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Roselle senior group locked out of community center

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The Roselle Active Seniors group has been, literally, locked out of the Amalfe Community Center, where members have been meeting for more than 30 years.

According to the borough administration, it has reached out to the group regarding the possibility of a meeting to resolve the issue, but no meeting was scheduled as of press time Feb. 7. And now, the seniors are wondering if they will be allowed back into the community center in time for its next meeting, scheduled for Feb. 10.

On Feb. 6, Pam Rey, president of Roselle Active Seniors, said she would like confirmation of the group's return to the center in writing, but the group has not yet received anything from the borough.

The 80-member strong senior group has been meeting at the borough's Amalfe Community Center since 1983, but was informed Jan. 9 by Bryan Russell, the borough's assistant business administrator, that it had to vacate the cen-

ter. Prior to that decision, a few members had voiced some concerns regarding conditions at the center at a recent Roselle Council meeting.

On Friday, Jan. 27, as group members showed up for their regular meeting at the borough's Amalfe Community Center, members were physically locked out of the center, which is supposed to remain open each day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Group members began arriving around noon for their meeting, which was to begin at 1 p.m. After the door of the center was discovered to be locked at 12:40 p.m., several members, who had been waiting in the cold parking lot, decided to leave.

Roselle Mayor Christine Dansereau responded to calls from members as they waited, and arrived soon after with Russell to unlock the door.

Roselle Active Seniors member, Barbara Blaize, told LocalSource that she saw a community center employee physically lock the door after people from a group that meets just prior to the Active Seniors left the building.

Blaize said that she arrived at the center at around noon.

"I saw them peeking through the windows at me," Blaize said in a phone call that week. "After the last person left the center, the lady in charge came out and then locked the door," Blaize said. "I saw her lock the door, and she never came back."

Pam Rey, president of Roselle Active Seniors, had already arrived at the parking lot but waited until the employee left in order to avoid a confrontation.

As the parking lot filled up with members of the group, Rey said she watched as the community center employee walked out, locked the front door of the center, and drove off, leaving the seniors in the parking lot.

When both Blaize and Rey tried the door, they confirmed that it had, indeed, been locked.

"She saw people sitting in the parking lot, and she just drove off," Blaize said.

On Jan. 9, Rey had received a letter from Russell informing her that the group was to vacate the community center. See SENIOR, Page 6



CHS CARNEGIE PERFORMANCE — The Cranford High School Concert Choir performs in 'War, Peace and the Power of Music' at Carnegie Hall on Saturday, Jan. 14, a concert that featured nine different choirs from around the world in the finale. This marked the first time students did a solo performance at Carnegie Hall and it was CHS choir director Anthony Rafaniello's Carnegie Hall conducting debut.

Grants awarded for rec projects for individuals with disabilities

By Jennifer Rubino
Staff Writer

According to a Jan. 27 press release by the N.J. Department of Community Affairs, \$585,000 was awarded in grants for Recreational Opportunities for Disabled Individuals by Gov. Chris Christie and his administration. The grants were awarded to two counties and 29 municipalities through the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities program. The program ensures that all accommodations are made for individuals with disabilities participating in the programs. The grants also help local governments meet the requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A number of community programs are supported by the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities program such as athletics, performing arts and leisure activities such as after school programs, team sports, visual arts, storytelling and cooking classes. The classes are provided to children and adults with disabilities

and are designed to emphasize positive reinforcement, social interaction and community awareness, according to the press release.

A grant in the amount of \$35,000 was awarded to Union County for inclusive special events for individuals with disabilities, according to the press release.

"This year's events include a skating event scheduled for March 5 at Warinanco Park called 'Lace Up Your Skates,' Director of Communications Sebastian D'elia of the Union County Public Information Office told LocalSource on Feb. 2. "There will also be a 'Night Out with the Devils' in early April, Summer Carnival on June 10 at Conant Park in Hillside, Hayride at Trailside in October and Barn Dance on Nov. 5 at Masker's Barn. The goal of the 2017 ROID program is to create inclusive social event programs, while also enhancing our annual programs of Summer Carnival and Barn Dance. This will give the Department's Office of the Disabled opportunities to offer different types of pro-

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SENIORS IN MOTION — Elizabeth receives a new 15-passenger van to provide free local transport for seniors as part of the freeholders' 'Seniors in Motion' initiative. Pictured are: Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage; Jessica Martinez of the Elizabeth Senior Citizen Activities Division; Elizabeth Board of Education President Stan Neron; Union County Manager Alfred J. Faella; Elizabeth Health and Human Services Director Krishna Garlic; Elizabeth Councilman Manny Grova; Union County freeholders Vernell Wright, Sergio Granados and Bette Jane Kowalski; Elizabeth 5th Ward Councilman Bill Gallman; and Alonzo Jones of the Elizabeth Office on Aging.

Former EFD inspector awarded \$1 million in suit

By Elana Knopp
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A former city of Elizabeth fire inspector has been awarded more than \$1 million resulting from a lawsuit filed against the city, the Elizabeth Fire Department and Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage.

Also named in the suit is Fire Director Onofrio Vitullo, Fire Chief Edward Sisk, acting Fire Chief Thomas McNamara and Fire Official Mark Chai.

Fred Bonda, of Elizabeth, claimed in the suit that he had suffered years of harassment from the fire department because he had cited safety violations at businesses and an apartment building in the city, which were owned by friends of Bollwage.

According to the complaint, Bonda claimed that various officers, directors and officials of the city of Elizabeth and the Elizabeth Fire Department retaliated against him for issuing fire and safety violations against buildings, properties, business owners and managers, including several rooming houses, apartment buildings and restaurants.

Bonda also claimed that his supervisors set forth a pattern of discriminatory and oppressive behavior toward him, including their refusal to promote him.

Bill Holzapfel, city attorney for Elizabeth, told LocalSource in an email Feb. 1, "I am of the opinion that the appointing authority — the fire director — made the appropriate legal decision in appointing the No. 1 candidate on the Civil Service List for promotion to Fire Official. Mr. Bonda was No. 2 on the list."

A Superior Court jury on Friday awarded Bonda \$750,000 for lost wages and \$325,000 for emotional distress, for a total of \$1,075,000.

Bonda told LocalSource that he was unable to comment. In his suit, filed in 2013, Bonda claimed that he was targeted for retribution after reporting safety violations at businesses, including at a construction site at Trinitas Hospital, as well as at various businesses.

According to the suit, which has been obtained by LocalSource, Bonda was subjected to "a pattern of harassment and retaliation" beginning in 1996, and a "systematic cam-

paign of retaliation" that was "continuing and ongoing," which caused Bonda "severe emotional and psychological stress."

The trial began Jan. 9 and ended Jan. 27, and was presided over by Judge Thomas Walsh.

Bonda was employed with the Elizabeth Fire Department from 1995 until 2014, when he was allegedly forced to retire due to years of harassment on the job. Bonda's last position was as a fire inspector.

Bonda filed his complaint pro se on May 30, 2013, alleging violation of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination mandate and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act.

The LAD claim was dismissed at summary judgement by Walsh.

Holzapfel said that the city will appeal the court's decision.

"The city will appeal the case to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey," Holzapfel said.

The punitive damage phase of the trial is scheduled for March.

Rahway students selected for SEEDS program

By Jennifer Rubino
Staff Writer

Eleventh-graders John Goodman, Alex Burgess, Seth Holguin and Luis Muller were selected for the Scholars, Educators, Excellence, Dedication, Success, program, an organization that prepares highly motivated, top-performing students from low-income households for admission to colleges across the country.

The four Rahway students were selected for the College Scholars program, a 17-month experience to prepare them for college placement with sufficient financial aid. The SEEDS Placement Team matches students to the most appropriate school with regards to academics, social environment and cultural fit. The application process consisted of an application, test and interview.

"I found out about SEEDS from my guidance counselor," John Goodman told LocalSource over the phone. "I'm interested in studying environmental sciences, so I hope to find a college that fits my needs and helps me achieve success in this area. I was very happy to be selected and I'm very hopeful for the future. I'm happy to have the help and support of this program."

John's father is very proud of his son's acceptance into SEEDS. He notices how he takes the initiative when it comes to his education.

"John is very self motivated and all of the students are really academic prodigies," Vincent Goodman Sr. told LocalSource over the phone Feb. 2.

With the help of SEEDS, all four students said they hope to stand a good chance at attending top notch schools.

"I hope to attend a prestigious college without a lot of student loans," Seth Holguin told LocalSource over the phone Feb. 2. "I'm very excited to start the program."

The program consists of Saturday classes held at Drew University, college tours, test preparation and a three-month summer college visit. Classes began on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Drew University, the students said.

"I'm one of the top 10 percent of my class and I want to attend a big school to become an algebra or physics teacher because I love math," Luis Muller told LocalSource over the phone. "I was really surprised and excited about this opportunity."

Most of the students considered their parents to be their academic role models and the motivation behind all their hard work.

"My mother is very hard working, and she never stops working so that motivates me," Holguin said.

According to the SEEDS organization's website, there are guidance and alumni programs at SEEDS for students that have completed the program successfully. The alumni department provides support services to college students.

"My future goal is to become successful as an engineer. So far, I would like to be an aerospace engineer or a biomedical engineer," Alexis Burgess told LocalSource in an email. "The SEEDS program will help me achieve my goals by preparing me mentally and physically for the college life. The SEEDS program will help enhance my critical thinking skills, love of learning and self-confidence, all of which will prepare me for the college process."

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NJLM addresses misuse of public notice ad survey data

By Elana Knopp
Staff Writer

Although New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's bill, S2855 A4429, which would have ended the requirement that public notice ads be published in newspapers, was knocked down in the state legislature in December, Christie is vowing to revisit the bill in 2017.

The bill sought to end a requirement for public notice ads and notices to be published in New Jersey's newspapers and allow municipalities to post these ads online. Christie has argued that the bill would save taxpayers millions, while critics have argued that the bill would have cost taxpayers money and led to hundreds of job losses.

Christie has also claimed that the state's 16 daily newspapers and 120 weekly newspapers receive \$80 million in annual revenue from the publication of public notices.

But the bill is not the only controversy brewing, as the New Jersey League of Municipalities is pushing back against dissemination by some in the media of a survey it conducted, a caveat of which is that the results are inaccurate and skewed, which the NJLM made clear to all who requested the survey results.

After Christie's newspaper bill came to light, the NJLM conducted a Newspaper Legal Advertising Cost survey, which included 147 of the state's 565 municipalities. The survey conducted found that 147 municipalities paid a total of \$1.05 million to publish notices in 2015.

But the NJLM made it clear to both Christie, who requested the numbers from the league, as well as editors and reporters who also asked for the results, that the results were not to be relied upon as an accurate portrayal of actual cost to municipalities.

In a Jan. 26 letter put out by the NJLM to the mayors of all of the state's 565 municipalities, the league reiterated the caveat related to the survey.

"As public discourse continues over pending legislation that could impact municipal requirements to use printed legal advertising notices, we want to clarify public misrepresentations of survey sample data that was collected by the league, while at the same time attributing that data to the league," NJLM Executive Michael Darcy wrote in the letter. "In our view, the survey sample collected by the league does not shed useful information on this issue."

The NJLM stated in the letter that the caveat of the survey needed to be made "absolutely clear."

"The league itself did not publish this survey sample because we knew it was not statistically reliable and could not reasonably be used to draw conclusions applicable to many municipalities," stated the letter. "The league released the survey sample to the Governor's Office and the media when they requested it from us with the explanation that it should not be used to extrapolate beyond that small sample. Anyone who checked with us regarding the survey information was similarly cautioned about it. ... It's unclear exactly how much municipalities pay to publish notices. For these reasons, the league continues to caution that the league survey sample data related to print legal advertising costs is not intended to, and should not be used to draw conclusions applicable statewide or even to the majority of municipalities."

Darcy spoke to LocalSource about the survey.

"We asked municipalities to let us know how much they spend on their legal advertising and costs," Darcy said in a phone call. "147 municipalities responded."

According to Darcy, mostly smaller municipalities responded to the survey.

"This skewed the results, and the results were not really helpful about whether it was a cost driver," Darcy said. "NJLM does not publish this info because we believe it is a small sample that is skewed to the experience of smaller municipalities. As such, it should not be used to draw statewide inferences."

Darcy said that although the NJLM never published the numbers, people still got wind of it, including Christie.

"Governor Christie's office and some in the media knew we had numbers and they asked for them," he said. "The NJLM warned them that they were not indicative of the experience of municipalities. When we handed them out to the state and media, they understood this."

Darcy said that although the caveat was disseminated by the media, some have been talking about the numbers without the caveat.

"They are using that to bolster their argument and that bothers us," Darcy said. "They are drawing false conclusions, and that bothers us. Reporters and editors are not completely disclosing that information that the survey is not really accurate, and that really upset me."

According to Darcy, Christie disclosed how he came up with the alleged cost to the state's municipalities of \$80 million.

"The governor disclosed clearly how he came to those numbers," Darcy said. "He

has a methodology. I think people can draw their own conclusions."

George White, Executive Director of the New Jersey Press Association, spoke of the NJPA's survey regarding cost of public notices to municipalities.

"The NJPA surveyed members back in 2010 when a simpler, though similar, bill was moving through the legislature," White told LocalSource in an email. "At that time, the total for all public notice spending statewide was \$20 million. So since the legislature statutorily controls the rates that may be charged for these ads, and has kept those rates stagnant since 1983, we told legislative leadership last month we expected that number to still be in the ballpark and would undertake a new survey to obtain data for all of 2016 — which is very close to complete."

White said that although the annual amount of public notice spending may well be higher than \$20 million due to a bump to the number of foreclosures occurring in the state, foreclosure ads are not paid for by governments with taxpayer dollars, nor are they paid for by the parties being foreclosed upon.

"These ads are paid for by the entities initiating the proceedings," White said.

White noted that although he has not seen NJLM's latest results, efforts by both the NJPA and the NJLM to gather data would be helpful.

"The dual effort of both organizations to gather data can only be helpful to inform future discussions," White said. "The aim for all is good public policy. Policies and procedures around governments' responsibility to provide required public notifications is a complex public policy matter. Since the bills were held from full votes in December, we have been gathering the new New Jersey data from newspaper media and input from other states to help inform the discussions expected to occur moving forward."

Darcy said that although the NJPA has access to numbers, the methodology in gathering these numbers may not be as clear.

"Their methodology for assembling the numbers is more opaque," Darcy said of the NJPA.

LocalSource reached out to several municipalities in Union County in order to collect feedback and data on the cost of publishing public notice ads.

Roselle Park Mayor Carl Hokanson told See PUBLIC, Page 7



SANDWICH DONATION — From left, Aaron Coleman of Westfield, and Robert and Michael Laumbach of Fanwood, members of the Union County 4-H Service Club, made more than 100 ham-and-cheese sandwiches to donate to the St. Joseph's Community Service Center of Elizabeth. 4-H is a youth-development program of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, supported in part by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.



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 grams for our current participants and also encourage new individuals to join and learn about what we have to offer.”

According to the press release, Linden received a grant in the amount of \$15,505. The project description reads that recreational opportunities will be provided for Linden’s disabled population.

When LocalSource contacted Linden’s Department of Recreation, no one was able to comment prior to press time Feb. 7.

Roselle also received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 according to the press release. The borough will provide a summer program with a variety of recreation, leisure and enrichment activities for chil-

dren with disabilities. They will also provide leisure and enrichment activities for children with special needs.

When Roselle’s Director of Recreation Donald Shaw was contacted by LocalSource, no comment was received prior to press time Feb. 7.

Summit received a grant in the amount of \$21,600 according to the press release. The recreation programs and special events will be coordinated by the TryCAN program, a collaboration with nearby communities that offers recreation programs for children with special needs or those who need special accommodation.

“This is an annual grant with 11 collaborating communities and dozens of pro-

grams,” Summit’s Public Information Officer Amy Cairns told LocalSource in an email on Feb. 2. “The Summit Department of Community Programs is the lead agency in providing special needs programming for the TryCAN Collaboration and runs about 20 to 25 recreation programs throughout the year. Other towns are invited to participate in the TryCAN Collaboration and Summit offers our programs to non-residents. Besides Summit, 10 other towns involved this year are New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Millburn, Mountainside, Maplewood, Springfield, South Orange, Union, Cranford and Madison. Experienced adult volunteers run the programs, but they also bring in volunteer teen

mentors to help the youth successfully participate in the programs.”

Union received \$20,000, according to the press release. The grant will go toward an inclusive after-school art, gym and music program for children ages six to nine who are developmentally disabled, according to a Feb. 3 email from Union Mayor Suzette Cavadas. The goal of the program is to provide inclusive recreational activities between general education students and special needs students while building social skills in a variety of leisure settings, according to the email.

“The Township matches 25 percent of the total grant awarded from the state as a commitment to the award,” Cavadas told LocalSource in the email.

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Senior group waits for answers from Roselle

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center — where it conducts bi-weekly meetings and events — and was to instead hold meetings at the borough's firehouse.

In response, Rey sent a letter to Russell, dated Jan. 12, in which she stated that the group did not agree with the decision.

"Your letter stated that effective immediately, our group is being moved to the Roselle Firehouse to conduct our bi-monthly meetings," wrote Rey to Russell. "We do not agree with this measure. The Active Seniors group has been existence since 1983 and has always conducted our meetings in a professional manner while utilizing the community center. We reserve the right to be treated fairly and with dignity in all matters. If you feel that we have violated any rules or guidelines that govern the use of the community center, please advise us in writing so that we can rectify the situation."

That same day, Russell emailed Rey to inform her that the group could use the center for the meeting it had scheduled for the following day, Jan. 13.

Russell did not respond to LocalSource's request for comment as of press time Feb. 7.

On Jan. 16, the borough released a statement to LocalSource stating that the administration was attempting to assist all groups who met at the center, and that scheduling issues were of concern.

"Because of limitations in scheduling and because the Amalfe Center's schedule prioritizes Roselle-based groups composed of Roselle residents, the borough sought to assist the Roselle Active Seniors group by making available space located at the Roselle Fire Department," read the statement. "That space, however, was not sufficient for Active Seniors organizers."

Recreation Director Donald Shaw said in the statement that many groups need to be accommodated at the center.

"The issue we run into is that we must place Roselle senior residents and taxpayers first," Shaw said. "The Roselle Active Seniors group brings in residents from all over Union County and that has created some serious logistical challenges in accommodating this group. We must look for solutions while thinking of our own Roselle residents first," he said, adding that, while there have been accusations that the borough has expelled the seniors from the center, the opposite is true.

"We are making every effort to accommodate them," he said, and that many bor-

ough-sponsored senior programs also need to be considered.

The following week, Rey started a petition in support of the Roselle Active Seniors and their continued use of the community center, as well as use of the senior bus for monthly trips. The petition, signed by members of the group, community members and fire department personnel, now has more than 100 signatures.

The Jan. 18 meeting of the Rosell Council had standing room only as group members and their supporters voiced their concern about the group's removal from the center.

Francine Pajewski, vice president of the group, addressed the council.

"It's a shame how some of you are treating us seniors," she said. "We have done nothing to you. How would you like this done to your parents or grandparents? Hopefully this does not happen to them or to you."

Active Seniors member Lilly Brown also voiced her dismay about the decision to move the group, stating during the council meeting that there had been no official meeting with borough officials to discuss the measure meted out against the group.

"It was a shock to us when we received this letter expelling us from the Amalfe Center where we have our meetings," Brown said of Russell's letter to Rey. "It just doesn't seem like it went through the democratic process."

Brown also stated that the issues should have been discussed before any drastic action taken.

"Sure there are problems," Brown said. "There are always problems. We can get together, we can talk, we can sit down at the table and try to work out the problems. I mean, a drastic move like this is shocking."

Brown also pointed out that the proposed meeting room at the firehouse in on the third floor, which is not easily accessible to some of the seniors.

Roselle Fire Chief Paul Mucha has confirmed that there is not enough space inside the firehouse to accommodate the group. In addition, the firehouse lacks ample parking and kitchen facilities.

Former Councilwoman Sylvia Turnage said at the meeting that there has been a lack of meaningful communication between the seniors and the borough.

"The seniors tried to talk to Donald Shaw," Turnage told the council, saying the seniors had asked Shaw to return the group's storage locker to its original place;

it had been moved onto the meeting room's stage in December, making it difficult for the seniors to access.

Turnage said that the seniors feel "unwelcomed, harassed and disrespected," and that voicing their concerns to the council brought about what they see as retaliatory measures on the part of the council.

"When the seniors decided to express their concerns, the council president, who is also the wife of the recreation director, told the seniors that if they didn't like the accommodations, they could move elsewhere," Turnage said of council President Kim Shaw, wife of Donald Shaw.

Shortly thereafter, the group received the letter from Russell denying them access to the center.

"These actions are totally inappropriate," Turnage said. "The seniors did not ask to move, they were forced to move out."

Blaize said she believes that the center's employee was given the directive to lock the seniors out.

"She's an employee," Blaize said. "Somebody told her to do that. If she had left the door open, maybe she would have

lost her job. This is serious. These are tax-paying residents, and it's disrespectful."

Turnage told the council that she demanded respect for the senior group.

"I demand that they be treated with dignity and respect," she said. "They are valuable members of this community. What you conspire to do to them is despicable and will not be tolerated."

Turnage also called out specific parties involved in the situation.

"I suggest that any recreation staff that has to stoop to that level and can't treat people with respect should consider employment elsewhere," Turnage said at the council meeting. "There is no room for hate in our community."

While Donald Shaw reached out recently to LocalSource, stating that there would be a meeting with the group to discuss the situation, Rey said Jan. 6, that she has heard, "Not a word from anyone in the borough."

The next Roselle Active Seniors meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 10, but its location could not be verified by press time Feb. 7.



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ART WITH HEART — Union County freeholders Bruce H. Bergen and Bette Jane Kowalski with Jardine Academy Principal Cynthia Isaksen, YMCA Executive Director Rodger Koerber, YMCA art instructor Rachel Jameson and students David V. and Carlos R. at the Jardine Academy in Cranford for an art class for students sponsored by a Union County Heart Grant. Jardine Academy is operated by the Cerebral Palsy League and provides elementary and secondary education for disabled children and young adults.

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Public notice data discussed by NJLM, NJPA, town officials

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LocalSource that the borough spent in 2016 a total of \$7,892.28 to publish public notice ads in both the Union County LocalSource and the Star Ledger. In 2015, a total of \$6,628.84 for both papers was spent.

Roselle Business Administrator, Dave Brown, told LocalSource that in 2016, the borough spent approximately \$6,098 on public notices. Also noted was that the amount was subject to change, depending on the number of ordinances adopted, as well as other public notices that must be published per state statute.

According to John Laezza, business administrator for the Township of Clark, the township spends approximately \$5,000 to \$ 8,000 per year, depending on the amount of ordinances adopted during the year.

"This is only part of the problem," Laezza told LocalSource in an email. "As an example, your newspaper is a weekly and your advertising notice requirements have a one-week-in-advance criteria to send in an advertisement for printing. This stretches the time period to meet state guidelines for time period for notification and causes undue delay. Although I am a very transparent administrator, I believe that the social media available to the public is more transparent than the newspaper, so put me

in the support line of the governor."

Cranford Mayor Tom Hannen said he was in support of public notice advertising in newspapers.

"We will continue to support the concept of advertising official business in newspapers," Hannen told LocalSource in an email.

According to Darcy, the NJLM is interested in options that benefit municipalities.

"We're always interested in giving municipalities new options to achieve new goals," Darcy said. "We support the idea of the legislation for that purpose. The NJPA says that maybe we should reduce the cost of notices, and that's a great point. There's certainly some cost savings in that idea."

Darcy acknowledges that a huge part of the debate over the newspaper bill is the impact such legislation would have on print media.

"Part of the debate is that it could be a death knell for print media," Darcy said. "The NJLM does not want to comment on that part of the issue. The league does support the concept of finding new innovative ways to allow municipalities to comply with the requirement to communicate legal ads. And the league would be interested in reviewing any proposals that might save on costs to post, publish or otherwise communicate those ads."



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ALUMNI PANEL — Former Arthur L. Johnson students from left, Joe Scardilli, Will Horner, Kristina Geiger, Justin Beceiro, Brandon Fernandes, Nick Makosiej, Georgia Stavrakis and Brianna Lukasiewicz are pictured with ALJ guidance counselor Erica Stasio recently. They participated in an alumni panel discussion for current juniors and seniors hosted by the guidance department to provide insight into the college experience. Some topics covered were: how they chose their schools, what they learned at ALJ that helped prepare them for college, what living away from home is like, deciding on a major and successful study habits.

NJDOT responds to TTF funding issues

By Elana Knopp
Staff Writer

The New Jersey Department of Transportation is offering municipalities throughout the state funding for projects halted due to the Transportation Trust Fund's shutdown in June, when the Senate clashed with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie after they refused to act on Christie's proposed hike of the state's gas tax.

Road projects throughout all of the state's 21 counties were affected.

In December, the New Jersey Association of Counties sent a letter to NJDOT Commissioner Richard Hammer regarding Local Aid allotments and delay claims resulting from the shutdown of projects funded by the TTF.

"As you know, Governor Christie recently signed into law landmark legislation that reauthorizes the TTF with an eight-year \$2 billion per year capital program," stated the Dec. 1 letter to Hammer. "Importantly, the new law also increases Local Aid allocations for counties and municipalities from \$190 million to \$400 million per year. NJAC is concerned that within the past week, county governments across the state have received 2017 County Aid Allotment letters from the department projecting the same level of funding or less than 2016. With this in mind, we're respectfully requesting clarification from the department on future funding as pursuant to the new law, Local Aid to counties and municipalities should theoretically double in 2017 through 2024."

The NJAC also stated that they are concerned with the fact that several counties are now facing contractual delay claims resulting from the three-month-long shutdown of projects funded by the TTF.

"In light of the fact that these claims are directly related to the shutdown and not by an act or omission of a county governing body, we're urging the department to man-

age and settle such claims in a fair and equitable manner," stated the letter.

On Jan. 10, Michael Russo, Director of Local Aid and Economic Development for the NJDOT, released a letter to Local Aid grant recipients, informing them that the NJDOT would consider requests for additional funding on Transportation Trust Fund-funded projects that were impacted by Executive Orders 210 and 216.

In the letter, Russo writes that additional funds may be made available for reasonable costs to accelerate project completion, as well as costs related to the safe and orderly shutdown of a project under Executive Order No. 210.

The letter directs grant recipients to submit requests for additional funds after a careful evaluation of the time-impact to the project end date that was in place at the time of the shutdown.

"The reasonableness of a request for acceleration costs must consider the scope and duration of the impacted project," stated Russo in the NJDOT letter.

According to Russo's letter, "Counties and municipalities proposing acceleration costs and costs related to the safe and orderly shutdown of the project shall provide a certification by a duly authorized representative of the grant recipient that the work and costs associated with the acceleration and safe and orderly shutdown of the project are reasonable."

Union County has filed a notice of claim against the NJDOT for breach of contract as a result of the TTF shutdown ordered by EO-210, according to documents provided to LocalSource by the NJAC.

According to John Donnadio, executive director of the NJAC, the association is not specifically aware of any municipalities making requests.

"I believe each county with an outstanding claim has requested relief from DOT," Donnadio told LocalSource in an email Feb. 2.

According to Steve Schapiro, spokesperson for the NJDOT, the department is working with counties to rectify the issues.

"The NJDOT understands the extraordinary circumstances regarding the Local Aid projects that were suspended during the Transportation Trust Fund renewal and the department is working with counties and municipalities concerning claims that may be filed for these projects," Schapiro told LocalSource in a Feb. 3 email. "Claims typically are reviewed and settled at the conclusion of a project."

According to Schapiro, once a project is completed, the contractor submits the claim to the county, after which the county submits the claim to the DOT.

"It's very early in the process," Schapiro said in a Feb. 3 phone call. "Projects must be completed first."

The DOT also responded to concerns about allocations of funding put forth by the NJAC.

"The FY 2017 budget that was enacted in June maintained 2016 funding levels for Local Aid because the TTF renewal was unresolved at that time," Schapiro said. "This was known and publicly discussed back when the budget was signed. The fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. Union County's portion for County Aid for FY17 is \$3,445,500."

Schapiro said that once any claims are received from Union County, they will be dealt with on an individual basis.

"When we do, they will be considered on a project-by-project basis," Schapiro said. "It is not possible to speculate how long it may take to resolve claims, or the amount, until claims are actually submitted, reviewed and settled. Funding to settle claims will come from the TTF and will not affect funding for future grants. The department does not discuss claims until after they have been resolved because the process is part of a legal contractual negotiation."

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Prominent Linden BOE member will be missed

By Elana Knopp
Staff Writer

Some people manage to make an indelible mark on those who know them, and Susan Hudak was just that person.

Hudak, a resident of the city of Linden for many years, died Jan. 29 at the age of 59, but the impact she had on the community, specifically on Linden's school district, is being remembered by family, friends and community members.

Hudak, who was born in Summit and raised in Newark and Irvington, was a resident of Linden for 40 years. She was a member of Linden's Board of Education for more than 18 years, acting as an advocate for Linden's students in her capacity as BOE president, member, and volunteer and officer at Linden's PTA.

Most recently, Hudak worked as a clerk for the city of Linden.

Hudak, who was a member of Union County's Democratic Committee and the Linden Democratic Club, was the wife of Superior Court Judge John Hudak and mother of Union County Freeholder Christopher Hudak.

According to Christopher Hudak, his mother, Sue, was a woman who liked being kept busy.

"She liked to spread herself thin," Chris Hudak told LocalSource in a phone call. "She enjoyed being busy and helpful."

Chris Hudak spoke of his mother's many years of service to the Linden school district.

"A lot of people think of the BOE as a stepping stone," Chris Hudak said, who recalled that for his mother, it was the ultimate position. "She ran for the BOE every three years. For her, that was her dream job. It's what she wanted to do and what she wanted to be. She was a super volunteer for years. It is volunteerism at its finest."

Chris Hudak said that his mother was passionate about Linden's kids.

"She wanted to have her voice heard," Chris Hudak said of his mother. "She never stopped having that passion."

Everyone knew Sue, according to Chris Hudak, and everyone was touched by her kindness.

"It's amazing to me every time I go to a building and see crossing guards, janitors, teachers, principals," Chris Hudak said. "Everyone always said how great she was. 'We love your mom,' is what everyone always tells me. Every kid was like her own. If she latched on to your cause, she was ferocious."

Sue Hudak, who was previously employed by both the Suburban Heart Group in Union for 10 years, as well as for Union County Nephrology in Kenilworth for 20 years, was also passionate about making sure that patients who walked



Photo Courtesy of the Hudak family
Susan Hudak was a Board of Education member and active participant in community affairs.

through the doors of both facilities were cared for.

"Even at work, if someone was rejected for medical coverage, she would make it her business to fix it and get them covered," Chris Hudak recalled. "She was going to fix your problem. That's how she was."

Linden Superintendent of Schools Danny Robertozzi, spoke fondly of Sue Hudak.

"Sue was an extraordinary board member and advocate for the children in our community," Robertozzi told LocalSource in an email. "This was her 19th year on the Linden Board of Education. Mrs. Hudak was visible at all school events, PTA functions, and consistently made sure that the students of Linden had everything they needed."

Robertozzi described Sue Hudak as a fixture at Linden schools.

"During her time on the board, Mrs. Hudak served as the president four different times and played an active role on every board committee," he said. "She loved 'Family Science' and was a fixture at School No. 6 during these events. In addition to her love of all our students, she was a devoted mother and grandmother. We've lost a dynamic advocate for our children and it's a big loss for Linden School District. She will be missed greatly."

Chris Hudak said that his mother focused on kids who were often overlooked.

"There were a lot of kids in our neighborhood — good kids who were trying — and she made it one of her missions to hold these dinners to honor their actions," Chris

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EVENT: Donate books for Summit College Club Book sale

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LENDER



A whole lot of fun at Clark Public Library

By Jennifer Rubino
Staff Writer

Clark Public Library was transformed into a miniature golf course by Friends of Clark Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 4. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., families competed in the "HOLE" Lot Of Fun Miniature Golf Classic, a 15-hole golf game where participants came to support the library's organization.

"This is our second golf outing that's been successful," President of Friends of Clark Public Library Karen DeMarco told LocalSource in an interview on Feb. 4. "We got the idea when a company who organizes miniature golf games as fundraisers emailed us. We decided to bypass the company and do it ourselves. We sent out letters to everyone in town and invited them to sponsor and create a hole. The proceeds of the event will go to the organization, which offers community programs to the people at the library."

Hole One was created by Arthur L. Johnson High School's hockey

team and sponsored by Daunno Realty. There was a hole by Friends of the Public Library designed in honor of the "Cat in the Hat," sponsored by Platinum Plating Specialist.

"My favorite hole was the one with the books," Joaquin Plaza of Clark told LocalSource in an interview. "It was easy because there were crates with books on them to hit the ball."

Parents and children all enjoyed themselves at the event.

"This was a great way to break up the monotony of winter," Natalie Whalen of Clark told LocalSource in an interview. "It's great to help the library and be in the community."

Two girls scouts from Troop 41407 were at the event with the hole they created. The girls decided to write their troop number on a chair and tie balloons on it.

"We like to watch golf," the girl scouts, Shealyn Zawacki and Kendelle Menzo of Clark, told LocalSource in an interview. "The

balloons are just for decoration."

The girls planned to golf after they watched some golfers and celebrated a job well done. There was a healthy dose of sibling rivalry at the event, as brothers and sisters kept score with the mini pencils and scorecards donated for the game.

"We're just learning how to play," Nicole and Matthew Kotula of Clark told LocalSource in an interview. "We're having fun."

Lastly, a family that both sponsored and created a hole was playing a game of golf. They used their son, Lucas, as inspiration.

"We decided to incorporate Thomas the Engine into the hole because Ethan absolutely loves him," Ashley Boccella of Clark told LocalSource in an interview. "We got involved because we come here for a lot of events and thought this was a really nice idea. We love golf."

Their hole was sponsored by Boccella Tutoring and had train tracks with Thomas the Train leading the way to victory.



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Sophia Nikolic of Clark poses with Cat in the Hat at the hole inspired by him.

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Judge swears in 28 CASA foster child advocates

Union County Superior Court Judge Daniel R. Lindemann has administered oaths to two graduating classes of community members, among them Katherina Abreu and Karen Flood of Fanwood; Mureen Allen and Padmini Bagchee of Linden; Anne Bristow and Phyllis Dunlop of Westfield; Quanae Chambliss of Rahway; Julie Exarhakos, Mike McMahon and Deana Washburn of Cranford; Aase Forbes of Union; William "Joe" Goodson of Plainfield; Nataly Gutierrez of Elizabeth; Maryann Higgins of Moun-

tainside; Marty Jeiven, Carol Pinkus and Maria Rodriguez of Scotch Plains; Adesoye Aladebami of Roselle; Theresa Brown, Michele Higgins, Noreen Horgan, Cheryl Kelesoglu and Marcela Wolff of Westfield; and Mary Kitsos of Summit.

These advocates have stepped up to help the family court judges on cases involving the county's abused, neglected or abandoned children currently in foster care. The new CASA volunteers completed 30 hours of training. After performing the oaths, Lindemann stepped off the bench and personally thanked each advocate for committing to serve children in need of a voice.

Members of the organization's board participated and each new advocate received a commemorative pin and certificate. During celebratory luncheons that followed, advocates were matched to their new case and learned about their youth.

Volunteers with varied backgrounds and experiences make successful advocates, and these classes are no exception. They range in age from 22 to 75 and most have no prior knowledge of the foster system. They include parents, non-parents and empty-nesters; a recent college graduate and recent retiree; careers include health professionals, school personnel, counselors, legal profes-

sionals, former military, business entrepreneurs and homemakers. Languages spoken in addition to English include Spanish, German, French and Yoruba. Several experienced abuse in their own childhoods.

CASA volunteers have court-ordered access to all parties in a child's life, including foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, and incorporate into court reports findings from these contacts as well as time spent with the youth. Volunteers advocate both in the community and court to ensure their youth's needs are met and time in care is as short as possible.

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Susan Hudak was a fixture in Linden community

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Hudak said. "Every kid needs to be built up."

Chris Hudak also noted his mother's uncanny ability to remember names and faces.

"She had this great ability to remember names and faces," he said. "She remembered kids who I went to middle school and high school with. She always wanted to give kids from Linden a chance," said Chris Hudak, who noted that his mother would

often recommend "Linden kids" for jobs. "She was always so proud when one of the Linden kids was hired as a teacher. That's just how she was. It's such a loss for the kids in Linden."

According to Chris Hudak, most of Linden's past and present students knew his mother.

"A lot of kids knew her," Hudak said. "She was around. They knew she'd be there. She was so passionate about the BOE. I think she saw the three of us in

every one of those kids," he said in reference to him and his siblings.

In her capacity as a parent, Chris Hudak said that his mother was always there for him, as well as his two siblings.

"She always wanted to be part of the solution," Chris Hudak said. "She was an advocate for us. She loved all of us deeply. She was the type of mom that if we had a problem, she addressed the problem. She would put herself out there constantly."

Chris Hudak also recalled his mother's last day, which was spent taking one of her grandchildren to New York City.

"She loved her grandchildren," he said. "She had a lot of them and she loved them all. She was always talking about her kids and grandkids. She was herself — she was an original."

Sue Hudak is survived by her husband, three children and eight grandchildren. The funeral was held Friday, Feb. 3, at the Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home in Linden.



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Healthy cooking spreads to Summit area with new classes

By Jennifer Rubino
Staff Writer

Karin Von Zelowitz is a Summit resident who teaches healthy cooking classes at Peasful Kitchen, in Summit. She was raised on a farm in Sweden, where her mother taught her about farm-to-table cooking. Von Zelowitz continues cooking for her family in that way to this day.

"Farm-to-table cooking is when you cook with local products as fresh from the farm as possible," Von Zelowitz told LocalSource in an email Feb. 3. "Often these products are found as CSA, farmers markets or if restaurants buy straight from the source. It can from be the farmer, the fisherman, the brewer — so not strictly the farm, more the producer. It often also means that you can trace where the food comes from, which consumers want to know today. I grew up on a farm in Sweden where farm-to-table was a way of living. We had chickens; each year we had a calf that we butchered by the end of the year and my parents bought a whole pig each year. We had a vegetable garden and fruit trees and berries. Looking back now, it was a very idyllic upbringing."

Von Zelowitz is a frequent shopper at the Summit Farmer's Market. She goes almost once every week to buy food to prepare for her family.

"Now when I have my own family I like to still use local food when possible and we try to eat according to the season," Von Zelowitz said. "This time of the year it is obviously harder. There is a great farmer's market here in Summit which I visit almost

every week. Another aspect of farm-to-table or local is the environmental aspect that eating something that has travelled across the globe is not so appealing to me."

Von Zelowitz is a licensed dietician and former chef for the Swedish Ambassador in Switzerland. She runs her own nutrition consulting business called Nordic Health and Wellness.

"First I studied Food Management and then I worked as a chef for the Swedish Ambassador in Switzerland for six years and then I moved back to Sweden to become a dietitian," Von Zelowitz said. "I like to eat a diet with a lot of vegetables, fruit, whole grain, low fat dairy, good fats and lean protein and fish. Of course, I do eat sweets as well. If you eat a balanced diet, there is also room for that sometimes. Nowadays we need to take the portion sizes into account. They have grown so much that we almost forgot what a normal portion look like. Try and compare a dinner plate from the 1940s to today's huge dishes."

Von Zelowitz reports that picky eaters are usually one of the biggest obstacles families encounter when they try to cook healthy meals.

"Picky eating is usually a phase and kids learn from a very early stage that they can use food as a power tool," Von Zelowitz said. "Parents get worried if their children don't eat and maybe make them something else and then the child has quickly learned that if he or she neglects a dish, that something else will be prepared. This can turn into a pattern that's hard to break. Parents should decide what, where and when food will be eaten. Children

can decide if they want to eat and how much. Allowing children to help prepare a meal is another way to help with their pickiness."

Not all family members are confident in the kitchen, and some might need more assistance than others. Von Zelowitz says keeping it simple in the kitchen is a way to start building confidence as a cook.

"I think starting with some simple dishes with a few ingredients is a good idea," Von Zelowitz said. "The recipes we use in our classes are perfect examples of dishes that easily can be made at home. They don't have a ton of ingredients and they also don't take hours to cook. In the beginning, it is a good idea to follow recipes so you get more confident and then once you master them you can try and experiment more. Nowadays there are also many meal services that offer simple meal solutions, easy recipes and all the ingredients are individually packed. It is a pricy option so not for everyone."

Time management is also important for working families with busy lifestyles. Finding time during the week to cook can be challenging.

"Having good meal plan routines is absolutely necessary," Von Zelowitz said. "Do some meal prep over the weekends. Cooking skills are also something that is lacking today. Most schools don't have home economics anymore and that is where I got some basic skills on how to cook."

When it comes to eating organic, Von Zelowitz says that it's a personal choice.

"It's more expensive to eat organic," Von Zelowitz said. "I don't recommend that

my clients eat organic; it's a personal choice. The 'dirty dozen' and 'clean fifteen' are good tools to use. At the end of the day, it's better to eat a conventional carrot than not one at all. Personally, we eat mostly organic dairy, meat, fruits and vegetables. Although, when there are local options I go for them instead."

A few items from the "clean fifteen" list include produce with tough, thick skin such as avocados, corn, pineapple, cabbage and eggplant. The "dirty dozen" list contains produce with thin or edible skins such as strawberries, apples, peaches, celery and grapes. The lists were compiled by the Environmental Working Group to reveal the produce treated with the least and most pesticides. The lists can be found at the EWG's website, www.ewg.org.

There are many different diets that people follow and everyone seems to have their own opinion as to what it means to eat healthy. While it can become complicated, Von Zelowitz says it's best to keep it simple.

"So many people follow different diets whether they need to or not, but they believe that it is good for them," Von Zelowitz said. "Food is a topic that people are engaged in and everyone has opinions. There is so much information about food everywhere as to what is right or wrong, what diet to follow etc. To some point, I think it is very confusing. What we do is sort of go back to basics again by cooking from whole foods and fresh ingredients, the way it used to be. Doing that is comforting and you know what you are eating."

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SCIENCE FAIR — From left at the St. Theresa School in Kenilworth annual science fair held recently are Dorian Cadet, Abigail Donovan, Faith Forenza, Joseph Napolitano, Madison Johnson, Olive Kempf and Neha Padikkal. Projects ranging from crystal growing to potato power were on display in the gym.

UNION COUNTY NOTABLE PEOPLE AND PLACES

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sible. There are 600 Union County children currently in foster care; CASA of Union County serves approximately one-third of those and its mission is to provide an advocate for every child that needs one.

For details on future training sessions, several of which incorporate new, flexible options and timeframes, contact Lisa at 908-527-7048 or lporis@casaoofunion-county.org. To inquire about other ways to support CASA of Union County, contact Marla at 908-527-7041 or marlah@casao-funioncounty.org.

BGC of Union County appoints new board member

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County has announced the appointment of Mary Kaplonski to the corporate advisory board. Kaplonski's experience and knowledge will be instrumental in assisting Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County as it increases awareness and extends the reach of the organization, according to a press release from BGC of Union County.

"I am thrilled to welcome Mary back to our organization as a new member of our Corporate Advisory Board. Her previous experience working with the Boys & Girls Club, along with her current experience, will be beneficial to our members and our organization," CEO Russell Triolo said. "Having Mary on our advisory board will be a great benefit to our organization and will help to enhance our mission of bringing great programs to the youth of Union County."

Kaplonski is currently the associate director of human resources at Helsinn Therapeutics Inc. Before that, she worked for Novartis for 10 years in various human resources roles.

Kaplonski, who was a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County as a youth, participated in the programs and worked part-time as locker room attendant and at the front desk in the Union Club.

"I am the person I am today because of the values that were instilled while going to the club," Kaplonski said.

For information on the clubs and programs, visit www.bgcuc.org or call 908-687-2697.

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A great time to 'Do a good turn daily'

This past weekend, the Boy Scouts of America celebrated Scout Sunday, which always falls on the Sunday before Feb. 8, the day that marks the founding of the Scouts in the United States. The Saturday after this date is known as Scout Sabbath, bookending the annual observance of Scout Week. Although these days are designated by the national organization, local councils or units can celebrate on different days, if they so desire. On these important days, Scouts give back to the community in meaningful ways.

In 1906 and 1907, Robert Baden-Powell, a lieutenant general in the British Army, wrote a book for boys on reconnaissance and scouting. He had a camp to test these ideas on Brownsea Island in England in 1907; this served as the start of the Scout movement and it spread swiftly. In 1909, Chicago publisher W.D. Boyce was visiting London, and when he became lost in the fog an unknown Scout guided him to his destination. Boyce later met with staff members at Boy Scout Headquarters and this proved to be the spark that led to his formation of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910.

Today, the Boy Scouts is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, with more than 2.4 million youth participants and nearly 1 million adult volunteers. Since its founding, more than 110 million

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Americans have participated in BSA programs at some time. A short list of notable members includes President Gerald Ford, filmmaker Steven Spielberg, astronaut Neil Armstrong and New York City Mayor and business tycoon Michael Bloomberg. With Cub Scouting for ages 7 to 11, Boy Scouting for 11- to 18-year-olds, Venturing for young men and women ages 14 to 21, and Sea Scouting for men and women ages 14 to 21 interested in nautical activities, not to mention Varsity Scouting, the Order of the Arrow, Lone Scouting and STEM Scouts, there's something for everyone.

Since its inception, Scouts have been urged to "Do a good turn daily," the slogan of the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scout Law — to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent — encompasses what has colloquially been known as "American values," ideals we try to encourage our children to pursue. Whether you or someone you know is a member, or if you just use Scouting as an inspiration to behave in a more upright manner, the Boy Scouts of America serves as a unifying organization. This week, we salute the Boy Scouts of America for all they have provided our youth. May they continue to serve as an inspiration for future generations.

Happy Scouting!

New Jersey's geological 'layer cake'

The fictional character Forrest Gump famously remarked that "life is like a box of chocolates" ... you never know what you'll get.

New Jersey is more like a slice of layer cake. This state we're in is composed of five distinct bands running diagonally across the state — natural regions formed by geological events millions of years ago.

In the state's far northwestern corner is the top "layer" of our cake, the steep Ridge & Valley region, a result of waves of Appalachian mountain building in the Paleozoic Era approximately 360 to 500 million years ago.

Moving southeasterly, the next layer is the oldest: the rugged Highlands, today only tiny remnants of giant mountains formed during the Precambrian

THE STATE WE'RE IN

BY MICHELE S. BYERS

Era more than 545 million years ago. The rocks of the Highlands region formed before any plant or animal life on land, and the first vertebrates were still about 25 million years short of swimming in the oceans!

The third layer is the Piedmont, whose shales, siltstones, and volcanic basalts are much younger. They date from the Triassic and Jurassic periods of the Mesozoic Era, between 145 and 250 million years ago, when a shallow sea expanded after Africa broke off and slowly sailed away from North America.

Southeast of the line between Trenton and New Brunswick is the Inner Coastal Plain, built primarily of sands of the sea-coast during the Cretaceous Period that ended 65 million years ago.

The very "new" Outer Coastal Plain, east of a rough line from Freehold to Salem, is pure ocean bottom sand from the Cenozoic Era of the last approximately 60 million years.

Such diverse geography in a small state is incredible! Draw a straight line from the Delaware Water Gap to the beaches of Asbury Park, and that 80-mile line passes through over half a billion years of Earth history, all recorded in the rocks!

The outermost reaches of the Outer Coastal Plain includes New Jersey's icon—
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Parking trouble

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

The gray Altima and the black BMW with out-of-state plates that enjoy the free parking all day in the Cranford Wells Fargo parking lot on South Avenue at the Walnut Street intersection are in for a shock. The bank is closing their drive-through facility a block away. The result is the 12 spaces adjacent to the bank supposedly reserved for bank customers are about to become a parking oasis.

To address the cheaters who park, gobbling up the spaces, and cross South Avenue to shop at a bagel store, the bank is going into attack mode.

Come Feb. 15, the bank notice will read, "parking is only for Wells Fargo customers when banking. All other cars will be ticketed and towed at owner's expense." In years past a prior bank at the location actually had a security guard on Saturday to stop the cheaters.

It should be interesting. The development on South Avenue in the township has brought a successful rush of business. It also has turned parking into a premium. The temptation to avoid a meter, if one can be found, is real. Cranford's aggressive meter parking enforcement, even with the retirement of the head enforcer, known as "Scooter," is legendary.

The classic line is "I'm only going to be a few minutes getting my bagel." The problem is that the bank owns the spaces, pays the taxes on the spaces, plows the snow and paves the spaces that are reserved for their customers.

There are some hurdles. The police don't issue parking tickets on private property like the lot. The violators must be charged by bank personnel who must complete the summons for municipal court. One bank official said, "look we don't want to do this, but to insure the convenience to our customers, we will." Over the years the bank has been more than patient with the cheaters who use their lot.

If push comes to shove, the bank, like the U.S. Senate, even has a nuclear option. The State Division of Consumer Affairs provides a section of regulations to permit towing of unauthorized vehicles. The bank will have to contract with a towing service and put up a sign at least 36 inches high and 36 inches wide saying unauthorized vehicles will be towed, how much it will cost and where the cheater can pick up his car.

Attorney Harvey Fruchter of Kenilworth is often seen as a maven on towing issues. He is an expert on the "predatory towing act." He points to the requirements of the property owner to follow the tow rules. Beyond the initial notice request, Fruchter cautions that, if not regulated by the municipality, the towing charge to a driver can be steep.

Vincent Vicci, a well-known contractor in the community, has a special interest in the bank's actions. His company owns spaces behind the bank's lot. Often, he finds parking freeloaders in his spaces. He said last week, "I always want to be a compassionate and reasonable, but I fully support the bank's efforts to protect their parking spaces."

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The state's many geological phenomena

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ic barrier islands: narrow, moving waves of sand that are among the state's most popular summer destinations.

But did you know that barrier islands don't stay in one place? These waves of sand constantly shift upward and westward.

If you dig straight into the sand at the north pavilion at Island Beach State Park, eventually you'll hit the organic remains of a maritime forest that once perched on the ancient shoreline of Barnegat Bay. This buried forest existed only a few thousand years ago, when sea level was lower and Barnegat Bay's barrier island was about three-tenths of a mile east of today's location.

How do barrier islands move up and west? Sand is constantly blown and thrown onto the dunes by wind and storms, and trapped by beach grass. Beach grass is tolerant of salt, and it survives being buried alive by sprouting new roots from the base of its stems. Beach grass seeds are also excellent at colonizing newly deposited sand.

As storms blow from the sea, sand collects on the sheltered, westward side of dunes. New beach grass sprouts to stabilize these areas, while the eastern sides erode.

Barrier islands have always been on the move. It's only recently that humans have tried to stop them. But whatever we do, the geophysical foundation of our barrier islands continues to change.

These changes are easily seen from above. If you look at an aerial photo of Holgate on Long Beach Island, you'll see a striking contrast between the beach and dunes of the Holgate wilderness in Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, which has naturally migrated westward, and the built portion of Holgate beach to the north.

Sea level is much higher now than when shore towns were built in the late 1800s, and it is becoming more expensive to replace those beaches with each passing year.

In places like Island Beach State Park and Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, no damage was done by the recent January nor'easter because it doesn't matter much if the

beach moves inland. Habitat for rare shorebirds is actually improved by dynamic storm events at Sandy Hook, Island Beach State Park, and the Holgate wilderness beaches.

But in most other places, where permanent towns have arrested the westward beach migration, each big storm takes away more of the remaining natural beach. These days, man-made interventions like seawalls and sand replenishment projects are required to keep the Atlantic Ocean from meeting Barnegat Bay.

In a handful of decades, though, these projects will likely become impossible. Time marches on, and so do barrier islands, one of New Jersey's fascinating geological features.

For more information about preserving New Jersey's land and natural resources, visit the New Jersey Conservation Foundation website at www.njconservation.org or contact me at info@njconservation.org.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Flood mitigation advice to ACE

To the Editor:

The following is addressed to the Army Corp of Engineers, New York.

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers-New York:

Many of us have been working on flood mitigation measures since Hurricane Floyd occurred in 1999. Many of the Cranford Flood Advisory Committee have left this world and are looking down, knowing we are pushing for a solution. Hurricane Irene impacted 1,600 homes in Cranford with more than 400 homes with first-floor damages. Almost 70,000 tons of hazardous debris was carted away and numerous public safety concerns remain.

Each day since Irene, it gets harder to make the case for a major solution, as most residents have gone back to raising families and enjoying life.

However, urgency is needed now to resolve flooding, public safety concerns and other issues which will inevitably be caused by future storms.

We know the Rahway River Flood Mitigation plan, after an exhaustive review of ten alternatives, is an important first step. We strongly urge more to be done.

We strongly support Alternative 4A and suggest the following:

- Further expand channelization work into Nomahegan Park past the Balmiere Parkway footbridge, including deepening the channel greater than other planned areas.

- Replace the Balmiere Parkway footbridge, as deepening the channel will impact the already-compromised foundation supports for the bridge.

- Complete the Chief Engineers report and authorize the projects in 2017 so construction and engineering can also begin in 2017.

- Perform the Orange Reservoir Dam modification study immediately so project optimization and lower cost can be considered in 2017.

- As recommended by former Township Engineer Greg Sgroi, consider changing the spillway in Lenape Park and increasing the existing embankment dam elevation by several feet for additional freeboard.

We appreciate your consideration and urge more haste in expediting this important project to protect the welfare and safety of all Cranford residents.

Lou Lambe

Cranford Flood Advisory Committee

Linden GM site redevelopment

To the Editor:

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop" — Confucius, 551 B.C.E. to 479 B.C.E.

According to a local newspaper, specific to a New Jersey Appellate Court decision, a sense of legal resolution has been established, that redevelopment may commence at the abandoned former General Motors site in Linden. The court rejected ShopRite's challenge of the approval of development plans in the area.

But a plethora of questions remain. According to a previous administration, it was claimed that \$5.2 million dollars would gush into Linden as tax revenue annually. Who created such financial abstractions, and under what criteria? What is the track record of such personnel in gauging the marketplace for such revenue projections? Such claims were conducted years ago; are such statements still valid?

Must the EPA still conduct soil modifications to remedy any contamination that may still linger at the GM site?

Should not the Linden public be accorded the means to record their individual personal sentiment, concerning such a redevelopment project, such as the articulation, from the newspaper article, of those "businesses that best suit the area?"

Would there exist a data personnel site to attract, as a priority, Linden residents, as primary agents to work in the proposed construction of the redevelopment site, and

then subsequent employment opportunities once the work site is completed?

Finally, how would such a proposed site influence Aviation Plaza stores and their faithful employees?

Michael Smith

Linden

Happy Valentine's Day

To the Editor:

To our mothers, sisters, lovers and wives, we wish you a happy Valentine's Day.

The iconic heart we display on Valentine's Day is a picture worth a thousand words of love that we fail to say.

Throughout our life every day, you show your love in so many ways.

You care for our health and make sure we eat right.

You reassure us when things go wrong that it will be all right.

You are our toughest critic when we veer off course and you set us right.

You are our strongest supporter in everyday life, and at the end of the day before we turn out the lights.

We know we are blessed to have the best mother, sister, lover or wife.

Dedicated to all the women in our lives, Happy Valentine's Day!

Walter Sosnosky

Kenilworth

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be on topics of interest to our readers, preferably about news events or in response to content that appeared in the newspaper.

Letters should concern topics which directly affect our readers on a local level. We are a community newspaper, and always prefer that the letters deal with community issues and events.

The editor reserves the right not to publish a letter which deals with topics outside these boundaries. In addition, letters must conform to the reasonable expecta-

tions of civil discourse acceptable for a community newspaper. Letters with long lists of people and organizations they wish to thank will not be published.

The editor reserves the right to make any necessary grammatical corrections to the text of the letter. Although the writer's style will be maintained, certain changes may be made in the interest of clarity. Knowing that letters are very important and a well-read section of the newspaper, we always try to verify the accuracy of the content.



STARRY NIGHT — Clark's Valley Road School third-graders created the 'Starry Night' scene, based on Vincent van Gogh's painting, to display in the school foyer. The lesson taught students about the winter solstice and holidays. Third-grader Liliana Budnik said she 'really liked working together to make something that everyone would see.'

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TEDS hosts raffle on Feb. 10

Trinity Episcopal Day School will host its sixth annual Tricky Tray and 50/50 Raffle on Friday, Feb. 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Sherlock Hall at TEDS, 205 North Ave. E.

Raffle prizes include a 55-inch flat-screen TV, a china cabinet, a Fitbit and a one-hour photo session and portrait. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served. Attendees are welcome to bring wine and other foods. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

For more information, call 908-276-2881.

Children's Valentine's Day activity held Feb. 12

The Crane-Phillips House Museum, 124 North Union Ave., will host a children's Valentine's Day activity Sunday, Feb. 12, beginning 2:15 p.m.

Admission is free but donations are appreciated. Reservations are required. To

reserve a seat, contact the Historical Society at 908-276-0082 or cranfordhistorical-society@verizon.net.

For more information, visit www.cranfordhistoricalsociety.com

CCWC meeting is Feb. 13

The Cranford College Women's Club meets Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on Springfield Avenue in Cranford and features a program on nutrition and healthy aging by Natalie Capoccia. This meeting is open to the public.

Music lecture Feb. 15 and 23

Rock historian Vincent Bruno will present two programs in February on the popular music of the 1960s at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. "The Sixties: The British Invasion" is Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m., and "The Sixties: The American Pop/Rock Era" is Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome.

SUMMIT NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book donations sought for upcoming book sale

The Summit College Club seeks books and other media donations for its six day annual Book Sale in April. Donations should be brought to Westy Self Storage, 15 River Road, Chatham, between Feb. 18 and April 12, at the following times: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays; and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. Books must be in good condition and packed in bags or small boxes. Donations of books, CDs, and DVDs are accepted; textbooks, manuals, magazines and encyclopedias are not accepted. Proceeds from the sale are used to fund college scholarships for deserving young women in local high schools. To volunteer for the sale, or for more information about donating, send an email to summitcollegeclub@yahoo.com or call 908 464-2540.

New trustees join SDI

Summit Downtown Inc. welcomed its new trustees at the first board meeting of the year.

The three new property owners who joined the board are Andrew Genualdi, Joseph Hamilton and Karen Schneider. Susan Alexander, manager at GreatHouse Bonny Neiman, joined the board as a retail representative. Claire Toth, partner at Point View Wealth Management, will serve as an upper- and lower-floor business representative.

"It's very exciting to see renewed interest in the board," Chairman Tony Melchionna said, adding, "I look forward to working with all the new trustees."

In addition to welcoming new trustees, the board also elected officers for 2017. Melchionna, owner of Salon 44, was re-elected as chairman; Bob Conway, owner of Brownie Points Bakery, was elected vice-chairman; Toth was elected treasurer; and

Pat Angelo, general manager of The Committed Pig, was elected secretary. Nancy Adams was welcomed as the new executive director of SDI.

The board honored Marin Mixon, the director who is retiring this month after serving the organization for more than 10 years, and trustees Lori Dahl and Susan Taylor.

Summit Downtown Inc. board meetings are held at 8 a.m. the last Wednesday of each month in the Whitman Room in City Hall, and are open to the public.

Work on DeForest Avenue project is continuing

Work on the traffic signal and street light replacement project resumed Jan. 3. In the next six weeks, signals and streetlights will continue to be installed and activated. New signals will include pedestrian push buttons and meet all standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In mid to late April, the contractor will complete remaining concrete work on sidewalks and schedule the milling and paving of DeForest Avenue, between Maple Street and Norwood Avenue. Striping of traffic lanes and drawing of parking spaces will immediately follow. Crosswalks will be installed in late May.

CALENDAR

Old Guard meets Feb. 14

Kean University history professor Brian Regal will speak to the Summit Old Guard at its Tuesday, Feb. 14, meeting at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Ave., about "Origins of the Races." A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting and a speaker.

Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes, trips, plays, concerts and other cultural events. Call Jim Hewitt at 908-233-5507 for more information or visit www.summitoldguard.org.



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ELIZABETH NEWS

Elizabeth library will watch and discuss '13th' on Feb. 11

Elizabeth Public Library will screen "13th," a documentary by Ava DuVernay on Feb. 11, at 2 p.m., in the Main Library Auditorium, 11 South Broad St. The film is based on the 13th amendment of the Constitution, which outlawed slavery, and will be followed by a discussion.

EPL E-Port branch hosts 'Be My Valentine' party Feb. 13

Elizabeth Public Library's E-Port branch, located at 102-110 3rd St., will host a 'Be My Valentine' party Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. The event will include story time, crafts and more.

EPL Elmora branch hosts 'Be My Valentine' party Feb. 13

Elizabeth Public Library's Elmora branch, located at 740 W. Grand St., will host a 'Be My Valentine' party Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. The event will include story time, crafts and more.

EPL LaCorte branch hosts 'Be My Valentine' party Feb. 14

Elizabeth Public Library's LaCorte branch, located at 418-424 Palmer St., will host a 'Be My Valentine' party Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. The event will include story time, crafts and more.

Elizabeth Public Library teen Art Club will meet on Feb. 16

Elizabeth Public Library's teen Art Club will meet Feb. 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Main Library, 11 South Broad St. The meeting will focus on drawing comics.

This is a free event. No registration is required.

UNION NEWS

Caldwell Parsonage will host events on Feb. 12

On Sunday, Feb. 12, from 2 to 5 p.m. Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Ave., will host a presentation about UHS alumnus Eulace Peacock, Class of '33, a track-and-field athlete who competed against Jesse Owens. In addition, participants will be able to view part of the Vauxhall Historical Society's exhibit of U.S. military veterans.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For more information, call 908-591-4377.

UPL open mic night Feb. 13

The Vauxhall Public Library, 123 Hilton Ave., Vauxhall, hosts an Open Mic Night on Monday, Feb. 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for local artists of all kinds. Registration is not required; performers sign up on arrival.

UPL knitting group Feb. 13

Wrapped in Love Knitting Group meets at the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., on Monday, Feb. 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for those who know how to knit or crochet or want to learn.

Bring material, or material can be provided. Register in advance at 908-851-5450, ext. 2, or call Jillian Padilla at 908-516-5687.

UPL Pageturners book discussion will be Feb. 15

The UPL Pageturners Book Discussion for fourth- and fifth-graders meets at the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., Union, on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. This month the group will discuss "Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy" by Karen Foxlee; pick up a copy at the children's desk. Registration is required for this free program.

Chamber 'Meet the Mayor' event will be held Feb. 15

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual "Meet the Mayor" networking event Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m., at ConnectOne Bank, 2455 Morris Ave. Business owners will meet the newly sworn-in Mayor Suzette Cavadas, who will share her vision for the township in the coming year, and update attendees on current projects and programs affecting the economic vitality of the community.

In addition, various township officials and department heads will be in attendance to address issues and concerns from local businesses and organizations.

Admission is discounted for members. Preregistration is required by contacting 908-688-2777 or executivedirector@union-chamber.com.

UPL will host 'Let's Talk About It' event on Feb. 15

Club Teen for high school students meets Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Vauxhall Public Library, 123 Hilton Ave., for "Let's Talk About It with Dr. Damita Lucas Ph.D."

Speak out about issues or write them down to submit anonymously for discussion. This is a free program.

UPL book discussion Feb. 16

The Off the Shelf Book Group will discuss "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., Union.

To obtain a copy of the book, or for more information about the event, contact the reference desk at 908-851-5450, ext. 2.



DONATED WITH LOVE — Rahway's Franklin Elementary School Blue and Gold Members Emma Neely, Samantha Weakland, Ashley Pinedo Herrera and Kate Busch visit Robert Wood Johnson Hospital recently to drop off homemade individual detergent packets, blankets and mugs of love made by students who volunteer in the school-based community service club. The club is overseen by school nurse Barbara Maher and Kym Adams.

RAHWAY NEWS

Black History Month book discussion will be held on Feb. 9

In observance of Black History Month, the Rahway Public Library will present a book discussion examining racial and ethnic disparity in the American criminal justice system, as seen through "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption," by Bryan Stevenson. The discussion of Stevenson's book is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the RPL Auditorium, 2 City Hall Plaza, and will begin with coffee and light refreshments.

This event is free and open to the public, including those who haven't read the books. Copies of the books will be available to RPL cardholders. To borrow a book or for additional information, please contact the reference desk at 732-340-1551, ext. 212, or visit www.rahwaylibrary.org.

ROSELLE NEWS

First-quarter taxes due

First quarter taxes were due Wednesday, Feb. 1 for Roselle residents. There will be an extended grace period to Friday, Feb. 10. For additional information, call 908-259-3027.

Polk Elementary School hosts science fair

Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School held its 2017 Science Fair on Thursday, Jan. 26, recognizing students' STEM-related experiments.

Notable first-grade projects include: "Why is Sugar Bad for You," by Mauricio Navarro; "How does lemon juice affect the oxidation process," by Symphony Sheffield-Washington; "Does smell affect taste," by Avrielle Smith; and honorable mention, "What color M&Ms will melt faster in the microwave," by Lamir Taylor.

Notable second-grade projects include: "Can water be layered," by Mikahi Valle; "Do some liquids expand more than others

when frozen," by Sanai Alston; "Does oil float on water," by Jhosuah Gochez; and honorable mention, "Friction-Dancing Balls," by John Huisacayna.

Notable third-grade projects include: "What is the best way to store bread," by Davon Rhodes; "Which paper towel brand is the most absorbent," by Xander Long; "Do worms prefer light or darkness," by Steven Johnson; and honorable mention, "Absorbent Towels," by Antonio Givens.

Notable fourth-grade projects include: "Impacting Plant Growth," by Destin Darko; "Acids, Bases and Salts," by Bridgette Duffour; "Does an object's weight affect its ability to float sink on Non-Newtonian fluids," by Steven Almiron; and "Which battery lasts longer," by Najee Dykes.

The science projects were judged by Michael Johnson, director of Association Initiatives of YMCA's Healthy U-Catch Grant; Maryellen Moffitt, RPS gifted and talented coordinator; Karen Oliphant, RPS testing supervisor; and Daryl Wainer, RPS supervisor of ESL, bilingual and world languages.

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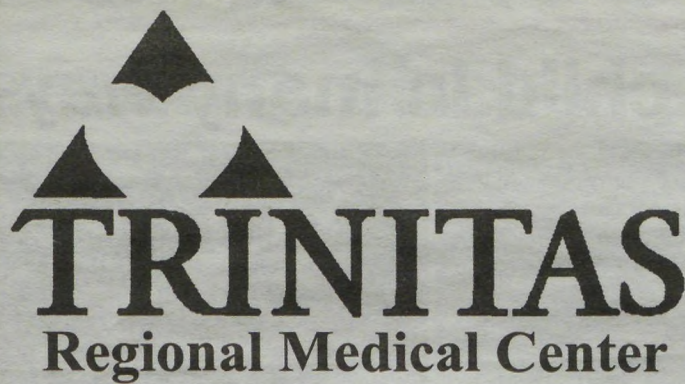


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SCHOOLS & CAMPS

Activities outside class can help a child in many ways

Parents and students who want to improve grades and classroom performance may want to look to extracurricular activities.

There is evidence that some after-school activities can actually help promote better results inside of the classroom, even helping to mediate symptoms of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Activities such as sports, band, cheerleading, martial arts, among other extracurricular events, can promote good feelings about school and offer lessons that carry over into the classroom environment, helping students become more successful.

A study by the U.S. Department of Education revealed that students who participate in cocurricular activities are three times more likely to have a grade point average of 3.0 or better than students who do not participate in cocurricular activities. In a 2003 study published in *Sociology of Education*, researchers found that there are positive associations between extracurricular participation and academic achievement.

Many adolescents who participate in extracurricular activities report higher

grades, more positive attitudes toward school and higher academic aspirations.

Extracurricular activities also may be able to correct behaviors associated with boisterous children or those who have been diagnosed with a clinical medical condition, such as ADHD. In a study titled, "The Effects of Mixed Martial Arts on Behavior of Male Children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder," researchers found that a martial arts program two times per week helped increase the percentage of completed homework, frequency of following specific classroom rules, improved academic performance and improved classroom preparation of male children ages 8 to 11 with ADHD.

There is also evidence that simple physical activity can promote better opportunities for learning. Studies largely conducted by the California Department of Education have found a correlation between physical activity and increased performance. Physically active youths tend to show improved attributes such as increased brain function and nourishment, higher energy/concentration levels, increased self-esteem, and better behavior, each of which can help a

student perform better in the classroom.

Beyond this, there are many ways that extracurricular activities can support improvements in the classroom.

- Most activities promote physical stamina and patience.
- Students develop self-esteem and good relationships.
- Students are able to apply theories learned in the classroom in a real-world context.
- A healthy measure of competition is developed.
- Students learn to value teamwork and achieve a goal through common values.
- Children are able to exert energy in a constructive way.
- Extracurriculars promote good attendance and participation in order to excel.
- Students learn self-motivation.
- Students can realize success that is not measured by test scores.
- Many extracurricular activities have a basis in rules that can keep students in check.
- Students participate in a social setting, learning through activities that they truly enjoy.



Children who participate in extracurricular activities, such as becoming a member of the cheerleading squad, learn many lessons of life that can help their classroom performance.

Extracurricular activities can lead to improved test scores and better behavior in the classroom. This makes the activities attractive to parents of students hoping to mold well-rounded children.

But if a student is too busy with a packed schedule of extracurricular activities, he or she may actually fall behind in school work. Therefore, it's vital to keep a balance so that students can successfully manage what goes on inside of and outside of school.

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Research, discuss and visit camps before choosing

It can be difficult to envision warm summer days during the winter months when the cold wind is blowing and the snow has been falling forever.

However, the winter months are a great time for parents and their children to explore summer camp options. In fact, many camps have strict enrollment timelines that require decisions to be made prior to the beginning of the spring camping season.

Attending summer camp has been a tradition in the United States for more than 150 years. Current statistics indicate that approximately 30 million American children attend summer camp each year.

There are many benefits to summer camp. Camp enables children to stay engaged during the summer when there may be limited interaction with school friends. It also gives parents both a safe and viable day-care solution during the summer.

Summer camp pulls together children from different neighborhoods, social classes and backgrounds, which can make it a good place to meet new people — some of whom may become lifelong friends.



Parents and their children should gather information on several different camps and then spend the winter months considering what would be best for the child. The final selection should be made after a visit to the camp and a talk with camp administrators.

Camps also can provide a variety of activities that can challenge children to attempt and succeed at new things that go beyond their comfort zones.

Some children are very receptive to the

idea of attending summer camp. Others need a little coaxing.

But summer camp should never be forced on a child who does not want to go. In such instances, consider local daytime programs that may fill the void instead of programs that require being away from home.

Once the decision for summer camp is made, there are some questions to answer.

- What are your finances like? Do you have a budget for summer camp?
- What size camp do you desire?
- Should the camp be co-ed or single sex?
- How far do you want your child to travel for summer camp? What are the options in your area?
- Are there any camps that have been recommended by your friends or members of your family?
- What kinds of activities do your children enjoy?

These types of questions will help you narrow down your options. Then you can visit and interview camps to find one that is the best fit.

When visiting camps, go armed with a

checklist of questions. Some of these can include:

- What is the philosophy of the camp?
- Can you explain a typical day?
- What are the types of activities and facilities offered?
- What is the camper-to-counselor ratio?
- What is the camp's drug/alcohol policy?
- Does the camp have insurance and security personnel?
- What percentage of staff return each year? How are staff selected and trained?
- What kind of health care is provided?
- Can you tell me about the policy on phone calls and family visits?
- What do you do in the event of emergencies?

There are many different camps available. Some offer a "little bit of everything." Others cater to academics, sports, specific hobbies or even religious preferences. Don't wait too long to research and sign up for camps because many fill up quite early or have an extensive waiting list. That is why choosing a camp should be part of a winter to-do list.



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- BROWN — Annie Louise Dixon, of Linden; Jan. 27. Great-great-grandmother.
- BUCHANAN — Janet, of Rahway; Jan. 30. BOE secretary, grandmother.
- BUDI — Traian, formerly of Union; Jan. 24. Husband and father.
- BUTKIEWICZ — Felix J., formerly of Rahway; Jan. 31. WWII Navy vet, father.
- CIAMPO — James "Jim" N., of Cranford; Jan. 26. Computer analyst, husband.
- CLARK — Caroline, of Linden; Jan. 28. Great-great-grandmother, 86.
- COLETTI — Minnie, of Linden; Jan. 26. Women's Auxiliary, great-grandmother.
- CONNOLLY — Marian B., formerly of Linden; Feb. 1. Hospital volunteer, mother.
- COPPOLA — Antoinette M., formerly of Hillside; Jan. 28. Lionel Corp. inspector.
- CROSBY — Annie L., formerly of Roselle; Jan. 25. Great-grandmother, 88.
- DEVLIN — Cynthia Kluge, of Cranford; Jan. 25. Teacher, deacon, mother.
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- DZEJAK — Eleanor, of Rahway; Jan. 28. Great-grandmother, 88.
- ELLISH — Alex, of Roselle Park; Jan. 29. Singer Sewing Machine salesman.
- GARDNER — Joanne E., formerly of Linden; Jan. 16. Sales representative.
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- GUZZI — Jeremiah J. Sr., of Roselle Park; Jan. 27. Retired teamster, father.
- HAYWOOD — Larry, formerly of Rahway; Jan. 27.
- HUDAK — Susan L., of Linden, formerly of Irvington; Jan. 29. BOE member.
- KOZA — Paul P., of Hillside; Jan. 26. WWII vet, Bronze Star Medal recipient.
- LAWTON — James R., formerly of Union; Jan. 25. Korean War vet, carpenter.
- LOW — Joseph, of Rahway; Jan. 25. Husband and father.
- MARBACH — Kenneth, formerly of Rahway; Jan. 28. Army vet, teamster, father.
- MCCAFFERTY — Mary Ellen, of Springfield; Jan. 27. Born in Ireland, 96.
- MITCHELL — Janice C., of Fanwood; Jan. 27. Administrative assistant, sister.
- NESS — Charles T., of Cranford; Jan. 24. Worked for Port Authority.
- O'BRIEN — Walter, of Clark; Jan. 28. Army, Merchant Marine vet, father, 89.
- O'DELL — Robert Joseph Sr., formerly of Irvington; Jan. 31. Union HS coach.
- ORLANDO — George C., of Hillside; Jan. 29. WWII vet, fire captain, grandfather.
- PETERSON — Marilyn Blitzman, of Springfield; Jan. 30. Worked at Saks, wife.
- POTTER — Vera, of Union; Feb. 6. Great-grandmother, 89.
- TRAVIS — Sidney B., of Union; Jan. 27. Retired senior accountant, grandfather.
- WATSON — Ellana Litch, formerly of Cranford; Dec. 23. Teacher's aide, mother.
- WOROBEZ — Olga, of Garwood; Jan. 31. Great-grandmother, 90.
- ZALEZNACK — Theresa, of Roselle, formerly Kenilworth, Roselle Park; Jan. 21.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Joseph O'Dell, Sr.

Robert Joseph O'Dell, Sr. passed away January 31, 2017, age 83. A dedicated husband, father, and grandfather, he valued family above all else. He was raised in Irvington and graduated from Irvington High School, where he won numerous athletic honors in track and field and cross country. He continued his studies and athletic achievements at Panzer College and is a member of the Panzer Hall of Fame. He later earned his master's degree from Seton Hall University and guidance certificate from Kean University. He served in the Army during the Cold War as a sergeant of a Nike missile battery. He was a physical education teacher, guidance counselor and track and field and cross country coach at Union High School for thirty-eight years, where his teams won numerous conf-

erence, county, and state titles. A recognized track and field clinician, he frequently conducted clinics as part of the Olympic Development program. He also served as a NJSI-AA track and field official, retiring after sixty years involvement in the sport as an athlete, coach and official.

He is survived by his wife June, his son Robert, Jr. and his wife Emily, his daughter Mary Jane Switek and her husband Edward, and three grandchildren, Thomas and his wife Carolyn, Katie, and Sarah. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Union Track Alumni Robert O'Dell Scholarship Fund established by his former athletes <http://uhstrackalumni.com/contact-us/>

The Funeral was private. Arrangements by The Jacob A. Holle Funeral Home, Maplewood.

KPD arrests man with loaded handgun after lengthy chase

Union County police departments have released the following reports of incidents to which officers recently responded.

Kenilworth

• Feb. 1: At approximately 10:25 p.m., the Kenilworth Police Department arrested Claude Wallace, of Newark, on Kenilworth Boulevard for operating an unregistered vehicle and not observing a traffic control device. According to police, they detected the odor of marijuana in the car and Wallace refused to comply with officers' verbal commands, fleeing the vehicle on foot. Police identified an item in Wallace's hand as a handgun and tackled him in the roadway. While struggling with Wallace and attempting to place him under arrest, police were able to wrestle away the loaded handgun and secure it. Ultimately Wallace was placed under arrest and charged with several offenses including unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of hollow point bullets, resisting arrest, certain persons with firearm prohibited and possession of marijuana.

A firearms trace on the weapon reportedly revealed that it was reported stolen out of Georgia in 2016. Wallace was also issued numerous summonses for motor vehicle violations and transported to the Union County Jail pending an appearance in the Union County Superior Court.

Clark

• Jan. 23: At 9:56 a.m. police took a report of a burglary to an unlocked motor vehicle that was parked in front of a residence on Stanton Street. The incident is under investigation.

• Jan. 27: At 5:12 p.m. on Central Avenue, police arrested Philip Micele, 56, of Bayonne for shoplifting from the ShopRite Supermarket. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

• Jan. 28: At 10:33 a.m. in the vicinity of Raritan Road, police arrested Jevaughn Travers, 19; Kareem Stanley, 22; and Zarif Harden, 21, all of Plainfield for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and unlawful use of credit cards. All three were subsequently released on their own recognizance pending court dates.

• Jan. 28: On Raritan Road, police arrested Allison Schultz, 37, of Jersey City for shoplifting from the Whole Foods Supermarket. She was also charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and subsequently released on her own recognizance pending a court date.

• Jan. 28: At 6:14 p.m. police took a report of a theft of items from a locker at L.A. Fitness on Raritan Road. The incident is under investigation.

• Jan. 28: At 9:34 p.m. police arrested Andre Myrick, 50, for shoplifting merchandise valued at \$735.33, from the ShopRite Supermarket on Central Avenue. He was released pending a court date and subsequently transported to the South Plainfield Police Department on their no bail warrant.

POLICE BLOTTER

• Jan. 28: At 11 p.m. on Westfield Avenue, police arrested Steven Alvarenga, 27, of Jersey City for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia, and hindering apprehension. Also arrested was Norielys Tavares, 22, of Jersey City for of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. Both were subsequently released on their own recognizance pending court dates.

• Jan. 29: At 9:01 p.m. on Raritan Road, police arrested Elizabeth residents Andrew Garcia, 20; Alexandre DaSilva, 19; Patrick Alves, 19, and Diego Pellejero for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. All four individuals were subsequently released on their own recognizance pending court dates.

Roselle Park

• Jan. 31: At approximately 2:23 p.m., police reportedly observed Ronald Perry, 43, of Roselle Park, walking along the sidewalk with a child's bicycle in his possession. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that Perry was not the lawful owner of the bike and could not identify its true owner. An adult bicycle was also allegedly recovered at Perry's residence, and he could not identify its owner. Perry was also allegedly found to be in possession of marijuana; he was charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia, issued a summons and released pending a court date.

• Jan. 30: At approximately 11 p.m., police conducted a motor vehicle stop on a 2008 silver Honda Accord on West Colfax at Larch Street for a moving violation. Upon further investigation police reportedly observed a rear seat passenger Paul Lamberti, 24, of Mountainside to be in possession of marijuana. Lamberti was placed under arrest and was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and issued a summons for failure to wear a seatbelt. He was later released with a court date.

Cranford

• Jan. 31: At approximately 12:49 a.m., during a motor vehicle stop on the Garden State Parkway, police arrested and charged Chad Brown, 21, of Orange for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Brown was processed and released pending a Municipal Court appearance. Passenger Yaseen Salih, 20, of East Orange, was also arrested for active traffic warrants and released after posting bail.

• Jan. 28: At approximately 5:08 p.m., police arrested Alicia Riddick for shoplifting after she was allegedly found to be in possession of stolen items. Riddick was transported to Cranford Police Headquarters, where she was processed, charged and released pending a Municipal Court appearance.

Man arrested for possession during vehicle stop in Cranford

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• Jan. 26: At approximately 12:33 a.m., police arrested Spencer Hubbard, 22, of Tinton Falls in the vicinity of Raritan Road and Moen Avenue for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. He was also issued motor vehicle summonses for failure to observe a traffic signal and possessing a controlled

dangerous substance inside a motor vehicle.

• Jan. 26: At approximately 6:38 p.m., police arrested Neil Ziesemer-Flynn, 28, of Linden during a motor vehicle stop in the area of Raritan Road and Coleman Avenue for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. Ziesemer-Flynn was arrested, processed and

released pending a Superior Court appearance. He was also issued motor vehicle summonses for unclear plates, failure to maintain lamps, driving while suspended and possession of a controlled dangerous substance inside a motor vehicle.

• Jan. 26: At approximately 11:30 p.m., during a motor vehicle stop at Jackson Drive and Moen Street, police arrested

Rachel Cordova, 26, from Milltown and Christopher Day, 26, from Chelsea, Mass., for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. They were arrested, processed and released pending a Superior Court appearance in Union County. Cordova was also issued a motor vehicle summons for failure to wear

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UNION COUNTY ENTERTAINMENT

Arts, entertainment and events are taking place around Union County. See what's happening and take advantage of local attractions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frozen Ball reservations open

Liberty Hall is now accepting reservations for the Frozen Ball on Sunday, Feb. 12. Participants are invited to dress up as their favorite characters from the film "Frozen" and enjoy craft-making, games, a hot chocolate bar and sweet treats. Admission is discounted for museum members. For more information, contact 908-527-0400 or libertyhall@kean.edu.

African wax print exhibit open

Kean University will host "Wandering Spirit: African Wax Prints" at the Karl and Helen Burger Gallery, 1000 Morris Ave., Union, until March 3.

The works in "Wandering Spirit" trace the history of the African wax print and show how these fabrics reflect the stories, dreams and personalities of the people who wear them.

Tee-ball registration open

Registration is open until March 15 for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County Tee-Ball League, for children ages 5 and 6. The season starts in April and runs until June with practice held once a week and games every Saturday or Sunday at Hickory Manor Field. Children will be taught the basic skills of hitting and catching along with the rules of the game.

Uniforms are provided and include a T-shirt and hat. Parents are responsible for mitts and any other equipment.

For more information or an online appli-

cation, visit www.unionlittleleague.org or call 908-686-5722.

CALENDAR

CDC Theatre's 'Blithe Spirit' will begin on Feb. 10

Noel Coward's classic comedy "Blithe Spirit" will run from Feb. 10 to 18, at the CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. Showtimes are as follows: Feb. 10, 16, 17 and 18, at 8 p.m., and Feb. 11, at 2 and 8 p.m.

For additional information, visit www.cdctheatre.org.

Valentine's Day party for children and adults Feb. 11

Liberty Hall, 1003 Morris Ave., will host "My Little Man and Me: Valentine's Day Party" on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. Adults and their little man can enjoy games, crafts, snacks, punch and a photo booth.

Admission is discounted for museum members. For more information, contact 908-527-0400 or libertyhall@kean.edu.

Tribute performance to musical couples is Feb. 11

Broadway stars Jarrod Spector and Kelli Barrett will give a Valentine's Day performance, "This is Dedicated: Music's Greatest Marriages," at Kean University's Enlow Recital Hall, 215 North Ave., Hillside, on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. The husband-and-wife duo will perform in a Broadway-style show, which explores the relationships of musical couples.

Tickets are available at the Box Office in Wilkins Theatre, by phone at 908-737-7469 or at www.keanstage.com. For a limited time, use code KSLOVE to receive a discount.



CRIME-SCENE INVESTIGATION — Rahway's Roosevelt School sixth-graders Tommy Jedic and Jayden Gonzalez perform the Cola pH test as the school's gifted and talented students attend the recent Union County GT Convocation C.S.I. The students worked in teams using scientific methods and research, critical thinking and analysis to solve 'The Felix Mystery: Case of the Missing Millionaire.'

Art exhibit begins Feb. 12

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave. in Summit, presents the art exhibition "Hooked on Nature" at the Wisner House Gallery on Sunday, Feb. 12. The exhibit will display hooked and sewn art by Alice Rudell, Tracy Jamar, Liz Alpert Fay and Marilyn Bottjer. Inspired by the connection, value and importance of textiles, the political, social, religious, economic and personal aspects of life can be seen. Old socks, faded T-shirts, men's ties, button, beads, even grass and weeds, become transformed into mountains and garden paths, floral arrangements, abstract landscapes and creatures. All the works are for sale, and the artists will donate 30 percent of all purchases to Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

CAF hosts cabaret Feb. 12

Continuo Arts Foundation will host its first event of the year, the 2017 annual Fund Kick-off Cabaret on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Continuo Arts Conservatory Hall, 36 Chatham Road, Summit. There will be performances by conservatory member soloists and ensembles and refreshments will be served.

For additional information, visit continuoarts.com or call 908-264-5324.

Camera Club is Feb. 13, 27

The Cranford-Millburn Camera Club will meet Monday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut St., Cranford. The presentation will be "Architecture and the Art of Graphic Elements with Frank Smith."

The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Millburn Bauer Community Center, 100 Main St., Millburn. The event will be a competition and

the subject will be "motion," judged by Jordan Basem.

For more information, visit www.cmcameraclub.org, and see the competition page for details concerning deadlines, assigned categories and using PhotoContest Pro to upload photos.

Arboretum hosts 'Talking Garden' lecture Feb. 15

The Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave. in Summit, continues its "Talking Garden" lecture series with Marc Montefusco, on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., for a discussion on "More Sex in the Garden," an updated version of his discussion on reproduction, genetics and evolution. Register at www.reeves-reedarboretum.org or call Doreen Schindler, 908-273-8787, ext. 1010.

Puremovement dance performance is Feb. 16

On Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. the Rennie Harris Puremovement dance troupe will bring African-American traditions of the past, the voices of a new generation, and an exploration of hip-hop culture to the Wilkins Theatre stage at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

Kean U. McLean tribute performance set for Feb. 16

On Feb. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Little Theater, at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave.

Rene McLean and Urban Djeliya will perform a concert honoring the life and legacy of the late jazz singer Jackie McLean.



LEARNING ABOUT JAPAN — Linden School No. 8 teacher Josefina Gil is pictured here dressed as a Japanese princess with her kindergartener students Bartosz Blicharz, Zuzanna Slawinski, Isabella Avila and Brittany Moncayo Noguera for a traditional tea ceremony. Students learned some Japanese words, calligraphy and customs for an upcoming reading unit.

UNION COUNTY QUALITY OF LIFE

Union County offers resident ways to improve themselves, improve the community or help others. Find out where to volunteer, donate, check up on health, take classes or attend workshops.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCC youth program registration is now open

The Office of Continuing Education at Union County College offers classes for kids ages 11 and older. Spring courses offered for youth ages 11 to 13 include "Better Thinker-Better Writer-Better Grades," "Pre-Algebra with Word Problems," "Design Your Own Comic Book," and more. Students ages 14 and up can choose from SAT prep classes, algebra review and "Digital Skills and Ethics." A new class this spring is "2-D Art Exploration." Classes will be held Saturday mornings, from Feb. 25 to April 29, at the Cranford campus.

For information on all courses, visit www.ucc.edu/noncredit. To enroll online, visit www.ucc.edu/nonCredit/RegInf.aspx, call the Office of Continuing Education at 908-709-7600 or visit the office at the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave.

Mayors Council heads to D.C.

The Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control will head to Washington, D.C., on Feb. 15, to urge Congress to appropriate funds to begin the engineering and preconstruction work on the Rahway River Flood Mitigation plan. The mayors will be asking that the chief engineers final report be completed and that plans for construction begin. The mayors expect to meet with U.S. Rep. Leonard Lance; U.S. Rep. Donald Payne; Sen. Corey Booker; Sen. Robert Menendez and senior staff of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

According to Cranford Mayor Tom Hannen, "over \$100 million of damages were faced by residents along the Rahway River during Irene. The mayors have kept their

eye on the ball to ensure progress and we appreciate our federal and state representatives who have been behind us all the way."

The plan includes the addition of two 36-inch outfall pipes, permitting the Orange Reservoir to be drained two days before a major storm to reduce the water elevation downstream. There will be downstream channel improvements through Cranford with 1.5 miles of channel-deepening, with most of the channel work done in the river. There is also expected to be lifting or acquisition of numerous properties in Rahway. The plan had the strongest benefit-cost ratio as part of the federal process, meaning the project benefits of less flood damage exceeded project costs.

The Mayors Council includes the following mayors from the affected areas: Cranford Mayor Thomas Hannen; Union Mayor Suzette Cavadas; Rahway Mayor Sam Steinman; Kenilworth Mayor Anthony DeLuca; Springfield Mayor Diane Stampoulos; Millburn Mayor Cheryl Burstein and Maplewood Mayor Victor DeLuca.

CALENDAR

Support group meets Feb. 9

The Mental Health Association in New Jersey's NJ Connect for Recovery Call Line will offer "Setting Healthy Boundaries," a free support and education group, Thursday, Feb. 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at 2333 Morris Ave., Building C, Suites 206 and 208, Union.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Pam Taylor at ptaylor@mhanj.org or 855-652-3737.

Tax counseling begins Feb. 9

Free tax counseling and preparation for middle- and low-income taxpayers, with special attention to those who are 60 and older, is available Thursdays at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad St., Summit, from Feb. 9 through April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. During the 10-week program, SAGE will host IRS-trained volunteer tax preparers from AARP. Participants do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use the service.

This is a confidential service and preparation is by appointment only. To avoid end-of-tax-season rush, early appointments are encouraged. To schedule an appointment, to know what materials to bring to the appointment or for any additional information, call 908-598-5509.

Baby center event is Feb. 9

The Area Baby Center of Summit will hold its annual "Mid-Winter Respite" at Twin Maples, 214 Springfield Ave., Summit, on Feb. 9. The event will feature winter renewal-themed presentations with lunch served throughout the event. For more information or to RSVP, contact Mary Nohara at mary.nohara@gmail.com.

Union County Black History Month performance Feb. 11

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor a Black History Month performance, "Call Mr. Robeson," a tribute to Paul Robeson, on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 5:30 p.m., at the Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

The event is free. For more information visit www.ucpac.org or call 732-499-8226.

Dominican Nuns fundraiser will be held on Feb. 11

The Dominican Nuns of Summit Centennial Campaign will host a Valentine's Day Dance on Feb. 11, at Our Lady of Peace School Gymnasium, 99 South St, New Providence, with a performance from the Infernos Band. Reservations for the dance include a "fun food buffet," and guests are allowed to bring their own beer and wine.

To make reservations, visit www.501auctions.com/valentinesdance. There are no physical tickets. For more information, email development@summitdominicans.org, or call 201-452-4996.

BGCUC fundraiser Feb. 12

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County Union Club will host a breakfast

fundraiser benefiting Keystone Club members Sunday, Feb. 12, from 8 to 10 a.m. at Applebee's, 1721 Morris Ave., Union. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage. Keystone members will be serving, taking orders and engaging with participants. Members are raising support to attend the 50th National Keystone Conference in Chicago, Ill.

To purchase tickets for this fundraiser or for more information, contact Ron Brangman at 908-687-2697 or rbrangman@bgcuc.org.

Police brutality discussion will be held on Feb. 14

De Lacy D. Davis will present "The Hunt for Black and Brown Bodies in the U.S.: Police Brutality-Don't get Trumped Up," a lecture and discussion Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 12:30 p.m., in the Miron Student Center's Little Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave.

'Love' luncheon is Feb. 15

YM-YWHA of Union, 501 Green Lane, Union, will host a senior "Love" luncheon with Vito Lombardo on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 11:30 a.m. Admission is discounted for members.

To RSVP, call 908-289-8112, ext. 34.

Crime, violence and justice discussion set for Feb. 15

Tyrone Powers will develop the theme, "The Challenge and the Dilemma: Crime, Violence and Justice," on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 12:30 p.m., in the Little Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave.

African-American women incarceration lecture Feb. 16

Rev. Marsha Lee-Watson will deliver a lecture, "A View from the Inside out: Incarceration of African-American Women and Girls," on Feb. 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the Little Theater, 1000 Morris Ave.

CLARK NEWS

AARP meeting and safe driving discussion Feb. 10

The Clark AARP Chapter No. 3733 will hold its next meeting Friday, Feb. 10, at noon, in the Recreation Cafeteria, 430 Westfield Ave. A representative from the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission will discuss "Smart Choices to Keep Driving Longer."

Donations of nonperishable food and pennies will be accepted. For more information, contact Sharon V. Pane at 732-381-3718.

Clark Preschool will host open house on Feb. 13

There will an open house for Clark Preschool, 430 Westfield Ave., Feb.13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Clark residents will be able to explore the learning environment. For additional information, call 732-428-8408.

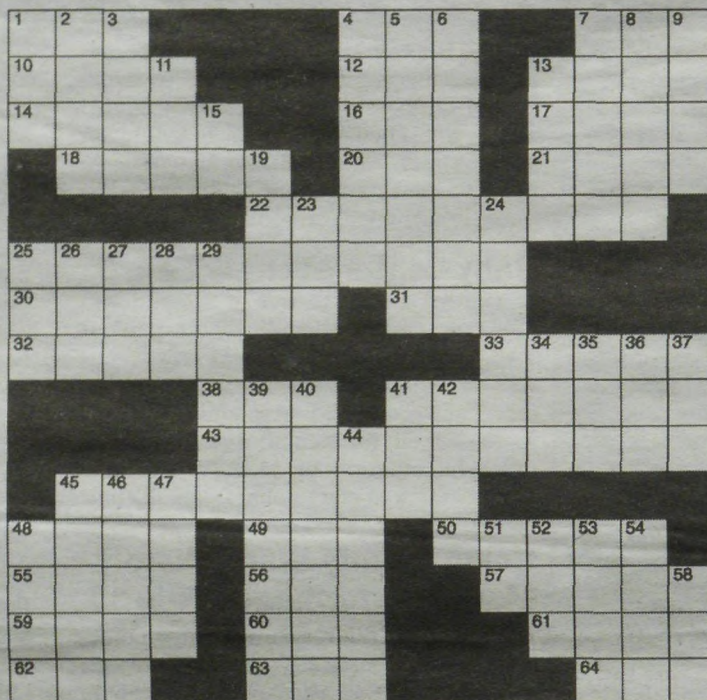
INDOOR SOCCER KICKS OFF — At left, Clark children play indoor soccer at the Clark Recreation Center. Indoor soccer is a six-week winter program offered by the Clark Recreation Department Friday evenings and Saturdays for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. And so forth (abbr.)
4. Used to be United ___
7. Upper left keyboard key
10. Inevitable ruin
12. Consumed
13. N.H. Maine river
14. Sen. Thurmond
16. More (Spanish)
17. Oh, God!
18. Designed chairs
20. Insect living in organized colonies
21. Anglo-Saxon theologian, c.700
22. Ecclesiastics
25. Magic incantation
30. Swan Lake and Don Quixote
31. Affirmative
32. Conspiracy
33. Citizen of Stockholm
38. Light brown
41. Roman judge
43. Sonny & Cher classic
45. Chopped mixture for stuffing
48. Am. Nobel physicist Isodor
49. Maya ___ of Vietnam Veterans Memorial
50. Expressed pleasure
55. *In bed*
56. Finnish
57. Canacol Energy stock symbol
59. Leather strap for hawks
60. UA fraternity est. 3-9-1856
61. Low, sideless cart
62. They ___
63. Single Lens Reflex
64. Point that is midway between N and NE



CLUES DOWN

1. Murrow, Sullivan & Koch
2. Carrying bag
3. Countess of Grantham
4. Key fruit
5. One kept in readiness
6. Bring back to normal
7. Avid
8. Lots of
9. Formal close (music)
11. Dad's partner
13. Point that is one point E of SE
15. Myself
19. Minor disagreement
23. Promotional materials
24. Bahama capital
25. Rudiments of a subject
26. Bleat
27. Right linebacker
28. Flower petals
29. Early culture of Gr. Britain
34. Worldwide internet
35. 7th Greek letter
36. When born (abbr.)
37. Before
39. Existing forever
40. About name
41. Myanmar monetary unit
42. Island north of Guam
44. Soft
45. ___ Castell, makers of pens
46. Excessively fat
47. Eliminates
48. A Hindu prince or king in India
51. Carrier's invention
52. Possessed
53. Deserve through action
54. Doyen
58. A way to change color

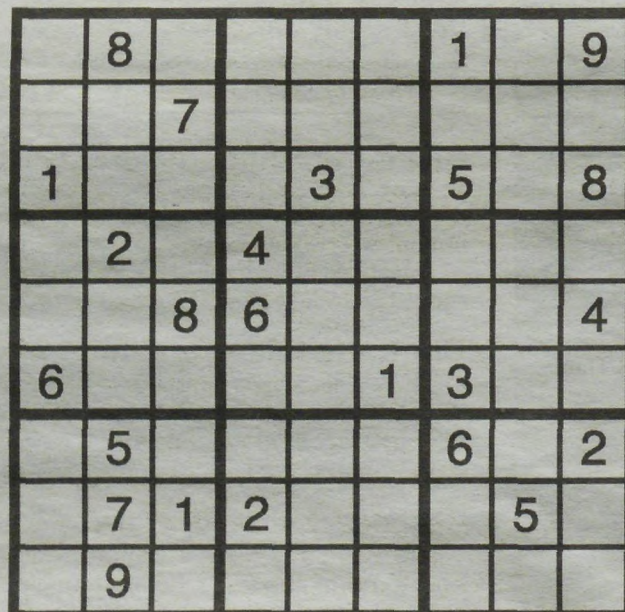
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OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION

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: Advanced

HOROSCOPE

ARIES, March 21 to April 20

You possess a huge capacity to influence the mindset of those around you, or you could just as easily ignore all of them and carry along on your merry way.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21

Bide your time and don't fall prey to any baser instincts this week. You are at a much greater risk of doing or saying something in a heated moment that you may regret.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Your friends are also excellent resources to help you organize your game-plan. Don't reinvent the wheel, just so you can claim you invented it; others did this work to help you.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22

Don't get in your own way this week by blaming yourself for 'creating problems'; calling attention to a situation that needs to be addressed head-on isn't what 'creates' it. Be brave.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23

Discuss your intentions with anyone whose relationship to you is due to change significantly as your forward advances are rolled out. This is an essential step in recruiting support.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22

Stare down that scariest mound of stuff-you-don't-want-to-deal-with, Bring past terrors or traumas to light for exposure and examination, and endure through the unpleasantness.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

It is the perfect week to be both direct with your language and interpersonally specific in targeting your message to the particular individual that you are hoping to affect.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Toiling away in relative solitude will give you a chance to think things through. Too much interaction with others regarding questions you need to figure out for yourself could lead you to discount or dishonor certain crucial feeling-nuances.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Appreciate the connectedness of sharing supposedly uneventful moments with other human beings. Be that warming, pleasing, giggle-conjuring presence... for everyone else, and for yourself, too.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Reorient your sense of home-base using your actual material resources to 'put your money where your mouth is,' starting from the root of your being, you are living true to yourself.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

Confidently argue on the basis of ideas themselves, rather than resorting to emotional manipulation or market-researched talking-points. Use your platform to say your piece, proudly aware nobody else can say it quite like you.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20.

Realize that we all must pick our battles, based not only on their relative importance but also on what else is happening in our lives at a given moment. Don't get distracted by nonsense.

Woman arrested for DWI

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a seat belt, and Day was issued a motor vehicle summons for possession of a controlled dangerous substance inside a motor vehicle.

• Jan. 24: At approximately 8:44 p.m., in the vicinity of Elizabeth and E. North avenues, police arrested Susan Lane-Bosco for driving while intoxicated. She was arrested, processed and released to a friend pending a Municipal Court appearance. Lane-Bosco was also issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while intoxicated, careless driving, unsafe lane change, improper turn and improper use of a divided highway.

• On Jan. 23: At approximately 10:46 a.m., at the intersection of Centennial Avenue and Raritan Road, police arrested Myron English, 40, of Perth Amboy and Dorthy Garulle, 45, of Hamilton for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. English was also issued motor vehicle summonses for failing to maintain lane, failure to wear a seatbelt, driving while suspended and possessing a controlled dangerous substance inside a motor vehicle.

Summit

• Jan. 20: Hekima A. Hart, 20, of Roselle was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. He was released with a pending court date.

• Jan. 21: Carlos H. Opsina, 42, of Summit was arrested for driving while intoxicated and released with a pending court date.

• Jan. 22: At 8:56 a.m. a report was taken for gray 2016 Lexus LX570 stolen from a Fernwood Road residence. The vehicle, which had been left unlocked, was taken from the residence at approximately 7:48 a.m. that morning. The victim was unsure if the keys were inside the car.

• Jan. 23: Arthur L. Jack, 32, of South Orange was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. He was released with a pending court date.

• Jan. 24: Hassan A. Hatcher, 30, of Newark was arrested for several outstanding contempt of court warrants from several jurisdictions. He was released with pending court dates from the issuing agencies.

• Jan. 26: Justin C. Navas, 18, of Summit was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was released with a pending court date.

• Jan. 26: Henry Garcia, 35, of Springfield was arrested for possession of marijuana and released with a pending court date.

• Jan. 26: At 1:42 a.m. police took a report for a theft of services. A taxi driver reported that he transported two Summit residents home to a residence on Euclid Avenue and they exited the vehicle without paying \$254 owed to the driver.

• Jan. 27: Joshua George Leh, 26, of Asbury was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. He was released with a pending court date.

• Jan. 28: Elsie Y. Ortiz, 50, of Lyndhurst was arrested for operating a motor

vehicle with a suspended license. She was released with a pending court date.

• Jan. 29: At 11:18 a.m. police took a report of a theft from an unlocked motor vehicle parked at Morris Avenue residence that occurred between 5 p.m. on Jan. 28 and 11:18 a.m. on Jan. 29. According to police reports, taken from the vehicle were a \$50 Lowe's gift card, a \$50 Best Buy gift card, a blue and pink Adidas backpack, several articles of clothing and approximately \$4 in loose change, for a total value of approximately \$200.

• Jan. 31: Dee Paul Thompson, 54, of Tomall, Texas was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and was released with a pending court date.

• Jan. 31: At 9:45 a.m. police took a report of a theft from a Springfield Avenue business that occurred Jan. 15, between 11:50 and 11:57 a.m. The victim reported one, 18k gold Buccellati hoop earring went missing from a locker room. The set of earrings is valued at approximately \$1,830, according to police reports.

• Feb. 1: Laryssa K. Lago, 26, of Elizabeth was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; she was released with a pending court date.

• Feb. 1: Randy Taysing, 26, of Paterson was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and was released with a pending court date.

• Feb. 1: William J. Sanchez-Hernandez, 35, of Union was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and was also detained for numerous warrants from multiple jurisdictions. He posted bail and was released with pending court dates.

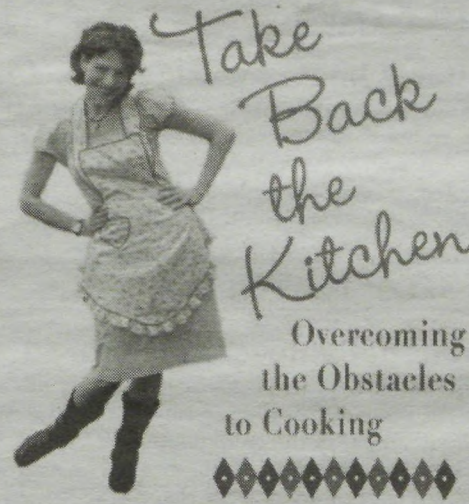
• Feb. 1: Dayanna Velasquez-Osorio, 20, of Summit was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; she was released with a pending court date.

• Feb. 1: Robert T. Mitchell, 77, of Summit was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and was released with a pending court date.

• Feb. 1: At 6:18 p.m. police took a report of a theft from an unlocked motor vehicle parked at a Dennis Place residence. The incident occurred between 7 p.m. hours on Jan. 4, and 6:45 a.m. on Jan. 5. According to police reports, a Milwaukee Hole Hawg Drill, valued at approximately \$200, was removed from the vehicle.

• Feb. 1: At 6:18 p.m. police took a report for a theft from an unlocked motor vehicle parked at a Dennis Place residence. The incident occurred between 7 p.m. hours on Jan. 16, and 6:45 a.m. on Jan. 17. The victim reported that a Mikita SDS Hammer Drill, valued at approximately \$180, was removed from the vehicle.

This information is provided by various police departments in Union County in accordance with the Open Public Records Act. All persons charged are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



I was trying to find a purpose for my load of organic potatoes from my CSA — Community Supported Agriculture — box. I decided on making a less heavy version of a potato corn chowder, using water instead of milk or cream. It came out delicious and you hardly notice it has no dairy. Making use of frozen corn and steaming the potatoes beforehand makes this a very simple soup for dinner or lunch. Enjoy!

Dairy Free Potato Corn Chowder

Ingredients

10 small potatoes, washed, diced and steamed; peel on if organic
1 cup frozen or fresh corn
2 stalks celery, washed and diced
1 large onion, chopped coarsely
4 cloves fresh garlic, chopped finely
2 Tbs. dehydrated onion
1 Tbs. dried dill
2 tsp. kosher salt
1 tsp. ground black pepper
6 cups water
Olive oil for sauteing

Steps

In a large pot over low flame, add 1

Tbs. olive oil and saute chopped onions until almost wilted.

Add in the chopped celery and saute until the onions are caramelized and the celery is softened. Add more oil if need be.

In the same pot, add the water, the dehydrated onion, the garlic, the dill, the salt, the pepper and raise the flame to medium.

Simmer for about 10 minutes and then add in the steamed potatoes and the corn.

Simmer for about 10 more minutes and serve hot or store in the fridge or freezer.

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.

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

HILLSIDE NEWS

Superintendent of Hillside Schools hosts meeting Feb. 11

Hillside School District Superintendent of Schools Antoine Gayles will host meetings at AP Morris School, 143 Coe Ave., from 10 a.m. to noon on the following Saturdays: Feb. 11, March 11, April 15 and May 15.

Parents and community members are invited to meet the superintendent and discuss their concerns about the school or district.

MOUNTAINSIDE NEWS

OLL celebrates feast day and chapel anniversary Feb. 11

Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the 17th anniversary of their Perpetual Adoration Chapel on Saturday, Feb. 11, with a Mass at 5 p.m., followed by a light supper in the church hall.

The main celebrant will be Father Chris Ciccarino, a former parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes, now associate dean for seminary and academic studies at the Seton Hall School of Theology.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLAINFIELD

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
Docket No: F-000972-17

Nationstar Mortgage LLC

vs.

PLAINTIFF,

Swain Joseph and Lucendia Joseph, husband and wife, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

Monarch at East Front Street Condominium Association, Inc.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Shapiro & DeNardo, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 14000 Commerce Parkway, Suite B, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, an answer to the complaint (and amended complaint, if any) filed in a civil action in which NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is Plaintiff and MONARCH AT EAST FRONT STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. is a Defendant, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION and bearing Docket # F-000972-17 within Thirty-five (35) days after February 9, 2017, 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 (and amended complaint, if any). You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, 24 Market Street, Trenton, NJ 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 June 1, 2010, made by SWAIN JOSEPH A/K/A S. JOSEPH AND LUCENDIA JOSEPH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Mortgagee(s), to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS recorded on June 7, 2010, in Book 12916, Page 373, and (2) to recover possession of the concerned situated in the City of Plainfield, commonly known as: Lot 10.207 C0207 Block 324, Commonly known as 400 E. Front Street #207, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling (201) 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, Monarch at East Front Street Condominium Association, Inc., are made a party Defendant to this foreclosure action because you may have an interest in the subject property by reason of a lien, encumbrance, or otherwise which may be perfected against the property being foreclosed and for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to or against said mortgaged premises.

File 16-017862-FC01
Dated: February 9, 2017
MICHELLE SMITH
MICHELLE SMITH
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
U50353 WCN February 9, 2017 (\$40.18)

UNION COUNTY

UNION COUNTY
Public Notice

To Whom It May Concern:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the terms of the "Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, C. 231, and pursuant to requirements of N.J.S.A 10: 4-10 of the Open Public Meetings Act, please be advised the Freeholder Agenda Setting Session of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders scheduled for February 2, 2017 has been canceled and has been rescheduled for next Thursday, February 9, 2017. The Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7 p.m. As a result of this rescheduling, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders on February 9, 2017, originally scheduled to commence at 7 p.m., will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

James E. Pellettiere, RMC
Clerk of the Board
U50257 WCN February 9, 2017 (\$12.74)

UNL-LEGALS

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000214
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3052210
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
VS.

Defendant: MINNIE FANN, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS/HER, THEIR, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, ARMEDIA SIMPSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS CO EXECUTRIX, LOUISE SCOTTROUNTREE, AS CO EXECUTRIX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Sale Date: 02/22/2017
Writ of Execution: 07/28/2016

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
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.
STREET & STREET NO: 262 Williamson Avenue

TAX BLOCK AND LOT:
BLOCK: 409 LOT: 40
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 35' x 100'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Clinton Place
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 \$511.60 as of 11/22/2016

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

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$477,077.53***Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Seventy-Seven and 53/100***

Attorney:
POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS
728 MARNE HWY
P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200
MOORESTOWN NJ 08057
(856)802-1000

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$491,181.84***Four Hundred Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Eighty-One and 84/100***
January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017
U49780 UNL (\$145.04)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000017
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F02056915
County: Union
Plaintiff: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY
VS.

Defendant: RUDOLPH TRIZNA, DECEASED, HIS/HER HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; ARLENE GOODMAN; MR. GOODMAN, HUSBAND OF ARLENE GOODMAN; DEBORAH CASABONA; MR. CASABONA, HUSBAND OF DEBORAH CASABONA; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Sale Date: 02/15/2017
Writ of Execution: 09/20/2016

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 municipality of HILLSIDE in the County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as 222 BOSTON AVENUE, HILLSIDE, NJ 07205
Tax LOT 21 BLOCK 715
Dimensions of Lot: 42 feet wide by 118 & REAR feet long
Nearest Cross Street: SOUTH MYRTLE STREET

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

*SUBJECT TO ANY UNPAID TAXES, MUNICIPAL LIENS OR OTHER CHARGES, AND ANY SUCH TAXES, CHARGES, LIENS, INSURANCE PREMIUMS OR OTHER ADVANCES MADE BY PLAINTIFF PRIOR TO THIS SALE. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE TO CONDUCT AND RELY UPON THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT ANY OUTSTANDING INTEREST REMAIN OF RECORD AND/OR HAVE PRIORITY OVER THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED AND, IF SO THE CURRENT AMOUNT DUE THEREON.

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: \$145,979.12***One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine and 12/100***

Attorney:
RAS CITRON LAW OFFICES
130 CLINTON ROAD
SUITE 202
FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004
(973) 575-0707
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

KENILWORTH NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brearley PTO seeks vendors

David Brearley Middle and High School, 401 Monroe Ave., is looking for vendors for its vendors and crafters show, which takes place Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the school cafeteria and first floor hallway.

Set-up time for vendors is from 7 to 9 a.m., and breakdown time is from 4 to 5 p.m.

Vendors must provide their own tables; electrical outlets are not available. Vendors are encouraged to donate an item for the raffle.

If interested, contact Darlene Candarella at saldeemarc@verizon.net or 908-931-1353. The deadline for vendor registration is Feb. 28.

CALENDAR

Bingo for children Feb. 10

Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard, will hold a Bingo game session for young children Friday, Feb. 10, from 3:30 to 4 p.m. for children ages 3 and older. Parents must remain in the library during the program.

KPL technology program will be held on Feb. 15

Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard, will offer a technology program for children and teens ages 9 to 17 on the following Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Feb. 8 and 15. Registration is required.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Total Upset: \$150,946.07***One Hundred Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six and 07/100***
January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2017
U49334 UNL (\$172.48)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000037
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F04169414
County: Union
Plaintiff: WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, DOING BUSINESS AS CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2015-14ATT
VS.

Defendant: NEILSON ROCHA
Sale Date: 02/15/2017
Writ of Execution: 07/15/2016
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 410 HARVARD AVENUE, HILLSIDE, NJ 07205
TAX LOT #: 8 IN BLOCK #: 704
DIMENSIONS (APPROX.): 39 X 80
NEAREST CROSS STREET: BLOY STREET

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

DATE: Oct. 31, 2016 BY: MICHEL LEE ESQ.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$768,009.49***Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Nine and 49/100***

Attorney:
KNUCKLES KOMOSINSKI & MANFRO LLP
50 TICE BOULEVARD
SUITE 183
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NJ 07677
201-391-0370

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$808,221.29***Eight Hundred Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-One and 29/100***
January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2017
U49337 UNL (\$107.80)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000185
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F02158814
County: Union
Plaintiff: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
VS.

Defendant: FREDERICK NEIDERHEISER AND NANCY RUCKERT
Sale Date: 02/22/2017
Writ of Execution: 11/13/2015
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HILLSIDE, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 517 PURCE STREET, HILLSIDE, NJ 07205
TAX LOT #: 11 IN BLOCK #: 505
DIMENSIONS (APPROX.): 35 X 100

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEAREST CROSS STREET: BLOY STREET
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION

DATE: Nov. 21, 2016 MICHEL LEE, ESQ.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$525,407.05***Five Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seven and 05/100***

Attorney:
KNUCKLES KOMOSINSKI & MANFRO LLP
50 TICE BOULEVARD
SUITE 183
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NJ 07677
201-391-0370

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$560,904.72***Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 72/100***
January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017
U49783 UNL (\$99.96)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000241
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00359116
County: Union
Plaintiff: HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-0P1
VS.

Defendant: ELVA RODRIGUEZ A/K/A ELVA A. RODRIGUEZ, MR. RODRIGUEZ, HUSBAND OF ELVA RODRIGUEZ A/K/A ELVA A. RODRIGUEZ, SADDLE BROOK SURGICENTER, STRATFORD APARTMENTS
Sale Date: 02/22/2017
Writ of Execution: 10/21/2016

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

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey. PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1273 Baker Street, Hillside, NJ 07205

TAX LOT #: 1, BLOCK #: 1206
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 51 x 85
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Third Street
A FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY.
SUBJECT TO ANY OPEN TAXES, WATER/SEWER, MUNICIPAL OR TAX LIENS THAT MAY BE DUE.
PRIOR MORTGAGES AND/OR JUDGMENTS: N/A

THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$482,334.04***Four Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four and 04/100***

Attorney:
URDREN LAW OFFICES, P.C.
111 WOODCREST ROAD
WOODCREST CORPORATE CENTER - SUITE 200
CHERRY HILL NJ 08003
(856)669-5400
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$495,261.15***Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-One and 15/100***
January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017
U49779 UNL (\$127.40)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000328
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F00735509
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION
 VS

Defendant: GREGORY GILES; PHYLLIS I. GILES; TIFFANY NICHOLSON, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST

Sale Date: 03/08/2017
 Writ of Execution: 11/23/2010

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

The property to be sold is located in: The Township of HILLSIDE, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 1382 HARDING TERRACE, HILLSIDE, NJ 07205

Tax Lot No. 55 Block 1108
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 35 X 139
 Nearest Cross Street: Hillside Avenue
 Subject to Tax and prior lien info:

Subject to Prior Mortgage 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. KML LAW GROUP, P.C. 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: \$188,972.82***One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two and 82/100***

Attorney: KML LAW GROUP, P.C. 216 HADDON AVENUE STE. 406 WESTMONT, NJ 08108 (215) 627-1322

1-609-250-0700 File# 116951/NJ18557FC

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$225,495.70***Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Five and 70/100***

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017
 U50285 UNL (\$158.76)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000055
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F00100416
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: NS0153, LLC
 VS

Defendant: MICHAEL ROBES; MARILETTE ROBES; NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC

Sale Date: 02/15/2017
 Writ of Execution: 10/14/2016

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

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 170 Conant Street, Hillside, NJ 07205

Tax Lot #: 14 in Block #: 1503
 Dimensions (Approx.) 124.21 x 59.89 x 123.02 x 60

Nearest Cross Street: John Glenn Dr.

Important: Indicate lien information, if any, to be advertised pursuant to the Supreme Court decision of 10/28/99-Summit Bank vs. Dennis Thiel (A-58-98).

Sheriff, kindly advertise the following:

N/A

By: Adam J. Friedman, Esq.
 Dated: November 14, 2016

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$464,710.23***Four Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ten and 23/100***

Attorney: FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 950 THIRD AVENUE 11TH FLOOR

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW YORK, NY 10022
 (212) 471-5100
 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$475,665.18***Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Five and 18/100***
 January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2017
 U49336 UNL (\$111.72)

ROSELLE PARK

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
 NOTICE OF AWARD**

1. CONTRACTOR: Samuel Klein & Company Newark, New Jersey

2. NATURE: Auditing services and other financial services

3. DURATION: One (1) year

4. AMOUNT: \$32,025.00 for Audit of Current Fund, Trust Fund, General Capital Fund and Library.

\$5,500.00 for the Audit of Sewer Utility.

\$5,500.00 for the Review and Preparation of the 2017 Annual Financial Statement.

\$650.00 for Preparation of Annual Debt Statement.

\$350.00 for the Preparation of Supplemental Debt Statement, per Statement.

\$1,100.00 for Review of Deferred Compensation Plan.

\$5,500.00 for 2017 Budget Review Preparation and Services to include providing and maintaining a comprehensive and automated Budget Development Tool. Consistent with the Annual Formats and Rules and Regulations of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, as consistent with the Union County Financial Information System and Compatible/ Convertible to all Current Microsoft Office 2000 Standards Providing a Redundant Verification and Review of the Budget as Adopted and Approved by DCA/DLGS.

\$8,500.00 assistance in the preparation of official statements for bond and/or note sales and \$5,250.00 for each update.

\$750.00 for Review of LOSAP Report.

Dated: January 6, 2017

Doreen Cali, Borough Clerk
 U50330 UNL February 9, 2017 (\$22.54)

UNION

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Township of Union Division of Purchasing will receive sealed Bids for **TEMPORARY LABOR SERVICES 2017** at the Main Meeting Room Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Township of Union, Union County, New Jersey on February 23, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. sharp at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file in the Division of Purchasing Office, Township of Union.

Copies of the documents may be obtained in person only, at the Division of Purchasing Office, Lower Level, Municipal Building, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE MAILED. BIDDERS MUST APPEAR IN PERSON AT THE SPECIFIED TIME AND DATE OF BID OPENING.

Each Proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to the Township of Union in the amount equal to Ten Percent (10%) of the Bid. The Surety on the Bid Bond must be a Corporate Surety licensed to sign Surety Bonds in the State of New Jersey. No Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond will be accepted if the amount is less than Ten Percent (10%) of the Total Bid Amount but in no event need the same exceed \$20,000.00. Deposits accompanying Bids shall be sealed in the Bid Envelope.

Alternative Bids will not be considered unless specified otherwise in the Technical Specifications. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 C.127, N.J. (NJAC 17:27) (Affirmative Action Act), P.L. 1963, C. 150 (Prevailing Wage Act), and Chapter 33, Laws of New Jersey 1977 (Stockholders Names). If awarded a contract your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 C. 127 (NJAC 17:27).

Legislation signed into law that will effect certain Public Contracts P.L.1999, c238, "THE PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT" IS IN EFFECT.

Contractors performing covered Public Work on the effective date must apply for Registration within thirty (30) days of the effective date. Contractors not performing Public Work on effective day of the Act must apply for registration before bidding On a Public Works contract. A copy of the registration application will establish eligibility for award for a period of thirty (30) days. For purposes of "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act "Public Works" is defined as "the Construction, demolition, alteration, repair or maintenance of a public building regularly open to and used by the general public or a public institution, and includes any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor as defined herein, except that, for purposes of the Act, no pumping station, treatment plant or other facility associat-

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ed with utility and environmental construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, repair or maintenance shall be regarded open to and used by the general public or a public institution".

It is important to note that, although not required to register, contractors who perform covered work or public projects not included in this definition of "public works" must still comply with the provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et.Seq.) as regards the payment of prevailing wage rates and the keeping/submitting of certified payroll records.

The Township of Union reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. The Township of Union reserves the right to sever and make awards of all or parts of any Bids to one or more bidders. No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Bids without the consent of the Township of Union.

One (1) copy of the Bid must be fully executed and presented on the proposal form provided. Bids must be presented by a representative of the Bidder, when called for by the Purchasing Division, and not before or after. BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL. Specifications are not to be submitted with Bid documents.

By Order of the Township of Union Committee
 ELLEEN BIRCH, TOWNSHIP CLERK
 U50325 UNL February 9, 2017 (\$52.43)

PRO-LEGALS

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000186
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F03652308
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 VS

Defendant: EDUARDO M. ARIAS; BARBARA T. ARIAS

Sale Date: 02/22/2017
 Writ of Execution: 10/09/2015

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: Elizabeth

COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.

STREET & STREET NO: 1025 Madison Avenue TAX BLOCK AND LOT:

BLOCK: 12 LOT: 840

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 4.791 sq ft

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Alina Street

SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any):

LIBERTY WATER ACCT # 554283143 holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$84.96 as of 11/21/2016.

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

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$565,086.88***Five Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Eighty-Six and 88/100***

Attorney: POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS 728 MARNE HWY P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200 MOORESTOWN NJ 08057 (856)802-1000

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$600,353.57***Six Hundred Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Three and 57/100***

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017
 U49798 PRO (\$133.28)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000033
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F02261315
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2
 VS

Defendant: FRANCISCO MONCADA; MRS. MONCADA, WIFE OF FRANCISCO MONCADA

Sale Date: 02/15/2017
 Writ of Execution: 09/20/2016

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.

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All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey

PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 761-763 Fairbanks Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202

Tax Lot #: 444A, BLOCK #: 4

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 100 x 50

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Allen Street

A FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY.

SUBJECT TO ANY OPEN TAXES, WATER/SEWER, MUNICIPAL OR TAX LIENS THAT MAY BE DUE.

PRIOR MORTGAGES AND/OR JUDGMENTS: N/A

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$516,098.06***Five Hundred Sixteen Thousand Ninety-Eight and 06/100***

Attorney: UDRDEN LAW OFFICES, P.C. 111 WOODCREST ROAD SUITE 200 CHERY HILL NJ, 08003 856-669-5400

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$530,130.90***Five Hundred Thirty Thousand One Hundred Thirty and 90/100***

January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2017
 U49342 PRO (\$125.44)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000046

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F00286716

County: Union

Plaintiff: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWTAL, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-21CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-21CB

VS

Defendant: MOISES DAVALOS AND MIRIAM DAVALOS H/W

Sale Date: 02/15/2017
 Writ of Execution: 07/28/2016

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 City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey

Commonly known as 430 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07206;

Tax Lot No. 356 Block 5

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 25 feet wide by 137 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: Fourth St.

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$454,013.62***Four Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Thirteen and 62/100***

Attorney: KML LAW GROUP, P.C. 216 HADDON AVENUE STE. 406 WESTMONT, NJ 08108 (215) 627-1322

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$466,427.55***Four Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven and 55/100***

January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2017
 U49339 PRO (\$135.24)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000133

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F05423814

County: Union

Plaintiff: FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS

Defendant: ROBERT J RAFAEL

Sale Date: 02/22/2017
 Writ of Execution: 09/27/2016

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.

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Commonly known as address: 416 Fulton Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206

Municipality: City of Elizabeth

Lot and Block: Lot 539, Block 3

Approximate dimensions: 100.00 x 25.00 Feet

Nearest cross street: Fourth Street

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$658,034.21***Six Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Thirty-Four and 21/100***

Attorney: BUCKLEY MADOLE, P.C. 99 WOOD AVENUE SOUTH SUITE 803 ISELIN, NJ 08830 732-902-5399

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$686,119.70***Six Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand One Hundred Nineteen and 70/100***

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017
 U49787 PRO (\$99.96)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000171

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F03291813

County: Union

Plaintiff: M&T BANK

VS

Defendant: Kirk A. McIntosh a/k/a Kirk A. McIntosh; Angie Franklin

Sale Date: 02/22/2017
 Writ of Execution: 07/20/2016

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: City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey

Commonly known as: 1062 Bond Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201;

Tax Lot No. 174 Block 12

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venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth
COUNTY AND STATE: County of Union, State of New Jersey

STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 267 Stiles Street

TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: Lot: 1360; Block: 13

DIMENSIONS: 50 X 146 IRR

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Magie Avenue

Beginning at a point in the Northwesterly line of Stiles Street 50.00 feet Northeastly along said line from the intersection of said line of Stiles Street with the Northeastly line of Magie Avenue.

Pursuant to a tax search of 10/15/2015; 2015 QTR 4 Taxes: \$3,064.71 Open, due on 11/01/2015; 2016 QTR 1 Taxes: To be determined, due on 02/01/2016; 2016 QTR 2 Taxes: to be determined, due on 05/01/2016; Water Account: Account #55-031901-7; to 09/24/2015; \$1,116.57 Open plus penalty; \$308.84 Open plus penalty; owed in arrears; subject to final reading; additional accounts may exist; please have seller provide evidence of all service at closing.

(This concise description does not constitute a legal description. A copy of the full legal description can be found at the Office of the Sheriff.)

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$588,385.22***Five Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Five and 22/100***

Attorney: FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP
80 MAIN ST
SUITE 460
WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052
(973) 325-8800

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$619,637.40***Six Hundred Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Seven and 40/100***

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017
U50288 PRO (\$192.08)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000327

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F04031215

County: Union

Plaintiff: BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC.

Defendant: YUKA AGULAN AND GREGORIO AGULAN, H/W; LYNX ASSET SERVICES LLC

Sale Date: 03/08/2017

Writ of Execution: 09/20/2016

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 City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey

Commonly known as 47 Geneva Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206; Tax Lot No. 803 FKA 803 W05 Block 5

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 25 feet wide by 100 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: Merritt Avenue

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$656,807.12***Six Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seven and 12/100***

Attorney:

KML LAW GROUP, P.C.

216 HADDON AVENUE

STE. 406

WESTMONT, NJ 08108

(215) 627-1322

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

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Total Upset: \$673,499.96***Six Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Nine and 96/100***
February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017
U50289 PRO (\$125.44)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000329

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F03404814

County: Union

Plaintiff: HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, FSB VS

Defendant: VINCENTE ROSA; CASSANDRA ROSA

Sale Date: 03/08/2017

Writ of Execution: 05/22/2015

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.

The property to be sold is located in City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey

Commonly known as 412 Marshall Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206-0000; Tax Lot No. 5 Block 919

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 25 feet wide by 100 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: Fourth Street

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$666,090.95***Six Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Ninety and 95/100***

Attorney:

KML LAW GROUP, P.C.

216 HADDON AVENUE

STE. 406

WESTMONT, NJ 08108

(215) 627-1322

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$704,942.56***Seven Hundred Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two and 56/100***

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

U50290 PRO (\$127.40)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000357

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F701516

County: Union

Plaintiff: BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY VS

Defendant: ETHEL JACKSON; NATHAN JACKSON, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; ELIZABETH DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE (TENANT); STATE OF NEW JERSEY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Sale Date: 03/08/2017

Writ of Execution: 11/10/2016

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: 207-211 BOND STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201

Tax Lot No. 801 in Block No. 1

Dimension of Lot Approximately: 75 X 100

Nearest Cross Street: SECOND STREET

BEGINNING at a point in the Northwesterly line of Second Street distant Northeastly along the same 75.00 feet from the Northeastly line of Bond Street and running thence:

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

PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES

WATER: Liberty Water PO BOX 371852 Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7858 855-722-7066 Acct: 554345868 To: 11/09/2016 \$153.22 OPEN; \$114.81 OPEN PLUS PENALTY, OWED IN ARREARS

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

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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: \$435,404.70***Four Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Four and 70/100***

Attorney:

FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC

7 CENTURY DRIVE

SUITE 201

PARSIPPANY NJ 07054

(973) 538-4700

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$445,773.49***Four Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Three and 49/100***

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

U50295 PRO (\$158.76)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000156

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F04363714

County: Union

Plaintiff: U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST VS

Defendant: GUILLERMO BELLIDO

Sale Date: 02/22/2017

Writ of Execution: 11/18/2016

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

Premises commonly known as: 34 MELROSE TERRACE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07208-1706

BEING KNOWN AS LOT 847, BLOCK 13 on the official Tax Map of the CITY of ELIZABETH

Dimensions: 37.50 FT X 125.41 FT X 37.83 FT X 120.46 FT

Nearest Cross Street: North Avenue

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

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

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

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

Subject to prior mortgage: None

Subject to prior liens: None

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$159,785.17***One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Five and 17/100***

Attorney:

PHELAN HALLINAN DIAMOND & JONES, PC

400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD

SUITE 100

MT LAUREL NJ, 08054

856-813-5500

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$168,552.23***One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Two and 23/100***

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017

U49788 PRO (\$164.64)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000211

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F01690715

County: Union

Plaintiff: MAVERICK FUNDING CORP VS

Defendant: MARTHA CORDERO; MR. CORDERO, HUSBAND OF MARTHA CORDERO; AUTOVEST LLC; TRISTATE HOME FURNISHINGS; BAXTER FINANCIAL LLC; WORLDWIDE ASSET PURCHASING II AND GARDEN STATE IMAGING

Sale Date: 02/22/2017

Writ of Execution: 09/23/2016

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public

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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 NJ. It is commonly known as 130E STIMPSON AVE., LINDEN, NJ 07036.

It is known and designated as Block 462, Lot 11.02 (FKA BLOCK 444 LOT 6).

The dimensions are approximately 71' X 100' Nearest cross street: Woodlawn Avenue

Prior lien(s): Sewer account past due in the amount of \$254.73

Garbage account past due in the amount of \$65.00

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

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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$290,577.10***Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Seven and 10/100***

Attorney:

STERN LAVINTHAL & FRANKENBERG, LLC

105 EISENHOWER PARKWAY - SUITE 302

ROSELAND NJ 07068

973-797-1100

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$299,174.75***Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Four and 75/100***

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017

U49785 PRO (\$148.96)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000348

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F01473015

County: Union

Plaintiff: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-19 VS

Defendant: MAZOLA A. ASIE; EULA M. BASKERVILLE, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; BARBARA SAMPSON; REGINALD SAMPSON; DAVID BASKERVILLE III; ROBERT E. SOYKA, DMD; NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL MUSIC CO.; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Sale Date: 03/08/2017

Writ of Execution: 09/23/2016

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

Municipality: City of Linden

Street Address: 19 West 19th Street, Linden, NJ 07036

Tax Lot: 7

Tax Block: 550

Approximate dimensions: 100' x 50'

Nearest cross street: Wood Avenue

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

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$343,143.71***Three Hundred Forty-Three Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three and 71/100***

Attorney:

PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC

20000 HORIZON WAY

SUITE 900

MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054

(856)813-1700

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$354,341.17***Three Hundred Fifty-

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(856)-429-5507
 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$308,057.78***Three Hundred Eight Thousand Fifty-Seven and 78/100***
 January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2017
 U49338 PRO (\$113.68)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000179

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F05211114

County: Union

Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR1 VS

Defendant: DOMINICK M. LAMANTIA; STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Sale Date: 02/22/2017

Writ of Execution: 07/19/2016

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: 68 Pallant Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036

Tax Lot No.: 8 in Block: 213
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 109 x 82 x 58 x 49 x 21

Nearest Cross Street: Berlant Avenue

Subject to Tax and prior lien info:
 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. KML Law Group, P.C. 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: \$313,204.84***Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Four and 84/100***

Attorney:

KML LAW GROUP, P.C.

216 HADDON AVENUE

STE. 406

WESTMONT, NJ 08108

(215)627-1322 File #175666-R1/NJ17872FC

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$335,979.57***Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine and 57/100***

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017

U49831 PRO (\$166.60)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000351

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F03355610

County: Union

Plaintiff: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC

VS

Defendant: ALVARO R. FLOR; LUCIA FLOR; SANTANDER BANK N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK; MANUEL MARIO ROCHA; JAMES V. PARILLO; STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Sale Date: 03/08/2017

Writ of Execution: 10/28/2016

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 municipality of LINDEN in the County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as 339 MILTONIA STREET, LINDEN, NJ 07036

Tax Lot 7 BLOCK 354

Dimensions of Lot: 30 feet wide by 100 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: KNOFF STREET

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

*SUBJECT TO ANY UNPAID TAXES, MUNICI-

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PAL LIENS OR OTHER CHARGES, AND ANY SUCH TAXES, CHARGES, LIENS, INSURANCE PREMIUMS OR OTHER ADVANCES MADE BY PLAINTIFF PRIOR TO THIS SALE. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE TO CONDUCT AND RELY UPON THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT ANY OUTSTANDING INTEREST REMAIN OF RECORD AND/OR HAVE PRIORITY OVER THE LIEN BEING FORECLOSED AND, IF SO THE CURRENT AMOUNT DUE THEREON.

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: \$272,936.84***Two Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Six and 84/100***

Attorney:

RAS CITRON LLC

130 CLINTON ROAD

SUITE 202

FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004

(973) 575-0707

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$281,052.98***Two Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Fifty-Two and 98/100***

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017

U50293 PRO (\$152.88)

LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

Notice is hereby given that the City of Linden, Union County, New Jersey intends to apply for funding from the New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program. The application for the funding will be on file at Green Acres and available for the public to review and comment for a period of 30 days beginning on the 16th of February, 2017 and ending on the 17th of March, 2017. The City of Linden will seek funding to complete Phase 3 of the Hawk Rise Bird Sanctuary Development, which will complete the planned walkway trail. Comments can be mailed to Al McDonald, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Linden, 301 N. Wood Ave, Linden, NJ, 07036-7218 or emailed to amacdonald@linden-nj.org. U50433 PRO February 9, 2017 (\$11.27)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000042

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F00420214

County: Union

Plaintiff: PENNYMAC CORP.

VS

Defendant: ALANNA TAYLOR; GRACE PARKER; EARLINE PRESSLEY AS EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF BESSIE TAYLOR, DECEASED

Sale Date: 02/15/2017

Writ of Execution: 10/14/2016

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

Property to be sold is located in the CITY OF LINDEN, County of UNION, State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 830 DILL AVENUE, LINDEN, NJ 07036-2331 BEING KNOWN as LOT 21, BLOCK 124 on the official Tax Map of the CITY OF LINDEN

Dimensions: 60 FT X 100 FT

Nearest Cross Street: Lincoln Street

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

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

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

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

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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$207,532.93***Two Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two and 93/100***

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

MT. LAUREL NJ, 08054

856-813-5500

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$213,294.95***Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Four and 95/100***

January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2017

U49340 PRO (\$160.72)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000151

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F03534715

County: Union

Plaintiff: FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS

Defendant: SUE DOGAN KAPLAN; MR. KAPLAN, HUSBAND OF SUE DOGAN KAPLAN

Sale Date: 02/22/2017

Writ of Execution: 09/14/2016

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

Property to be sold is located in the CITY OF LINDEN, County of UNION, State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 620 ZIEGLER AVENUE, LINDEN, NJ 07036-2668 BEING KNOWN as LOT 14, BLOCK 160 on the official Tax Map of the CITY OF LINDEN

Dimensions: 100.00FTX40.00FTX96.46FTX9.18FTX31.52FT

Nearest Cross Street: Bower Street

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

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

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

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

Subject to prior mortgage: NONE

Subject to prior lien: NONE

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$205,880.27***Two Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and 27/100***

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

MT. LAUREL NJ, 08054

856-813-5500

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$214,746.82***Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six and 82/100***

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017

U49792 PRO (\$172.48)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000216

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F03499914

County: Union

Plaintiff: FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS

Defendant: TEDDY LECH; JOAN L. LECH

Sale Date: 02/22/2017

Writ of Execution: 10/14/2016

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

bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the CITY OF LINDEN, County of UNION, State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 3012 SOUTH WOOD AVENUE, LINDEN, NJ 07036 BEING KNOWN as LOT 7, BLOCK 569 on the official Tax Map of the CITY OF LINDEN

Dimensions: 50.00 FT X 144.72 FT X 51.30 FT X 156.20 FT

Nearest Cross Street: Main Street

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

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

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

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$528,629.11***Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Nine and 11/100***

Attorney:

PHELAN HALLINAN DIAMOND & JONES, PC

400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD

SUITE 100

MT. LAUREL NJ, 08054

856-813-5500

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$544,174.28***Five Hundred Forty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Four and 28/100***

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017

U49784 PRO (\$164.64)

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000176

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F02463415

County: Union

Plaintiff: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

VS

Defendant: CRAIG THOMPSON; ALICIA F. THOMPSON

Sale Date: 02/22/2017

Writ of Execution: 07/21/2016

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: Borough of Roselle in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey

Commonly known as: 500 East Second Avenue, Roselle, NJ 07203;

Tax Lot No. 1 in Block 802

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 33.33 feet wide by 100 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: Harrison Avenue

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: \$480,649.79***Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Nine and 79/100***

Attorney:

KML LAW GROUP, P.C.

216 HADDON AVENUE

STE. 406

WESTMONT, NJ 08108

(215)627-1322

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$497,455.74***Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five and 74/100***

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017

U49852 PRO (\$117.60)

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000319

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F03150215

County: Union

Plaintiff: FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS

Defendant: TEDDY LECH; JOAN L. LECH

Sale Date: 02/22/2017

Writ of Execution: 10/14/2016

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

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A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$424,337.69***Four Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Seven and 69/100***
February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2017
U50287 PRO (\$143.08)

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000162
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00973616
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK N.A.
VS
Defendant: FILIPPA CERBONE; GIOVANNI CERBONE
Sale Date: 02/22/2017
Writ of Execution: 10/24/2016

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

Property to be sold is located in the BOROUGH of ROSELLE, County of UNION, State of New Jersey

Premises commonly known as: 220 PROSPECT STREET, ROSELLE, NJ 07203-1632
BEING KNOWN as LOT 7, BLOCK 301 on the official Tax Map of the BOROUGH of ROSELLE
Dimensions: 100.0FT X 100.0FT X 100.0FT X 100.0FT

Nearest Cross Street: Third Avenue
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.

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

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

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$226,581.41***Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-One and 41/100***

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

MT. LAUREL NJ, 08054
856-813-5500
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$232,796.88***Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Six and 88/100***

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017
U49789 PRO (\$162.68)

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000178
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F05265014
County: Union
Plaintiff: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
VS

Defendant: PAULINE L. DWYER; MR. DWYER, HUSBAND OF PAULINE L. DWYER AND WOODS END CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Sale Date: 02/22/2017
Writ of Execution: 08/24/2016

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 BORO OF ROSELLE, County of Union and State of NJ. It is commonly known as 516 BROOKLAWN AVENUE #D1, ROSELLE, NJ 07203.
It is known and designated as Block 7504, Lot 65 C5D01.

The dimensions are approximately - N/A - CONDOMINIUM.
Nearest cross street: Wood Avenue
Prior lien(s): None

*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely

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upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

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: \$175,044.34***One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Forty-Four and 34/100***

Attorney:
STERN LAVINTHAL & FRANKENBERG, LLC
105 EISENHOWER PARKWAY - SUITE 302
ROSELAND NJ 07068
973-797-1100

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$180,657.19***One Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven and 19/100***

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2017
U49795 PRO (\$143.08)

OBS-LEGALS

SPRINGFIELD

Public Notice

The Township of Springfield has adopted the Fair and Open Process of the Pay-to-Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20a, et seq.) in its request for proposals and awarding goods and services contracts with an annual value in excess of \$17,500.00. Proposals will be evaluated by the governing body of the Township of Springfield on the basis of the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The evaluation will consider:

- Experience and reputation in the field;
- Knowledge of the community and the subject matter to be addressed under the contract;
- Availability to accommodate any required meetings;
- Compensation proposal;
- Other factors if demonstrated to be in the best interest of the town.

In addition to the above criteria, the Township of Springfield may consider the following criteria, where applicable, in order to evaluate the proposal:

- Assurances of performance;
- Vendor's financial ability and strength to meet its obligations;
- How the costs compare to other proposals;
- If available, are suitable warranties and guarantees available

To this end the Township of Springfield is seeking proposals for the following:

GRANT WRITING SERVICES

- Initial evaluation of the town's current funding procurement efforts; including meeting with all necessary personnel to determine funding goals
- Notification of all available and potential governmental and non-governmental funding opportunities

- Research, preparation, submission and all follow up including appropriate legislative support of all funding applications
- Meet with all appropriate legislative and government officials on the town's behalf pertaining to any grant and funding services
- Any other services the town may require including but not limited to attendance at governing body meetings
- A minimum of two years experience providing these services to municipalities.

Proposals are due by Wednesday, February 22, 2017, by 3 p.m. and may be emailed to Linda.donnely@springfield-nj.us. Proposals may also be mailed to the attention of the Clerk, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081, but MUST be received prior to scheduled time of proposal opening. All envelopes should be clearly marked "Proposal for Services - Grant Writing Services".
U50331 OBS February 9, 2017 (\$34.30)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
FINAL PASSAGE
ORDINANCE #17-3128

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-8 CITY SOLICITOR (appoint city solicitor, establish term and duties)

Ordinance Summary: This Ordinance will permit the City of Summit to appoint its City attorney annually by resolution of the Common Council. Pursuant to this ordinance the City will no longer need to appoint the City attorney with a formal ordinance.

Dated: February 1, 2017
Approved: February 1, 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE

Nora Radest, Mayor

I, Rosalia M. Licatase, 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 Wednesday evening, February 1, 2017.

Rosalia M. Licatase, City Clerk

Dated: 2/1/17
U50357 OBS February 9, 2017 (\$16.17)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
FINAL PASSAGE
ORDINANCE #17-3129

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT VACATING THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN A DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SUMMIT, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (vacate drainage easement near 115 Rotary Drive)

Ordinance Summary: This Ordinance will vacate the drainage easement located at the rear of the property at 115 Rotary Drive, City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey (Block 5605, Lot 2). The owner of 115 Rotary Drive requested that the City vacate said drainage easement. The easement was created during the original subdivision of these parcels to maintain surface conveyance of storm water from the property at 105 Rotary Drive. A swale was never constructed at this location and none exists at this time. The City already maintains a storm sewer easement at the rear of the property located at 115 Rotary Drive, which is currently occupied by a City of Summit storm sewer and accompanying structure. Therefore, the City of Summit has determined that the drainage easement is not needed for any public purpose and that the public interest therein should be vacated and extinguished.

Dated: February 1, 2017
Approved: February 1, 2017

Nora Radest, Mayor

I, Rosalia M. Licatase, 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 Wednesday evening, February 1, 2017.

Rosalia M. Licatase, City Clerk

Dated: 2/1/17
U50355 OBS February 9, 2017 (\$23.52)

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, unspecified 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: Premier Product Development, LLC

For the Period: Until City's Acceptance of Completion of Scope of Services not to Exceed 12 months from date of execution.

Services: Supervision and Management of Investors Bank Field Bleachers & Tatlock Park Improvement Projects

Cost: Not to Exceed \$40,000.00

Rosalia M. Licatase, City Clerk

Dated: 2/1/17
U50354 OBS February 9, 2017 (\$13.23)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF
THE CITY OF SUMMIT
UNION COUNTY, N.J.

Take notice that the Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit will conduct a public hearing at the Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, N.J. at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be called on February 22, 2017, which hearing may be continued as required, on such dates thereafter as may be necessary in the judgment of the Board of Adjustment to complete the hearings and deliberations on an application for development by Ava Holdings, L.L.C. (Matthew Michalopoulos, member) regarding permission to improve the property known as 18 Dogwood Drive, Lot 10, Block 2303 on the Tax Map of the City of Summit in the R-43 District. The applicants seek approval for the renovation of and addition to the existing single family home, together with landscaping and other associated outdoor improvements.

The applicant requests variance relief from the strict application of the Development Regulations Ordinance standards regulating disturbance of regulated steep slopes, building coverage, single and combined side yard setbacks and driveway slope together with all other relief in the form of variances, waivers, interpretations, appeals, or exceptions in the strict application of the provisions of the Development Regulations Ordinance, and other relief, which may arise during the course of the hearings in this application, necessary to realize the development as set forth more specifically in the application for

PUBLIC NOTICE

development on file and as may be amended from time to time including during the course of the hearings and available for inspection in connection herewith.

All maps and documents for which approval is sought are available for public inspection at the Department of Community Services at City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ during the business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

DEMPSEY, DEMPSEY & SHEEHAN
Attorneys for Applicant

By: James G. Webber, Esq.

Dated: February 3, 2017
U50326 OBS February 9, 2017 (\$28.91)

EAG-LEGALS

CLARK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, the following action was adopted at the Public Meeting of the Planning Board, held on: December 1, 2016, Cal. # . The application of: Vincenzo Associates, LLC was granted permission for Construction of a Seven Unit Townhouse Building on property located at: 1132-36 Westfield Ave, Clark, N.J.
The file papers for the above decision are available at the Clark Building Department, Clark Municipal Building, Room 29, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, N.J. for public review during 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

George A. Sanguiliano

Signature
U50321 EAG February 9, 2017 (\$9.31)

CLARK

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT
AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of

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New Jersey on February 6, 2017 and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SYNTHETIC TURF SOCCER FIELD AT BARTELL PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$680,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE A COUNTY GRANT AND A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Purpose(s): Construction of a synthetic turf soccer field at Bartell Park in, by and for the Township.

Appropriation: \$680,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$522,000
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$79,000
Clark Soccer League Contribution Appropriated: \$40,000
Section 20 Costs: \$57,000
Useful Life: 15 years

Edith L. Merkel, RMC
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U50434 EAG February 9, 2017 (\$26.95)

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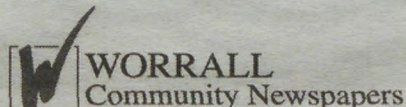
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Union's Nneka Moneme, at right, blocks a shot taken by Governor Livingston's Lara Romano.

Union girls' basketball has strong effort to snap slide Moneme, Seater spark home win over GL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

UNION – Will anyone be able to seriously challenge the Patrick School in this month's girls' basketball Union County Tournament?

Head coaches Justin Meyer of Union and Vin Gulbin of Governor Livingston see the Celtics – who won the crown for the first time in 2015 – as the favorites and why not?

Patrick School won at Summit 68-35 Saturday to improve to 19-1 overall with its sixth straight victory.

Its only loss up until that point was on the road against South Shore of New York 58-50 on Jan. 22 after the Celtics got out to a 13-0 start that included all 13 wins by double digits.

Three of those victories came over Union and GL, with the Celtics winning at home against Union 69-35 on Dec. 22 and at Union 57-33 on Jan. 17 and in between at GL 79-64.

Union and GL clashed Saturday, with the host Farmers winning 46-36 to snap a 4-game slide.

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UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE BOYS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY, FEB. 6:

WATCHUNG DIVISION (5 schools):

- 1-Patrick School (6-1)
- 2-Linden (4-1)
- 3-Roselle Catholic (3-3)
- 4-Plainfield (2-3)
- 5-Elizabeth (0-7)

MOUNTAIN DIVISION (4 schools):

- 1-St. Mary's, Elizabeth (5-0) – champion
- 2-Union Catholic (3-2)
- 3-Westfield (2-4)
- 4-Union (1-5)

VALLEY DIVISION (7 schools):

- 1-Scotch Plains (8-1)
- Rahway (8-1)
- 3-Summit (5-5)
- 4-Roselle (4-5)
- 5-Hillside (3-6)
- 6-Cranford (2-6)
- 7-Gov. Livingston (2-8)

SKY DIVISION (6 schools):

- 1-Johnson (10-0) – repeat champion
- 2-New Providence (8-2)
- 3-Oratory Prep (6-4)
- 4-Roselle Park (3-7)
- 5-Dayton (2-7)
- 6-Breareley (0-9)

UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE GIRLS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY, FEB. 6:

WATCHUNG DIVISION (6 schools):

- 1-Patrick School (10-0) – champion
- 2-New Providence (7-2)
- 3-Westfield (5-4)
- 4-Roselle Catholic (4-4)
- 5-Cranford (1-9)
- Union (1-9)

MOUNTAIN DIVISION (6 schools):

- 1-Rahway (8-2)
- 2-Johnson (6-2)
- 3-Gov. Livingston (6-3)
- 4-Summit (4-4)
- 5-Scotch Plains (3-8)
- 6-Plainfield (1-9)

VALLEY DIVISION (7 schools):

- 1-Oak Knoll (11-1) – champion
- 2-Union Catholic (9-2)
- 3-Dayton (8-4)
- 4-Linden (6-6)
- 5-St. Mary's, Elizabeth (2-8)
- 6-Elizabeth (2-9)
- 7-Hillside (2-10)

SKY DIVISION (5 schools):

- 1-Kent Place (7-0) – champion
- 2-Breareley (5-2)
- 3-Benedictine (3-4)
- 4-Roselle Park (3-5)
- 5-Roselle (0-7)

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Farmers will seek to be competitive vs. UCT foes

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As a matter of fact, the only Patrick School win so far not by double digits was its final Union County Conference-Watchung Division game, which was played at home Thursday against Westfield.

The Celtics had to come back from a seven-point halftime deficit to edge the Blue Devils 43-41. That win enabled the Patrick School to win the Watchung Division with a perfect 10-0 mark.

The Celtics, sparked this year by the play of Ali-yah Powell, Qadashah Hoppie and Za'naja Jones among others, previously defeated Westfield 59-41 at Westfield back on Jan. 12.

So, in spite of its season-long dominance so far this season, Westfield proved that the Patrick School — as good as it is — can be had with the right effort.

"They're the favorite, no doubt," Meyer said. "They're very solid and deep.

"They spread the ball, dribble drive and shoot the ball," Gulbin said. "That's a tough dynamic to stop."

The 42nd annual girls' basketball Union County Tournament was to be seeded Tuesday morning

There's no denying the top four seeds should have been: 1-Patrick School, 2-New Providence, 3-Westfield and 4-Roselle Catholic — which are the four top teams from the UCC's Watchung Division.

New Providence, which was to host Scotch Plains Tuesday night, began the week 16-3, with its only in-county losses to the Patrick School.

Westfield won at Johnson 44-38 Saturday afternoon to improve to 13-5. Westfield's only losses have come to the Celtics and New Providence, twice each.

Roselle Catholic, which won at Scotch Plains 63-24 Saturday afternoon to improve to 14-5 with its fourth straight victory, lost twice to Patrick School and New Providence and once so far to Westfield. RC and Westfield will not play their second Watchung Division game against each other until Feb. 23 at RC.

The seeding committee was to have its work cut out in order to decide seeds 5 through 8 and then the remaining seeds.

Candidates included both Union and GL in addition to defending champion Cranford, Mountain Division leaders Rahway and Johnson, Valley Division squads Oak Knoll, Union Catholic, Dayton and improved Linden and Sky Division foes Kent Place and Brearley.

Oak Knoll captured the Valley Division championship Saturday afternoon with a 61-39 win at Elizabeth. The Royals, which began 10-0 before losing at Lawrenceville and then at Union Catholic in division play, won for the sixth straight time to improve to 16-2 overall. Oak Knoll won the Valley Division title with an 11-1 league mark.

Kent Place clinched the Sky Division crown on Jan. 26 with a 54-37 home win over Brearley to move to 7-0 in the five-team division. Its final division game will be at Benedictine. Kent Place fell to 12-2 last Thursday when it was downed in a conference crossover at Oak Knoll 43-32.

Linden, which dropped down to the Valley Division this year, won its sixth straight last Thursday to improve to 11-7 as the Tigers won at home over conference-crossover foe Brearley 54-42.

"I have no idea where we may be seeded," Meyer said.

"I'll say maybe somewhere between 8 and 13."

"If we had won today (against Union) I would have said between 7 and 9," Gulbin said. "Since we lost, I would say somewhere from 8 to 10."

On Saturday vs. GL, Union was led by outstanding performances from senior center Nneka Moneme and junior shooting guard Allison Seater.

Moneme paced Union with 18 points, 13 rebounds and two blocks, while Seater poured in 14 points, including her team's only two 3-pointers.

Union snapped a four-game losing streak to improve to 8-12, while GL lost for the third straight time to fall to 9-9.

After GL had three leads and there were three ties in the first quarter, Union took the lead for good later in the period at 10-8 after sophomore Ya'Niyah Dickerson made a layup for the first of her three baskets for a total of six points.

"Brianna McNair came back from being sick and that was very important for us," Meyer said, with McNair scoring four points off the bench. "Nneka and Allison also gave strong performances."

The Highlanders were led by a stellar effort from senior forward Lindsay Gerrato, who paced all scorers with 22 points in addition to hauling in 10 rebounds and coming up with one steal.

At the half, Gerrato had 16 of her team's 19 points. In the second quarter of Thursday's 58-53 Mountain Division setback at Rahway, the three-year varsity starter reached 1,000 career points. She finished that game with 24.

"We have to get her more open looks," Gulbin said. Gerrato worked hard for her 22 points vs. Union, often taking the pass in the middle and turning around and hitting a jumper from the free throw line.

Freshman guard Skylar Dowling was GL's next high scorer with seven points.

"I thought Justin did a good job with his defense on Lindsay and Skylar," Gulbin said. "We have to try to spread the ball out more. Against Johnson last week (a 56-44 win at Johnson last Saturday) we were making shots and getting outside shots. We have to do more of that."

Moneme, who will follow older sister Adora as a soccer player at Rutgers, scored Union's first six points and in the fourth quarter grabbed eight rebounds to help Union maintain its lead, which was eight heading into the final eight minutes.

"We continue to work hard in practice," Moneme said. "After rebounding and getting my passes off I was hoping that some of those shots would go in and they did."

Union has lost five games by eight points or less. "As tough as some of the losses are we want to come out and win real badly our next game," Moneme said.

"We've had our ups and downs," said Meyer, whose Farmers began the season 1-4 before the January portion of its schedule commenced. "We're playing three sophomores who have gotten a lot of time now, so it's time for them to step it up."

NOTES: The only UCC division not decided as of Monday was the Mountain. Leader Rahway finished at 8-2, while second-place Johnson was 6-2 and had games remaining at Plainfield and home vs. Summit.

* Additional notes and complete scoring agate can be found at www.unionnewsdaily.com.



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Above, Union senior Nneka Moneme (No. 15) paced the Farmers with 18 points, 13 rebounds and two blocks in last Saturday's 46-36 home win over Gov. Livingston. At right, longtime Union head coach Justin Meyer points the way for one of his players.

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FUTURE COLLEGE FOOTBALL, BASEBALL STARS - Above, Union High School football players sign their national letters-of-intent at the high school on the first day of the 2017 signing period - Wednesday, Feb. 1. From left are, Mike Tverdov-Rutgers, Chris Bournes-ASA, Adens Georges-Montclair State, Al-Tariq Jones-ASA, Diego Hernandez-Caldwell and Darrell Davis-Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). Coaches behind them, from left, are Jason Scott, head coach Lou Grasso Jr. and Carmen Marano. Below, Governor Livingston seniors who will continue playing baseball in college include - from left in between assistant coach Dan Mondelli and head coach Chris Roof - Sean Savage-Clark University, Vinny Doren-Franklin & Marshall, Nicky Cocchia-Montclair State University and Dan Baroff-Franklin & Marshall.



Roselle FB players move to next step

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Roselle has had a rebirth of sorts in football the past few years, with many of the players who led the Rams to much success now continuing to play at the next level.

Those who signed letters-of-intent at the high school on the first day of the signing period Feb. 1 included running back Isiah Byrd heading to Rutgers as a preferred walk-on, defensive tackle Xavier Young to Wagner College, Shaquil Jones to Division 2 Pace University and quarterback Gerald Hairston III and end Junior Jean to Division 2 Lincoln Pa, University.

Drew Stephens, a kick returner, punt returner, wide receiver and defensive back, was to make his college selection last Tuesday. He is projected to play receiver or in the secondary in college at Virginia Union University.

Roselle head coach James Williams, who just completed his fourth season at the helm of the Rams, guided Hairston, Jones and Stephens the past four seasons.

The 5-10, 205-pound Byrd, one of New Jersey's most explosive backs this past season, turned down numerous offers from smaller schools to take a chance at making it on the Division 1 level at Big Ten school Rutgers.

"He turned down scholarship offers because he feels he can play at the Division 1 level," Williams said. "I am 100 percent behind him.

"Some people don't judge size."

Williams reported that Byrd turned down offers from schools such as Seton Hill, Sacred Heart, Pa. and East Stroudsburg.

After playing his first two years at East Orange Campus, Byrd rushed for 685 yards on 117 carries his first season at Roselle in 2015. He rushed for six touchdowns and caught two TD passes.

"His junior year he didn't know what to expect," Williams said. "He had kind of a so-so year. It was not the year we expected him to have."

Here are the two biggest reasons for Byrd rushing for a school record 2,028 yards and scoring 34 touchdowns - 31 on the ground and three in the air - his 10-game senior season.

"Last year Isiah ran track and then he put his body through a rigorous workout plan," Williams said. "He came back ready to go."

Often times the quite elusive Byrd was gone in a flash and in the end zone for six points while defensive players just shook their heads in disbelief.

"His strengths are his ability to read the defense and read his blocks," Williams said. "He ran straight downhill for us, non-stop."

Young, a two-year starter, projects at defensive tackle for Wagner once he gets to Staten Island.

"He's a great kid and real good academically," Williams said. "He and Jones anchored our defense."

Jones, projected to be a defensive end at Pace when he arrives in Pleasantville, N.Y., was a four-year starter for Williams and like Young another good, smart kid.

"He was a tough kid on the field and he always came to practice with his hard hat and ready to work," Williams said.

Lincoln University in Chester County, Pa. will be the landing spot for Hairston and Jean, with Hairston projected to play quarterback and Jean in the secondary.

Hairston was a record-setting, three-year starter at QB for Williams, helping lead the Rams to three straight Central Jersey, Group 2 playoff appearances and the CJ, G2 semifinals in 2014 and 2016.

"He's the all-time leading passer and TD thrower at Abraham Clark and he is one of the smartest quarterbacks I've ever coached," Williams said. "He was like having a coach on the field."

"He's been my No. 1 guy since his sophomore year. He had a bit of a knee injury his junior year, but he really came back in shape and put everything together.

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Springfield native and former Dayton ice hockey standout Brett Berger, Head Coach - ACHA DI Women's Ice Hockey at Adrian College, was selected to represent the U.S. National University Team for the World University Games.

Springfield native Berger is selected to represent team

Three Adrian College student-athletes from the Bulldogs' American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division I women's program and Head Coach Brett Berger have been selected to represent the U.S. National University Team for the World University Games.

Berger played high school hockey in New Jersey at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, where he became the school's all-time leader in point-scoring and assists.

In his first year with the team, Berger was named the Star-Ledger Rookie of the Year. He served as the team captain during his junior and senior years, helping lead the Bulldogs to their first-ever conference championship by winning the Kelly Cup. He also claimed all-conference honors.

USA Hockey recently announced the complete ACHA roster for the Games that are taking place January 28 – Feb. 6 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The 21-player team heading to the Games was picked from an initial roster of 28 following an evaluation camp, held in Woodridge, Ill., and Wentzville, Mo., from Dec. 28-30.

The U.S. National University team will be coached by Shelley Looney, a 1998 Olympic gold medalist. Her assistant coaches include Scott Hicks (Miami University of Ohio) and Berger, who has piloted the Bulldogs to a current No. 2.

ACHA national ranking and 15-2 overall record through the Ohio State series—sweeping the Buckeyes in two games by the same 6-0 score in Berger's last games before heading off to Kazakhstan.

Top 10 schools in the Nation ranked behind Berger's Adrian College Bulldogs include Michigan State, Minnesota, Colorado, UMass, Rhode Island and Michigan.

Following a Wednesday, Jan. 25 departure, Team USA opens up play in Group B against Russia, the tournament's defending gold medal winners, at 1:30 a.m. Eastern time on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The following game comes against Japan on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 9 a.m. Eastern time. Games beyond that are to be determined. LiveSport will stream the tournament and will include a webcast schedule.

The Universiade — an international multi-sport event which is organized for university athletes — is held under the auspices of the International University Sports Federation (FISU). Students of all levels graduating the year before the Universiade and who are between the ages of 17 and 28 can take part in the competitions.

Kazakhstan has been participating in the Universiade since 1993. More than 700 participants have attended, with 125 medals having been won so far.

On November 29, 2011, FISU announced that Almaty was going to be the city hosting the 28th Winter Universiade in 2017. Kazakhstan is the first among CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) countries to host the Winter Universiade.

More than 2,000 athletes from more than 55 countries are expected to take part in the Winter Universiade competitions in Almaty.

** More of this story and an additional photo can be seen at www.unionnewsdaily.com.*

Rams are ready for a new challenge

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Hairston also guided Roselle to the program's first 10-win season, with the Rams finishing 10-1 after falling to Manasquan in the CJ, G2 semifinals and then ending their season with a win at longtime, Thanksgiving Day rival Roselle Park.

Jean (6-1, 208) was a two-year starter for Williams, Roselle's safety the past two seasons.

"He's a real, quick safety," Williams said. "He came along really well for us this year."

5 SENIORS THAT HELPED CHANGE THE COURSE OF ROSELLE FOOTBALL

Five seniors that helped change the course of Roselle football include quarterback Gerald Hairston III, running back Isiah Byrd, wide receiver-punt returner-defensive back Drew Stephens, defensive tackle Xavier Young and defensive end Shaquil Jones.

They were all integral components for the Rams in 2016, leading Roselle to 10 wins for the first time and a 10-1 record and berth in the Central Jersey, Group 2 semifinals for the second time in three years.

Here is their story:

Gerald Hairston III (6-2, 230): Hairston became Roselle's all-time leader in passing yardage, over 4,000, and touchdowns, 48. This year he threw for 2145 yards, 24 touchdowns and only three interceptions. He started every game his sophomore and senior seasons and was injured for much of his junior year.

Hairston had 19 touchdown passes his sophomore season and five last year. He helped guide Roselle to the CJ, G2 playoffs each of the past three seasons.

"A remarkable kid," Roselle fourth-year head coach James Williams said. "He's real solid and real smart. He's just a good kid. He picked up the offense really quick. He was also a good leader."

Isiah Byrd (5-10, 205): Byrd had one of the most productive seasons seen in Union County in recent years. He carried the ball 200 times for 2069 yards and scored 34 touchdowns, 31 rushing and three receiving.

Byrd ran for 810 yards and eight touchdowns during his first season with Roselle last year. He transferred from East Orange Campus to play with former East Orange Campus coaches Williams and Marion Bell, with Bell serving as Roselle's offensive coordinator this season.

"He dedicated himself in the weight room and ran track," Williams said. "Hands down he's one of the top three running backs in New Jersey. I will put his numbers up with anybody."

"He's just a powerful kid. He squats 400. When he hits the hole he doesn't dance. He's a north-south runner."

Williams also reported that Byrd is the owner of a 3.7 grade-point average and a member of the National Honor Society.

Drew Stephens (5-9, 155): Another starter for three years, Drew had 1,000 receiving yards, including 11 touchdowns this season. On defense, he led the team in interceptions with nine, returning four of them for touchdowns.

Xavier Young (6-3, 240): "In my opinion, Xavier was the best defensive tackle in the Mid-State," Williams said.

Young had a team-leading 75 tackles of which 30 were solo and nine were quarterback sacks.

He also came up with four fumble recoveries.

"He just picked up an offer from (Division 2) Indiana University of Pennsylvania," Williams said.

"He's a strong kid, another one who squats 400, and I expect him to be really good at the next level."

Williams said that Young sports a 3.3 GPA.

Shaquil Jones (6-3, 230): Jones also started three years for Williams, producing 61 tackles this season that included 11.5 QB sacks. Jones also had one interception and two fumble recoveries.

"He's a real steady kid, one of the best kids I ever coached."



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