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Festive residents light up Union

Christmas light display in Union is 20 years in the making

By Peter Fiorilla
Staff Writer

UNION — Ask him about any one of the hundreds of Christmas decorations carefully placed on his lawn, located on Braun Terrace in Union, and Royce Duran has a story for how it got there.

Duran and his wife, Naomi, bought that reindeer more than 20 years ago, he says, back when they lived in nearby Summit. He rescued this wireframe angel from somebody's garbage heap about 15 years ago. And Olaf?

The popular snowman from "Frozen" is one of his newest additions.

"I got that one last year," said Duran.

It takes the Duran family more than a week to set up the extensive Christmas display, flush with lights, wreaths, ribbons, wireframe statues, hymn-humming figures, massive inflatables and more, all overflowing from the lawn to the driveway and into the backyard.

Turning their home into a source of holiday cheer is a tradition that the Durans have embraced, each year, since moving to Union about 15 years ago, according to Duran.

But the display of holiday spirit has become especially popular this fall, as a steady stream of nighttime visitors come to snap photos, take in the scene and sing along to Christmas carols.

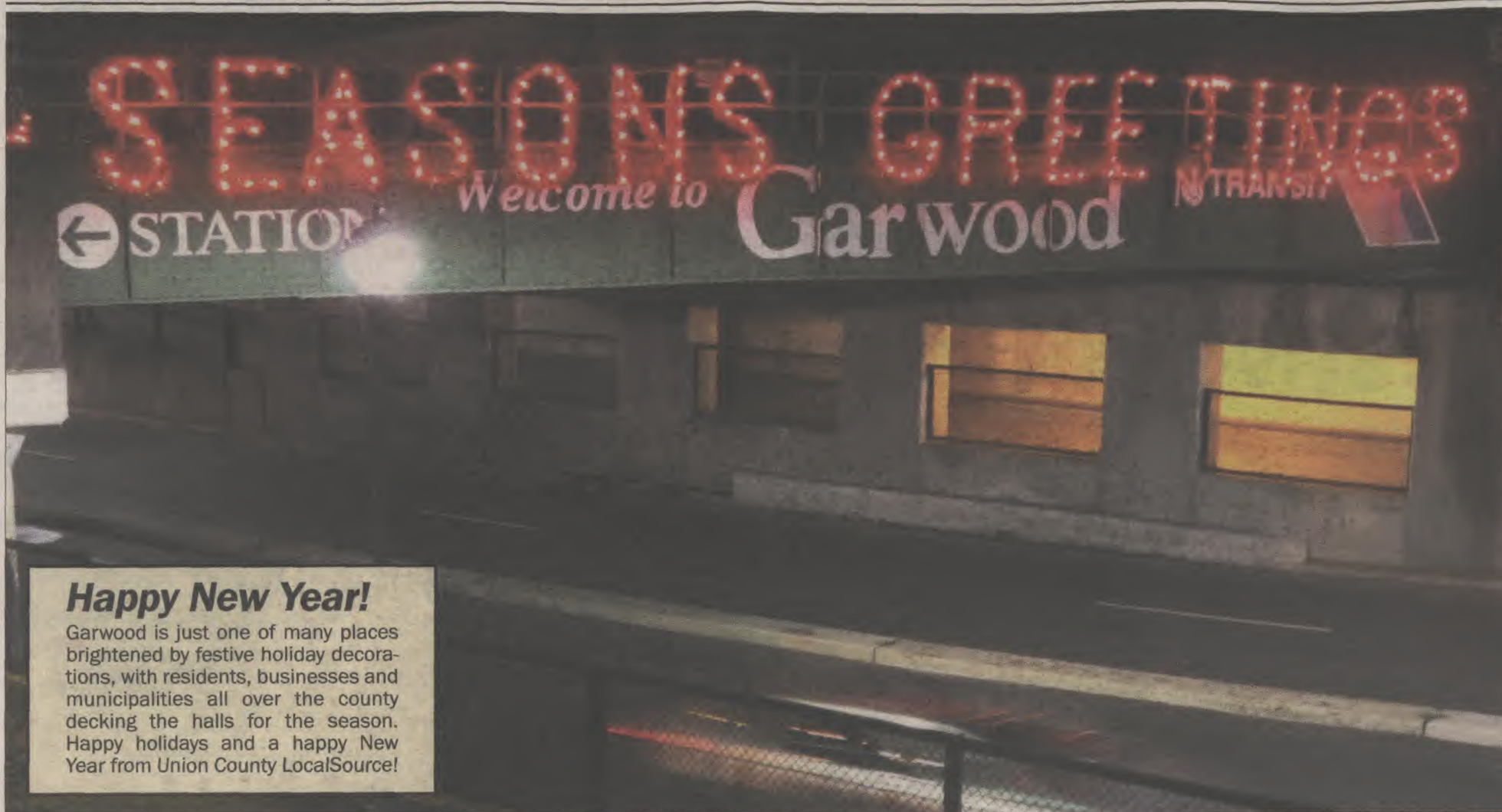
And during this time of year, parking in the garage or driveway is out of the question for Duran. Three inflatable decorations, which Duran fills with air after he turns on the Christmas lights at dusk, occupy that space.

Other decorations at Duran's house include a singing Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, who can perform in English and Spanish; families of holiday piglets, flamingos and other animals; a nativity scene; Sesame Street characters wearing Santa hats; and caroling snowmen.



A Christmas light display in Union has been attracting visitors from around Union County, and the owners and decorators of the house say they have been building their decorative display for more than 20 years and it gets bigger and brighter every year, as long as they can find room to add more decorations.

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Happy New Year!

Garwood is just one of many places brightened by festive holiday decorations, with residents, businesses and municipalities all over the county decking the halls for the season. Happy holidays and a happy New Year from Union County LocalSource!

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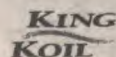
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Union County hires new director of the Department of Corrections

By Rebecca Panico
Correspondent

Standing behind businesses along Broad Street in Elizabeth stands the Union County Jail, where those who are awaiting trial are held. It's a not-so-welcoming place to be. But for recently appointed Director of the Union County Department of Corrections Ronald Charles, jail is where he's always worked.

Charles started the job Dec. 7, and he brings 29 years-worth of experience at nearby correctional facilities with him.

"I'm just getting to know people here, getting to know the prospects, the law enforcement and civilian staff," said Charles, 50, of West Orange. "I'm walking the jail, walking the departments."

Union County Department of Corrections Assistant Director George Blaskiewicz served as the acting head of the department after Brian Riordan left the position in July after serving for seven years.

Charles started out as an Essex County Corrections officer in 1986, rising through the ranks to sergeant, lieutenant, captain, associate warden and then finally associate director of the Essex County Department of Corrections from 2006 until 2011.

From there, Charles worked as facility administrator and facility training administrator at Delaney Hall Detention Center in Newark, a privately-run detainee facility that contracts with government agencies such as Union and Essex counties.

In November, Charles was re-elected to the West Orange Board of Education, where he served as president during his first term. He'll continue to serve on the board, though not as president, he said.

"My presidency finishes in one more week," he said, adding that, "I'll remain on the board but not as president. So time will not be an issue."

Charles comes into office at a pivotal



Ronald Charles

time for the jail where reforms are underway. A 2014 report from Luminosity, a criminal justice consulting firm, showed that the jail was overcrowded: its operating capacity was estimated at 798, but was responsible for an average population of 1,026 in 2010.

Since that report, inmate numbers have gone down. When LocalSource spoke with Charles on Dec. 21, the inmate census was 663, Charles said.

"The Luminosity report was done prior to my arrival," Charles said. "I think Luminosity worked all aspects of the criminal justice system ... You have to work with the courts to process the system faster."

Charles noted that about 25 inmates are also sent to an additional facility, Logan Hall, which specializes in drug and alcohol rehabilitation. Union County Jail formerly sent inmates to Delany Hall, where Charles once worked. Both facilities are owned by Education and Health Centers for America.

Meanwhile, a report from the State Comptroller's Office, which examined

overtime expenses at jails from 2010 to 2012, showed that Union County spent about 20 percent of its budget on overtime pay. The report indicated that county jails should monitor administrative overtime — time spent finishing administrative tasks or responding to gang disturbances — and look for ways to reduce time spent on such tasks.

Charles, whose annual salary is \$115,000, hopes to run cost-saving analysis at the jail and continue to update technology at the facility to make operations run more efficiently.

"I would like to see technology infused in the classification area here," he said, pointing to a system that assesses each inmate based on their background and determines the level of supervision needed or housing assignments.

"We're looking at the whole technology package, looking at moving operations into the 21st century," he said.

Charles will be operating a facility that operates with approximately 295 corrections officers and supervisors and 34 civilian employees.

In his former position as assistant director of Essex County Department of Corrections, he supervised over 700 employees and wrote a financial review process for the department's more than \$100 million budget with department heads and administrative officials.

County Manager Alfred J. Faella hired Charles after reviewing more than 50 resumes from candidates nationwide.

"Ronald Charles has an outstanding record of public and private-level experience in corrections," Faella said in a statement. "He has managed the administrative and fiscal operations of two major correctional facilities, and had his boots on the ground as a corrections officer for many years as well. We look forward to working with him."

Sheriff's Office collecting coats and toys

The Union County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the officers' Tree of Hope charity, is currently hosting a winter clothing and toy drive that will benefit Union County's homeless and families in need, Sheriff Joseph Cryan announce recently.

Officers are now collecting new and slightly used winter clothing and toys for all adults and children.

Items including shirts, pants, winter coats, scarves, gloves, hats and shoes are needed for the homeless and families in need.

Donation boxes are located at all Union County Courthouse entrances, Union County Administration Building, Union

County Prosecutor's Office, Union County Probation Building, the Union County Division of Social Services in Elizabeth, the Colleen Fraser Building at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield, the Kenilworth Veterans Center and Elizabeth Police Department.

Donated items are welcome at all locations during normal business hours until Jan. 15.

Sheriff's officers will distribute the donated items to Union County's homeless and families in need on Saturday Jan. 16, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth.

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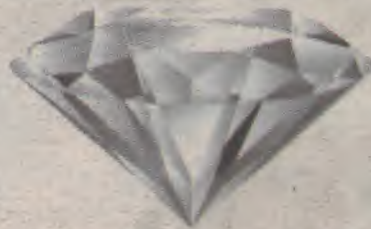
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'Bubble Trouble,' a sensory-friendly show, will be at Union County Performing Arts Center on Jan. 10 at 2 p.m.

'Bubble Trouble' at UCPAC on Jan. 10

A sensory-friendly performance of "Bubble Trouble" comes to the stage at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m.

A bubble volcano. Bubble roller coaster. A kid in a bubble? Jeff Boyer takes bubbles to the max in this one-man bubble extravaganza. Boyer juggles bubbles, sculpts and builds with bubbles, makes fog-filled bubbles and more. Mixing comedy, music and interactive bubble magic, he engages and delights audiences of all ages.

For each of the performances in the Sensory Friendly Theatre series the theatre environment at the Union County PAC will be adjusted to provide a sensory-friendly, comfortable and judgment-free space that is welcoming for all families. Autism Friendly Spaces implements the supportive atmosphere at each of the Sen-

sory-friendly performances. For more information on what to expect at a Sensory Friendly Theatre performance visit ucpac.org.

Save the dates for upcoming Sensory-Friendly Theatre series performances sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders: Sundays, March 20, May 1, and July 31, 2016.

Available now, all tickets for "Bubble Trouble" are \$8 per person and can be purchased through the Union County Performing Arts Center at ucpac.org or by calling the Box Office at 732-499-8226. The UCPAC Box Office, located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Thursdays until 8 p.m. For information on additional Union County recreational programs for people with disabilities age five and up, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4781 or visit ucnj.org.

Silent films to be screened at UCPAC Mainstage, Jan. 3

Union County Performing Arts Center and Garden State Theatre Organ Society will screen the Harold Lloyd silent film classic "Grandma's Boy," featuring Ben Model at the console of the theatre's pipe organ on Jan. 3, 2016, at 3 p.m. at UCPAC's Mainstage.

The 1920 comedy short "Number Please?" also will be screened.

UCPAC's original Wurlitzer organ was designed in 1928 for the Rahway Theatre and contains seven ranks of 500 pipes, plus percussives.

Because of its enormous sound, though small size, the organ enjoys international renown as the "Biggest Little Wurlitzer" and was the catalyst for the preservation effort that brought the UCPAC to life.

Tickets for the screening will be available at the door. Admission is \$12; seniors and students \$10. UCPAC's Mainstage is located at 1601 Irving St. For more information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the website at www.ucpac.org.

'World of Wonder' at Trailside

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents "World of Wonder," an exhibit of nature photography by Jacki Dickert, at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Dickert, a New Jersey native and a former naturalist at Trailside, began crafting her own photographic images in 2006 after an inspirational trip to Iceland. She has traveled all over the world capturing photos in places such as Alaska, Utah, Oregon and New Zealand, and has also found inspiring images in local parks and her own backyard.

Using the unusual technique of dye sublimation, Dickert allows ink to be fused into aluminum. Images printed on special paper are laid on prepared metal, and heated, thereby transforming ink to glass, which bonds with the metal.

For more information about this exhibit or other activities at Trailside, call 908-789-3670 or visit www.ucnj.org/trailside. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Kean Stage to usher in new year with many performances

Kean Stage in Union will usher in the new year with a variety of special events.

On Saturday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m., "British Regiments," a concert by the Band of the Royal Marines and the Pipes, Drums & Highland Dancers of the Scots Guards, will be in Kean University's Wilkins Theatre. In their distinguishing white helmets, Royal Marines Bands are celebrated for the quality of their music, visual grandeur, and precision drill. Its repertoire includes popular classics, Big Band, contemporary works and solo features. The Corps of Drums brings the tradition of the ceremonial occasions integral to the Royal Marines, whose regular duties include the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, beating retreat on horseguards parade, ship launches, homecoming parades and remembrance services.

On Saturday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m., Japanese drumming company TAO, fresh off a sold-out run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, comes to the Wilkins stage. Combining explosive Taiko drumming with innovative choreography and breathtaking contemporary costumes, TAO's latest production, "Seventeen Samurai," features precision and stamina. Recently honored by the Japan Tourism Agency Commissioner's Awards and cited for their "Outstanding Cultural Contribution" by Oita prefecture, TAO garnered worldwide acclaim for their memorable performance at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, and have toured more than 22 countries, performing for an estimated 6.5 million spectators.

Standard tickets for TAO and the British Regiments are \$35, with a discounted rate of \$20 available for children, students and senior citizens. Also in January, Kean Stage launches its 2016 International Film Series at Kean's STEM Auditorium with "The Last of the Unjust," directed by Claude Lanzmann on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m., and "I Wish" by Hirokazu Koreeda on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m. French documentary "The Last of the Unjust" examines the life of Benjamin Murelstein, the last president of the Jewish Council in the Theresienstadt ghetto in Czechoslovakia during World War II, while the Japanese comedy-drama "I Wish" tells the story of two brothers whose lives are turned upside down by their parents' divorce. Tickets for all events may be purchased by calling 908-737-7469 or visiting www.keanstage.com.

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Limited tickets available from the Y for 'Fiddler' and NHL hockey game

The YM-YWHA of Union County still has limited tickets available for the "Fiddler on the Roof" for the Wednesday, Jan. 20 matinee at 2 p.m. The New York Times recently gave the Broadway revival, "raving reviews; not to be missed!"

The coach bus will leave the Y at 11:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:15 p.m. Although there will be time to some time to sightsee and enjoy a cup of coffee, a bagel bag lunch will be provided. Total cost, including bus and orchestra seats is \$140 per person with a \$10 discount for Y members. Call the Y asap to reserve and purchase.

For the avid Hockey fan, the Y will be hosting a trip to Prudential Center on Sunday, Feb. 14, for a 12:30 game vs. the Los Angeles Kings.

There will be a special raffle for all Y ticktholders for a signed puck. The Y group will be welcomed up on the scoreboard as well.

With transportation to and from the Y, tickets are \$65. There is a \$5 discount for Y members and registered 2016 campers. Tickets without transportation are \$45 for members and \$50 for non members. Contact the Y at 908-289-8112 to purchase.

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Recreation Dept. to hold student dance on Jan. 8

The Recreation and Parks Department recently announced that their teen dance for 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade Cranford students will be held on Friday, Jan. 8, at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Students will be able to purchase a ticket at the school they attend on Wednesday or Thursday, the week of the dance. The cost of a ticket is \$5. Private school students, residing in Cranford, must purchase their tickets at the Community Center, either Wednesday or Thursday of the week of the dance, between the hours of 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Proof of residency, either a parent's driver's license or a letter from the school stating that the student is a Cranford resident is required. St. Michael's students do not have to prove residency, as the Community

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Center has a current listing of Cranford students. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Further questions may be directed to the Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283.

Cranford Library adds new museum passes

The Cranford Public Library recently added the Newark Museum and the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center to its museum pass program. The library also lends passes to the Storm King Art Center, the Museum of the Moving Image (MoMI), Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial, the Frick Collection, Grounds for Sculpture, the Guggenheim Museum, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University, the Montclair Art Museum, the Morris Museum, the Museum of the City of New York, and the New-York Historical Society Museum/DiMenna Children's History Museum. Purchased for the library by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, the passes can be borrowed by adult Cranford Library card holders and adult members of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library with MURAL borrowing privileges. Passes circulate for two days and are available on a first come, first served basis. They cannot be reserved or renewed. To see if a pass is available, search the library catalog (catalog.cranfordlibrary.org/polaris) using the museum name. For more information about the library pass program, go to cranford.com/library and click on the Museum Passes tab. Also, if you present your valid Cranford Public Library card at Liberty Science Center, you will be entitled to a \$3.00 discount off the price of admission.

tion to the program is free and all are welcome.

Rave On! to play at library

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library welcome back Rave On! to perform the music of Roy Orbison and other early stars of rock and roll at the Cranford Community Center on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. The Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

Rave On! is made up of Chris Roselle on guitar and lead vocals and Pete Farley on bass guitar and vocals. This marks Rave On!'s third visit to the Cranford Community Center, where they have also presented programs on the music of Buddy Holly and the music of the British Invasion. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

Books & Bagels group scheduled to meet Jan. 9

The next session of Books & Bagels, the Cranford Public Library's monthly book chat program for adults, will take place on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 10:15 a.m. in the library's Raddin Room. The library is located at 224 Walnut Ave. The program format is simple. Just bring a few of your favorite

books and tell the other members of the group what you like about them. The books can be new or old, fiction or non-fiction, classic or contemporary. Sessions are one hour long. There is no required reading, and you will have the opportunity to learn about books recommended by other group members. Plus, refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Registration is not required. For questions about Books & Bagels, contact program coordinator Sally Hanford at 908-709-7272, ext. 2104, or at s-hanford@cranfordnj.org. To see what else is coming up at the library, go to cranford.com/library/events.

St. Michael's to host open houses in Jan. and Feb.

St. Michael's School in Cranford will host a series of open house events as part of Catholic Schools Week. Parents and prospective preschool through grade eight students are invited to visit during three sessions: Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 31, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 1 to 2 p.m. The school is located at 100 Alden St. in Cranford.

Parents and students will have the opportunity to tour the school and converse with Principal Sandy Miragliotta, parents and current students, who will be assisting with tours. Teachers will also be available in their classrooms to answer questions. Registrations for the 2016-2017 school year will be accepted at these sessions.

According to Principal Sandy Miragliotta, "The Open House enables us to showcase the strengths of our school which differentiates us from other educational institutions. We have the unique opportunity to incorporate our faith into everyday learning experiences. Children experience their faith not only in religion class, but also throughout their day, including meal times. The teachers work to reinforce common values and encourage a sense of social responsibility. Many families believe that St. Michael's School is like a family away from home."

St. Michael's, established in 1929, is a faith-based school grounded in Catholic values; it is a member of the National Catholic Education Association and accredited by the Middle States Association Commission on Elementary Schools. Primary, elementary and middle school curriculums are based on guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese of Newark to prepare students for high school and beyond.

The early childhood education program offers pre-kindergarten 3 & 4 (full and half day) and full-day academically-based kindergarten. On-site before and after care is also available. Extracurricular activities include instructional and competitive sports programs, drama, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

For more information, contact the school at 908-276-9425.



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ALL ABOARD! — The Polar Express recently made a stop at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway. Nicole Wronski's third-grade class invited Madeline Kropoth's kindergarten class in to hear the story of 'The Polar Express'. The children were able to come to school in their pajamas to celebrate this annual event. They sat on blankets and listened as Wronski read them the story. Afterwards, they enjoyed watching the movie while eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate. Everyone aboard had a wonderful time.



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A look back — and forward

Thursday, Dec. 31, is New Year's Eve, when family and friends gather before the ubiquitous television to watch celebrities perform, be interviewed and attempt to keep the viewers' attention, at least until the ball drops and the new year begins. Pleasantries are then exchanged, perhaps a kiss under some mistletoe left over from Christmas, and then the New Year's resolutions begin. Promises to lose weight, promises to save money or find a better job, promises to spend more time with the children or spouse. All too often, these resolutions rarely last more than a few weeks, some even less than that. Perhaps a better way to make resolutions is to first look at the year just finished.

- The Garden State continued to be one of the most heavily taxed states in the country, even as road repairs remained woefully infrequent and the cost for the proposed tunnel into New York was posited to cost in excess of \$10 billion. The poor roads in no way lessened the traffic in the Garden State, with five of its roads among the 50 most congested in the nation.

- The minimum wage in New Jersey will increase to \$8.38 as of Jan. 1, 2015, even as the national minimum wage remained at \$7.25, where it has been since July 2009. New Jersey's unemployment rate had decreased to 5.4 percent in October 2015, compared to 6.6 percent in October 2014, putting it in better stead than 17 states, but worse than 32.

- According to College Factual's list of the best colleges in New Jersey, Nos. 2 through 5 were Rutgers University-New Brunswick, the College of New Jersey, Stevens Institute of Technology and Seton Hall University, with Princeton University garnering the top spot at No. 1. But make sure your to keep your check-book handy, as the average cost of tuition for NJ independent colleges is \$24,059, with Drew University topping the list at \$54,310, not counting books, room and board. This makes the average annual tuition for in-state students at a community college of \$6,230 seem almost reasonable, by comparison.

- New Jersey has spent more than \$1 billion in the past 30 years replenishing its beaches, with no end in sight, already having replaced roughly 120 million cubic yards of

sand on the state's beaches. The only state that spends more on its replenishment efforts is Florida, which has 10 times as much coastline. After this much money has been spent, we may as well make the most of it go to the beach ... next summer.

- And let's not forget Gov. Chris Christie, who has managed to hang out with the big boys in the race for the Republican nomination for president of the United States, even as the GOP winnowed the number of candidates from 20 to a svelte 14. As we said earlier in the year, we hope Christie either does well or is quickly shown the door and comes back to fix some of the problems in New Jersey, the reason he was elected governor in the first place. Well, we're waiting.

As for our resolutions, we'll keep them simple and try to be as inclusive as possible.

We resolve to spend more time and money in our state, whether it's down the shore, in Atlantic City or at any of the numerous entertaining places that dot New Jersey's landscape. Our money keeps them in business and their taxes help keep ours lower.

We resolve to walk more and drive less. All that walking will help us to lose weight and improve our health. And if we have to drive, we'll carpool and use public transportation more often. Fewer cars on the road keeps the air clearer, the traffic lighter and slows the breakdown of our roads, at least until they can finally be repaired.

We resolve to contribute more of ourselves to our community. If more people volunteer for local activities, that saves money spent to hire people and reduces municipality costs further. It also helps strengthen the bonds between neighbors, making neighborhoods safer and more welcoming.

We resolve to throw trash in the proper place and, if we see garbage, we'll pick it up and encourage others to do the same. This is our home; let's take care of it.

We resolve to avoid animosity and hate. Life is difficult enough without further stressing people out. Don't believe the stereotypes. If we can break down the imaginary walls that separate different races, creeds, genders and beliefs, we can better our community, set a good example for our children and make new friends in the process.

OPINION

Upcoming struggles

With the end of the year reviews all wrapped up, it's time to venture into the challenges and struggles coming up in the new year.

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

Oil — via Train or Pipeline: The battle over the shipment of Midwest oil via train or pipeline looks to be heating up. Last week the State Senate passed legislation that would require companies to provide details of an emergency response to train routes. A number of communities are passing "anti-train" resolutions. Meanwhile, a group of union leaders are gathering support for the construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline, which would run through a number of Union County municipalities ending up in Linden.

For cities like Linden the pipeline is preferred rather than the so called "oil train." Actually, if the environmental community has their way, no Baken oil from the Midwest will be transported at all.

Fire Department Costs: It's still below the radar screen, but come budget time the new Republican majority in Springfield may be wrestling with the benefits of a paid fire department, as opposed to switching to a volunteer operation.

Rising Transit Fees: Try to get a parking space at any local train station. Add the recent 9 percent price increase by NJ Transit and this could be the year the harried commuter rises up. Watching "Miracle on 34th Street" last week brought forth the words of the political boss. He said "when the voters aren't happy they're gonna say it with votes."

On the unfortunately less-visited side known as positive developments, U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez pulled off a coup when he successfully lobbied for inclusion in the federal budget to permit mass transit commuters to deduct up to \$255 a month in pre-tax earnings to cover commuter expenses in 2016.

Gateway Rail Tunnel: The heat will be on the Port Authority to show progress on the new bus terminal and the Gateway Rail tunnel. The battle over legislative oversight of the Port Authority could be nasty.

County Animal Shelter: The lack of a facility for wayward animals is a problem getting worse. This just may be the year that the county tackles the problem. If they can navigate the worthy effort to completion, it will be a big plus.

Cannons to the Left — Cannons to the Right: Every year, 7th District Congressman Leonard Lance faces a double battle. It wasn't supposed to be that way in a specially carved out Republican district. On the left, newcomer Peter Jacobs from Union is mounting a challenge, saying Lance has been wrong on environmental issues. As in the past, Lance must first face a primary challenge from the right wing of his party.

Caution - Tax Appeal Avalanche Ahead: A few weeks ago Rahway was forced to fork over a \$5.5 million tax refund to Seagis Property Group with property on Elston Street. This may only be the start, with many communities facing businesses that feel they are carrying too much of the tax burden. The hard reality is that the cost of tax appeals is becoming a major headache for budget weary elected offices.

Watching Port Authority Property: Keep an eye on Bay Adolfo-Wilson. The new deputy manager is leading a crusade, claiming Port Authority properties have been under utilized. This could affect Linden and Elizabeth as well. Newark has gone so far as to seek out real estate developers to find better ways to use the property.

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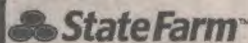
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Police spread holiday cheer

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"Many of the families had several children where the parent had lost a job, the holidays are special time of year and we at the LPSOA are proud to provide a little joy to families that are struggling," Babulski said. "Each family was provided with a winter coat for each member of the family. I can't thank the Napp-Grecco Company enough for their generous donation. We used those funds to provide these coats they have been such a big supporter Linden."

Visit the Wild West at the Library

Join the Linden Public Library on Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. for "Stories of the Wild West." Escape the winter doldrums with a taste of the Old West with professional storyteller Judy England-McCarthy, who will spin tales of the Wild West and the colorful people who inhabited it in a lively hourlong presentation to be followed by a short discussion



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Chipotle fundraiser set for Jan. 4

The Friends of the Linden Library will host a fundraiser at Chipotle on Monday, Jan. 4, 2016, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Chipotle at Clark Commons, 1255 Raritan Road, Clark, will donate 50 percent of all sales to the organization. To be eligible, bring along a flier, which is available at the library or through <https://goo.gl/o45dQf>. Patrons can also show the flier on a smartphone or tell the cashier they're supporting the cause.

Community alert systems available

Linden residents are urged to sign up for news and community alerts through a variety of means. There is no cost associated with signing up, and it only takes a few minutes. Later this year, the Linden Office of Emergency Management will be sending out information pamphlets on the social media outlets available to Linden residents.

The city website, www.linden-nj.org, has contact numbers and email addresses for city officials. There are also FAQ's with information, links to city agencies and bulletins with information on city events.

Residents may input their zip codes and text them to 888777 to receive real-time notifications via text messages and emails from www.nixle.com concerning weather advisories, traffic alerts, local disasters, and other current information. Anyone with a cell phone or computer access can receive messages.



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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.

Remember it is very important to examine your skin on a regular basis for any new or growing lesions. Be sure to mention any unusual changes and concerns to your dermatologist. For additional information about melanoma screening and prevention call

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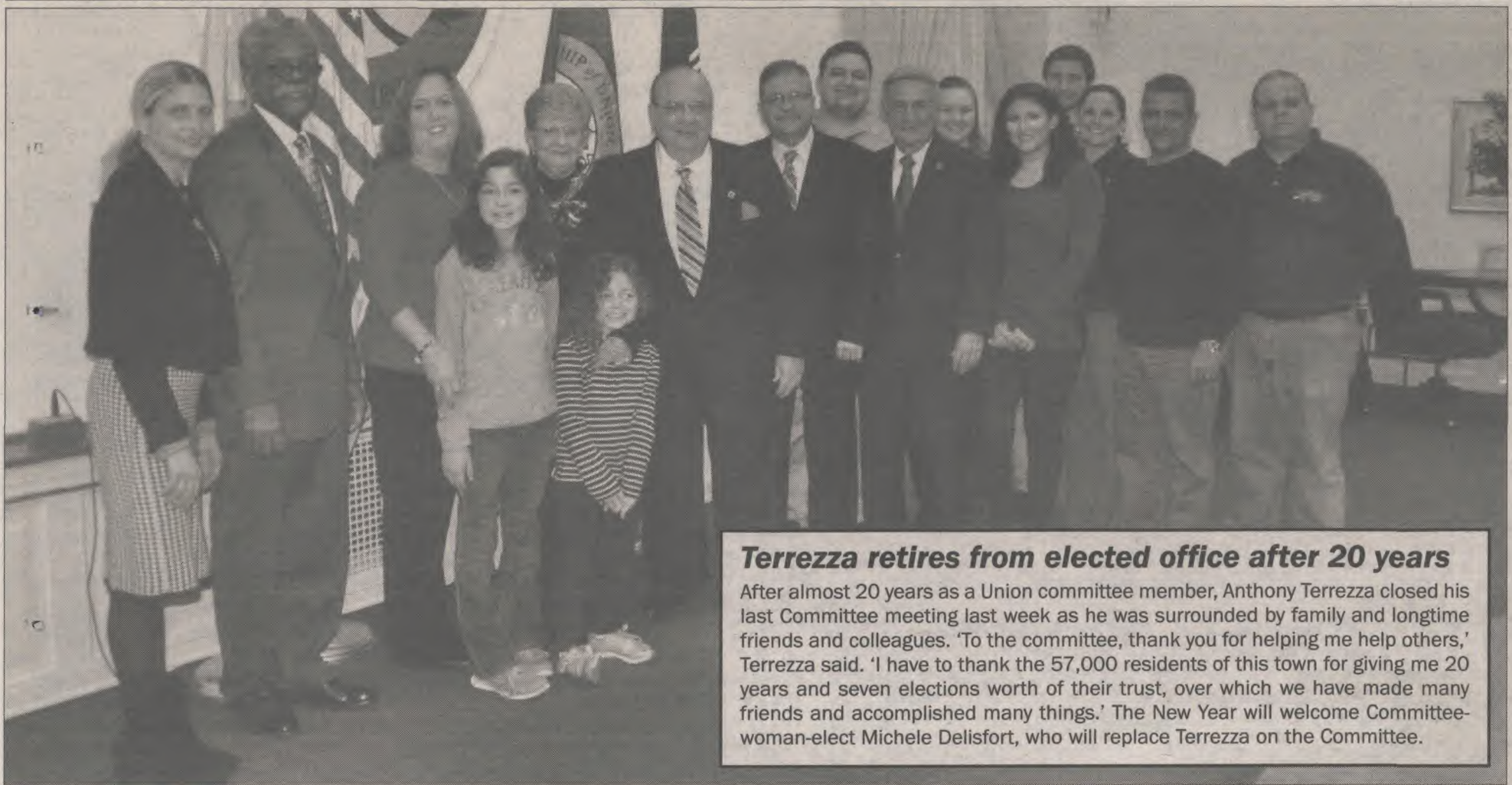


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Terrezza retires from elected office after 20 years

After almost 20 years as a Union committee member, Anthony Terrezza closed his last Committee meeting last week as he was surrounded by family and longtime friends and colleagues. 'To the committee, thank you for helping me help others,' Terrezza said. 'I have to thank the 57,000 residents of this town for giving me 20 years and seven elections worth of their trust, over which we have made many friends and accomplished many things.' The New Year will welcome Committee-woman-elect Michele Delisfort, who will replace Terrezza on the Committee.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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2208 Stanley Terrace, Union (908) 686-8171
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Spanish Service (Saturday): 7 PM

BAPTIST

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 640 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield. Rev. Clarence Alston, Pastor. Church phone (973) 379-1465. SUNDAY: 9:30 A.M. Family Bible School; 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. WEDNESDAY: 7:30 P.M. Mid-Week Service. Holy Communion every First Sunday. Nursery Care available every Sunday. If transportation is needed call the church office. Everyone is Welcome at Antioch.

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301 Chestnut St., Roselle Park, NJ 07204
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www.roselleparkumc.org
Pastor: Rev. Manuel P. Cruz, Jr.
11:00 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Sunday School
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NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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Newark and 23rd Street, Kenilworth, 908-272-6131, Pastor Donald Dunkerton. Sunday 9:30 am Breaking of Bread, 11:00 am Family Bible Hour and Sunday School for all ages, Tuesday Women's Bible study at Chapel 7:00 pm, Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer and Bible Study, (childcare provided), Friday 7:00 pm Youth Activities for Grade School age, Jr.

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF CONNECTICUT FARMS, corner of Stuyvesant Ave and Chestnut St., Union. Sunday School 10 am, Sunday Worship Service 11am with nursery care, Holy Communion first Sunday monthly. Church office 908-688-3164; office hours are M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm www.ctfarms.org, Rev. Roberta Arrowsmith, Pastor.

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SPRINGFIELD 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081, 973-379-4320. Rev. Victoria Ney, Pastor. Sunday Worship begins at 10:15am followed by Fellowship Hour. Church time nursery and Sunday School for infant to second grade avail. Sunday School for grades 3-12 begins at 9:00am in the Parish House @ 37 Church Mall. For more information about Church groups and community activities or to contact Pastor Ney, please call the Church Office at 973-379-4320, or e-mail FirstPCOffice@verizon.net.

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Police respond to many incidents in Union County

Clark

• Dec. 14: Police report that in the vicinity of the Garden State Parkway northbound entrance ramp, they arrested Rafael Cruz-Perez, 25, of Newark, on outstanding warrants from Clifton and Hackensack totaling \$1,000 for contempt of court. He was subsequently turned over to the Hackensack Police Department.

• Dec. 15: At the Essex County Jail, police arrested Elgin Martin, 45, of Irvington on an outstanding warrant for contempt of court. He was subsequently turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Department for transport to the Union County Jail.

• Dec. 16: Police took a report of a burglary to a motor vehicle that was parked at a residence at 775 Willick Road. The incident is under investigation.

• Dec. 20: In the vicinity of the Raritan Road, police arrested John Mongiello, 26, of Rahway, for DUI. He was subsequently released pending a court date.

Roselle Park

• Dec. 16: In the evening hours, the Roselle Park Police report that they responded to Pinewood Avenue on a report of a residential burglary. Police say forced entry was made to the residence and proceeds taken were reported to be jewelry and electronics. The burglary is under investigation, and anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Roselle Park Police Department at 908-245-2300.

• Dec. 18: At approximately 11:55 a.m., Ptl. Gregory Polakoski conducted a pedestrian stop with Joel E. Lopez, 18, of

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South Plainfield, and police say was discovered walking on the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks just above the Faitoute Avenue bridge, while it was under repair. Lopez was arrested for trespassing and an outstanding warrant out of South Plainfield Municipal Court for \$500. He posted full bail and was released on a summons.

• Dec. 20: At approximately 12:03 a.m., police say an officer conducted a motor vehicle stop with a 1995 Honda for a moving violation. The passenger of the vehicle, Joel A. Filipe, 19, of Perth Amboy, was found to be in possession of a controlled dangerous substance, marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to police officials. He was arrested and charged with possession of c.d.s., possession of drug paraphernalia and tampering with evidence, as he had tried to eat a small amount of suspected marijuana and forgetting there was more in his shoe, police say. Filipe was released on a summons.

• Dec. 22: At approximately 11:37 a.m., police report an officer conducted a motor vehicle stop with a 2008 Honda for an equipment violation. The passenger of the vehicle, Shawn Bristol, 35, of Newark, was found to be in possession of a controlled dangerous substance, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia, according to police officials. He was arrested and charged with possession of c.d.s., drug paraphernalia and hindering his apprehension for providing a false name

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I have become a little obsessed with an incredible gingerbread scone recipe that a friend sent me from the blog, "The Displaced Housewife." I don't know what it is about this recipe, but maybe it's the scones' texture and festive gingerbread-y flavor that make them so irresistible and addictive. Don't say I didn't warn you! I have copied the recipe from the site for you but have omitted a few steps for ease sake. I hope you like them as much as I do!

Gingerbread Scones

Makes eight large scones or 12 petite scones

Dry ingredients

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus two tablespoons, plus more for dusting your hands

1 1/2 cups cake flour

2 Tbs. baking powder

2/3 cup light brown sugar, packed

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

1 tsp. five-spice powder

1 tsp. sea salt

3/4 tsp. ground cloves

3/4 tsp. ground all spice

3/4 tsp. ground ginger

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Wet ingredients

1/2 cup dark molasses

1/2 cup heavy whipping cream, cold

1 tsp. real vanilla extract

1 large egg

1 stick unsalted butter, 4 ounces, cold

Spiced glaze

2 cups powdered sugar, sifted so it's not lumpy

1/4 tsp maple extract or 1 Tbs. real maple syrup

1/8 tsp. each of cinnamon, cloves, cardamom, nutmeg, ginger

Thin with milk: start with 2 tsp. at a time and add a little more if need be

Stir together in a small bowl until fully combined and set aside.

Steps

Put a rack in the top 1/3 of the oven.

Whisk together the sifted cake flour, all-purpose flour, brown sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, five-spice, cloves, all spice, ginger, nutmeg and sea salt in a large bowl.

Cut the cold butter into the flour mixture using your hands until it's about the size of peas.

Mix the 1/2 cup of whipping cream, molasses, egg, and vanilla together in a small bowl and then drizzle over the flour mixture.

Using a fork, stir the dough until a ball starts to form.

Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper or a silpat.

Dust a clean surface, such as a cutting board, lightly with flour and turn your dough onto that surface.

Separate the dough into two equal-size lumps.

Gently pat each lump into a disc, about 1 1/2 inches thick. Make sure your edges are sharp, 90-degree angles.

Transfer each disc onto the parchment/silpat.

Place the discs, uncovered, into the freezer. Set the timer for 30 minutes.

Pre-heat your oven to 400 degrees F.

When the timer goes off, pull the scones out of the freezer.

Using a sharp knife, cut each disc into four or six, equal-size scones.

Periodically flour your knife to keep the scone dough from sticking.

Pull the scones out at least 2 inches from each other — they need room to expand while baking.

Bake for 12 to 13 minutes. You want them to get a nice, golden tan in parts. But since they do have a fair amount of sugar, watch them to make sure the bottoms don't get too tan.

When you take them out of the oven, set them in a draft-free area to cool a bit.

Once the scones have cooled about 10-ish minutes, drizzle your glaze on top.

What's Going On?

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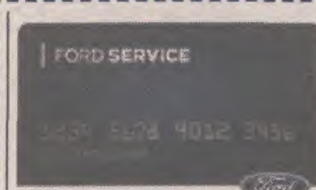


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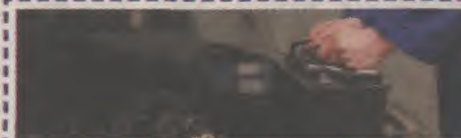
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Police respond to incidents throughout the county

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to police. He was also found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest out of Roselle Park Municipal Court for \$621. He was issued a warrant and lodged in the Union County Jail on \$7,500 bail.

• Dec. 22: At approximately 1 p.m., police say they responded to East Westfield Avenue on a report of a theft of a package.

It appears that the homeowner left the package on the porch for U.P.S. to pick up but it was taken by an unknown suspect sometime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The item in the package was said to be a child car seat valued at \$360. The theft is under investigation, and anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Roselle Park Police Department at 908-245-2300.

Linden

• Dec. 22: At 2:34 p.m., police received a report of an armed robbery at the G K Deli, 1131 S. Wood Ave. The store clerk told officers that a dark skinned male, tall in height, entered the store and pulled out a handgun and demanded cash, according to police officials.

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The robber also had a facial mask. At some point, the robber fled the store with the employee in pursuit, police said. The suspect fled into some backyards on E. 13th St. where the clerk lost sight of him. Officers checked the area with the assistance of a scent dog from the Union County Sheriff's Dept.

No injuries were reported. It is unknown if the suspect obtained any money from the store. As a precaution, Public School No. 2 was briefly put on lockdown until the area was deemed to be safe. The investigation is continuing by the Detective Bureau.

• Dec. 24: At 12:59 a.m. officers on a DWI patrol stopped a 2006 Chrysler for driving without headlights on the 1300 block of E. St. George Ave. Officers approached the vehicle and smelled the odor of burning marijuana and asked the driver, later identified as Omar Q. Chandler, 23, of Linden, to exit the vehicle. Chandler gave the officer conflicting personal information and could not produce

a driver license, according to police officials. Once he was positively identified, he was found to have several outstanding contempt warrants and was placed under arrest.

Once handcuffed, Chandler refused to get in the patrol car and threatened to assault the officer once his handcuffs were removed, police said. He then lunged at the officer and was administered a dose of pepper spray, according to police officials. After being placed in the back seat of the patrol car, police say he then kicked and screamed at the officers and spit at them.

After being taken to headquarters, he then broke out of his handcuffs and threatened to use them as a weapon to assault the officers, according to police officials, and he was then administered a second dose of pepper spray.

Chandler was charged with resisting arrest, hindering his own apprehension as well as being an unlicensed driver and operating a vehicle without headlights. He also had contempt warrants out of Elizabeth, Cranford, Hillside, Scotch Plains, Union, and Roselle Park.

The Fire Department ambulance responded to headquarters to treat Chandler for chemical exposure.

He was being held in the municipal lockup pending the setting of bail. A court date has been set for Jan. 6.

Cranford

• Dec. 23: At approximately 5:20 p.m., Cranford Police say they responded to a report of an injured employee at 606 South Ave. East, at Benner's Auto Body. The employee, a 32-year-old mechanic from Elizabeth, was working on a 2012 Mercedes that was raised to standing height on a vehicle lift.

The vehicle became dislodged from the lift and fell to the ground, striking the employee and pinning him beneath the car. Co-workers rescued the man from under the vehicle before police arrived. He was treated at the scene by EMTs from the Cranford Fire Department and MONOC paramedics before being transported to University Hospital in critical condition.

As of 10 a.m. on Dec. 24, the injured man remained in critical condition at University Hospital.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLAINFIELD

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. F-020289-15
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Ronald C. Rankin, 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 Buckley Madole, P.C., counsel for the plaintiff, with an address of 99 Wood Avenue South, Suite 803, Iselin, NJ 08830, with a telephone number of 732-902-5399, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action where The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association FKA The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. RAMP 2004-RS12 is the plaintiff and Eve Beth Shaw, his/her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, et al. is the defendant. The action is pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bears Docket No. F-020289-15. Your Answer must be filed within thirty-five (35) days of December 31, 2015, excluding that date, or if this publication runs after December 31, 2015, within thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of publication, excluding that date. If you fail to file an Answer, judgment by default may be entered 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, NJ 08625, with a copy to Buckley Madole, P.C., in accordance with the NJ Rules of Court.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated May 7, 2004 made by Eve Beth Shaw, married and Ronald C. Rankin as Mortgagors to National City Mortgage Co. dba Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office on May 18, 2004 in Book 10670, page 0150, which mortgage was assigned to the above named Plaintiff, which has the right to enforce the note secured by the mortgage; and (2) to recover possession of the land and premises commonly known as 950-60 Mayfair Way, Plainfield, NJ 07060 with a mailing address of 950 Mayfair Way, Plainfield, NJ 07060 and is further described as Lot 5, Block 8.

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 contact the Legal

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YOU, Ronald C. Rankin, 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 the mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

File 9539-1436
DATED: December 31, 2015
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UNL-LEGALS

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

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Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3298214
County: Union
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VS
Defendant: FRIDERICKI GALLO; MR. GALLO, HUSBAND OF FRIDERICKI GALLO; BANK OF AMERICA, NA
Sale Date: 01/13/2016
Writ of Execution: 08/07/2015
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Dimension of Lot Approximately: 45 X 150
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BEGINNING in the Westerly line of Robert Street as same is laid out on map hereinafter mentioned, distant 529.89 feet Southerly from Hollywood Avenue and running; thence THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT

PUBLIC NOTICE

FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.

PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
TOTAL AS OF September 2, 2015: \$0.00
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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$450,213.74***Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen and 74/100***
Attorney:
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Total Upset: \$475,669.98***Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Nine and 98/100***
December 17, 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 2016
U32240 UNL (\$150.92)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-15004847
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F01559214
County: Union
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
VS
Defendant: GARLAND GREEN, MRS. GREEN, WIFE OF GARLAND GREEN; EARLENE GREEN, MR. GREEN, HUSBAND OF EARLENE GREEN, ET AL
Sale Date: 01/13/2016
Writ of Execution: 04/16/2015
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Municipality: Hillside Township
County: UNION
STATE OF N.J.
STREET & STREET NO: 220 Williamson Avenue
TAX BLOCK AND LOT:
BLOCK: 424 LOT: 25

PUBLIC NOTICE

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 48.00' x 100.00'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Northwesterly line of Maple Avenue
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): Hillside Sewer Dept holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$131.00 as of 09/01/2015. Hillside Twp - QTR3 holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$2550.85 as of 09/01/2015. Hillside Twp - QTR4 holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$2,550.84 as of 09/01/2015.

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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$195,571.65***One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-One and 65/100***
Attorney:
POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS
728 MARNE HWY
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Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$212,205.20***Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Five and 20/100***
December 17, 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 2016
U32256 UNL (\$148.96)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-15004907
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F03279413
County: Union
Plaintiff: HSBC VANK USA, NA
VS
Defendant: JULIANA ASOLUKA; WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
Sale Date: 01/20/2016
Writ of Execution: 06/09/2015
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Municipality: Township of Hillside
Street Address: 1086 Chester Street
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Tax Block: 918
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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$203,968.06***Two Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and 06/100***
Attorney:
PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC
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SUITE 900
MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-1700
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$215,708.96***Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Eight and 96/100***
December 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 14, 2016
U32184 UNL (\$121.52)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-15004674
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1566714
County: Union
Plaintiff: CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
VS
Defendant: JACQUELINE WILLINS
Sale Date: 01/06/2016
Writ of Execution: 01/06/2015
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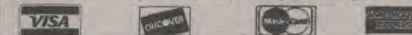
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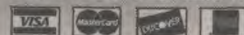
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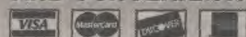
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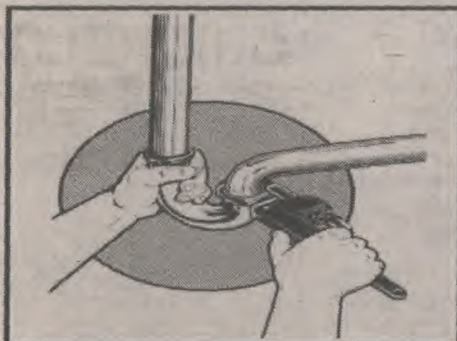
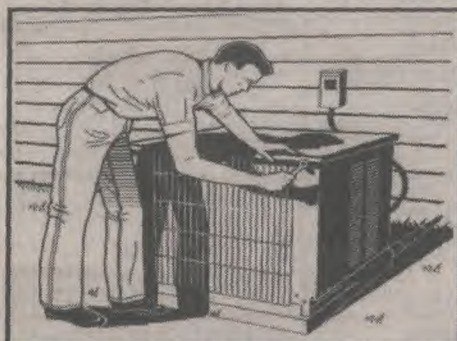


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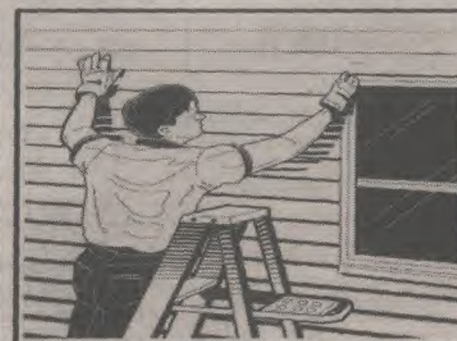
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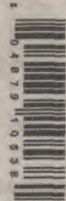
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