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXIII, SECTIONS 1.13 THROUGH 1.15 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK REGARDING EXCAVATIONS IN STREETS

Doreen Cali
Borough Clerk
U4320 UNL December 12, 2013 (\$16.17)

ROSELLE PARK

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Roselle Park Board of Health, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a Special Meeting held on November 14, 2013 and that said ordinance will be taken for passage, and public hearing on December 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the Regular Meeting of said Board of Health to be held in the Conference Room of Borough Hall, in the Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

By order of the Board of Health of the Borough of Roselle Park.

INTRODUCED
ORDINANCE NO. 98

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER BH:5, ARTICLE V, SECTION BH:5-13 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK BOARD OF HEALTH REGARDING LICENSING FEES.

Nancy Caliendo
Board Clerk
U4171 UNL December 12, 2013 (\$16.66)

UNION

POWERS KIRN, LLC

728 Marne Highway, Suite 200
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 802-1000
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Frances M. Kelly, Esquire - 031812002 (2013-2198)

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County
Docket No. F 033352 13

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

Mark Smith, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Attorneys for Plaintiff, Powers Kirn, LLC, 728 Marne Highway, Moorestown, NJ 08057, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is Plaintiff and Mark Smith, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after December 12, 2013, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules governing the courts. A \$135.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated March 6, 2007, recorded on April 20, 2007, in Book 12130 at Page 542 made by Pamjoi Smith and Mark Smith to World Savings Bank, FSB, and concerns real estate located at 905 Woodland Avenue, Union Township, NJ 07083, Block 308 Lot 8.

YOU, Mark Smith, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a defendant because you are the maker of the bond/note and mortgage and/or an owner thereof and Plaintiff is unable to determine the whereabouts of the defendant, and therefore, does not know whether he/she is living or dead, and therefore, names as defendants Mark Smith, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest.

You are further advised that an individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-8315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: Legal Services (908) 354-4340, Lawyer Referral (908) 353-4715. File 2013-2198

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk of the Superior Court
U4263 UNL December 12, 2013 (\$39.69)

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ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-13003820
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2668909
County: Union
Plaintiff: ONEWEST BANK F.S.B.
VS
Defendant: WILBERT MARIN, LINDA MARIN, ET ALS.
Sale Date: 01/08/2014
Writ of Execution: 07/08/2013
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the CITY of ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 544 GRIER AVE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07202.
Tax Lot No. 662 in Block No. 4
Dimension of Lot Approximately: 25 X 125
Nearest Cross Street: SUMMER STREET
BEGINNING at a point in the easterly line of Grier Avenue, said point being distant northerly 225.00 feet from the intersection of the Northerly line of Summer Street with the easterly line of Grier Avenue and extending; thence

"THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION."
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
2013 3RD QTR TAXES OPEN \$1,771.46
TAXES OPEN + PENALTY \$844.68
TOTAL AS OF September 11, 2013: \$2,616.14

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: \$555,341.61***Five Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-One and 61/100***

Attorney:
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
7 CENTURY DR
SUITE 201
PARSIPPANY NJ 07054
(973)538-4700
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$581,924.80***Five Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four and 80/100***
December 12, 19, 27, 2013, January 3, 2014
U4128 PRO (\$145.04)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-13003824
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2770109
County: Union
Plaintiff: ONEWEST BANK F.S.B.
VS
Defendant: LUIS V. CARCHI, ET ALS.
Sale Date: 01/08/2014
Writ of Execution: 07/23/2013
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the CITY of ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 108-110 ORCHARD STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ 07208.
Tax Lot No. 1053 in Block No. 13
Dimension of Lot Approximately: 33 X 100
Nearest Cross Street: CHERRY STREET
BEGINNING at a point in the southeasterly line of Orchard Street distant 115.63 feet southwesterly from its intersection with the southwesterly line of Cherry Street and running;

"THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION."
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
2013 3RD QTR TAXES OPEN \$2,075.84
2012 3RD PARTY WATER, SEWER LIEN \$518.18
SOLD ON 6/3/13
CERT # 13-00471
TOTAL AS OF September 11, 2013: \$2,594.02

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the

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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: \$522,667.42***Five Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven and 42/100***

Attorney:
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
7 CENTURY DR
SUITE 201
PARSIPPANY NJ 07054
(973)538-4700
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$553,231.73***Five Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-One and 73/100***
December 12, 19, 27, 2013, January 3, 2014
U4129 PRO (\$145.04)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-13003836
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1367912
County: Union
Plaintiff: ONEWEST BANK FSB
VS
Defendant: JUAN DAVID SORTO, JUANA M. SORTO, HUSBAND AND WIFE
Sale Date: 01/08/2014
Writ of Execution: 07/31/2013
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the CITY of ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 466-468 LIDGERWOOD AVE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07202.
Tax Lot No. 847 in Block No. 4
Dimension of Lot Approximately: 55 X 102
Nearest Cross Street: EDGAR ROAD
BEGINNING AT A POINT marked by a capped iron pipe on the southeasterly side line of Lidgerwood Avenue, distant 457.35 feet southwesterly from the point of intersection formed by the westerly side line of Edgar Road produced and the southeasterly side line of Lidgerwood Avenue produced, and from said point of beginning running thence;

"THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION."
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
2013 3RD QTR TAXES OPEN \$3,092.44
TOTAL AS OF September 11, 2013: \$3,092.44

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: \$459,427.51***Four Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven and 51/100***
Attorney:
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
7 CENTURY DR
SUITE 201
PARSIPPANY NJ 07054
(973)538-4700
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$486,675.27***Four Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five and 27/100***
December 12, 19, 27, 2013, January 3, 2014
U4130 PRO (\$148.96)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-13003843
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F01033712
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
VS
Defendant: CARLOS N. LUQUE; SANDRA G. LUQUE, HUSBAND AND WIFE
Sale Date: 01/08/2014
Writ of Execution: 06/14/2013
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in: The City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey
Commonly known as: 612 A Clarkson Avenue,

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Elizabeth, NJ 07202-2709
Tax Lot No.: 375.F in Block: 4
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 100 x 25
Nearest Cross Street: Summer Street
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Subject to Tax and prior lien info:
At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available. You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.
Subject to Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

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

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$197,705.89***One Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Five and 89/100***

Attorney:
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
200 SHEFFIELD ST
SUITE 301
MOUNTAINSIDE NJ 07092
(908)233-8500 XZFZ-161958
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$207,245.16***Two Hundred Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Five and 16/100***
December 12, 19, 27, 2013, January 3, 2014
U4123 PRO (\$156.80)

ELIZABETH

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-041664-13
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: OMAIDA V. RANDIN, his/her/their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Champion Mortgage Company is plaintiff, and Omaid V. Randin, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-041664-13 within thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated September 24, 2008 made by Omaid V. Randin as mortgagor, to Countrywide Bank, FSB recorded on November 12, 2008 in Book 12592 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0068, which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Champion Mortgage Company, by Assignment of Mortgage dated November 21, 2012; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 330 Franklin Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206, also being Lot 718 in Block 5.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

YOU, the heir, devisee, and personal representative of Omaid V. Randin, and his, her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are hereby made party defendants to this foreclosure action due to the death of Omaid V. Randin on June 23, 2013, the record owner of the mortgaged premises being foreclosed herein is deceased in which case you have an ownership interest in the mortgaged premises and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises. File XRFZ-176217

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MICHELLE M. SMITH, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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U4134 PRO December 12, 2013 (\$46.06)

ELIZABETH

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

It is the intention of the Elizabeth Board of Education to award annual appointments and contracts through a fair and open process as set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. The Elizabeth Board of Education is requesting separate proposals from qualified individuals or firms (prior experience with a City school board is desirable but not required) to provide the following professional services:

Development of an effective program for the interactive communication between the District and Community with a special emphasis on developing criteria and capturing indicators that measure parent and guardian satisfaction with the school their child attends using available District survey tools.

Term

The length of term will be effective as of the January 2014 Reorganization Meeting and shall terminate as of the January 2015 Reorganization Meeting.

Scope of Services

- Develop a communication strategy survey methodology and create custom survey questions so that the Board of Education will better understand parent and guardian perceptions and satisfaction with the school their child attends;
- Provide technical assistance in synthesizing and summarizing survey results and question level comparisons between schools and across the District;
- Provide assistance in developing a single measurement percentage indication of customer satisfaction that can be presented to the Board and the public on a regular basis;
- Provide assistance in developing future survey topics based on results received.

Proposal Requirements:

Proposals shall contain a description of the respondent's qualifications and experience. The description of the respondent's qualifications and experience shall evidence knowledge of the applicable procedures pertaining to the Scope of Services. A schedule of specific compensation requirements/fee for services or if applicable hourly billing rates for all categories of staff who will be assigned to perform contract services if a contract is awarded; other charges, if any, to be billed for each scope of service under the contract.

Submissions of Proposals

Proposals (original + 2) shall be delivered to the Elizabeth Board of Education no later than 10 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014. Proposals shall be addressed as follows:

Harold E. Kennedy, Jr.
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
Office of the School Business
Administrator/Board Secretary
Elizabeth Board of Education
500 North Broad Street
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207

All Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes; the applicable wording *specific to the proposal* shall appear on the envelope as follows:

"PROPOSAL FOR INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATION"

Proposals received in the Office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary after the date and time prescribed shall not be opened and will be returned unopened to the sender.

Proposals will be opened in public at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014 in the Office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The proposals will be reviewed by a special committee appointed by the President of the Board of Education. Interviews may be established, if necessary. Please note that individuals or firms submitting proposals are not guaranteed an interview. Proposals will be evaluated on the qualifications and experience of the applicant and acceptable fees. All questions pertaining to the proposals should be directed to Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., School Business Administrator/Board Secretary (908) 436-5112.

If awarded a contract your company/firm shall be required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. U4226 PRO December 12, 2013 (\$53.41)

ELIZABETH

PUBLIC NOTICE

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

It is the intention of the Elizabeth Board of Education to award annual appointments and contracts through a fair and open process as set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. The Elizabeth Board of Education is requesting separate proposals from qualified individuals or firms (prior experience with a City school board is desirable but not required) to provide the following professional services:

**Special Counsel
District Auditor
Chief Medical Inspector
Medical Inspector
Treasurer of School Moneys
Insurance/Health Benefits Consultant**

Term

The length of term will be effective as of the January 2014 Reorganization Meeting and shall terminate as of the January 2015 Reorganization Meeting.

Scope of Services

To perform such duties assigned or deemed as necessary by the Board Attorney.

District Auditor

To provide professional accounting and auditing services including auditing the District's financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2014 in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey.

Chief Medical Inspector

To provide medical services and duties in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40. Evidence of licensure to practice medicine and surgery within the state and documentation of malpractice insurance coverage is required.

Medical Inspector

To provide medical services and duties in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40. Evidence of licensure to practice medicine and surgery within the state and documentation of malpractice insurance coverage is required.

Treasurer of School Moneys

To provide monthly and annual reports of sums of school moneys received and disbursed in accordance with duties prescribed in N.J.S.A. 18A:17

Insurance/Health Benefits Consultant

Responsible for negotiating and recommending annual renewal of existing insurance coverage and assisting the district in evaluating all bids received in the event that coverage is marketed. Additionally, assists central administration with cost projections and preliminary renewal figures during the budget process and assisting District staff with presentations to the Finance Committee.

Proposal Requirements:

Proposals shall contain a description of the respondent's qualifications and experience. The description of the respondent's qualifications and experience shall evidence knowledge of the applicable procedures pertaining to the Scope of Services. A schedule of specific compensation requirements/fee for services or if applicable hourly billing rates for all categories of staff who will be assigned to perform contract services if a contract is awarded; other charges, if any, to be billed under the contract.

Submissions of Proposals

Proposals (original + 2) shall be delivered to the Elizabeth Board of Education no later than 10 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014. Proposals shall be addressed as follows:

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School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
Office of the School Business
Administrator/Board Secretary
Elizabeth Board of Education
500 North Broad Street
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207

All Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes; the applicable wording *specific to the proposal* shall appear on the envelope as follows:

**"PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL"
"PROPOSAL FOR DISTRICT AUDITOR"
"PROPOSAL FOR CHIEF MEDICAL INSPECTOR"
"PROPOSAL FOR MEDICAL INSPECTOR"
"PROPOSAL FOR TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONEYS"
"PROPOSAL FOR INSURANCE/HEALTH BENEFITS CONSULTANT"**

Proposals received in the Office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary after the date and time prescribed shall not be opened and will be returned unopened to the sender.

Proposals will be opened in public at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2014 in the Office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The proposals will be reviewed by a special committee appointed by the President of the Board of Education. Interviews may be established, if necessary. Please note that individuals or firms submitting proposals are not guaranteed an interview. Proposals will be evaluated on the qualifications and experience of the applicant and acceptable fees. All questions pertaining to the proposals should be directed to Harold E. Kennedy, Jr., School Business Administrator/Board Secretary (908) 436-5112.

If awarded a contract your company/firm shall be required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. U4227 PRO December 12, 2013 (\$66.64)

ELIZABETH

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-39517-13

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
JOSEPH FIORETTI

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number (973) 538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action in which JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and JOSEPH FIORETTI, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-39517-13 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/12/2013 exclusive of such date, or if pub-

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lished after 12/12/2013, thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated May 27, 1998 made by JOSEPH FIORETTI as mortgagor to FIRST UNITED MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. recorded on July 21, 1998, in Book MB6775 of Mortgages for UNION County, Page 53, et seq., which mortgage was duly assigned to the Plaintiff named above, who is the present holder of said Mortgage, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 13 KERLYN COURT, ELIZABETH, NJ 07202, Block 6, Lot 539.A.

You are made a defendant because you are a mortgagor and your lien or encumbrance on the mortgaged premises is subject to plaintiff's mortgage.

If you cannot afford or are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling:

UNION COUNTY LAWYER REFERRAL:
(908)353-4715

UNION COUNTY LEGAL SERVICES: (908)354-4340

YOU, JOSEPH FIORETTI are made party defendant(s) to this foreclosure action because you are one of the mortgagors and may be liable for any deficiency and for any lien, claim, or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises by reason of the Mortgage made by you, JOSEPH FIORETTI, as set forth above.

Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity.
File No. YCH724
Dated: December 4, 2013

MICHELLE SMITH
Clerk of the Superior
Court of New Jersey
U4271 PRO December 12, 2013 (\$38.22)

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LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-13003818
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F878610
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
VS
Defendant: ERIKA RODRIGUEZ; KEVIN SAMSEL; ET AL
Sale Date: 01/08/2014
Write of Execution: 05/04/2012

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

Commonly known as: 638 MILTONIA STREET, LINDEN, NJ 07036

Tax Lot No.: 18 in Block: 344
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 40 x 100
Nearest Cross Street: Curtis Street

Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Subject to Tax and prior lien info:

At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - you must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

Subject to Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money.

The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

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

Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$283,165.84***Two Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five and 84/100***

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SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-13003838 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F01059311 County: Union Plaintiff: NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANK VS Defendant: LAVINIA MEARS; JAMES PARASOLE, HUSBAND OF LAVINIA MEARS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR OHIO SAVINGS BANK; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL LLC; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 110 x 150 Nearest Cross Street: Ainsworth Street Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due. Subject to Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available.

Subject to the extended right of redemption extended to the United States of America 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.

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SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-13003846 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F2618508 County: Union Plaintiff: ONEWEST BANK FSB VS Defendant: JULIO MUSETTI, ET ALS. Sale Date: 01/08/2014 Writ of Execution: 09/06/2013

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

The property to be sold is located in the CITY of LINDEN, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 1609 GRIER AVE, LINDEN, NJ 07036. Tax Lot No. 13 in Block No. 507 Dimension of Lot Approximately: 55 X 75 Nearest Cross Street: MALCOLM PLACE BEGINNING at a point on the Northwesterly sideline of Grier Avenue, said point being distant South 42 degrees 10 minutes West, 40.00 feet from the intersection of the Northwesterly sideline of Grier Avenue and the Southwesterly sideline of Malcolm Place, from said beginning point; thence

LINDEN

Water Open - PENALTY \$230.77 TOTAL AS OF September 17, 2013: \$230.77 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.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$646,810.84***Six Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ten and 84/100*** Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC 7 CENTURY DR SUITE 201 PARSIPPANY NJ 07054 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office Total Upset: \$692,542.81***Six Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Two and 81/100***

LINDEN - NOTICE -

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to the Municipal Council of the City of Linden, in the County of Union, New Jersey for a person to person transfer to BHG Bar and Restaurant, LLC., of Plenary Retail Consumption License No: 2009-33-076-004 for premises located at 700 East Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to: Joseph Bodek, Acting Clerk, City of Linden, 401 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036. December 12, 19, 2013 U4166 PRO (\$33.32)

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SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD MEETING DATES FOR 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield for the year 2014 will be held the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

The Regular monthly meetings start at 7:30 P.M. prevailing time.

The following are the dates for the Board of Adjustment meetings for the year 2014: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 (Re-organization & Regular Mtg.) Tuesday, February 18, 2014 Tuesday, March 18, 2014 Wednesday, April 23, 2014 Tuesday, May 20, 2014 Tuesday, June 17, 2014

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Tuesday, July 15, 2014 Tuesday, August 19, 2014 Tuesday, September 16, 2014 Tuesday, October 21, 2014 Tuesday, November 25, 2014 Tuesday, December 16, 2014 All Special Meetings of the Board of Adjustment will be advertised separately.

Jennifer Amend Law Board of Adjustment Secretary U4246 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$20.58)

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD MEETING DATES FOR 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield for the year 2014 will be held the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

The following are the dates of the Planning Board meetings for the year 2014:

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 (Re-organization & Regular Mtg.) Wednesday, February 5, 2014 Wednesday, March 5, 2014 Wednesday, April 2, 2014 Wednesday, May 7, 2014 Wednesday, June 4, 2014 Wednesday, July 2, 2014 Wednesday, August 6, 2014 Wednesday, September 3, 2014 Wednesday, October 1, 2014 Thursday, November 5, 2014 Wednesday, December 3, 2014

All Special Meetings of the Planning Board will be advertised separately. Jennifer Amend Law, Secretary Township of Springfield Planning Board U4255 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$19.60)

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

In compliance with N.J.A.C. 18:12A-1.3 please be advised that the Tax Assessor or members of the Assessor's staff in the Township of Springfield are available to Taxpayers and members of the general public, Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Edward Neil Galante Tax Assessor U4235 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$7.35)

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ASSESSMENT LIST IS READY

Springfield Tax Assessor, Edward Neil Galante has announced that the Assessment list for the 2014 Tax year will be available for inspection by any Taxpayer on Tuesday, December 24, 2013 at the Assessor's Office, 100 Mountain Avenue between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Edward Neil Galante Tax Assessor U4236 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$7.84)

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at Springfield Town Hall, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ:

Applicant: # 11-2013-S Applicant: LVMH Site Location: 966 South Springfield Ave. Block: 3903 Lots: 6, 7, 11 & 14 For: Preliminary and Final Site Plan and Variance Relief 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 inspection.

Board Administrator Jennifer Amend Law U4328 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$14.21)

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION

TAKE NOTICE that the regular meeting of the Rent Leveling Board scheduled for Thursday, December 26, 2013, at 7 p.m., in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ, has been cancelled.

Rosalie Berger Secretary U4327 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$6.37)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT CITY OF SUMMIT FINAL PASSAGE ORDINANCE #13-3040

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A MANUAL TO ESTABLISH, REGULATE AND CONTROL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, REGULATING AND DEFINING THE MANNER OF APPOINTMENT THERETO AND REMOVAL THEREFROM; AND OUTLINING THE DUTIES OF OFFICERS, PERSONNEL, AND DIVISIONS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT," as amended by Resolution No. 36034 (Revised Police Rules and Regulations Manual)

Dated: December 3, 2013 Approved: December 3, 2013 Ellen Dickson, Mayor

I, David L. Hughes, City Clerk of Summit, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed by the Common Council of said City at a regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, December 3, 2013.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk Dated: 12/3/13 U4270 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$16.17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT CITY OF SUMMIT FINAL PASSAGE ORDINANCE #13-3041

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN UNNAMED ALLEY 12 FEET TO 16 FEET WIDE ADJACENT TO BLOCK 1911, LOTS 4 AND 5 IN THE CITY OF SUMMIT, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND TO RELEASE ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS AND INTERESTS THEREIN RESULTING FROM ANY DEDICATION THEREOF. [Vacate unnamed alley next to 485 Springfield Ave.]

Dated: December 3, 2013 Approved: December 3, 2013 Ellen Dickson, Mayor

I, David L. Hughes, City Clerk of Summit, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed by the Common Council of said City at a regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, December 3, 2013.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk Dated: 12/3/13 U4272 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$14.70)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Take notice that the undersigned shall expose for sale, as salvage in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:10A-1 at public auction on December 17, 2013 @ 9:00 A.M. at the office of The Township of Union Police Department 981 Caldwell Ave Union, NJ, the below described motor vehicles which came into possession of The Township of Union through Abandonment of owner to claim same.

The motor vehicle shall be examined at the following location: L & J Towing Kenilworth, NJ Between 8:00am and 6:00pm, 48 hours preceding the aforesaid date and time only As vehicle are sold on an as is and where is basis, failure to inspect will not be considered grounds for any adjustment of bid offered. Bids will be accepted on a per vehicle basis, multiplied by the number of vehicles in a lot.

Cash or certified check, payable to the Township of Union, in the amount of 50% of the total bid per lot must accompany each proposal. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid no later than 72 hours from the date of sale.

In the event said vehicles are not removed within 5 days from the date of sale, namely December 24, 2013, they shall be readvertised and resold, and the original bidder shall have no claim. The cost of advertising and resale shall be charged to the purchaser.

No dismantling of vehicles is to be done by the bidder on the premises; they shall be moved in the condition in which they are at the time of the bidding. The Township reserves their right to place a minimum bid per lot to cover towing and storage due the Township towing contractor.

Table with columns: YR., MAKE, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION #. Lists vehicles including Ford, Hyundai, Buick, and Nissan.

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HILLSIDE

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Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 26, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time, at Highway Towing, 548 Trumbull Street, Elizabeth, NJ, the Township of Hillside will offer for sale at public auction the following motor vehicles which came abandonment by owners:

Table with columns: YR., MAKE, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION #. Lists vehicles including Toyota, Honda, Dodge, Ford, and Lexus.

The vehicles listed above will be sold at Public Auction in excess of the lien cost to the tower, no bid will be accepted which does not exceed the amount that the towing company has, as vested interest in the cars to be auctioned, pursuant to the contract between the Township of Hillside and the towing contractor.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, to waive any informalities therein and to accept any bids which as it may deem necessary in the best interest to the Township of Hillside and shall reserve the right to place a minimum bid per vehicle to cover towing and storage. Inspection: The aforesaid vehicles may be inspected from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 26, 2013. Failure to inspect will not be considered grounds for any claim or adjustment of bid offered.

Deborah Karlsson, RMC Township Clerk U4261 UNL December 12, 2013 (\$40.18)

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SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
FINAL PASSAGE
ORDINANCE #13-3042

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A 30 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SPRINGFIELD AVENUE BETWEEN BLOCK 3401, LOTS 53 AND 54 IN THE CITY OF SUMMIT, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND TO RELEASE ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS AND INTERESTS THEREIN RESULTING FROM ANY DEDICATION THEREOF. *[Vacate Springfield Ave. 30' ROW - Across from Argyle Ct.]*

Dated: December 3, 2013
Approved: December 3, 2013

Ellen Dickson, Mayor

I, David L. Hughes, City Clerk of Summit, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed by the Common Council of said City at a regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, December 3, 2013.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk

Dated: 12/3/13
U4269 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$15.19)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
FINAL PASSAGE
ORDINANCE 13-3043

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER XXXV, DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 11, AFFORDABLE HOUSING GROWTH SHARE *[Establish Affordable Housing Multifamily Set Aside]*

Dated: December 3, 2013
Approved: December 3, 2013

Ellen Dickson, Mayor

I, David L. Hughes, City Clerk of Summit, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed by the Common Council of said City at a regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, December 3, 2013.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk

Dated: 12/3/13
U4267 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$12.74)

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CITY OF SUMMIT
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

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

Awarded to: Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy

For the Period: January 1 - December 31, 2014

Services: Labor Counsel

Cost: Per Agreement - Not to Exceed \$40,000.00

David L. Hughes, City Clerk

Dated: 12/3/13
U4277 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$12.25)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A.

40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution

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40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution

Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on **Wednesday, December 4, 2013** at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey. Resolutions memorializing.

Calendar #	Name of Applicant & Premises Affected	Variances Requested	Decision of the Board of Adjustment
Cal. # 3225	Maxon Hyundai, Inc. 2329 & 2333 Rt. 22, W. Block- 3209/3210 Lot- 1, 2.01 & 5	Convert bldg to vehicle service parts & warehouse facility	Granted by Resolution
Cal. # 3227	Thomas Mongiove 1461 Morris Avenue Block- 1609 Lot- 7	Convert office space into 2 family	Carried for Resolution of Approval on 12-11-2013
Cal. # 3228	Emil Solomine 92 Clark Place Block- 2409 Lot- 2	Single family dwelling with insufficient side yard setbacks	Carried for Resolution of Approval on 12-11-2013
Cal. # 3229	410 Clermont Terr., Co. 410 Clermont Terrace Block- 405 Lot- 72	Use portion of warehouse for commercial laundry & ancillary uses	Carried for Continued Hearing on 1-15-2014

Richard Malanda, Bd. Of Adj. Secretary
U4259 UNL December 12, 2013 (\$42.63)

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authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Jeffrey R. Surenian & Associates, LLC

For the Period: January 1 - December 31, 2014

Services: Affordable Housing Counsel

Cost: Per Agreement - Not to Exceed \$20,000.00

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 12/3/13
U4264 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$12.74)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
NOTICE OF EMERGENCY
CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 (emergency contracts) due to emergency conditions for which the estimated cost is in excess of the statutory minimum bid threshold established in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: PCS Pump and Process

Service: Constantine Pump Station Replacement Pump Parts

Cost: \$81,748.10

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 12/3/13
U4265 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$13.23)

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CITY OF SUMMIT
Public Notice

The Municipal Assessor, in accordance with Title 54:4-38, hereby gives public notice that the Assessment List for the City of Summit for the year 2014 may be inspected by any taxpayer for the purpose of enabling such taxpayer to ascertain what assessments have been made against his/her property and to confer informally with the assessor as to the correctness, so that any errors may be corrected before the filing of the Assessment List and Duplicate.

And take further notice that such Assessment List may be inspected on January 3, 2014, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Assessor's Office in the Municipal Building, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. Patricia Spychala, C.T.A. Tax Assessor
Dated: December 3, 2013
U4181 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$11.76)

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF ANNUAL RETURN OF
CATHERINE MALONEY
FOUNDATION, INC.

To Whom It May Concern:

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Return of CATHERINE MALONEY FOUNDATION, INC. for the tax year ending December 31, 2013 required by Section 6033 of the Internal Revenue Code, is available for inspection at the principal office of the CATHERINE MALONEY FOUNDATION, INC. at 2109 SE TALBOT PLACE, STUART, FL 34997-5692 during regular business hours, by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the publication of this notice of its availability. Requests to inspect the said Annual Return should be made to the undersigned Principal Manager of the CATHERINE MALONEY FOUNDATION, INC. at its principal office as above stated.

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GEORGE T. MALONEY

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Principal Manager of
CATHERINE MALONEY
FOUNDATION, INC.

U4140 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$16.17)

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Notice of Proposed Aeronautical
Facility Licensing

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are hereby advised that the Division of Aeronautics, of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, has received an application from Atlantic Health System Inc. for a license to establish a Restricted Use Rooftop Helistop located at Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Avenue, in the City of Summit. Accordingly, the Division of Aeronautics invites written comments or objections regarding this proposed license. All comments or objections must address the issue of the effect of the proposed license upon the public health and safety. Upon receipt of written comments or objections, and a determination by the Division of Aeronautics that the proposed licensing is a "contested case," as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., this matter may be scheduled for a public hearing.

The above-named application and all related documents are available for public inspection by appointment between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Division of Aeronautics, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey. Telephone (609) 530-2908.

Any interested persons may submit questions or comments, in writing, no later than 30 days from today. All submissions regarding this matter should be directed to:

Office of Community Relations
New Jersey Department of Transportation
1035 Parkway Avenue, PO Box 600
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0600
U4208 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$22.05)

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The Zoning Board held its regular meeting on Monday October 7, 2013 and memorialized the following resolutions:

1. Linda F. Rafferty
4 Sweetbriar Road
BL 5103 L 10
ZB-13-1655- (c) variances for front yard setbacks for an as-built A/C condensers

2. Rosina Angleo
43 Edison Drive
Block 3909 Lot 25
ZB-13-1649 (c) variances for building and lot coverage, side and rear yard setbacks for an as-built deck

3. Pat Acevedo & Luis Portilla
20 Blackburn Place
BL 2805 L 6
ZB-13-1652 (c) and (d) FAR variances to construct a two story addition

4. Joe Perrone & Jessica Kurjakovic
67 Tulip Street
BL 3207 L 4
ZB-13-1653- (c) and (d) FAR variances to construct a two story addition, a one and a half car garage and other outdoor improvements

5. Igor and Jeanine Fastov
59 Park Avenue
Block 4003 Lot 23
ZB-13-1650 - (d) use variance to convert the existing structure from a two family to a three family home

6. Kathryn LeVan
740 Springfield Avenue
BL 2901 L 11
ZB-13-1656 To construct a one car garage in the rear yard

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7. Caryn Scherer
35 Clark Street
BL 3603 L 13
ZB-13-1654- (c) variances to remove one deck, modify a portion of the other deck, to remove portions of the driveway and to construct a garage addition.

Dennis
Galvin, Secretary
Zoning Board
DATED: December 5, 2013
U4260 OBS December 12, 2013 (\$27.93)

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Audit Report of 2012
Township of Springfield
Combined Comparative Balance Sheet

ASSETS	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Cash and Investments	\$12,900,802.77	\$11,503,006.45
Taxes, Assessments, Liens and Utility Charges Receivable	\$654,038.35	\$700,828.21
Accounts Receivable	\$5,502,991.85	\$3,500,750.72
Fixed Capital- Utility	\$1,807,287.69	\$1,914,168.92
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted- Utility	\$626,506.83	\$519,625.60
Deferred Charges to future taxation- General Capital	\$23,682,275.96	\$20,035,632.96
Deferred Charged to Revenue of Succeeding Years	\$252,000.00	\$265,558.46
Fixed Assets	<u>\$32,557,990.26</u>	<u>\$32,628,607.45</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$77,983,893.71	\$71,068,178.77
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		
Bonds and Notes Payable	\$21,140,000.00	\$17,990,902.00
Improvement Authorization	\$2,751,357.13	\$2,773,927.98
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	\$13,233,270.44	\$10,143,367.55
Amortization of Debt of Fixed Capital Acquired or Authorized	\$1,854,413.29	\$836,804.42
Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable	\$1,617,851.02	\$1,169,340.64
Fund Balance	\$4,829,011.57	\$5,525,228.73
Investment in Fixed Assets	<u>\$32,557,990.26</u>	<u>\$32,628,607.45</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND FUND BALANCE	\$77,983,893.71	\$71,068,178.77
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$2,893,406.00	\$3,000,000.00
Misc- From Other Than Local Property Tax levies	\$6,287,029.33	\$6,756,269.81
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	\$691,252.97	\$493,874.30
Collection of Current Tax Levy	<u>\$69,150,646.11</u>	<u>\$67,112,451.64</u>
TOAL INCOME	\$79,022,334.41	\$77,362,595.75
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures: Municipal Purposes	\$29,186,604.87	\$28,383,838.97
County Taxes	\$13,065,051.08	\$12,587,963.39
Local School Taxes	\$33,819,178.50	\$33,193,539.50
Special Improvement District Taxes	\$265,968.64	\$136,212.95
Other Expenditures	<u>\$656,509.73</u>	<u>\$89,575.14</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$76,993,312.82	\$74,391,129.91
Excess in Revenue	\$2,029,021.59	\$2,971,465.84
Adjustments to Income Before Fun Balance: Expenditures included Above Which are Deferred Charged to budget of succeeding year	\$252,000.00	\$246,302.00
Statutory Excess to Fund balance	\$2,281,021.59	\$3,217,767.84
Fund Balance, January 1	\$4,896,057.96	\$4,678,290.12
Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$2,893,406.00</u>	<u>\$3,000,000.00</u>
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$4,283,673.55</u>	<u>\$4,896,057.96</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$88,700.00	\$34,750.00
Membership Fees	\$343,641.25	\$337,841.00
Misc- From Other Than Membership Fees	<u>\$110,681.80</u>	<u>\$129,942.07</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$543,023.05	\$502,533.07
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures: Operating	\$390,000.00	\$331,000.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	\$4,669.00	\$4,669.00
Capital Improvements	\$16,000.00	\$15,000.00
Debt Service	<u>\$19,700.00</u>	<u>\$16,750.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$430,369.00	\$367,429.00
Excess in Revenue	\$112,654.05	\$139,783.07
Fund Balance, January 1	\$307,939.10	\$212,906.03
Less: Payment to Current Fund as Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$420,593.15</u>	<u>\$352,689.10</u>
Fund Balance Utilized	\$88,700.00	\$34,750.00
Payment to Current Fund as Anticipated Revenue	<u>\$100,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$231,893.15</u>	<u>\$307,939.10</u>

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John Wagner is one of the good guys. So this time we go against famous baseball manager Leo Durocher's argument that, "nice guys finish last."

This time a nice guy - and also a pretty good football coach - finished first.

Wagner guided Point Pleasant Beach to its first-ever championship in the playoff era last Saturday morning in Ewing Township when his Gulls downed top-seeded Shore 12-7 in the Central Jersey, Group 1 final at The College of New Jersey. Shore defeated PPB at home the night after Thanksgiving for the Shore Conference division championship the teams compete for.

So Shore won the conference, but PPB won the state title.

For Wagner, who resigned after the 2005 season as the winningest football coach in Roselle Park history, it was a validation of the kind of coach he is.

PPB did not have a winning season for 14 years, its been reported, since he took over in 2011 and guided the Gulls to an 8-3 record. Last year's team made it to the CJ, G1 semifinals for the second straight season and finished 10-1, narrowly missing a spot in the title game.

This year's squad made it to a state final for only the second time and first time since 1982, which was the year the program had won its only playoff game until 2011. Now PPB has six playoff wins, five of which Wagner is responsible for.

Wagner is also responsible for leading PPB to a state championship exactly 20 years after he guided Roselle Park to its second straight North 2, Group 1 crown in 1993 when the Panthers went 11-0 again.

Wagner was linked with a great Union County coaching lineage that included Westfield's Gary Kehler, Union's Lou Rettino, Brearley's Bob Taylor and Roselle's Lou Grasso Jr.

Now, 20 years later, he is a state championship head coach once again.



Photo by JR Parachini

Summit, shown here on offense vs. Cranford in the North 2, Group 3 semifinal played at Summit's Tatlock Field, captured its third state championship in five years and second straight last Friday night when it held off Parsippany Hills 16-13 at Kean University's Alumni Stadium in Union.

Summit repeats as N2, G3 state champs for first time Hilltoppers hold off Parsippany Hills at Kean

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

In addition to beginning its 2014 campaign with a program-best 45-game regular season winning streak, the Summit Hilltoppers football team will also start the season with a state-best (tied with Montclair) overall 24-game winning streak.

After producing a 12-0 record for the second consecutive season for the first time, Summit has now not only gone the past five seasons without losing a regular season game, but has also gone the last two without losing a single contest!

Summit went 12-0 for the third time in program history and for the third time in the past five seasons after holding off Parsippany Hills 16-13 in last Friday night's North 2, Group 3 championship game at Kean University's Alumni Stadium in Union.

The game was played during cold, misty and rainy conditions.

An interception by Summit's Andrew Masterfano - his second of the game, which came on a pass by Parsippany Hills quarterback Brandon Katzenberg to wide receiver Tommy Bluj ticketed for the corner of the end zone - clinched the victory with 1:30 remaining and the Vikings out of timeouts.

Parsippany Hills elected to throw the ball into the end zone on the fourth down play rather than attempt a game-tying field goal from 34 yards out. Summit's third and final score was a field goal in the second quarter.

Summit's defensive line stopped Parsippany Hills short on a fourth-and-inches from the Hilltopper 14-yard line earlier in the fourth quarter.

Summit won its second straight state championship and third in five years. The Hilltoppers repeated as state champions in the playoff era for the second time and for the first time in North 2, Group 3.

Summit has played in state championship games the past three years and four times in the past five.

The Hilltoppers are now also an amazing 56-2 since the start of the 2009 season.

With an entirely new starting cast this year - and new head coach in former assistant Kevin Kostibos - Summit kept the winning and domination going.

Kostibos joined John Liberato (twice at Summit in 2009 and 2012) and Scott Miller (once at Brearley in 2006) as the only Union County coaches to guide teams to 12-0 state championship seasons.

The Hilltoppers also won 10 of their 12 games by double digits. The only exception in the regular season was coming back to beat a 4-0 Rahway team on the road 26-20 back on Oct. 12 at Veterans Field. Rahway led 13-0 after scoring touchdowns on its first two possessions. Summit outscored Rahway 20-0 in the all-important fourth quarter.

Second-seeded and defending champ Summit led fourth-seeded Parsippany Hills 16-0 before the Vikings finally scored a TD right before halftime to trail 16-6.

Summit led 16-13 going into the fourth quarter. In the 2011 North 2, Group 2 final on a Friday night at Kean against Madison in a battle of that section's last two champions (Summit 2009 and Madison 2010) Madison downed Summit 47-7, with the Hilltoppers also not scoring in the second half of that clash which featured two 11-0 teams.

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UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS NJSIAA FINALS:

Friday, Dec. 6 (1 game)
At Kean University
Summit 16, Parsippany Hills 13
Sunday, Dec. 8 (1 game)
At Rutgers University
Ridge 48, Union 13

FINAL PICKS FOR 2013:

Best bets: 9-4
Upset specials: 4-9
Last week: 0-2
This year: 90-42 (.682)

JR'S FINAL UNION COUNTY TOP 10 FOR 2013:

1-Summit (12-0)
2-Union (8-4)
3-Westfield (6-4)
4-Elizabeth (5-5)
5-Linden (7-4)
6-Rahway (7-4)
7-Cranford (7-4)
8-Johnson (5-5)
9-Roselle Park (8-3)
10-New Providence (8-3)
(tie) Brearley (5-5)
Others: Gov. Livingston (4-6),
Roselle (4-6), Hillside (4-6),
Scotch Plains (2-8), Dayton (2-8),
Plainfield (1-9).

CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

NOTES: Union standout senior running back Jamauri Bogan reached a state championship game for the first time Sunday and scored a touchdown, although his team did not come away with the championship.

"Just to become the first Union team in 10 years to get to a state championship game was monumental," Bogan said. "Now the next guys that will come in will win it."

Bogan carried 21 times for 64 yards and pulled Union to within 7-6 when he scored on a two-yard run on the first play of the second quarter in Sunday's North 2, Group 5 final vs. Ridge at Rutgers. Ridge came away with a convincing 48-13 triumph.

Ridge fifth-year head coach Bill Tracy, a 1986 Union graduate, is now 2-1 in state championship games, also leading Livingston to the 2008 North 1, Group 4 crown and Ridge to the 2009 North 2, Group 4 final.

Summit was one of only four teams in the state - Montclair, Mountain Lakes and Ridge were the others - to finish undefeated at 12-0. Summit did so for the second straight season and for the third time in the past five.

SPORTS



Photo by JR Parachini

Here, Summit cornerback Andrew Helmer (No. 80 at left) is covering Cranford wide receiver Jack McCaffery (No. 16 at right). Summit repeated as North 2, Group 3 champions, winning the 2012 and 2013 titles after Cranford won the 2011 crown.

Impressive run continues for Summit football team

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Parsippany Hills, which opened in 1970, still has not won a championship, pre-playoffs or playoffs. The Vikings - who finished 9-3 - are now 0-4 in state championship games: 0-2 in North 1, Group 3 and 0-2 in North 2, Group 3.

Summit defeated Parsippany Hills 30-13 at home in last year's semifinals at Tatlock Field.

Summit tied Elizabeth for the most championships in the playoff era among Union County schools with eight. The Hilltoppers have now won four in North 2, Group 2 (4-3 in those finals) and four in North 2, Group 3 (4-1 in those finals).

Union has won the most with 10 and for the third time will be going after its 11th Sunday morning at Rutgers when it faces Ridge in the North 2, Group 5 championship game in Piscataway.

Both quarterbacks threw two touchdown passes, with Summit's Charlie Terry completing a 24-yard TD pass to Colm Dougherty in the first quarter and a 27-yard TD pass to Chris Zanelli in the second.

Summit made it 16-0 when Jack Johnson made a 27-yard field goal with 5:24 remaining before halftime.

Katzenberg completed a 53-yard touchdown pass to Evan Smith with 1:03 left in the second quarter. The ensuing two-point pass to pull the Vikings to within one score fell incomplete.

Katzenberg then completed a 75-yard touchdown pass to Bluj and then kicked the extra point to make it 16-13 with 11:03 remaining in the third quarter.

Amazingly, no more points were scored after that.

Summit went 9-0 in 1963, with several of those former Hilltopper players honored at halftime of the team's first home game this season.

Fifty years later the Hilltoppers went undefeated and untied for the seventh time in program history and for the fourth time in the playoff era, which began in 1974. One other Summit team finished undefeated with one tie.

Here's a closer look:

• **SUMMIT UNDEFEATED, UNTIED TEAMS:**

2013: (12-0) - North 2, Group 3 champions

2012: (12-0) - North 2, Group 3 champions

2009: (12-0) - North 2, Group 2 champions

1993: (11-0) - North 2, Group 2 champions

1973: (9-0) - NJ state champions, No. 1 rank in NJ

1972: (9-0) - NJ state champions

1963: (9-0) - NJ state champions

• **SUMMIT UNDEFEATED, ONE-TIE TEAM:**

1928: (9-0-1) - NJ state co-champions

• **SUMMIT PLAYOFF CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

NORTH 2, GROUP 3 - 2013, 2012, 1980, 1976.

NORTH 2, GROUP 2 - 2009, 1994, 1993, 1988.

Union FB halted by Ridge in title game Bogan, Robertson score TDs

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

PISCATAWAY — The book on Union has always been that the one thing you can do against a pretty good Farmer team is pass on it.

Who would know that history better than 1986 UHS graduate Bill Tracy?

The fifth-year Ridge head coach didn't instruct talented senior quarterback Conor Hughes to throw the ball until his team's ninth play from scrimmage, but it didn't matter.

When Hughes - arguably the best player in Somerset County this season - did throw the ball, he did so with his usual accuracy and to receivers that, for the most part, were wide open the entire game.

Hughes completed 10-of-13 passes for 156 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for a five-yard TD to lead top-seeded Ridge to a dominant 48-13 triumph over second-seeded Union in the second North 2, Group 5 final, contested Sunday morning at Rutgers Stadium.

Ridge also came up with three interceptions and scored touchdowns on possessions following all of them - including a big score right before halftime that gave the Red Devils a two-touchdown lead at intermission.

Ridge completed its first 12-0 season and captured its third title in the playoff era and second on the field. Ridge was declared the Central Jersey, Group 2 champion in 1987 when it was the only team that qualified in the section that season and then blanked Scotch Plains 27-0 in the 2003 North 2, Group 3 championship game at the old Giants Stadium.

Union lost its last two games and finished 8-4, which was a three-game improvement from last season.

Ridge, which finished 7-3 last year after starting 7-0, has now won playoff titles in three different group sizes and this year went 6-0 against Union County teams, including 3-0 in the playoffs.

Tracy is now 2-1 as a head coach in state championship games, leading Livingston to its only playoff title in 2008 (North 1, Group 4) and Ridge to the North 2, Group 4 final in 2009 where it lost to Phillipsburg.

Hughes threw three touchdown passes to senior end Ryan Bell and his first one to senior end Thomas Chiriaco, which completed an opening nine-play, 55-yard drive that consumed four minutes.

"Conor's the man," Tracy said. "He may not have the stats because we don't pass that much, but he's definitely a first team all-state player for everything he does for us."

Hughes was also a perfect 6-for-6 on extra point kicks and finished with 12 points on the day.

Union answered Ridge's opening scoring drive by putting together a 55-yard scoring march of its own, capped by a two-yard touchdown run by standout senior running back Jamauri Bogan.

Limited to 64 yards rushing on 21 carries, Bogan, it was believed, was in reach of surpassing the 6,000-yard career rushing mark. Union's all-time leading rusher and touchdown scorer will continue playing on scholarship at Division 1-AA Western Michigan.

"The ball just didn't go our way," Bogan said. "We scored after they did and got some momentum, then they got a big turnover and the momentum went back to them. Football is a game of momentum and they took it away from us."

After both teams had the ball just once in the first quarter, Ridge went to the air a bit more on its second drive, with Hughes completing three of four passes to move the Red Devils from their own 25 to the Union 3. A 20-yard field goal attempt by Hughes hit the left upright, with the game remaining tied at 7-7.

Ridge then held Union to an important three-and-out, with Bogan gaining just two yards rushing on third-and-three from the Union 27.

Ridge could not be stopped again when it got the ball back. This time Hughes was 3-for-3 through the air, capping another scoring drive with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Bell.

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SPORTS

Farmers denied first state championship in 20 years

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On third-and-six from the Union 45, Farmer senior quarterback Diego Rios was intercepted by Ridge senior linebacker Matthew Soulas, who returned the pick 25 yards to the Union 23.

With just 17 seconds left in the second quarter, Hughes dropped back and found Bell open again this time for a 23-yard touchdown pass nine seconds from halftime.

At that point, Hughes was 8-of-9 through the air for 121 yards and three touchdowns.

“We learned that you can’t turn the ball over three times in a game like this,” first-year Union head coach Lou Grasso Jr. said.

Union took the second-half kickoff and marched 80 yards in 10 plays to pull to within 21-13 after senior running back Jabree Robertson scored on the ground from one yard out. Bogan’s biggest run of the game came on the play before when he went up the middle for 12 yards before being tackled right before the goal line.

Ridge came right back to go ahead again by two touchdowns at 28-13 when Hughes rolled left and reached the end zone from five yards out exactly one minute after Union scored. A 35-yard kickoff return by senior Nick Franzese gave the Red Devils excellent field position again at their 44. Four running plays later, including a 24-yard gain by Hughes, saw Ridge reach the end zone once more.

With 4:15 to go in the third quarter, Bogan was stopped short again, this time on fourth-and-three from his own 36. Trying to gain the necessary yardage up the middle, Bogan was stopped by several defenders for no gain.

“That drive was big, the guys in the huddle liked the call,” Grasso said. “We were stopped a couple of times just short of gaining first downs.”

Ridge also received an excellent second-half effort from senior fullback Liam Derkasch, who rushed for more than 80 yards in the final two quarters, including his biggest run of 35. He scored Ridge’s first of two fourth-quarter touchdowns on a four-yard run.

“This shows what you can do when everyone stays together,” Tracy said. “Scoring first was big. We knew Union, a great team, was going to run and we wanted 9 guys up in the box to respond.”

Ridge did not turn the ball over once and committed just one penalty, which was a 15-yarder for a defensive face mask during Union’s second second-half possession. The lone penalty against the Red Devils came with five minutes to go in the third quarter.

“Do I think that Ridge is 35 points better than us? No,” Grasso said. “But you have to give them credit for the way they played to become state champions.”

NOTES: Also coming up with interceptions for Ridge were Franzese — which led to his team’s sixth touchdown — and senior linebacker Connor Stieglitz, which led to the seventh and final score. According to the Ridge roster, Hughes spells his first name with one n and Stieglitz with two.

Union is now 10-5 in state championship games — 10-4 in North 2, Group 4 and 0-1 in North 2, Group 5. Union was playing in its first title contest in 10 years, since it fell to Piscataway 29-7 in the 2003 North 2, Group 4 final.

Union last won a state championship in 1993 when the Farmers came back from a 10-point third quarter deficit to win at Randolph 19-16 in the 1993 North 2, Group 4 final, which was its third straight state crown at the time.

Union has now lost its last three state championship games by a combined score of 97-20.

The first of those three title contests saw Union fall to Montclair 20-0 in the 1996 North 2, Group 4 final at the old Giants Stadium.

In title contests played at the higher-seeded team’s high school field, Union is 9-1, with the only loss coming at home to Montclair 14-10 in the 1983 North 2, Group 4 final, which was Montclair head coach Butch Fortunato’s final game as the MOUNTIES’ mentor.

In championship games played at either the old Giants Stadium or now Rutgers, Union’s record is a sub-par 1-4.

NORTH 2, GROUP 5 CHAMPIONSHIP AT RUTGERS STADIUM

2-UNION (8-4)	0	7	6	0 - 13
1-RIDGE (12-0)	7	14	14	13 - 48

FIRST QUARTER:

RIDGE — Thomas Chiriaco 9 pass from Conor Hughes, Conor Hughes kick (R 7-0) 9 plays, 55 yards, 4:02 used

SECOND QUARTER:

UNION — Jamauri Bogan 2 run, Lucas Dragone kick (7-7)

14 plays, 55 yards, 7:53 used

RIDGE — Ryan Bell 15 pass from Conor Hughes, Conor Hughes kick

(R 14-7) 7 plays, 68 yards, 3:02 used

RIDGE — Ryan Bell 23 pass from Conor Hughes, Conor Hughes kick

(R 21-7) 1 play, 23 yards, :08 used

Ridge capitalized on a turnover — an interception by Matthew Soulas

THIRD QUARTER:

UNION — Jabree Robertson 1 run, kick failed (R 21-13)

10 plays, 80 yards, 4:24 used

RIDGE — Conor Hughes 5 run, Conor Hughes kick (R 28-13)

4 plays, 56 yards, 1:00 used

RIDGE — Ryan Bell 12 pass from Conor Hughes, Conor Hughes kick (R 35-13)

4 plays, 36 yards, 1:40 used

FOURTH QUARTER:

RIDGE — Liam Derkasch 4 run, Conor Hughes kick (R 42-13)

11 plays, 83 yards, 5:04 used

Ridge capitalized on a turnover — an interception by Nick Franzese.

RIDGE — Michael Dunsheath 3 run, kick failed (R 48-13)

4 plays, 10 yards, 1:57 used

Ridge capitalized on a turnover — an interception by Connor Stieglitz.

UNION COUNTY STATE CHAMPIONS IN THE PLAYOFF ERA:

- 2013:** Summit - North 2, Group 3
- 2012:** Elizabeth - North 2, Group 5
Summit - North 2, Group 3
- 2011:** Cranford - North 2, Group 3
- 2010:** New Providence - North 2, Group 1

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- 2009:** Summit - North 2, Group 2
- 2006:** Brearley - North 2, Group 1
Elizabeth - North 2, Group 4

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- 2002:** Johnson - North 2, Group 2
- 2000:** Elizabeth - North 2, Group 4

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- 1999:** Elizabeth - North 2, Group 4
- 1997:** Elizabeth - North 2, Group 4

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- 1995:** Johnson - North 2, Group 2
- 1994:** Summit - North 2, Group 2

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- 1993:** Union - North 2, Group 4
Summit - North 2, Group 2
Roselle Park - North 2, Group 1

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- 1992:** Union - North 2, Group 4
Roselle Park - North 2, Group 1
- 1991:** Union - North 2, Group 4
Brearley - North 2, Group 1

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- 1990:** Scotch Plains - North 2, Group 3

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- 1989:** Elizabeth - North 2, Group 4
Roselle - North 2, Group 2
New Providence - North 2, Group 1

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- 1988:** Elizabeth - North 2, Group 4
Summit - North 2, Group 2
New Providence - North 2, Group 1

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- 1987:** Union - North 2, Group 4
New Providence - North 2, Group 1
- 1986:** Union - North 2, Group 4
Brearley - North 2, Group 1

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- 1985:** Union - North 2, Group 4
Linden - North 2, Group 3
Hillside - North 2, Group 2
Brearley - North 2, Group 1

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- 1984:** Union - North 2, Group 4
Rahway - North 2, Group 3
- 1982:** Union - North 2, Group 4

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- 1981:** Elizabeth - North 2, Group 4
Brearley - North 2, Group 1
- 1980:** Summit - North 2, Group 3

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- 1979:** Union - North 2, Group 4
Rahway - North 2, Group 3
Roselle Park (declared)
- North 2, Group 1

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- 1978:** Union - North 2, Group 4
Rahway - North 2, Group 3
- 1977:** Westfield - North 2, Group 4

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- 1976:** Westfield - North 2, Group 4
Summit - North 2, Group 3
New Providence - North 2, Group 2

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- 1974:** New Providence (declared)
- North 2, Group 2

• From 1975-1997 when 4 teams in each section qualified:

- **4 champions:** 1985
 - 3 champs:** 1993, 1989, 1988, 1979
 - 2 champs:** 2012, 2006, 1992, 1991, 1987, 1986, 1984, 1981, 1978, 1976
 - Years no champions:** 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2001, 1998, 1996, 1983, 1975.
- Only two teams or one (declared) were selected in each section the first year in 1974, with all the games taking place at Atlantic City’s Boardwalk Hall. The sections were expanded to eight teams in 1998.

4 CHAMPIONSHIPS IN A ROW:

- **Union** — 1984-1987
- all in N2, G4

7 FINALS IN A ROW:

- **Union** — 1981-1987
- all in N2, G4 (5-2)

4 FINALS IN A ROW:

- **Summit** — 1992-1995
- all in N2, G2 (2-2)

New Providence — 1987-1990,

- - all in N2, G1 (3-1)

Rahway — 1978-1981

- - all in N2, G3 (2-2)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Elizabeth and Brearley were Union County’s only champions in 1981 and then again 25 years later in 2006 — winning the same sections, Elizabeth N2, G4 and Brearley N2, G1. Linden and Hillside have only appeared in title games in 1983 and 1985, both losing in 1983 and then both winning the same sections - Linden N2, G3 and Hillside N2, G2 - in 1985. Essex County school Glen Ridge’s three state titles all came in N2, G1 over Union County schools Brearley (1977), Roselle Park (1980) and New Providence (1982). New Providence lost eight straight title games before winning its sixth championship in 2010. No Union County team has won a section as a team situated in Central Jersey.



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RP girls' tennis improves records Panthers produce 11-7, 7-5

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The Roselle Park girls' tennis team improved its overall and league records this season and next year will return five of its top seven players.

The Panthers, guided by head coach Nancy Sturcke since 1977, finished 11-7 overall and 7-5 and in third place in the Mountain Division of the Union County Conference.

Last year's squad sported records of 7-9 overall and 2-8 in the Mountain Division - two division matches could not be played - in a season that was cut short by Hurricane Sandy.

"It's always nice to see some improvement," said Sturcke, who will make 2014 her 38th season at the helm of the Panthers.

New Providence repeated as Mountain Division champions this year, with Cranford finishing second.

Here's a look at how the Roselle Park players performed this season:

First singles: Niti Shah, junior - "Niti won a third of her matches," Sturcke said. "She's a smart player and improves with every match."

Second singles: Katarina DiLillo, senior - "Like Niti, Katarina also faced very strong competition," Sturcke said. "She plays an all-court game, is good at the net and is also good at the baseline."

Third singles: Jasmin Brown, junior - "A three-sport athlete who also plays basketball and softball, Jasmin is quick and strong," Sturcke said. "She's a very fine competitor." Brown finished with a 12-7 record.

First doubles: Tiffany Hunter, junior and Vanessa Vogler, junior - "Tiffany was 12-6 and is an outstanding competitor and a smart doubles player," Sturcke said. "Vanessa was very steady and didn't make many mistakes. She finished 10-5."

Hunter and Vogler earned All-Mountain Division Honorable Mention honors.

Second doubles: Muriel Olazo, junior and Michelle Henriques, junior - "Both finished with 12-7 records," Sturcke said. "Muriel is quick and has very fine footwork and Michelle has very good form on her shots."

Sub-varsity players included juniors Nicole Sychowicz, Jamie Buli, Colleen Sweeney and Noel Cheng; sophomore Jenn Hahn and freshmen Casey Brown and Morgan Literate.

RC girls' volleyball stars conclude fine careers

Roselle Catholic girls' volleyball standouts Jessica Ciandella and Calli Scheuermann concluded their high school careers as all-stars.

Ciandella and Scheuermann, who helped lead Roselle Catholic to a second consecutive Union County Tournament title and into the NJSIAA's Non-Public Tournament championship match this year, represented RC in the state's annual Senior All-Star Game held earlier this month at Livingston High School.

The volleyball action featured eight teams, with 14 players per team from seniors throughout the Garden State.

Roselle Catholic second-year head coach Jason Davila coached one of the all-star teams.

Scheuermann and Ciandella helped the Lions enjoy perhaps the most successful season in school history. RC defeated Westfield in the UCT final at Kean University to repeat as county champs.

Ciandella (Stockton) and Scheuermann (Kean) will both play college volleyball in the New Jersey Athletic Conference beginning next fall.

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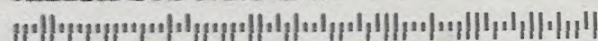
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UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE

GIRLS' TENNIS

WATCHUNG DIVISION

Team champion: Kent Place

FIRST TEAM

First singles: Mimi MacCowatt, Kent Place

Second singles: Audrey Randazzo, Oak Knoll

Third singles: Ana Santayo, Oak Knoll

First doubles: Julia Criscuolo and Julia Morgan, Westfield

Second doubles: Kaitlin Schroeder and Nicole Baiocco, Oak Knoll

SECOND TEAM

First singles: Connie Wu, Westfield

Second singles: Caroline King, Westfield

Third singles: Isabelle Donatelli, Kent Place

First doubles: Nisha Sambamurthy and Ellie Falivene, Kent Place

Second doubles: Olivia Cornish and Radhika Siva, Kent Place

HONORABLE MENTION

Singles:

Natalie Kwan, Kent Place,

Alyssa Lopes, Gov. Livingston,

Rebecca Sisto, Westfield

Doubles:

Ali Baiocco and Jackie Grieco, Oak Knoll

Carly Leiter and Caroline Sayre, Summit

MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Team champion: New Providence

FIRST TEAM

First singles: Sreesha Venkat, New Providence

Second singles: Samantha Midwinter, New Providence

Third singles: Kerry Wischusen, Cranford

First doubles: Anavi Anand and Ana Trajanovic, New Providence

Second doubles: Kelsey Turner and Jillian Turner, New Providence

SECOND TEAM

First singles: Mona Elsaai, Elizabeth

Second singles: Kayla Flores, Elizabeth; Sasha Korn, Union

Third singles: Alexandra Maglaras, New Providence

First doubles: AnnaLee Gallo and Marissa Dankosky, Cranford

Second doubles: Jen Schneider and Annie Bryant, Cranford

HONORABLE MENTION

Singles:

Anima Anwar, Plainfield

Lara Gramatica, Union

Laura Van Horn, Cranford

Kelly Vena, Johnson

Doubles:

Tiffany Hunter and Vanessa Vogler,

Roselle Park

Emily Sousa and Florencia Medina, Elizabeth

VALLEY DIVISION

Team champion: Linden

FIRST TEAM

First singles: Joanna Zalewski, Linden

Second singles: Olivia Podsiebierski, Linden

Third singles: Maya Jacobs, Linden

First doubles: Tiffany Rivera and Aliyah Shell, Rahway

Second doubles: Indy Florencio and Kara Goerke, Rahway

SECOND TEAM

First singles: Sophie Bischoff, Dayton

Second singles: Neli Vorobyov, Dayton

Third singles: Diany Caba, Rahway

First doubles: Rachel Engel and Anabel Batallones, Dayton

Second doubles: Destiny Martins and Mariana Rocha, Dayton

HONORABLE MENTION

Kaderha Baker, Roselle

Valerie Huerdo, Rahway

McKayla Muller, Union Catholic

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RC senior Tobie to continue hoops at MSU

Roselle Catholic senior Kate Tobie, a starter each of the past two years for the successful Lion varsity girls' basketball team, announced that she will continue her education and basketball career at Montclair State University, a contender for the Division 3 national championship this season.

The Montclair State Red Hawks were picked preseason No. 4 by the USA Today Sports / WBCA Division 3 Top 25.

RC grads Melissa Tobie (2011), Kate's sister, and Jennifer Malone (2010) are key components of the MSU lineup.

"I finally decided on Montclair partly because of my major (graphics design) and also because I was impressed with the basketball program there," Kate Tobie said.

"I had to consider both parts and Montclair was the perfect fit."