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Union County Dems endorse candidates

By Elana Knopp
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As New Jersey gears up for its November 2017 primaries, the Union County Democratic Committee has put in their official endorsement for several political candidates.

Democratic-backed candidates include Phil Murphy for governor, Union County Sheriff Joe Cryan for state Senate, and Hillside Mayor Angela Garretson for Union County freeholder.

Hillside, which has long been the focus regarding the 2018 mayoral elections, will see several candidates in the much-anticipated race for the township's next mayor.

It has been confirmed by LocalSource that Garretson will not be running for reelection in 2018 as Hillside's mayor.

The county's Democratic Committee, along with local Democratic chairmen, all

officially endorsed Garretson for freeholder at a meeting of the Democratic party on February 22.

Garretson will be replacing retiring Freeholder Vernell Wright. According to sources, Garretson has the support of U.S. Rep. Donald Payne and Irvington Mayor Tony Vauss.

Garretson told LocalSource that she feels honored to have been selected.

"I am humbled and honored to be selected to be nominated to be Democratic candidate for freeholder," Garretson said in a Feb. 27 email. "Along with Freeholder Estrada and Freeholder Hudak, we will champion the values of the Democratic Party by continuously fighting to improve the quality of life for all Union County municipalities. Hillside will always be my home."

The committee also backed incumbent freeholders Angel Estrada and Chris Hudak.

Kenilworth councilman and former Hillside police officer, Pete Corvelli, received the committee's endorsement as Union County sheriff, to replace Joe Cryan, who has been endorsed for state senate. Cryan will be vying for State Sen. Raymond Lesniak's seat in the 20th legislative district, and will be running unopposed in his primary campaign for the Senate.

Lesniak, who announced his bid for governor last month, will be running against Democrat Murphy in the primaries in June. Lesniak previously announced that he was not running for governor.

Union County Democratic Chairman, Jerry Green, told LocalSource that he depends on the local Democratic chairpersons to help make endorsements of political candidates.

"I depend on the local chairs a lot," Green said in a Feb. 24 phone call. "I don't make

the decisions without asking the local chairs for their opinions. There is an open line of communication on issues. We're more inclusive than we've ever been before."

Green said that he consulted with local chairmen regarding endorsements for the gubernatorial race, as well as the freeholder candidates, among others.

"They are involved and help with the decisions and run their towns so that we look like a team," Green said. "We think about what the Democratic party can do on a county and state level to make communities know that we care about them just as much during the year as on election day. Politics is local politics. That's where it all starts."

Union County Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen, told LocalSource that he is pleased that the Democratic party has a balanced ticket going into election season.

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Springfield students, parents learn about online safety

By Jennifer Rubino
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Feb. 23, Detective Dawn Correia from the Union County Prosecutor's Office visited Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield to educate students and parents about online safety. An assembly was held during the day for students and parents were invited to attend the presentation during the evening.

"We have a very good relationship with both the Springfield Police and Union County Prosecutors," Assistant Principal Ron Slate told LocalSource over the phone on Feb. 23. "We decided to take advantage of the programs they offered to us to educate students and make them aware of online bullying. We want to stay ahead of the game before anything happens in our school. There were a few cases in Linden and Elizabeth. We want to show students from a legal standpoint that online actions

are serious to the community. We want to send a message to our students to be positive and productive citizens when they're online."

According to a Feb. 23 press release from the Union County Prosecutor's Office, the presentation focused on the concept of the digital footprint left by users of social media, and how negative information can impact students. Inappropriate and irresponsible use of programs such as Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and others were discussed. The goal of the presentation was to provide parents with information and strategies to help them monitor and guide their child's use of smartphones and social media.

"I was curious to know what they are reinforcing at the school," Leslie Glass of Springfield told LocalSource in an interview prior to the presentation. "I want to

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR — At a recent Clark Council meeting, Clark Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo, right, and Mayor Sal Bonaccorso present the Volunteer of the Year Award to John Kurek for volunteering his services to the Clark Recreation Department and the township. 'John is the first person to jump in and help whenever the Rec Department or township is in need, even if not asked,' Bernardo said.



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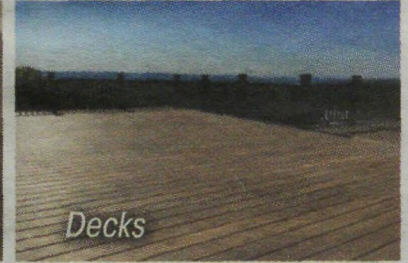
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BOE, EEA controversy continues in Elizabeth

By Elana Knopp
Staff Writer

Teachers and staff members in the Elizabeth school district are saying that the Elizabeth Board of Education refuses to negotiate contracts, and an agreement for retroactive payments has not been upheld.

According to teachers and staff, who are members of the Elizabeth Education Association which represents more than 4,000 educators and support staff in the district, they have not had a contract since June, 2015.

LocalSource reached out to Spokesperson for Elizabeth Public Schools Pat Politano about the contract situation. Politano did not address the issue as of press time.

In addition, teachers and staff say that retroactive payments negotiated between the EBOE and the EEA, with amounts based upon the pay raise that would have been included in contracts for the 2015-2016 year, were just a fraction of the amount they were supposed to receive, and that payments were sent in two installments, instead of the agreed-upon single payment.

Some employees in the district have not received retroactive payments at all.

Another issue, according to several teachers, centers around EEA President Joe Cortico, who some say has been putting the interests of the BOE before union members and stymieing negotiations.

In addition, the Jan. 19 meeting of the board of education — which teachers, union representatives and parents attended to voice their concerns over the lack of contracts and issues with retroactive payments — has become the subject of much controversy, as two board members were caught making controversial comments “off-mic,” which were picked up by a camera filming the meeting.

On the video of the meeting, the two board members, Maria Carvalho and Stephanie Goncalves, can be seen talking together as teachers and staff file out of the room. The mass exodus took place towards the end of Hugelmeyer’s explanation as to why the amount reflected in the retroactive payments received by teachers were accurate.

As the teachers file out, Carvalho and Goncalves can be seen whispering to each other and then motioning to Hugelmeyer to lean in towards them. At that point, audio picks up Carvalho and Goncalves whispering to Hugelmeyer that, “we should garnish their wages.”

This statement was repeated several times by both board members to Hugelmeyer.

Neither Carvalho nor Goncalves responded to LocalSource’s request for comment.

Carvalho did reach out to Pat Politano, spokesperson for the Elizabeth school district, regarding LocalSource’s inquiry into the recorded comments. Politano told

LocalSource that he would look into the inquiry.

According to several teachers in the district who spoke with LocalSource, employees in the school district were expecting the agreed-upon retroactive pay in July or August of last year. After payments were not received, employees were then allegedly told checks would be sent out in November or December.

The first retroactive payment was finally received in January, and the second payment was received this month, with amounts allegedly far less than expected.

Politano told LocalSource in a Feb. 22 email that the situation had been resolved.

“The situation is completely resolved,” said Politano. “EEA members received their retro pay. The second check was received last week.”

Politano did not address LocalSource’s inquiry regarding contracts as of press time.

At the Jan. 19 meeting of the BOE, EEA representatives, teachers, staff and advocates came out to speak on behalf of EEA members.

Jon Lippi, EEA vice president, told board members that he had been receiving calls and emails from EEA members, who told him that the retro payments did not match the agreement made between the EEA and BOE, and ratified by both entities.

But Hugelmeyer defended the board at the Jan. 19 meeting, noting a joint

statement issued by the EEA and the superintendent, dated December 22, 2016.

“The Elizabeth Public Schools agreed to a 2-percent retroactive increase for members of the EEA for the 2015-2016 year,” read the statement. “In calculating the amount of each person’s check, incorrect salary guides were attached to the Memorandum of Agreement that were based on a modified extended-day schedule. This should never have happened because extended-day had already been eliminated in the district’s budget the previous year.”

The Dec. 22 statement also noted that the EEA had acknowledged that the salary guides were “inappropriately inflated.”

Hugelmeyer told EEA members that although they were getting paid for an extended-day schedule, they were only working a regular day. Her comments were met with anger, with EEA members calling out and booing from the audience.

Board president Stan Neron called for order and began to speak as EEA members stood up abruptly and left the room.

“Leadership and communication and honesty are very important,” Neron said. “I’m calling that when we are in leadership positions, we tell the truth at all times and that we’re transparent with the communication we’re putting forth. To

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Summit fisherman catches largest smallmouth bass

By Jennifer Rubino
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Carl Hozub of Summit caught the largest smallmouth bass in the catch and release freshwater species category in the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife’s 2016 Skillful Angler Program.

“I saw a flyer for the program in a sporting goods store and thought it was cool,” Hozub told LocalSource over the phone on Feb. 23. “I thought it would be a challenge and I’m always striving to get recognized for a notable catch.”

Hozub participated in the program last year and plans to participate next year as well. According to the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife’s website, Hozub’s fish measured 20.5 inches and was caught on a boat in Merrill Creek Reservoir. A 5-inch Savage Gear 3-D crawfish on a half-ounce No Tech jig was the lure.

“Fishing is one part knowledge, one part skill and research, and of course there’s always an element of luck,” Hozub said. “I usually try to catch largemouth bass but because they live in the same territory there’s crossover. They’re a very aggressive fish that eats a multitude of

things. They’re known to jump. Getting them to bite and reeling them in is an accomplishment.”

The majority of freshwater fish submissions were for largemouth bass with the smallmouth bass coming in second.

“The smallmouth bass is very common in this area,” Hozub said. “Nationally, they’re one of the most sought-after fish. Retailers appeal to them and there’s competitions on television.”

Hozub has his own YouTube channel and his own following online. He demonstrates how to catch the biggest fish.

“I teach people a technique that’s used mostly in the West so a lot of people in this area aren’t familiar with it,” Hozub said. “My YouTube channel is focused on targeting trophy-sized fish. I’ve had it since 2012 and I enjoy it. I like getting feedback from people and helping teach people new things.”

Hozub has a feeling he will be successful in next year’s competition as well.

“I have a feeling I might win again,” he said.

According to the website, this was the 34th year of the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife’s Skillful Angler Program. It recognizes anglers who catch fish of not quite record size, but large enough to have tested the angler’s skill and be worthy of recognition in each category of the freshwater and marine species category.

“There are three categories for entries,” Jessica Griglak, NJ State Trout In Classroom coordinator and education coordinator, who oversees the management of the Skillful Angler Program at the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, told LocalSource over the phone on Feb. 23. “They consist of adult, junior and catch and release. There are also categories for 20 different freshwater fish and 20 different salt-water fish. Anyone who fishes in New Jersey is welcome to enter. We present a certificate to each fisherman who enters and then for the largest fish in each category. We require that the adult and junior categories have their fish weighed by a weight master. The catch and release category is measured with a ruler and is photographed by the ruler and sent in to us with the entry. Applications to enter are available on our website.”

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Elizabeth Board of Ed, teachers clash on pay

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present a scenario or idea that this board would not want to negotiate a contract for our teachers is absurd and extremely disrespectful to this board because we have been fighting, day in and day out, to make sure you have a negotiated contract.”

Hugelmeyer did not respond to LocalSource’s request for comment as of press time. In addition, LocalSource reached out to all nine members of the school board, none of whom responded as of press time.

Cortico also spoke forcefully at the Jan. 19 meeting, calling out the board for stating that the data upon which the retroactive payments were initially based on had been inflated, thus accounting for the lower payments received by teachers and staff.

“The data was initially provided to us by the board of education,” Cortico told board members. “We did not inflate anything. The board hired an outside attorney and it was reviewed by several attorneys. I trusted you. I don’t want to be put in that situation when you tell someone something that’s been transmitted to you, and then it’s been changed. It’s ugly. The retroactive payments reflect not a single agreement that was made between our own two parties.”

But many teachers in the district are stating that Cortico is just as culpable as the board.

“There is real fear of retaliation if you take action against this regime,” the teacher told LocalSource in a phone call last week. “Cortico just dances around the issue. This is his way of gaining popularity amongst his peers. He lured people in and felt he had the respect of the community.”

Cortico did not respond to LocalSource’s request for comment as of press time.

Christina Cunha-Moreira, a parent-advocate in the district, addressed the board as well.

“Do the right thing and pay them what they work so hard for,” Cunha-Moreira said. “And while you’re at it, settle a contract. They have waited long enough.”

Patricia Gallante, a retired special education teacher in the district, also spoke up at the meeting, calling out Elizabeth Superintendent of Schools, Olga Hugelmeyer, for not following through with her promise to meet with teachers to address the issues.

“Teachers did make appointments with the superintendent, and needless to say, when people arrived for meetings, they were sent over to a payroll supervisor, an unknown person who they didn’t know, that read a statement out loud to them,” Gallante said. “You led the teachers to believe that you would meet with them and then made no attempts to make good on those promises. It seems that failed promises are a trend around here.”

Lippi said that negotiations have come to a halt.

“I got calls from cafeteria staff — some of the lowest paid workers in the district — whom the district issued no retro checks at all to,” Lippi said at the meeting. “All negotiations with district leadership has come to a halt. We should be working on a new contract by now. As you can see, we’re fed up.”

Lippi did not respond to LocalSource’s request for comment as of press time.

According to the teacher, some people feel a loyalty to Cortico, while others have gone to both the county and state to complain about him.

Another teacher, who also requested anonymity, said that there has been a lack of transparency on the part of Cortico.

“I feel like there is a lack of transparency that we are receiving from our union,” she told LocalSource in a phone call last week. “We honestly don’t get much information. We don’t even know if there are real negotiations taking place. We get no real details. There has been no transparency about the retro pay. The deal that we were presented was not even what we agreed on or what we voted on.”

“It was definitely an extreme blow,” she said. “It insulted our intelligence.”

Cortico, said the teacher, is a real problem for EEA members.

“We have very little trust in our union. We pay almost \$1,000 a year in union fees.”

Regarding the comments made by Carvalho and Goncalves at the Jan. 19 meeting, the teacher said that she, along with many others, are disturbed by what she sees as a lack of empathy.

“It’s insulting,” she said. “Many of us are taking on second jobs. People were crying when they got those retro checks. It’s so disheartening. What’s fair is fair, and what’s right is right, and that’s all we’re asking.”

Another long-time teacher in the district who requested anonymity told LocalSource that her confidence in both the board and the union is diminishing.

“Every time something changes or we’re lied to, our confidence in the board and the union is diminished,” she said in a phone call last week. “When they switched over from one group of horrible people running the board, they changed to another group of horrible people. It’s a very political town. The union is supposed to be looking out for our interests. Now we are starting to stand up for ourselves. We just kind of took it. We feel like we’re being lied to and betrayed.”


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OBSERVING NATURE — Students in Vanessa Vasquez's Pre-K class at School No. 5 in Linden pose in front of their 'adopted' tree. The students observe their tree once a month during their science block and write about it.

Immigration resolution passed by Elizabeth BOE

By Elana Knopp
Staff Writer

The Elizabeth public school district has committed itself to ensuring a safe environment for students regardless of immigration status.

The Elizabeth Board of Education passed a resolution Feb. 16, "affirming its commitment to a safe and supportive school environment for all students, regardless of immigration status," according to the resolution obtained by LocalSource.

The resolution states that students who are undocumented, or who may have undocumented family members, can be assured of a "welcoming and safe school environment," and that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement may not access students or their information without first going through all proper procedural channels and processing requests through the Office of the Superintendent.

"The board recognizes the potential for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials to engage in enforcement efforts to detain undocumented individuals, and that such efforts may result in ICE officials seeking to enter upon school grounds for purposes of enforcement," reads the resolution. "ICE activities in and around schools, early childhood centers and other district facilities would risk disruption to the learning environment. ... The board, by adopting the within resolution, intends to reaffirm its commitment to policies that seek to avoid such disruption and interference with the education of district students."

All requests made of the district or its schools by ICE officials to access information or school grounds, states the resolution, must be processed through the Office of the Superintendent to ensure compliance with the law. The resolution also affirms that district staff will continue to treat all students in an equitable manner without regard for race, ethnicity, immigration status, or national origin.

"District staff shall not inquire about a student's immigration status, or the immigration status of the student's parents, guardians or family members," states the resolution.

Elizabeth School District spokesperson, Pat Politano, issued a statement to Local-

Source in a Feb. 22 email, stating that the district is committed to its students inclusion, regardless of immigration status.

"The Elizabeth School District — the superintendent, Board of Education and staff — is committed to equal educational opportunities for all children living in Elizabeth and will not allow any action that seeks to exclude any child in the city from educational opportunities because of their or their parents' immigration status or perceived immigration status," Politano said.

None of the nine-member school board responded to LocalSource's request for comment as of press time.

The resolution is based off of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1982 decision, Plyler v. Doe, which held that it is unconstitutional to deny a free public education to children who are not legally admitted into the United States and that a child's enrollment in public school may not be conditioned on the child's immigration status.

The board's resolution was put forth as immigrants across the nation face an increased risk of deportation, and Elizabeth has already felt the effects of increased vigilance regarding undocumented immigrants in the post-election climate.

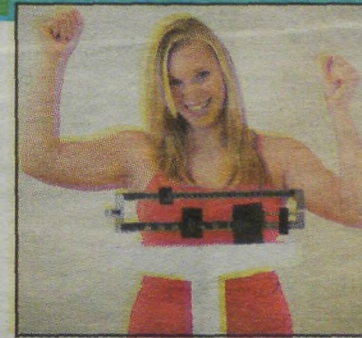
On Feb. 17, ICE, with the assistance of the Elizabeth Police Department, attempted to arrest a longtime Elizabeth resident and mother.

Just days later, on Feb. 21, Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage announced that the city would no longer assist ICE without a judicial warrant.

On Feb. 23, Make the Road NJ, an immigration advocacy group, held a press conference and rally to denounce the raid, calling upon the local police to refuse to facilitate ICE Raids.

ICE Raids have swept the country over the past few weeks, with more than 680 arrested last week alone, according to reports put out by the Department of Homeland Security. The arrests were made based on immigration orders put forth by the Trump administration. Last week's raid in Elizabeth is one of the first raids in recent weeks confirmed in New Jersey.

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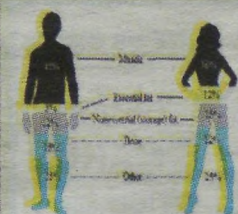
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St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee hosts fundraiser

By Jennifer Rubino
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Feb. 24, the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee held a fundraiser for the upcoming March 11 parade at Sun Tavern in Roselle Park. The event consisted of a fun run and "Finnegan's Wake."

Runners gathered in the parking lot to race each other while holding a cup of Guinness. The goal was to run the fastest while spilling the least amount of beer. The three male winners were John Zajak, Mike Butler and Bob White. The three women winners were Sabina Hobson, Jessica Cunningham and Pam Joyce.

"This is the last fundraiser we hold before the parade each year," Co-Chair of the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Kathy Noonan told LocalSource over the phone on Feb. 23. "We have the Guinness fun run followed by "Finnegan's Wake." It sounds morbid, but it's really not. We have a casket and people dress in different costumes. Sometimes men will dress as women or leprechauns. We keep Finnegan's identity a secret until the day of the event. It's always a different person. We put the casket on a table and bang on it. It's about a 10-minute process. It's pretty funny; this is the first year we're having a truck drive the casket around the parking lot."

A lot of people came to support the parade and have fun for a good cause. They took pride in their Irish heritage, and everyone did their part to make sure the event was a success.

"I contact all the people who have marched in the parade during previous years to invite them to participate again," Debbie Sully of Cranford told LocalSource at the event. "I also invite new people to march. If we find some people to be in the parade at the event that would be great."

Many of the people that came to support the parade have made it their business during previous years as well.

"I run every year in the fun run because it's a lot of fun and supports the parade," Maribeth Flatley of Elizabeth told LocalSource at the event. "I'm just starting to walk again. I was completely paralyzed two years ago. I couldn't even talk. Now I can drink Guinness and try to run, but it's all for the parade."

It was the first year that the event was held at Sun Tavern, and the owner was very supportive of the parade.

"It's a great cause for the parade," Owner of Sun Tavern

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Photos by Jennifer Rubino

Pallbearers carry the casket inside for the 'Finnegan's Wake' St. Patrick's Day Parade fundraising event.

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Time is running out to save historic landmark

By Elana Knopp
Staff Writer

It is a race against the clock to save a historic landmark that has been at the center of a long and ongoing battle.

The Whyman Parish House, located on Newark Avenue in the city of Elizabeth, and which is listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places, was donated to Elizabeth's Central Baptist Church by Joseph Whyman in 1965, who stipulated in his will that the church was not allowed to sell the house, but to maintain and preserve it. Whyman also left monies to the church to help with cost of upkeep.

But now, the fate of the house is in question, as the church who owns the property is seeking to remove the stipulation in the will stating that the house cannot be sold.

The Italianate-style house, which was built sometime between 1860 and 1871 and which sits on a 1.28 acre piece of property, has been the focus of a local grassroots group, the "Save the Whyman House" group, who has been trying to save the Victorian gem from being sold off and destroyed.

The house, which is listed on Preservation New Jersey's 2016 list of most endangered historic sites in the state, has fallen into extreme disrepair in recent years, according to advocates, and the unkempt property has been broken into and vandalized on numerous occasions. The house has since been boarded up and a chain-link fence erected around the deteriorating property.

According to advocates to save the house, the church had been trying to sell the house, with the house being listed on real estate sites as recently as November, 2016. The house has since been taken off the market.

A legal notice, dated Feb. 17, was discovered last week, placed in the Star Ledger by David Coates, attorney for the Central Baptist Church.

The church, who is named as plaintiff in a civil action, names a host of individuals and organizations, such as the Salvation Army, Red Cross and the YMCA as defendants, calling upon them to appear at Union County Superior Court on April 13, with the intent of legally removing the stipulation that the house cannot be sold,

thereby clearing the way for the church to sell off the church and the property.

The summary action complaint asks that the court declare "the plaintiff to be the owner, in fee simple absolute, of the land and premises," and that no heirs or beneficiaries listed in Whyman's will "have any right, title or interest in the land and premises," according to the notice.

The complaint asks that the will's restriction that the church "shall be used only as a church, parish or rectory, and not for any other purpose, and never to be sold, and always kept in the Baptist denomination," be extinguished, and that upon the sale of the property, the proceeds would be "payable to the plaintiff, Central Baptist Church of Elizabeth, New Jersey, which is alone entitled to the net proceeds of any sale of said lands and premises."

Anyone listed as defendants who want to be heard on the matter of the church must file a motion by April 5, according to the notice.

Leo Osorio, a member of the Save the Whyman House group, told LocalSource that it was the president of the Union County Historical Society who found the legal notice in the newspaper and alerted the group.

"The church wants to sell the house," Osorio said in a phone call last week. "They found themselves in a situation regarding the will — everyone listed is somehow an heir."

The group has been in contact with Coates, said Osorio, but he said the church's attorney does not seem to care what happens to the house.

"This guy really wants to clean house," Osorio said. "We've been in contact with this lawyer for a long time. He knows the situation, and he doesn't really care. The church refuses to talk to us."

Coates did not respond to LocalSource's request for comment as of press time.

Osorio said that those advocating for preserving the house understand that time is running out.

"This is basically like a race," he said.

According to Osorio, the group had been in communication with Elizabeth's city planner and other officials, who told the group that the church owed back property taxes, and that eventually the city could

take control of the house and put it up for auction.

"The city planner told us that they'd make sure that if the house is sold at auction, the city would make sure the new owner would not destroy it," Osorio said. "Now we have to get the word out there and hope that anyone will come forward and object."

LocalSource reached out to Eduardo Rodriguez, Elizabeth's city planner, but received no response as of press time.

Paula Borenstein, community activist, founder of the Elizabeth Arts Council and advocate for preserving the historic home, said that she will be trying to locate those listed as heirs in the legal notice.

"I am going to seek the advice of others on how we can try and intervene in this," Borenstein told LocalSource in a phone call last week. "We knew they were going to try to do this," she said of the church. "They've been trying to locate these people for quite a while."

According to Borenstein, advocates for saving the house have attended city council meetings several times, pleading their case to council members.

"We're trying to bide our time," Borenstein said. "We're hoping that one of the defendants listed will file an objection. We're really concerned that the church might be able to sell the house."

Kathy Cevallos, also involved in efforts to save the home, said that the Save the Whyman Group has posted the legal notice on the group's Facebook page.

"We want to make sure people are aware of it," Cevallos told LocalSource in a phone call last week. "We want to see if we get any response."

Cevallos said that she has also put the word out to some charitable organizations.

"We're just trying to get the word out," Cevallos said, who believes that the church is counting on no one showing up to object to the legal action. "Mr. Rodriguez said that the city would try to help, but that the church owns the house at the end of the day."

According to Cevallos, the group faces an uphill battle in their quest to save the house.

"I feel like, as a group, we're facing a hard deadline and we have to move."

CRIME, COURTS, CONVICTIONS

Public's assistance sought one year after homicide

Sunday will mark exactly one year since a local entrepreneur was shot and killed in his own Rahway sneaker store, and authorities are again requesting assistance from the public in an effort to solve the crime, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park announced Friday, Feb. 24.

The Prosecutor's Office has released video clips pulled from surveil-

lance footage recorded just before the shooting took place, in an attempt to identify the two gunmen seen in them.

Police responded to the 1500 block of Irving Street in Rahway at approximately 9:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, 2016 to find 21-year-old Jamal Gaines suffering from a gunshot wound; he was pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

An investigation revealed that two shooters, their faces obscured by fabric, accessed Gaines' sneaker store through

a rear utility door, resulting in a physical struggle that culminated in the fatal shots being fired. The two perpetrators ran out of the building the same way they came in, after which they can be seen on surveillance footage sprinting down a rear alley, one with a pronounced limp.

The perpetrator with the limp appeared to be wearing dark pants, light-colored sneakers, and a dark hooded

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sweatshirt with a light-colored patch on the left arm. The other suspect appeared to be wearing a lighter-colored hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, and brown or beige shoes. Both brandished handguns.

Anyone with information about the shooting is urged to contact Homicide Task Force Sgt. Michael Manochio at 908-966-2287 or detective Sofia Santos at 908-577-4256.

The Union County Crime Stoppers also are continuing to offer a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to an arrest and indictment in this case; tips can be given anonymously by phone at 908-654-8477, via text message by texting "UCTIP" plus a message to 274637 (CRIMES), or online at www.uctip.org.

Union resident indicted for child pornography

A Union County grand jury has returned a three-count indictment against a Union Township man charged with possessing and distributing hundreds of computer files depicting child pornography, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park announced Thursday, Feb. 23.

Jadir Souza, 62, is charged with second-degree distribution of child pornography, second-degree distribution using a file-sharing program, and third-degree possession of child pornography, according to Union County Assistant Prosecutor Shawn Barnes, who is prosecuting the case.

An investigation revealed that Souza allegedly used a peer-to-peer file-sharing program to view and distribute child pornography from his home computer, with the material in question constituting at least 200 video files and 400 images, Barnes said.

Souza was arrested in November 2016 and held on \$100,000 bail.

Convictions on second-degree criminal offenses are commonly punishable by 5 to

10 years in state prison, while third-degree crimes typically result in terms of 3 to 5 years.

These criminal charges are mere accusations. Each defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Authorities investigating suspicious object in Linden

An object left in a Linden parking lot Tuesday, Feb. 21, was found not to pose any danger to the public, but appeared to be designed to resemble an explosive device, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park, Union County Sheriff Joseph Cryan, Union County Police Chief Christopher Debbie and Linden Police Chief Jonathan Parham jointly announced Feb. 22.

Linden Police Department patrol units responded to a report of a suspicious object on the 1100 block of W. St. Georges Avenue at approximately 6 p.m. on Feb. 21, located the object and immediately began clearing the area; residents of two nearby apartment buildings were evacuated. At approximately 8:30 p.m. an assessment was made that the object did not contain explosive materials. The scene was cleared a little more than an hour later, when evacuated residents were permitted to return to their homes. Police units also swept the area for additional devices, but did not locate any.

This remains an active investigation; anyone with information about this matter is urged to contact detective Dennis Donovan at 732-232-2049 or Linden Police detective Joseph Kaulfers at 908-474-8537.

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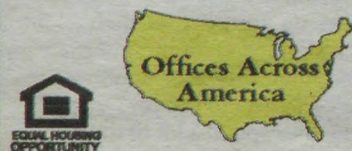


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Reservations now available for soup-tasting event

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a soup-tasting event Tuesday, March 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center, 526 Boulevard in Kenilworth.

"Soup's On" will give participants the opportunity to taste a variety of soups from local restaurants and others, along with breads and desserts. Admission is charged.

Advance reservations are required by March 14; seating is limited. For reservations, call 908-709-0434 or visit Especially Yours Florist, 13 N. 20th St. in Kenilworth, where tickets are being sold.

Kenilworth BOE recognizes middle-school student

The David Brearley Middle School February student spotlight is on eighth-grader Karen Perez-Velazquez; her teachers and staff have said that during the past two years she has impressed them as kind, hard-working and driven, and is a standout in the classroom as well as an active member of the Student Council.

This year, Karen's peers voted her as Student Council vice president, and she has accepted the responsibility with the same attitude that she does her studies and interests. She has been vital in setting up and executing bake sales and Student Council events, and advertising the middle school's spirit week.

Karen's kindness is evident in her classes, where her teachers said she is always willing to assist her classmates and is one of the first to offer a helping hand to any student in need.

Being bilingual, Karen is also a major asset to the school's ESL students, making them feel connected and welcome, while translating and explaining assignments, school policies and procedures, according to her teachers, who also described Karen as well liked and respected by her peers, embodying what it means to be a Brearley Bruin.

For more information, contact Vincent

Gonnella at 908-2761644, ext. 1550, or by email at vincent_gonnella@kenilworth-schools.com.

Registration open for girls' 'Tea at Benedict Farm'

On Saturday, March 18, at 11 a.m. the Kenilworth Historical Society will present "Tea at Benedict Farm," for girls in the Oswald J. Nitschke House, 49 South 21 St.

This event is geared toward girls ages 6 to 9, and includes an interactive tour of the historic Nitschke House and feature a reading of the children's book "Miss Spider's Tea Party" by David Kirk, followed by assorted tea sandwiches, desserts and other refreshments. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Admission is charged and advance reservations are requested by March 10, as seating is limited. For reservations, call 908-709-0434 or 908-709-0391.

Registration now open for Historical Society bus trips

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn., on Sat., March 11, and to the Rockvale Outlets in Lancaster, Pa., on Sat., April 1. Space is limited so reserve early to ensure availability. Payment is required 10 days prior to each trip; gift certificates for the trips are available for purchase.

The March 11 trip departs from St. Theresa's School parking lot, Monroe Avenue, at 8 a.m. and returns to Kenilworth at approximately 9 p.m. The fee includes transportation, an approximate six-hour visit to the casino, and bet and food coupons.

The April 1 shopping trip departs from St. Theresa's School parking lot, Monroe Avenue, at 8 a.m. and returns to Kenilworth at 8 p.m. The fee includes transportation, six hours of shopping time, discount coupons and a shopping outlet map. For information and reservations, call 908-709-0434 or 908-709-0391.

Springfield hosts online safety presentation

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partner with the school to reinforce it. I thought there would be a bigger turnout because it's important information."

The parents were sent an email to inform them about the presentation that evening.

"I received an email about the presentation and I came to see if there's anything new for me to learn," Lucia Girdano of Springfield told LocalSource in an interview before the presentation.

The presentation was given from a legal perspective. The laws regarding social media and the consequences of breaking the laws were outlined by the detective.

"The presentation focuses on cyberbullying and safety laws," Correia told Local-

Source in an interview before the presentation. "We think it's important for the kids to know about that."

The majority of students didn't get a chance to discuss the presentation with their parents that evening, but the parents said they planned to discuss what they learned as soon as they had a chance.

"I didn't get a chance to talk to my kid about it because we didn't really have an opportunity to sit down together and talk yet," Glass said.

The parents agreed that their children all spend a significant amount of their time online and that this was another reason they decided to attend the presentation.

"My kid does spend a lot of time online," Glass said.

Democratic Committee candidate choices announced

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"I'm very pleased to see that Freeholders Hudak and Estrada will be running again," Bergen said in a Feb. 24 phone call. "They are both experienced, thoughtful freeholders who bring their different perspectives to the board. It was a pleasure working with them, and I look forward to working with them again."

Bergen said that he also looks forward to working with Garretson, and lauded Cryan as a great choice for the Senate.

"The Democratic party in Union County has put together a balanced ticket with experienced freeholders and new blood across various geographic areas of the county," he said. "It's the diverse ticket on various levels that Democrats strive for, and I think we've been very successful with that."

Anthony Salters, Democratic chairman of Hillside, added, "I am excited for Mayor Garretson," Salters told LocalSource in a Feb. 23 email. "Being a freeholder and developing legislation and policies is definitely a strength of hers."

Salters lauded Cryan and Corvelli as well.

"Sheriff Cryan replacing Sen. Lesniak in Legislative District 20 is like one legend replacing another legend," Salters said. "He will be great. Pete Corvelli, former Hillside police officer and Kenilworth Democratic

Chairman, will be our Democratic Sheriff candidate. Pete is blunt, honest and always accessible. Assemblywoman Quijano and Assemblyman Holley continue to make a formidable team representing us in Trenton. Our slate is highly qualified and diverse."

Cryan told LocalSource that he hopes to be a part of making the voice of the legislative district heard in the state's capital.

"I'm honored and humbled to have the support of the Democratic party for the 2017 Senate race," Cryan said in a Feb. 23 email. "I believe as we watch what unfolds in Washington, that more and more of the conservative philosophy will be to shift issues to the states, and I want to be part of the debate. I believe in working families, organized labor, job creation and expanded educational opportunities for all, and I hope to make the voice of the 20th district heard in Trenton for the next four years."

In Hillside, the race for mayor is heating up, as several candidates have come forth to officially announce their bids.

It has been confirmed by LocalSource that former Hillside councilman, Frank Deo, will be running for mayor of Hillside.

Hillside Councilman Sip Whitaker informed LocalSource last week that he will be running for the township's next mayor. Longtime Hillside resident, as well

as employee and treasurer of many Democratic organizations over the years, Artie Kobitz, will be joining Whitaker's team and will be vying for seat on the town council.

Whitaker said that he decided to run to improve the quality of life in the township.

"I've been a resident of Hillside for 30 years and I do believe that the time has come for me and my running mates to address the issues that most concern the citizens of Hillside," Whitaker told LocalSource in a Feb. 26 email. "During my tenure as councilman-at-large and the time spent running the Hillside Civic Center, I have seen many ways to improve the quality of life here in Hillside. With the help of the team, we have put together a plan for safe, clean neighborhoods, which I will share in the near future."

Kobitz released a statement to LocalSource regarding his run for Hillside's town council.

"I can no longer stand by and watch the last two administrations destroy this town that I have lived in for most of my life," Kobitz said in a Feb. 23 statement. "The police department is at an all-time low which makes me feel unsafe, and

believe me, we have one of the best departments around under the guidance of our chief."

Kobitz also noted issues with the township's unpaid bills, lost grant monies and jobs not getting done, and said that he hopes that the Whitaker-Kobitz ticket will get Hillside where it needs to be.

"I have asked Sip Whitaker if I can run on his team and he has welcomed me with open arms," Kobitz said. "I feel the Whitaker team can bring Hillside back to where it once was."

Former Hillside Councilwoman Salonia Saxton also told LocalSource that she will be running for mayor in the township.

"I love Hillside and I am very concerned about the direction that it is going in," Saxton said in a Feb. 23 statement. "Hillside deserves a mayor that is willing to stand on the front line to get the job done. Being a mayor is about having a vision and turning that vision into reality. Therefore, my commitment to Hillside will be to serve a township that is, and has always been, a township of promise and possibility."

No other candidates in Hillside had announced their bids for mayor as of press time.



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Finnegan's Wake and 'Fun Run' a huge success

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Andrew McCrone told LocalSource at the event. "It's a great family parade. It's nice to be able to give back to the community. It's a good day for the Irish."

A councilwoman from Linden was at the event to show support for her Irish ancestors and the parade.

"My in-laws are from Ireland so we're very supportive of the St. Patrick's Day Parade," Councilwoman Gretchen Hickey of Linden told LocalSource at the event. "We like letting the traditions run with our children."

Damian Holmes of Union played Finnegan during "Finnegan's Wake." He dressed as a leprechaun for the part.

"Kathy came up with the outfit," Holmes told LocalSource at the event. "She asked me to participate and I can't turn down a good offer."

Members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee plan to march in the parade with the committee or other Irish groups.

"I will be in the parade," Noonan said. "It's on March 11 so it's early this year. I will march down Morris Avenue with the committee or with other Irish groups depending on how much I can march that day. We raise money to put the parade on the street. The bands need to get paid, banners cost money, everything costs money; and hopefully we will leave a little bit of money for next year's chairman."



Runners compete during a 'Fun Run' race to see who can run the fastest without spilling their cup of Guinness.



Damian Holmes of Union plays the part of Finnegan and dresses as a leprechaun for 'Finnegan's Wake.'

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Rock historian talks about American music in the '60s

By Jennifer Rubino
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Feb. 23, rock historian Vincent Bruno followed up his Feb. 15 discussion on the British Invasion with American music in the '60s. He connected the sounds of the two countries by the influence they had on each other.

"The Beatles influenced The Beach Boys to evolve from their pop and beach sound to a more artistic band on their album 'Pet Sounds,'" Bruno said. "There were 59 musicians on the album and 27 different instruments. The album is a masterpiece but it didn't sell."

Bruno reminisced about going to see Bob Dylan with a friend who took home a souvenir with him — he found a small piece of a paper tucked inside the microphone that fell during the performance.

"We brought the paper to a Dylan specialist that confirmed it was Dylan's handwriting and it was probably written around 1975," Bruno said. "He told us it was the first three words to some of his songs. He also gave us the estimated value of the paper."

Bruno told the story of the famous British band, The Byrds, and how Crosby, Stills and Nash evolved from them. He also mentioned The Four Seasons, who eventually became The Jersey Boys.

"The Turtles were a really underrated band but everyone knows their hit song, 'Happy Together,'" Bruno said. "Motown was also becoming very popular with bands

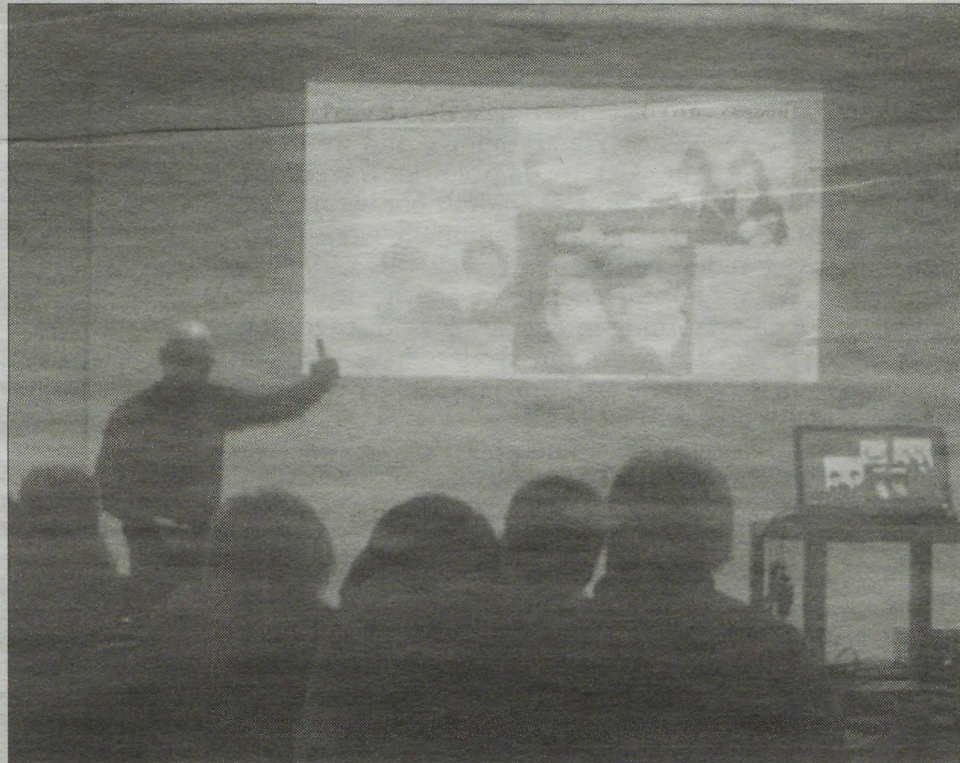


Photo by Jennifer Rubino

Vincent Bruno talks about American music in the '60s at Cranford Community Center.

like The Temptations. Motown is amazing. You can't not like Motown."

Bruno told his story about being one of the only white members of the audience

when he went to see The Temptations in concert.

"Love was one of the first multi racial bands," he said. "The '60s era ended with

Woodstock, but Monterey Pop was the festival prior to it, which was a better lineup in my opinion."

Residents enjoyed the discussion and were once again fascinated by the knowledge Bruno shared with them.

"It was a lot of fun," Joanne Pulaski of Cranford told LocalSource in an interview after the presentation. "It was great to hear some of the songs and I was impressed by his knowledge, passion, enthusiasm and memory."

Many others were impressed with his memory as well, since he shared such detailed accounts from so many years ago.

"The presentation was great," Bernie Ondre of Cranford told LocalSource in an interview after the presentation. "His knowledge and memories were so impressive. He can go back in time and remember so many details."

Residents also found the information he shared to be interesting and thought provoking.

"The presentation was very good," Frank Drahos of Cranford told LocalSource in an interview after the presentation. "I enjoyed hearing about the history of some of the groups. I thought it was interesting how many of them didn't play instruments and that other people were playing for them. The one guy from The Monkees just learned to play the drums after someone invited him to join the band because he looked cool."

UNION COUNTY NOTABLE PEOPLE AND PLACES

DeFilippo served the community for six decades

Charlotte DeFilippo, of Hillside, has died. She had a governmental and civic career that spanned six decades, serving in various elected and governmental capacities in her hometown. At the county level, she served as a freeholder early on in her life and later served for more than a decade as the director of the Union County Improvement Authority, where she created a legacy of public projects that transformed county government.

She is described by those close to her as being great strategist and conversationalist on many topics; her influence on her friends, as well as local and county government, and the residents of the Hillside community will be long felt, they said.

Trinitas earns a JCAHO Gold Seal of Approval certification

Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Disease Specific Certification for Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement. This certification is for Joint Commission-accredited hospitals, critical access hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers seeking to elevate the quality, consistency and safety of their services and

patient care. Trinitas was the only health organization in Union County to receive this certification.

Trinitas underwent an onsite survey in early November, when the hospital was evaluated compliance with disease-specific care standards for total hip and total knee replacement, including pre-and post-operative patient education, patient safety, prevention of infection, restoration of patient function and patient monitoring after discharge from the hospital.

"This designation is the result of the hard work of a tremendous team of professionals," James Dunleavy, a doctor of physical therapy and director of rehabilitation services, stated. "The Gold Seal of Approval covers our entire program, from assessment, surgery and perhaps most importantly, rehabilitation. We're very proud to be able to bring many individuals together who are tops in their field and who share a common goal of providing excellent care for our patients."

Established in 2016 and awarded for a two-year period, the disease-specific certification was developed in response to the growing number of patients undergoing a total hip or total knee replacement surgery, as well as the increased focus on clinical evidence-based patient care as it relates to pain management, quality of life issues,

functional limitation in mobility and the return to normal daily activities.

For more information on the Total Joint Replacement Program at Trinitas, call 908-994-5406 or visit www.TrinitasRMC.org and click on the Total Joint icon.

Caring Contact honors outgoing executive director

Caring Contact, the Westfield-based crisis hotline and listening community, honored their outgoing executive director, Joanne Oppelt, and named Janet Sarkos the interim executive director.

Oppelt has been Caring Contact's executive director since 2011. During her tenure leading the hotline and listening community, her accomplishments have included increasing profit margins by an average of 7 percent annually; reinvesting in programs and expansion; increasing assets sixfold; increasing the number of calls taken annually by 20 percent; expanding suicide prevention and awareness and mental health training within the community; and building strategic community partnerships.

Prior to joining Caring Contact, Oppelt served as development director for Community Access Unlimited, a nonprofit human services agency serving people with disabilities and at-risk youth. She is return-

ing to CAU as assistant executive director of business development.

"I want to show appreciation for how Joanne put her heart and soul into leading Caring Contact over the last five years," Bob John, president of the Caring Contact Board of Trustees, said. "Also, that we wish her well in her new position at Community Access and at the same time we are pleased she has committed to remain a part of our listening community."

Sarkos has been a Caring Contact listener since 2014. Most recently, she was the chief operating officer of Chervo USA, an Italian golf clothing brand, and her broader professional experience includes marketing and public relations consulting.

Sarkos currently serves as vice president of the board of trustees of The Westfield Foundation. She also has 10 years of fundraising and leadership experience in Westfield's parent-teacher organizations.

"I would like to express how happy we are that one of our talented volunteers has stepped up to take on the role of the interim executive director and that we have confidence in her ability to lead us through a smooth transition," John said.

Caring Contact is a volunteer-staffed crisis hotline that answers more than 12,000 calls per year and educates communities

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OPINION

Protector of the people

EDITORIAL

The transition of political power is rarely smooth. In the past month or so, we have seen clear divides between several groups in Washington, between political parties and their constituents, and the administration and the press. As a result of the current presidential administration and the Washington press corps butting heads, it has been bandied about that we, the press, are “the enemy of the people.”

We could not disagree with this statement more. Here at Worrall Community Newspapers, we are certainly not the enemy of the people. Our local news coverage strives to improve our communities. We attend municipal meetings, we photograph sporting events and we are part of our towns. We know your names and you know ours. We live here, too, and we celebrate triumphs, grimace at tax increases and feel pride when one of our neighbors does something great. And we report on these things so that you can be informed and feel joy, regret and pride, too.

Our brand of journalism is not about unnecessarily making waves or making a name for ourselves. It is about serving you and making sure you have the information and the facts that you need and deserve to have. We concede that

journalists are not perfect. Sometimes we get it wrong. We are human and we make mistakes. But when we do, we print corrections and we own up to it. We admit our errors, but we do not give up. We continually work to do better and be better — and we do this for you.

We are not the enemy; we are the caretaker. We do everything in our power to discover the facts and to ensure our readers have them as well. Because we are human, we do have biases, and yet we do a lot of soul-searching to prevent our biases from influencing our stories. We strive to print the facts.

Regardless of what is going on in Washington, we here at Worrall Community Newspapers, covering Essex and Union counties, will continue to do our job. We will continue to report on local government with a steady voice and the facts. We will continue to accept the backlash when we print something that some may not like, because that is our mandate. We will continue to be a flashlight, illuminating the parts of our towns sometimes left in the dark. We will continue to serve you, our readers, our neighbors, because that is what you deserve.

We are here for you and we are not going away.

Cupped hands

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

By 1:20 p.m. last Thursday, two organizers were prepping the group of 40 or so protesters gathered in front of the Westfield Diner about the walk to a satellite office of U.S. Rep. Leonard Lance on North Avenue. They were being readied for a protest march to his office. A banner reading, “Make the road New Jersey” was unveiled, and a sign, “Got Rights Immigrants Welcome,” was paraded out for the cameras.

There has been a nationwide use of demonstrations at Congressional offices during the so-called “Washington Break,” when the Washington representatives meet with home folks. Unlike the other republican Congressmen, Lance didn’t cancel meetings. At public sessions in other parts of the district he took the heat of those who showed up to yell and threaten about health care and foreign policy.

The local demonstration last week had the making of a “made-for-the-local-evening-news” event. TV vans from channels 5, 7 and 41 were there. The Westfield police had five officers strategically placed across the street.

At one point they stepped in, under the guise that barricades were needed to keep the group away from the windows.

The two chief organizers like to use cupped hands to motivate the group to yell out, “no hate, no fear, immigrants are welcome here.” The yelling into cupped hands was prevalent, especially when there was a lull in the action.

New York City Councilman Carlos Menchaca arrived stylishly late claiming he was there to represent “his community.” It is perplexing to this corner what the term “my community” means. Talk about a poor, wonderfully kind, undocumented waitress I know from Elizabeth, who struggles to care for her two young kids, and that should be part of everyone’s community. Talk to an urban educator in the county who says she fears daily about the undocumented, developmentally disabled kids who, upon graduation, will be left in the cold. They should also be everybody’s responsibility.

Lance has taken unfair heat from one editorial writer and abusive citizens yelling with cupped hands. Insults and threats aren’t likely to motivate a congressman from one of the wealthiest districts in the state.

His top-notch staffer John Byers issued a statement: “The immigration and customs enforcement office in Newark has said publicly that no raids are happening in New Jersey. Federal immigration and law enforcement officials say they continue to focus their attention on those individuals convicted of crimes and here illegally that pose a meaningful threat to national security or public safety, and Congressman Lance supports those efforts.”

The numbers are scary. An estimate is that 11.1 million in the country don’t have the proper documentation. Past efforts in 2006 and 2013 to legalize the undocumented with so-called “path to citizenship” legislation have floundered in the congress. One editorial writer posed another hard reality. “America — with its declining birth rate and increasingly inadequate workforce — needs immigrants, including those here illegally.”

There is also an ugly political strain. With ongoing pressure from the extreme right, Lance has moved in that direction to protect his flank. In the meantime, he’s gaining seniority which, in the bizarre world of Congress, remains very important. Knock Lance out, and the odds are we will end up with a far-right representative with no power in congress, not a left-leaning representative.

Lance is an example of a blue-blood with family ties way back in state history. Still, he is a very good and decent man. Maybe if we lowered the voices, un-cupped the hands and let him spend quiet time with the hard-working waitress and the parents worried about their undocumented kids, we can make progress on this difficult problem.

Where have all the young men gone?

GUEST COLUMN

BY JIM COYLE

The world is changing, and changing fast. As we move into an economy that is dominated by brainpower and cooperative work, we are seeing a huge decline in the number of men who are working.

Fifty years ago, 98 percent of men between age 25 and 54, the most productive working years, were employed. Today, only 88 percent of men in that age group have jobs. This equates to about 10 million men who are sitting on their butts with no interest in getting a job.

Now admittedly, the top end of the workforce is still dominated by men. Men account for more than 90

percent of the CEOs and global political leaders. They dominate finance, technology, athletics and entertainment.

But at the bottom end of the workforce, where jobs require brawn rather than brains, there are fewer and fewer opportunities for men to get jobs. The jobs of today require brains rather than brawn and a disproportionate share of men have a lot more brawn than brains. The result is that 10 million

men have stopped looking for work.

They also have fallen into depression. Obesity is widespread among these men, as are alcohol and drug abuse. They are four times as likely to commit suicide as an unemployed woman. They also are likely to suffer from chronic pain. Most importantly, they are unlikely to have more than a high school diploma.

Technology has been the biggest cause of the decline of brawn jobs. In factories and on construction sites, innovation has displaced countless jobs. Some have moved abroad but the need for simple, mindless labor just isn’t what it

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Addressing a recent cycle of unemployment

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used to be. Women now dominate college applications. More importantly, they are more likely to finish college than are men. And the job fields that are growing, such as health care, tend to be thought of as more natural fits for women.

So why have we seen this change? Why are women outperforming men in academics?

Many reasons have been put forth. Chief among them has been the feminization of education. Academic training is starting at younger and younger ages and girls are more prepared for these rigors than are young boys. Teachers also are more likely to be women who have an innate understanding of girls but not boys.

School designed for girls is boring for many boys, who rebel by fidgeting and otherwise acting out. To deal with this, in the past 30 years there has been an explosion in

Ritalin prescriptions to keep boys docile and attentive. Some studies have tied the lack of ambition among many young men to earlier use of Ritalin.

And it seems those video games may really be damaging. When your brain will release the same chemicals for achieving the next level of a game as it will for scoring the winning touchdown, why take the risk of real life? Game playing among workforce dropouts is extremely high. Our education system is failing boys in much the same way it failed girls for generations and it needs to be changed. When I was growing up, the idea of attending an all-boy school was anathema to me. While the academic analysis of single-sex education is somewhat inconclusive, based on my own son's experience at an all-boy high school, I am a true believer in it, at least for boys.

Employment is food for the soul as well as for the body. If you sit around all day playing video games in your mother's basement, it is easy to see why you become

depressed. If you're also overweight and have no job, it's hard to find a woman who will marry you.

And this is the real problem. Men who become useless have a hard time raising families. This means women who want children are more likely to have them on their own. Hey, if you're the only one working, can you afford a worthless mouth to feed?

But kids who grow up in single-parent households are more likely to have problems in school. They are less likely to go to college. And if they're boys, they're less likely to get a job, and the whole cycle repeats.

Jim Coyle is president of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce. This column first appeared in the February 2017 issue of Inside Business, the chamber's newspaper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More on Pilgrim Pipeline

To the Editor:

Elana Knopp's Feb. 16 article in Union County LocalSource, "Proposed Pilgrim Pipeline sparks further debate," was an informative and detailed review of the pros and cons for the pipeline that would cross five New Jersey counties, including eight municipalities in Union County.

The pipeline would deliver crude oil from Albany to New Jersey and deliver refined products back north. There are many valid concerns regarding the possibility of leaks, and that refined products are dangerous to our environment and residents. Supporters of the pipelines claim the use of barges, trucks or trains for delivering crude oil or refined products presents a greater danger for leakage or accidents. In New Jersey we have thousands of miles of pipes in all 21 counties moving oil or natural gas and water to millions of homes. Not too well-known are the buried high-transmission lines enclosed in an oil-filled pipe crossing many towns in major business areas. Pipelines for transporting oil can be traced back to the late 1800s when pipelines were built to deliver oil to trains that eliminated the high cost of transport by horse and carriage. John D. Rockefeller built 4,000 miles of pipes for his industry. The installation of pipelines today is much safer because of our advanced technology and equipment. Pipe welds are performed by expert welders and all welds are X-rayed to verify perfect welds. Opponents have valid concerns and the supporters of the pipeline should be more explicit on the construction procedures to assure the safe installation of the pipeline, its security and maintenance.

The benefits to our state and neighbors regarding a supply of petroleum products used in our daily lives should also be an important consideration in the evaluation of the pipeline.

Bob Barrett
Clark

The price of Pilgrim Pipeline

To the Editor:

The Feb. 16 Union County LocalSource article, "Proposed Pilgrim Pipeline sparks further debate," raised several important issues both for and against this controversial proposed project. The issue I would like to address regards Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings' estimates of jobs that would be created by this project and support by some labor unions for it based on the promise of some of these jobs for their members.

First of all, the jobs argument is simply not a valid one. The proposed pipeline is not a jobs program and Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings is not in the business of creating jobs. It is in the business of creating wealth and profits for its shareholders. The project should be debated and ultimately approved or disapproved based on its merits and how it will affect the communities and the residents where it will be built.

That being said, Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings' estimate that the project will create 2,000 construction jobs and employ 50 full-time positions upon its completion is almost certainly an exaggeration. And Pilgrim fails to mention that the construction jobs will only be temporary. Additionally, if job creation is so important, what will happen to the jobs of the hundreds or maybe thousands of workers that currently are employed by the barge companies and related ancillary services involved in shipping the oil on barges on the Hudson River? Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings makes no mention of this.

The unions that are pushing for the pipeline to be built of course want jobs for their members, and rightly so. But at what price? Certainly, many of these union workers and their friends and families live in the very communities which the pipeline will traverse. Don't they also care about living in an environmentally safe and clean community and want the assurance that they and their families will have access to safe and clean drinking water? The very

pipeline that they want to build may just threaten all of this.

Jeff Robinson
Rahway

Phoenix planning in Linden

To the Editor:

"If you can dream it, you can do it." — Walt Disney, 1901 to 1966.

According to a local publication, a long-term abandoned Linden warehouse, identified as a site that previously housed United Lacquer, was victimized by a substantially destructive three-alarm fire. The property, with a jarring history of multiple fires over the years, was under consideration as a worthy subject for a potential development site.

Perhaps a cogent and rational format can be developed by city officials, in order to facilitate the comprehensive building security and preservation of other such locales, the inclusion and monitoring of a myriad of surveillance cameras, can be utilized as an efficient, effective tool set, uniquely designed to combat the plague of repetitive potential arson assaults.

Under a responsible and resolute city leadership, it is indeed quite conceivable that other declared "orphaned," abandoned Linden structures will each doubtlessly soar as a proud, profound mythical "Phoenix," transforming a once bleak landscape into a vibrant, vigorous, virile entity, primed to embrace, to encompass their future thriving energetic success into the dynamic Linden economic machine.

"It always seems impossible until it's done" — Nelson Mandela, 1918 to 2013.

Michael Smith
Linden

A waste-based economy

To the Editor:

We are a waste-based economy. We stay solvent because of what we waste. Check your trash can — look at the dollars lost, food waste and disposable, throw-away packaging. Now multiply that by three hundred million American households. Let's extrapolate the home amount to the millions

of eateries throughout our country, plus schools, hospitals, military and prisons, each wasting millions of tons of food and materials every year. Dumpsters blanket our landscape like locust. Waste management corporations are growing expeditiously and billions of dollars are made on waste.

We build and import products that are obsolete as soon as they hit the marketplace. All these wastes are poisoning our land and air and there appears to be no abatement.

In building of the homes among the rich there is no end to the gluttony — their need for 40 room mansions, vaulted ceilings, their property covered in paving stones and swimming pools increase the impervious surfaces which result in potential flooding and erosion of our green lands.

In retrospect, in the late '80s there was an outcry about the pollution and the course of our nation. There even was a drive to eliminate Styrofoam in packaging and cups. Their construction, made totally out of petroleum, takes more than 500 years to decompose, if not longer. And the health hazard is still undetermined. But that was short lived to the powers that be, the money changers.

You may ask why now I am writing this essay: Because we need to remind ourselves that this economy can't last based on waste and pollution, because it will eventually be our demise.

At this point if we eliminate all of which I spoke, our economy would crash.

Is there no way out? Of course. Government, industry and we the people must work together to bring together a revolution in thinking of life, our liberty and pursuit of our happiness in an environmentally cohesive union.

You may think why I would speak so loudly about these conditions, and many of you may say, 'who cares' or, 'we can't change it.' Maybe that's true, but I had to say what I had to say for the sake of it being heard.

Walter Sosnosky
Kenilworth

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SAGE announces trustees

SAGE Eldercare, a nonprofit organization that serves older adults and their caregivers, has announced the addition of two Summit residents to its board of trustees, as well as some changes in its executive committee, including naming John Hoffman as board president.

Joining SAGE as a board community representative is David Bomgaars, a Summit resident since 1985. He was previously the Summit City Council president, a city councilman, president of the Summit Board of Education and an officer with the Summit Republican City Committee. Bomgaars is the board president of Family and Children's Services and an elder and clerk of session of Central Presbyterian Church and had a career in the bank regulation industry.

Also joining the board is Christopher Cotter. Involved in Summit since 1975, he was previously Summit's city administrator, emergency management coordinator and fire chief. Cotter is a member of the Overlook Medical Center advisory board and a volunteer for "Summit Helping Its People," as well as a parishioner at St. Teresa of Avila Church.

Chatham residents John Hoffman and Kathy Clingan were named board president and vice-president, respectively. Summit resident Michael J. Foncannon, of PNC Wealth Management and board member since 2016, was named secretary. Ewing resident Susan Gieser was named treasurer.

Leaving the board are Livingston resident Bruce Johnson, Summit resident Carol Graham and New Providence resident Mary Lou Leib. 2016 board President

Kitty Hartman, of New Providence, remains a trustee and a member of the executive committee. She has served on the SAGE Board since 2009.

Freeholder Estrada honored for service at annual meeting

Union County Freeholder Angel Estrada was recognized at the agency's annual meeting in Newark, for his ongoing service on the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Board of Trustees.

"Freeholder Estrada has proven to be a capable steward of the transportation infrastructure in Union County, which has regional and national significance," said Freeholder Chairman Bruce H. Bergen. "He has shouldered an important responsibility, and this award is well deserved."

Estrada serves as the board's first vice-chair and is chairman of the Project Prioritization Committee.

"Under Freeholder Estrada's leadership, Union County has advanced almost \$3 million in safety improvements and nearly \$38 million in local roadway and bridge projects," NJTPA Executive Director Mary K. Murphy said. "Freeholder Estrada has made significant contributions not just to Union County, but to the entire NJTPA region."

These federally funded, county-led projects include the Gordon Street Bridge in Roselle and Roselle Park, which is slated for construction this year.

With Estrada's support, the city of Elizabeth participated in the NJTPA's "Street Smart NJ" pedestrian safety campaign for the first time in 2016 and the county and city hosted the campaign's kickoff event at Union County College in Elizabeth.

"I'd like to thank the NJTPA for this recognition," said Freeholder Estrada, who joined the NJTPA Board in 2012. "I will continue my efforts to put federal transportation dollars to work for the people of Union County."



Photo by David VanDeventer

GOOD FOOD FOR A GREAT CAUSE - Retired Union Fire Department Captain Jim Harris takes a moment to enjoy the culinary creations of his former coworkers at the 7th annual Cooked & Uncorked Food and Wine Festival in Edison last Monday evening. Firefighters-turned-aspiring chefs representing 20 different firehouses and towns took part in 'the ultimate cook-off between New Jersey's bravest,' with monies raised going to benefit the New Jersey Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association and The Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

UNION COUNTY ENTERTAINMENT

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

'Defiance' continues March 3 at the Summit Playhouse

The Summit Playhouse, 10 New England Ave., Summit, will present the drama "Defiance" by Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning playwright John Patrick Shanley. Performances will be March 3, 4, 10, and 11 at 8 p.m., with matinee performances Feb. 26 and March 5, at 2 p.m.

Set on a Marine Corps base in North Carolina in 1971, this is a play about power, love and responsibility — who has it, who wants it and who deserves it.

Tickets are available online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2600119>, at <http://www.thesummitplayhouse.org/> or by calling 908-273-2192.

'Wandering Spirit' exhibit will be open until March 3

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. Admission to the gallery exhibition is free and open to the public.

Model railroad operating session will be on March 4

Train fans of all ages are invited to the A. Paul Mallery Model Railroad Center in Union County's Lenape Park in Union Township to view a special operating session that replicates the real-life operation of railroads in the 1950's. The event is part

of a "winter meet" of the National Model Railroaders Association, hosted by the nonprofit Model Railroad Club. The Model Railroad Club runs the Mallery Center and provides public activities under an arrangement with Union County. The event will take place during regular visiting hours from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4. A modest admission fee applies. For more information and to find out how to join The Model Railroad Club as a member, visit online at tmrci.org, or visit the County website at ucnj.org.

YM-YWHA Purim Party will be held in Union on March 7

"Purim Party: Bugi Night" will be held Tuesday, March 7, at YM-YWHA of Union, located at 501 Green Lane, Union. This event is for women only.

Admission is free but registration is required. To register, those interested may

call 908-289-8112, ext. 0, or 49, or email dperlmutter@jfedgmw.org.

Musical Club of Westfield evening concert March 8

The Musical Club of Westfield presents a free concert March 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. The performance features pianist Yuly Verbitsky; tenor saxophonist Chris Dellarso accompanied by pianist Mary Beth McFall; and violinist Debra Biderman and pianist Carolle-Ann Mochernuk. A reception with the artists follows the concert.

The Musical Club of Westfield, celebrating its 101st year, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that offers monthly performances by local and guest musicians, sponsors the monthly meetings and the yearly concerts of the Junior Musical Club, and supports college music majors with scholarships.

STUDENT UPDATE

Moass makes the dean's list

Jordan Moass of Union was named to fall 2016 dean's list at the University at Albany. Students named to the dean's list earned a grade-point average of 3.50. The University at Albany is located in Albany, N.Y.

Cranford resident gets a 4.0

James Valentine of Cranford has been named to the president's honor roll with a

grade-point average of 4.0 for the fall 2016 semester at Bismarck State College.

Students must maintain at least a 3.50 grade-point average while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of classes to qualify.

Bismarck State College is located in Bismarck, N.D.

Ejiofor named to dean's list

Vanessa Ejiofor, of Union, has been named to the dean's list at Wilkes Uni-

versity. To be named to the Dean's List, students must obtain a minimum 3.4 grade-point average and carry at least 12 credits.

Wilkes University is located in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Locals make the dean's list

The following students from Union County were named to the dean's list at the University of New Haven for the fall

2016 semester: Sarah Illis and Andrew J. Pacheco, of Berkeley Heights; Andrew Anthony Halstead of Hillside; Joshua Kent of Linden; and Ife Imani Campbell of Summit. The dean's list honors full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade-point average of 3.50 or better in the semester.

The University of New Haven, which was founded in 1920, is located West Haven, Conn.

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FUNTASTIC PHYSICS — Kenilworth's St. Theresa School first-graders Valentina Benegas, Juliana Brito and Bianca Villanueva are pictured Feb. 2, at the Fun-tastic Physics Show presented by Dennis Regling. The show included segments about air pressure, electricity and energy; the highlight was Regling using a Van De Graaf generator to stand a student's hair on end. The show concluded with a demonstration of the Bernoulli Principle that sent a wave of toilet tissue flying over the audience's heads. Regling has presented his science shows in more than 1,900 schools in 30 states. This was his third trip to St. Theresa's School.

SUMMIT NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jewelry donations sought

The Friends of the Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., will hold a jewelry sale April 22 and 23, and is looking for donations of women's and men's jewelry. Both costume and fine jewelry are welcome, including broken pieces, findings and single earrings. Donated jewelry may be placed in the box at the Circulation Desk; receipts are available and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For information, call 908-273-0350 or visit www.summitlibrary.org.

Summit CCS makes blankets

Christ Child Society of Summit recently hosted its fifth annual Blankets for Babies Day, which was attended by more than 150 student and adult volunteers. This was a day of cutting, pinning and sewing to produce fleece baby blankets that are included layettes provided to local hospitals to be distributed to newborns in need. This year's goal is to provide 350 layettes to the free pediatric clinics of the area hospitals, with a blanket in each. More than 275 blankets were completed. To date the Christ Child Society in Summit has provided layettes to more than 1,500 newborns.

The Blankets for Babies project is made possible by a grant from the Summit Elks Lodge No. 1246. For information or to become involved, visit www.christchild-summit.org.

CALENDAR

Information session on new community center March 2

The Summit Department of Community Programs invites members of the residen-

tial and business community to an open house and information session on its new community center building at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 2, at the Summit Community Center, 100 Morris Ave.

For more information, visit www.summitcommunityprograms.com.

Teens Tackle Homelessness conference to be March 4

The Bridges Outreach eighth annual Teens Tackle Homelessness conference will be held Saturday, March 4, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at Kent Place School, 42 Norwood Ave., Summit.

Speakers at the conference will include formerly homeless young men and women that were sheltered in the emergency residency program at the Newark YMCA and Covenant House. Free advance registration for the conference is at www.bridges-outreach.org; a registration fee will be charged at the door. The conference is open to high school students only.

For additional information, those interested can visit www.bridgesoutreach.org, or contact Patrick Davis at volunteer-bridges@gmail.com or 908-273-0176.

Springfield library will screen ballet on March 9

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., will partner with Lincoln Center Local Free Screenings, to present a screening of Prokofiev's ballet "Romeo and Juliet," danced by the San Francisco Ballet, on Thursday, March 9, at 6:30 PM. The program is free and no registration is required. Seating will be first come, first seated.

For additional information, those interested can call 908-273-0350 or visit the website, www.summitlibrary.org.

IN MEMORIAM

- ALMENDINGER — Edward "Ed," of Summit; Feb. 14. Navy vet, musician, father.
- AMMATURO — Patricia A., of Summit; Feb. 17. Nurse practitioner, grandmother.
- BONTEMPO — Amel, of Summit; Feb. 17. Retired postmaster, husband, father.
- BRELINSKY — Carolyn, of Fanwood; Feb. 11. Soccer supporter, grandmother.
- BRONDSTETTER — Ruth "Betti," formerly of Roselle Park; Feb. 18. Mother.
- CLAUSS — Edwin, formerly of Union; Feb. 2. WWII Army vet, great-grandfather.
- FAEDE — Doris, of Clark; Feb. 15. Was 82.
- FORD — Charles V., formerly of Union, Fanwood; Feb. 18. Husband, father.
- GROVE — Carole, formerly of Roselle Park; Feb. 19. Kean U. staffer, mother.
- HAHNE — Sueki Lee, of Springfield, formerly of South Orange; Feb. 16. Mother.
- HAMMER — Ernest G., of Kenilworth; Feb. 18. WWII Army vet, grandfather, 91.
- HARRINGTON — Eileen D., of Cranford; Feb. 22. Wife, grandmother, 81.
- HOAGLAND — Marian, formerly of Rahway; Feb. 16. Grandmother, 91.
- HOLZAPFEL — William C., of Clark; Feb. 14. WWII Army vet, underwriter, 94.
- JORDAN — Mary Ruth, of Union; Feb. 6. Deaconess, great-grandmother, 84.
- KASTNER — Elaine, of Cranford; Feb. 19. Grandmother, 92.
- KLETT — Eileen M., of Linden; Feb. 19.
- LANGE — James Michael Jr., of Cranford; Feb. 9. NYC investment banker, 45.
- LENNOX — Grant H., formerly of Roselle and Springfield; Feb. 16. WWII vet.
- MALONE — Juana D., of Union; Feb. 21. Kindergarten teacher, grandmother.
- MCNULTY — Julia "Judy," formerly of Summit; Feb. 17. Retired from NJ Bell.
- MERBLER — Eleanor, formerly of Union; Feb. 8. Great-grandmother.
- MITCHELL — William H., of Rahway; Feb. 15. Father, uncle.
- MUSCAVAGE — Joseph R. Sr., of Union; Feb. 21. Army vet, grandfather.
- NORRISH — Rose M., of Roselle Park; Feb. 16. Girl Scouts leader/trainer.
- PEIXOTO — Maria R., of Union, formerly of Roselle; Feb. 16. Retired assembler.
- PIACENTINI — Philomena O., of Roselle Park; Feb. 19. Great-grandmother.
- PIERSON — Robert David, formerly of Summit; Feb. 14. Volunteer firefighter.
- PINE — Douglas Michael, of Mountainside; Feb. 17. Attorney, husband, father.
- RICHARDSON — Leslie, of Rahway; Feb. 15. Grandmother.
- RITTWEGGER — William Joseph, formerly of Kenilworth; Feb. 14. Coach, father.
- SHEPHERD — Charles Sr., of Union; Feb. 16. School custodian, grandfather.
- SIEBER — Syd, formerly of Springfield; Feb. 19. Grandmother, 96.
- SMINK — Cyril "Cookie," of Rahway; Feb. 21. Navy vet, retired GM machinist.
- SMITH — Frank Jr., of Hillside; Feb. 15. Was 86.
- SUMPTER — Rose M., of Rahway; Feb. 17. Retired assistant supervisor.
- TAFFET — Ellis M., formerly of Hillside; Feb. 17. Army vet, restaurant manager.
- URBANSKI — Michael A., of Cranford, formerly of Hillside; Feb. 20. Marketer.

In Memoriam is a weekly feature compiled by the news staff from various sources. We also provide the opportunity for families and funeral directors to publish a more extensive, special notice about their loved one called an obituary. These notices are published on our website immediately and then in the next edition of this newspaper. To place a paid obituary send an email to obits@thelocalsource.com or fax to 908-688-0401. Family and friends' submissions must include sender's name, address, phone and the name of the funeral home. Call 908-686-7850 for assistance.

CLARK NEWS

Registration for Camp Invention is now open

Beginning July 24, in partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Hehnlly Elementary School will offer the Camp Invention program to children entering kindergarten to grade six. In this weeklong summer adventure, there are lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Children will work together to seek solutions to real-world problems and sharpen 21st-century learning skills.

All activities give participants the opportunity to explore, discover and achieve while having fun.

Local educators will facilitate program modules and enthusiastic high school students will serve as leadership interns ensuring that one program team member is in place for every eight children.

Register on or before March 20, using promo code "Discover25" to receive a discount on the base price of the program.

Every registration includes a complimentary T-shirt. Availability is limited, so visit www.campinvention.org or call 800-968-4332 to secure a spot in the program.

Clark officials recognize community service

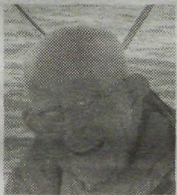
The Clark mayor and Township Council, together with the Clark Recreation Department, recently acknowledged the support and generosity of the Clark ShopRite, managed by Dominic Romeo.

According to the township Romeo, "exemplifies the meaning of giving back to the community. The generosity and support of him and his store every year has been so much appreciated as the donations have allowed us to do so much for our youth, seniors and township as a whole. If you need anything — all you have to do is ask Dominic, and his staff immediately goes into help mode. He has never questioned quantities, all he asks is what do you need? How many? And When you need? He is an asset to the township."

OBITUARIES

Col. Grant Herbert Lennox

USMC (Retired), P.E.



Grant H Lennox died on Feb 16, 2017 in Lenox, MA at the age of 94. Grant was born in Elizabeth, NJ to Arthur Hubert Lennox and Floral Herbert Lennox, and grew up in Roselle and Springfield, NJ. He graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School (Springfield) in 1939 and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1944. He served with the 1st Marine Division in the Pacific (Okinawa) during WWII, at the post-war occupation of China, then helped engineer the construction of what is now the USMC Mountain Warfare Training Center at Pickel Meadow in California. He remained an active member of the USMC reserves until his retirement in 1982, serving as the commanding officer of a battalion based in Port Newark, NJ. Following the war he moved to Mountainside, NJ and enjoyed summers at Lake Hopatcong, NJ and East Marion, NY. He joined his father Arthur's Civil Engineering firm Lennox Associates (Springfield and Lake Hopatcong, NJ) after the war and took over when his father retired. As the town engineer in Mountainside he was responsible for naming some of the streets such as Raccoon Hollow and Whippoorwill Way. He also did a term as the town engineer in Jefferson Township. Grant was a founding member of the Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside, Past Commodore of the Lake Hopat-

ong Yacht Club, past president of the Mountainside Board of Education, and past president of the Springfield Rotary.

He was a member of Orient (NY) Congregational Church and a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. He volunteered for the Mountainside Little League, was a Boy Scout leader and a long-time member of the LHYC Race Committee. He was a highly skilled woodworker and carpenter.

In addition to his formal volunteer activities, Grant lovingly served as an informal adoptive father and grandfather to many who had previously lost theirs, and will especially be missed by Pam Colberg of Southern Pines, SC, Kathy Greene Dahms of South Portland, ME and Sherry Greene Starr of West Barnstable, MA. His sense of humor, zest and passion for life and those he loved were truly remarkable.

Grant was predeceased by his wife of 50 years Elizabeth (Bette) Foster Lennox. He leaves behind his children Arthur and Lorrie Lennox of Naples, FL, Dean and Libby Lennox of Chatham, NJ and Barbara and Hal Westwood of Plainfield, MA. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Col. Grant Herbert Lennox will be private. Those wishing to donate in Grant's memory may contact Doctors Without Borders <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>, or the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club Historical Foundation, PO Box 133, Landing, NJ 07850 or in care of DERY FUNERAL HOME, 54 BRADFORD STREET, PITTSFIELD which is handling arrangements.



Ready for a quick and healthy stew? Try this recipe that has almost all the ingredients in your pantry, which means no need to go shopping! This stew freezes well so have your Tupperware ready. Enjoy!

Moroccan Vegetable Soup

Ingredients

4 cups water
2 cups cooked chick peas
1/2 cup washed cilantro
1 cup dried red lentils
1/3 cup quinoa
1 large tomato, seeded and chopped
2 large carrots, diced
2 medium onions, chopped
2 stalks celery, washed and thinly sliced
1/2 tsp. turmeric
1 tsp. cumin
2 tsp. salt
Ground black pepper to taste
Toasted sunflower seeds or toasted almonds

Steps

In a steamer, steam the carrots until tender and set aside.
In a big soup pot or dutch oven, heat up the water.
When it is boiled, add the lentils and quinoa and cook for about 10 to 15 minutes over medium flame.
Add the chopped onions, cilantro, celery, chick peas, carrots, spices, tomato and salt. Cook for about 15 to 20 minutes or until celery is wilted.
Adjust salt and pepper, serve in bowls and garnish with toasted sunflower seeds or almonds. Enjoy!
Option: Add sausage if it doesn't need to be vegetarian

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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RAHWAY NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tickets available for Murder Mystery Dinner at the library

The Friends of the Rahway Public Library will sponsor the Murder Mystery Dinner on March 3, at 7 p.m., held at the Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza.

Entertainment will be provided by a team of professional actors, who will set the stage, introduce the characters and show how the best laid plans can go wrong, resulting in murder. Following this presentation, participants can ask questions and then follow the clues and solve the mystery themselves.

Diners are invited to come dressed as Hollywood actors or characters. This event is for participants ages 21 and older; tickets include wine, beer and soda.

Tickets can be purchased at the library or online at <http://bit.ly/2kqsENU>.

RHS theater students prepare for trio of plays

As part of a spring project, Rahway High School Theater Director Jensyn Modero's theater students will design, produce and direct, and act in a trio of plays, presenting abridged versions of "Steel Magnolias," "Barefoot In The Park" and "Penguin Tango," on May 19 and 20, at 7 p.m., in a showcase performance at RHS.

To further support and guide the students in their efforts Stephen Svoboda, who wrote "Penguin Tango," will work directly with the students.

Students are also given the opportunity to create their own original plays. Playwright, actor and director Jim Ligon, of Writer's Theater of New Jersey, assisted them in putting their ideas down on paper during a four day "residency" at the high school.

"I've learned many essential things in this process with Mr. Ligon that I believe will really prepare me for my career in the future," said RHS junior Makenzie Martin.

Senior Ryan Silva said "working with Jim has been an outstanding journey" while senior Katelyn Perez believes she is getting "quality information about playwriting that one would usually have to wait for college to receive."

Ligon, said he enjoyed working with the students at RHS and "seeing the spark of understanding and the fuel of purpose that ignites their creativity."

He continued, "When we talk about what makes them angry or sad or happy, what moves them, where their curiosity lies, the answers are as unique and individual as they are, and it empowers them to express themselves in ways they've not considered before."

Story contributed by Rob Kinch

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CRANFORD NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Club Scholarship applications available now

The College Women's Club of Cranford Scholarship applications will be available beginning March 1, at www.cranfordhigh-schoolguidance.com, or at the reference desk at the Cranford Library on Walnut Avenue. All seniors living in Cranford are eligible to apply. Cranford students who attend private high schools may obtain applications at their school guidance offices.

Completed applications should be sent to: Susan Dooley, 117 Severin Court, Cranford, NJ 07016. The application deadline is April 1.

Register now for 'Bouquet in a Basket' workshop

The Hanson Park Conservancy will host a "Bouquet in a Basket" workshop Wednesday, April 5, at 7 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Floral designer and master gardener Pamela Newell will guide participants in making a spring basket filled with an assortment of flowers. All supplies will be provided, but it is suggested participants bring a sharp knife. Sign-up early at www.hansonparkconservancy.com; registration is limited.

There is a fee to attend and payment is due at time of registration. To learn more about the Hanson Park Conservancy, visit www.hansonparkconservancy.com.

Friends of the Library scholarship now available

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are offering the Gerard Paradiso Scholarship of \$1,000 to a Cranford resident currently pursuing or intending to pursue a graduate degree in library information science or as a media specialist. The deadline to apply is May 1, and candidates must furnish proof of acceptance to an accredited university, a letter of reference, and an essay. Applications are available at the Cranford Public Library reference desk.

Send completed applications to The Friends of the Cranford Public Library, P.O. Box 400, Cranford, N.J., 07016.

CALENDAR

CHS play, 'The Secret Garden,' begins March 3

Cranford High School will perform its spring production of "The Secret Garden," by Marsha Norman and Lucy Simon, on March 3 and 4, at 7:30 p.m., and March 5, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available online at www.chs.booktix.com. Student rush tickets will be available at the door. Senior citizens

are invited to attend the dress rehearsal Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Registration for spring programs begins March 6

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department has announced that registration for spring 2017 programs begins Monday, March 6. All class registrations must be online through Community Pass and are for Cranford residents only. Details of classes are found in the brochure, which was mailed to all Cranford residents, as well as at www.cranford.com/rec.

New classes can be found at www.facebook.com/CranfordRecreationAndParks. For more information, call 908-709-7283.

Live comedy event March 6

The Cranford Library will host "Dr. Gameshow Live!" on Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Comedians Jo Firestone and Manolo will present some games they have played on the air in the past, assisted by audience members.

This event is free, no registration required; it is best suited for participants ages 10 and older.

Star Trek program March 7

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library will present "A Celebration of Star Trek — The Original Series" on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. The event will also include a trivia segment for fans. Following the presentation, there will be an open-discussion period for all to share their Star Trek memories, experiences and memorabilia.

Admission to the program is free and all are welcome. For more information, visit www.cranfordlibrary.org.

Friends of the Library book sale begins on March 8

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library's used book sale is in the Friendly Book Cellar at the Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave., on Wednesday, March 8, from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the library.

Senior Club of Cranford Atlantic City trip March 8

The Friday Senior Club of Cranford sponsors a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City the second Wednesday of each month. Upcoming trip dates are March 8 and April 12. The bus leaves from the Centennial Avenue Pool Parking Lot at 11 a.m. and returns to Cranford at 7 p.m.

There is a fee to participate; for information and to reserve, contact Helen at 908-654-1236.



THE POWER OF BOOKS — Dierdre Morley, a librarian at Clark Public Library, visits Clark Preschool recently for story time and a talk about the library. According to pre-school supervisor and nurse Lori Kowalski, 'reading to children is a very important pre-literacy activity. Reading to your child prepares them with a foundation for academic excellence.'

LINDEN NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reservations available for Linden Presbyterian dinner

A fish and chips dinner will be held Friday, March 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Linden Presbyterian Church, 1506 Orchard Terrace.

Prepaid reservations are available for discounted price. Ticket sale at the door will be based on availability.

To make a reservation, or for more information, call 908-486-3066.

CALENDAR

Read Across America at the library will be held March 2

The Linden Library, 31 E. Henry St., will host a Read Across America Day event on Thursday, March 2, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The event will include several guest readers sharing their favorite Dr. Seuss stories, and the Cat in the Hat will make an appearance. The program is hosted by the Friends of Linden Library.

For questions about the program, call 908-298-3830, ext. 26.

Senior financial safety presentation is March 3

Agnieszka Belch from Garden State Community Bank presents, "Senior Financial Safety" at the Linden Library, 31 E. Henry St, on Friday, March 3, at 10 a.m.

There will be giveaways and light refreshments. To attend, sign up at the library's circulation desk or call 908-298-3830.

Linden Library will host financial workshop March 6

June Lazaro of Primerica will present "How Money Works" at the Linden Library on Monday, March 6. There will be two sessions, one from 2 to 3 p.m. and another from 7 to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

To sign up, contact June at 908-930-8310 or the library at 908-298-3830 by March 3.

The library is located at 31 E. Henry Street.



100 DAYS — The children at Temple Sha'arey Shalom Preschool in Springfield enjoyed 100 minutes of fun on their 100th day of school recently, including making celebratory crowns to wear for the day, and participating in a scavenger hunt to find 100 colored popsicle sticks, a fitness workout with 100 various repetitions, and several stories read by Director Nancy Kovacs.

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

Tickets now available for annual Spring Benefit

Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in Bedminster will host the Summit Speech School's 27th annual Spring Benefit on April 4. A 10 a.m. luncheon presentation will be followed by a 6 p.m. dinner party; there will also be auctions, a grand raffle with cash prizes, a gourmet chocolate sale, and a wine pull. The benefit will honor Ellen Hansen, Summit Speech School's pediatric audiologist, and feature Summit Speech School alumna Becca Von Langen. All event proceeds benefit the school's students.

The nonprofit organization, located in New Providence, teaches children who are deaf and hard of hearing to learn to speak.

Register for senior events

Two upcoming events are planned for Union County seniors.

- On Thursday, March 16, be Irish for the day and join Jimmy Byrne and his Green Derby Show Band for a St. Patrick's Day celebration at The Staaten on Staten Island. There will be feasting, dancing, drinking, laughter, singing and more.

Pick-up is at the Kenilworth Municipal Parking Lot across from the VFW on South 21st St. at 10 a.m. A fee of \$76 per person includes lunch with an open bar, entertainment, round trip transportation and gratuities. For more information, call Rosemary Palmer at 908-272-1705.

- Monday, April 3, at The Staaten on Staten Island, Lisa Sherman will perform songs by Barbara Streisand, Bette Midler, Fanny Brice and Edie Gorme along with Mike Byrnes and his group. There will also

be a comedian. The luncheon menu includes an open bar, garden salad, soup, beef brisket, chicken Marsala, or salmon with dill sauce, dessert, coffee, tea, wine and soda.

There will be pick-ups at 10 a.m. at Kenilworth Veterans Center on South 21st Street, and at 10:15 a.m. at the Renaissance Hotel on Routes 1 & 9 in Iselin. A fee of \$80 per person includes lunch with an open bar, entertainment, round trip bus transportation and gratuities.

Checks should be received by March 15, and made payable to Rose Pal Travel, 17 N. 23rd St., Kenilworth, N.J., 07033.

For more information, contact Rosalyn Bernstein Charnes at 908-964-7840 or Rosemary Palmer at 908-272-1705

SAGE Eldercare joins March for Meals celebration

SAGE Eldercare will participate in the 15th annual March for Meals, a monthlong, nationwide celebration of Meal on Wheels and the homebound and vulnerable seniors who rely on its vital safety net. SAGE welcomes local elected officials, police and fire departments, town administrators, civic groups, business owners, and religious leaders in March to deliver meals to local seniors.

SAGE's Meals on Wheels is the oldest continuously run program in New Jersey and provides more than 46,000 meals to about 225 people in Union, Essex and Morris counties.

For more information about the Meals on Wheels program at SAGE, contact Marianne Kranz at 908-273-5554 or send an email to mkranz@sageeldercare.org.

Tickets available for Komen Foundation Pink Tie Party

The Susan G. Komen of North Jersey foundation hosts the 20th anniversary Pink Tie Party on Friday, April 7, from 7 p.m. to midnight, at Westmount Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road in Woodland Park. The

event includes cocktails, dinner, dancing, and silent and live auctions, with entertainment by the Infernos Band.

This year's event will honor Deborah Q. Belfatto of Summit, Lisa Herschli of Denver, Colo., and Kathy Hubert-McKenna of Berkeley Heights; and recognize RWJBarnabas Health and Wakefern Food Corp./ShopRite.

To purchase tickets, visit www.komen-northjersey.org/PinkTie, send an email to pinktie@komentnorthjersey.org, or call 908-277-2904.

Register for book-signings at Kent Place School

Kent Place School will hold two book signings in March.

Best-selling author Mahzarin Banaji will be speaking on "Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People," with a book-signing to follow at Kent Place School's Hyde and Watson Theatre on Sunday, March 5, at 6 p.m.

And on Wednesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. best-selling author Lisa Damour will be speaking on "Untangled: Guiding Teenage Girls Through the Seven Transitions into Adulthood," with a book signing to follow at Kent Place School's Hyde and Watson Theatre.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Register by visiting www.kentplace.org before March 3. Seating is limited.

Exhibit on black history in Plainfield is now open

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents "Snapshots ... Black History in Plainfield," through Tuesday, April 4. This exhibit of 20 photos and text was curated and written by the Plainfield Public Library Local History Department, headed by archivist Sarah Hull.

The wide-ranging images feature residents and notable people including accomplished leaders, activists, artists and athletes. Since the city's beginning, black resi-

dents influenced the building and development of Plainfield. The city has been home to numerous social, religious, and professional organizations, some of which are documented in the exhibit.

The Freeholders Gallery is located on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, in downtown Elizabeth. Gallery hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Plainfield Library's Local History Collection, the largest such collection in Union County, is composed of books, documents, photographs, blueprints, maps, newspapers, personal papers, oral histories, and local organizations' records of significance in Plainfield and the surrounding communities.

Information about the Local History Collection can also be found online at <http://www.plainfieldlibrary.info/> For further information, or to learn more about exhibiting at the Freeholders Gallery, contact the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550; or send an email to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

CALENDAR

Women's yoga, wellness class will be held March 3

In recognition of Women's History Month, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders through the Department of Human Services Union County Office on Women the is presenting a free yoga class and wellness event, "Empowering Union County Women to Go Out and Make History" on Friday, March 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Maskers Barn in the historic Deserted Village of Feltsville. The event is open to all, from beginners to experienced practitioners.

Masker's Barn is a fully renovated 19th century building located at 9 Cataract Hollow Road in the Deserted Village, off Glenside Avenue.

For additional details contact Jennifer Erdos at jerdos@ucnj.org.

SPRINGFIELD NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Springfield library April discussion book has been announced

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will meet Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the Staff Room to discuss "The Art of Fielding" by Chad Harbach. Refreshments are served and new members are welcome. To reserve a copy of the book, call 973-376-4930, ext. 228, or send an email to: questions@sfplnj.org. T

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

CALENDAR

Springfield library book discussion will be held on March 2

The Springfield Free Public Library Really Good Book Discussion Group will meet at the library, 66 Mountain Ave., Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m., to discuss "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand," a debut novel by Helen Simonson. Refreshments will be served and new members are welcome. To reserve a copy of the book, call 973-376-4930, ext. 228, or send an email to questions@sfplnj.org.

Springfield library is open on Sundays beginning March 5

The Springfield Free Public Library will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays from March 5 through May 28; and will resume again from Oct. 1 through Dec. 17.

UNION COUNTY QUALITY OF LIFE

WWI observance March 5

On Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m. at the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Avenue in Cranford, the Union County Historical Society will observe the 100th anniversary of the United States entry into World War I with a program featuring the music and songs that helped to support the war effort abroad. Pianist and musicologist Dean Poulsen will present and perform the popular songs of the era, giving their historical context at home and abroad.

All are welcome; refreshments will be served after the presentation.

Ice skating event March 5

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation invite children and adults with disabilities to ice skate Sunday, March 5, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Warinanco Park Ice Skating Center on Thompson Avenue in Roselle.

There will be skate guards on duty throughout the event and skate-walkers will be available for those needing assistance.

To register, visit www.ucnj.org/parks-reg/. For more information, call 908-527-4781 or visit www.ucnj.org/parks-recreation/recreation-for-people-with-disabilities.

Watchung Reservation Trails Master Plan meeting March 7

The Union County Department of Parks & Recreation will host a meeting Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside, to present a Trails Master Plan that has been developed for the Watchung Reservation.

The plan creates new trails and opens part of the Watchung Reservation to mountain biking. Representatives of the Parks Department and its trails-planning consultant will discuss the master plan and answer questions, with an opportunity for

attendees to offer their input. There is no sign-up or reservation required to attend or to speak at the meeting.

The Trails Master Plan includes the construction of 13.5 miles of new trails restricted to mountain biking only. The new trails will be spread throughout most areas of the park, with portions of the Sierra Trail and other existing hiking or equestrian trails shared by all users, including mountain bikers. Some sections of existing hiking trails will be closed.

A map showing the location of the trails that will be constructed can be found at <http://ucnj.org/watchung-reservation-trails-master-plan/>.

MHANJ support group session meets March 7

The Mental Health Association in New Jersey's Peer Outreach Support Team's support and wellness group will cover the topic, "How to Deal with Meddling Family and Friends," Tuesday, March 7, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at 2333 Morris Ave., Building C, Suites 206 and 208, Union.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Nell Dixon at 908-810-1001, ext. 318, or 908-810-1001, ext. 319 for Jeff Demuth.

'Too Much Stuff' support group will be held March 7

The Mental Health Association in New Jersey's ongoing support group, "Too Much Stuff," will be held Tuesday, March 7, at 1 p.m., at 2333 Morris Avenue, Building C, Suite 206 and 208, Union. For more information, call 732-226-7443.

Girls' Leadership Institute open house held March 7

Kent Place School's newly expanded Girls' Leadership Institute will hold an open house for prospective participants

STUDENT UPDATE

Marchand named to the president's list at Davenport

Davenport University has announced that Deanna Marchand of Rahway has been named to the president's list for the fall 2016 semester. To achieve this recognition, a student must maintain a minimum 3.8 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Davenport University is located in Grand Rapids, Mich.

UVM students honored

The following students have been named to the dean's list at the University of Vermont: Nora Aronds, Sara Fetter, Katherine Fischer, Jonathan Kelly, Hailey Reilly, Annie Resnikoff and Allyson Tazbin of Westfield; Mia Fishkin, of Springfield; Joseph Guidi and Ani Hsu Obrock of Scotch Plains; Melissa Lapara of New Prov-

idence; Scott Quisenberry of Cranford, and Kathryn Tischenko of Berkeley Heights.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school. UVM is located in Burlington, Vt.

Vicci participates in the inaugural parade

Joseph Vicci of Cranford marched in the 2017 Presidential Inaugural Parade as part of The Citadel's Summerall Guard. The Summerall Guard is a silent precision drill platoon formed at The Citadel 85 years ago. The platoon's purpose is to exemplify, through a unique series of movements based on the old close order drill, the exactness and thoroughness with which a cadet at The Citadel is trained.

The Citadel is located in Charleston, S.C.

Tuesday, March 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. on the Kent Place School campus, 42 Norwood Ave., Summit. Parents can join their children to learn all about GLI's new summer offerings, and to participate in free parent-daughter leadership workshops.

Now in its 22nd year, the Girls' Leadership Institute holds summer institutes for girls entering grades four to five, seven to eight, and nine. All programs include hands-on activities on the school's 26-acre campus, guest lectures, peer mentoring and off-site field experiences designed to build skills in several essential areas: communication, social and emotional intelligence, vision and goal setting, ethical decision-making, leadership styles and cultural competence.

For more information, and to register for the open house, visit www.kentplace.org/gli or send an email to atleadership@kentplace.org.

MHANJ group support sessions held March 7

The "Trapped in my own Shame" session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Mental Health Association of New Jersey's Union County location, 2333 Morris Ave., Building C, Suites 206 and 208, Union.

For more information, call 908-810-1001, ext. 318, for Nell Dixon, or ext. 319, for Jeff Demuth.

Alzheimer's information program held March 8

The Alzheimer's Association will discuss the basics of memory loss, dementia, and Alzheimer's during a free program held at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit, on March 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

As the first in a three-part series, information will be provided about facts and myths regarding aging, Alzheimer's disease and dementia; common risk factors and

causes; stages of the disease and current treatments; and dementia-related behavioral symptoms.

Alzheimer's Association-led discussions, "Dementia Conversations" and "Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers," will be held April 12 and May 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for the programs, call: 908-598-5548 or send an email to education@sageeldercare.org.

Teacher workshop March 9

"Healthy Water, Healthy People," a teacher-training workshop, will be offered Thursday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. The workshop encourages the investigation of the connections between water quality, the environment and human health. This advanced workshop is best suited for educators teaching grades six through 12, who have taken a Project WET workshop and who have basic water chemistry background. Participants receive six NJDOE professional development credits. Morning refreshments will be provided. Participants are asked to bring lunch.

There is a fee to attend this event. For more information, call 908-789-3670 or visit www.ucnj.org/trailside.

Budget hearing will be held on March 9 in Elizabeth

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold an open public hearing Thursday, March 9, at 5 p.m. in the Union County Administrative Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, in Elizabeth.

The meeting will review of the soon-to-be released 2017 Executive Budget. While there are no public comments at these meetings, the public is welcome to attend and listen to the discussion.

The Freeholder Board will conduct its review before voting to introducing the budget later this year.

Woman arrested for DWI, endangering minor

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

Roselle Park

• Feb. 15: At approximately 11:49 p.m. during a motor vehicle stop in the area of W. Westfield and Faitoute avenues, police arrested Katherine Y. Bracamonte, 30, of Avon for endangering the welfare of a minor and driving while intoxicated. According to police reports, Bracamonte had three passengers in the vehicle under the age of 7, none wearing any seat belts or using child seats. Bracamonte was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor. She was also issued several motor vehicle summonses for driving while intoxicated, consumption of an alcoholic beverage inside a motor vehicle, driving with a suspended license, reckless driving, driving the wrong way on a highway, and failure to use a car seat or restraint for a child under 8 years old. She was additionally discovered to have an outstanding warrant out of Scotch Plains Municipal Court. She was ultimately released into the custody of a family member with a court date.

Clark

• Feb. 20: At 12:06 a.m. in the vicinity of Valley Road and Walnut Avenue, police arrested Ryan Buontempo, 18, of Cranford for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

• Feb. 19: At 10:47 a.m. police took a report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle that was parked in the vicinity of Schuyler Drive. The incident is under investigation.

• Feb. 18: At 5:56 p.m. police arrested Kina Oneal, 35, and Lataya Cofield, 32, both of Plainfield, for shoplifting from the Marshall's Department Store on Central Avenue. Both were subsequently released on their own recognizance pending court dates.

POLICE BLOTTER

• Feb. 17: At 9:55 p.m. in the vicinity of Westfield Avenue, police arrested Chaun Comrie, 26, of Union, New Jersey for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

• Feb. 15: At 3:08 p.m. police took a report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle parked in front of a residence on Lexington Boulevard. The incident is under investigation.

• Feb. 15: At 1:49 a.m. in the vicinity of Stonehenge Terrace, police arrested Felecia Terribile, 27, of Clark, for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. She was released on the Clark charge pending a court date, but detained on an outstanding warrant from Essex County and transported to the Essex County Jail.

• Feb. 14: At 8:49 p.m. in the vicinity of Raritan Road and Walnut Avenue, police arrested Ishmil Raymond, 25, of Scotch Plains for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

• Feb. 14: At 12:41 p.m. in the vicinity of Central Avenue, police arrested Chad Kordzikowski, 22, of Edison, New Jersey for possession of a controlled dangerous substance, drug paraphernalia and a hypodermic needle. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

• Feb. 14: At 11:58 a.m. in the vicinity of Westfield Avenue, police arrested Jeffrey Webb, 35, of Rahway, for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. He was subsequently released on her own recognizance pending a court date.

• Feb. 14: At 8:22 a.m. in the vicinity of Brant Avenue, police arrested Anthony Johnson, 22, of Newark, for hindering apprehension. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

• Feb. 13: At 12:51 a.m. in the vicinity of Central Avenue, police arrested Sheanna Torres, 32, of Matawan, for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. She was subsequently released on her own recognizance pending a court date.

Cranford

• Feb. 16: At 8:50 p.m. at E. North and Elizabeth avenues, police arrested Ahmed AlAmeri, 19, of Rahway for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia during a motor vehicle stop for a seat belt violation. He was processed, and released pending a Municipal Court appearance, and also issued a motor vehicle summons for failure to wear a seat belt.

• Feb. 16: At 2:20 a.m. in Municipal Lot No. 3, police arrested Kenneth Mattei, 25, of Elizabeth for driving while intoxicated. He was processed, and released to a friend pending a Municipal Court appearance.

• Feb. 16: At 1:28 a.m. at Myrtle Street and Rod Smith Place, Portia Alston, 24, of Morristown was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia during a motor vehicle stop for an equipment violation. Alston was processed, and released pending a Municipal Court appearance. Additionally, she was issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while suspended, unclear plates, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance inside a motor vehicle.

• Feb. 14: At 4:01 p.m. on Hamilton Avenue, police arrested William Dubrel, 27, of Deal Island, Md., for driving while intoxicated, when police responded to a reported motor vehicle accident. Following an investigation at the scene, Dubrel was arrested, processed, and released to a friend pending a Municipal Court appearance. He was also issued motor vehicle summonses for careless driving, delaying traffic, and possessing an open container of alcohol inside a motor vehicle.

• Feb. 14: At 11:11 a.m. at Centennial Avenue and Hayes Street, police arrested Alan Lopez-Baylon, 31, of Linden and Nicole Hoffman, 26, of Colonia during a motor vehicle stop.

Both were charged with possession of heroin, drug paraphernalia and a hypodermic syringe, and issued a Superior Court date. Hoffman was issued motor vehicle summonses for failing to utilize her turn signal, failure to exhibit documents, and possessing a controlled dangerous substance inside a motor vehicle. Lopez-Baylon was turned over to the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department on an outstanding warrant.

• Feb. 14: At 11:02 a.m. at Park Drive and Romore Place, police arrested Frank R. Evans, 21, of Summit for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Evans was processed and released pending a Municipal Court appearance, and also issued a motor vehicle summons for possessing a controlled dangerous substance inside a motor vehicle.

• Feb. 14: At 2:05 a.m. at Walnut and Blake avenues, police arrested Lindsay Reese, 23, of Rahway for driving while

intoxicated. Reese was arrested, processed and released to a family member pending a Municipal Court appearance. Reese was also issued motor vehicle summonses for failure to exhibit documents, delaying traffic, failure to maintain lane, careless driving, and possession of an open container of alcohol inside a motor vehicle.

Linden

• Feb. 17: At approximately 12:34 p.m. the Linden Police Department responded to the 600 block of Ercama Street on a report of a burglary to a residence. According to police reports, the male perpetrator entered the house, confronted the resident and indicated that he had a weapon, demanding money from the resident. The perpetrator was described as a light-skinned black male, approximately 6 feet tall, wearing dark clothing and carrying a black backpack. He fled the house in an unknown direction and the resident was unharmed.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact detective Kevin Mikolajczyk at 908-474-8530 or kevinmikolajczyk@lpdnj.org.

Summit

• Feb. 17: Tyler R. Suffern, 23, of Summit was arrested for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and use of drug paraphernalia. He was released with a pending court date.

• Feb. 15: Jeison A. Sanchez-Munoz, 32, of Summit was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and released with a pending court date.

• Feb. 15: At 5:16 p.m. a report was taken on a burglary to a Silver Lake Drive residence. The victim did not know when the incident had occurred, according to police reports. Entry was gained through a rear, ground floor bedroom window. At the time of the report, it was unknown if anything was removed from the residence.

• Feb. 14: Ryan J. Gieger, 34, of Summit was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest; he was released with a pending court date.

• Feb. 13: Vepkhvia Saakashvili, 30, of Westfield was arrested for operating a vehicle with a suspended license and a contempt of court warrant out of Westfield. He was released with a pending court date.

• Feb. 10: Andrew S. Medina, 26, of Hackettstown was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and was released with a pending court date.

• Feb. 8: Sean R. Ousterman, 25, of Cranford was arrested and charged with theft by unlawful taking, and was released with a pending court date.

Union County Prosecutor's Office launches Twitter

In an effort to better connect and engage with the local public and news media, the Union County Prosecutor's Office has launched an official Twitter account, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park announced Monday, Feb. 27.

The account, @UCPONJ, is now live and will be managed by Prosecutor's Office Director of Communications Mark Spivey.

"Transparency and accountability are two ideals I have strived to make hallmarks of my administration, and being active on social media is a great way to provide both," Park said. "We believe that taking this step will offer an unprecedented insider's look at who we are and what we do on behalf of the public we serve."

Starting this week and continuing into March, details will be shared via Twitter regarding new initiatives being imple-

mented to combat the opiate and opioid-abuse epidemic affecting Union County, including regularly scheduled public dissemination of pertinent data.

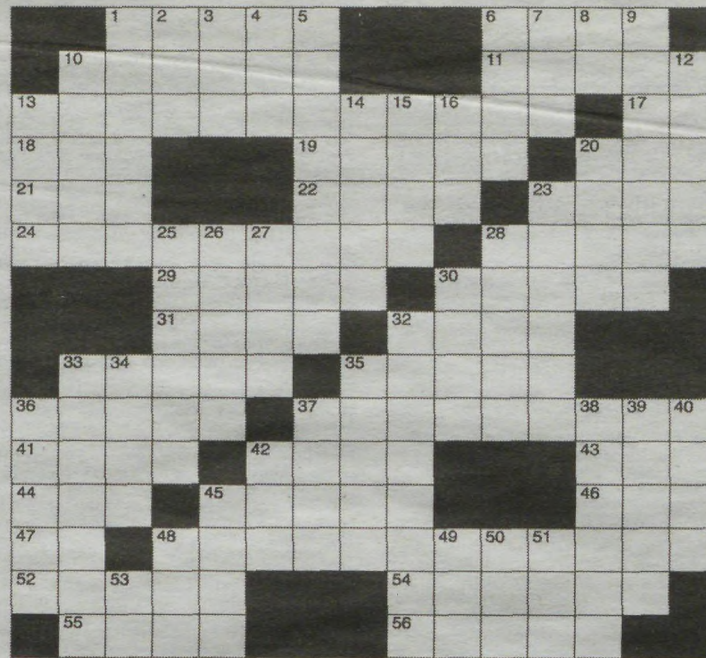
Also expected to be shared via the @UCPONJ Twitter handle are press releases, public statements, emergency alerts, notifications of public speaking engagements by staff and regularly produced publications, such as annual reports, as well as announcements regarding new hires, retirements, and promotions within the office. Using the hashtag #gettoknowUCPO, there will also be periodic posts highlighting individual staff members and the roles they serve. Basic background information about new investigations into certain breaking criminal matters will also be shared on Twitter prior to a press release, with more detailed information being posted later.

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.

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18. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
19. So. Am. plain (Span.)
20. Point midway between N and NE
21. Single
22. Inactive
23. Mother of Hermes
24. Gives a new meaning
28. Silent players
29. One who adds Cluny trim
30. Men or boys
31. God of War
32. Self-immolation by fire ritual
33. Inevitable events
35. Add piquancy
36. Skin lesions
37. Cannabis
41. River of NE Turkey
42. 2 family struggle
43. A young swine
44. __ student, learns healing
45. 55300 MN
46. Opie actor Howard
47. World's oldest news gathering organization (abbr.)
48. Luke's Jedi mentor
52. Japan's knife & scissor city
54. Medical antiseptic & dye
55. Early female flyers
56. Loses heat



CLUES DOWN

2. No longer practicing
2. Military mailbox
3. Cowboy Carson
4. 7th Greek letter
5. Nautical ladder rungs
6. Hmong
7. Fellow
8. Maltese pound
9. Coal blacks
10. Japan Airlines bird
12. Different concepts
13. Secure a ship with ropes
14. Elder
15. Belongs to famous computer
16. Point midway between NE and E
20. Moniker
23. Environment
25. Fills with joy
26. Transportation charges
27. Frosts
28. Counterpart
30. 2nd largest Hawaiian island
32. Grimly humorous
33. A dog's front foot
34. Mures River city
35. Steam bath
36. South African Music Awards
37. Sound made by a cat
38. Clothing protectors
39. Wife of Amphion
40. God of fire (Hindu)
42. Favorite weekday (abbr.)
45. Japanese sashes
48. Klutz
49. "___ Koo," Debbie Harry debut album
50. Tokyo
51. Hardly any
53. Cathode

ANSWERS APPEAR IN OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION

HOROSCOPE

ARIES, March 21 to April 20

Your instincts say you must act this week based on the direct immediacy of what you want. Please realize you presently lack much more than these initiating instincts. So take baby steps.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21

Trying to proceed before the time is right won't demonstrate your mettle; it merely reinforces the impulse to claim control when you don't really have it. Stay on the sidelines this week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Center on tangible life-directional efforts, positive action-steps taken straight towards the vision of who you wish to be in the world, disregarding the opinions of others.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22

Is your hard work and mounting achievements serving an ill-suited project, undeserving leader, or corrupt enterprise. Further investigation and reflection may be necessary.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23

Look carefully at what you're considering leaving behind and soberly confront whatever you'd have to deal with if you don't. This is not 'dwelling on the past'; it's making peace with it.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22

Determine whether a situation or a close relationship has mutated so far from its initial appeal that you wonder if the headaches are even worth your continued involvement.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Don't get consumed with the premature shape of apparent outcomes, since this is decidedly not the right moment for settling into either fairy-tale endings or tragic partings. Despite any anxiety, there's nothing for you to 'decide' right now.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Good things are beginning to occur; it just isn't slated to full-on materialize for another several months. So do not abandon the motivation to continue your daily grind.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Comparable to 'being careful what you wish for', it's the very fact of your successfully scoring so much of a certain kind of gratification that'll likely make you second-guess pursuing that over other possible delights. So choose wisely.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

You know how you feel. What's not so apparent is how these now-indisputable feelings will affect your interactions with any characters those feelings relate to, because they played an actual role in reminding you of their oh-too-familiar behaviors.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

By fearlessly positioning yourself as a mouthpiece for unapologetic free-thinking, you could actually boost your relative worth amongst those who value that very quality.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20.

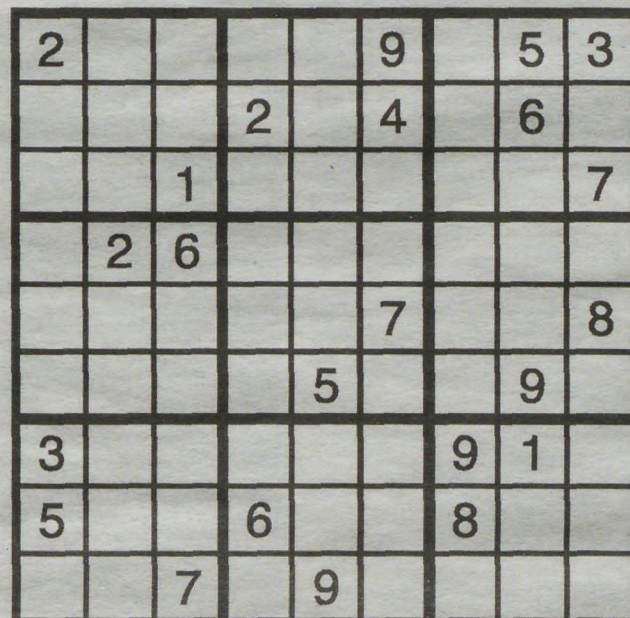
Your willingness to worry less about helping others manage their life-circumstances (which is not the same as caring any less) could spur them to take more responsibility for themselves.

SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

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

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Level: Intermediate

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CITY OF LINDEN
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Linden, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on February 21, 2017. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, 301 N. Wood Avenue, in said City on March 21, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Ord. #61-11

Title: Bond Ordinance Authorizing Brook, Storm And Sanitary Improvements And Removal Of Underground Storage Tanks At Various Locations Citywide In And For The City Of Linden, In The County Of Union, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,045,000 Therefore And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$992,750 Bonds Or Notes To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof.
Purpose(s): For brook, storm and sanitary improvements and removal of underground storage tanks at various locations citywide.
Appropriation: \$1,045,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$992,750
Grants (if any) Appropriated: None.
Section 20 Costs: \$95,000
Useful Life: 15 years

Joseph Bodek, Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.
U51078 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$24.99)

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Ord. # 61-05

Title: Bond Ordinance Authorizing The Resurfacing Of Various Streets In And For The City Of Linden, In The County Of Union, New Jersey, Appropriating \$2,530,000 Therefore And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,403,500 Bonds Or Notes To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof.
Purpose(s): Resurfacing of Various Streets, including curb and sidewalk reconstruction, as set forth in the Office of the Clerk.
Appropriation: \$2,530,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$2,403,500
Grants (if any) Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: \$230,000
Useful Life: 10 years

Joseph Bodek, Clerk

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U51084 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$24.50)

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ORD. #61-09

Title: Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance Number 59-44 Finally Adopted By The City Council Of The City Of Linden, New Jersey On November 10, 2015
Purpose(s): Amend Bond Ordinance 59-44 to provide for an increase in the appropriation to \$687,500, debt authorization to \$653,125, down payment to \$34,375 and Section 20 costs to \$68,000.
Appropriation: \$687,500
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$653,125
Grants (if any) Appropriated: None
Section 20 Costs: \$68,000
Useful Life: 7 years

Joseph Bodek, Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.
U51080 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$23.52)

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LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD
2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LINDEN THAT THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF LINDEN LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD WILL BE HELD AT 605 S. WOOD AVENUE, LINDEN, NJ 07036

5:15 pm

March 6
June 5
September 5
December 4

U51069 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$9.31)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED: Vision Service Plan through

Acrisure and BGIA
900 Route 9 North,
Suite 503
Woodbridge, New Jersey
07095

SERVICE: To provide a vision care program for City of Linden Employees.

TIME PERIOD: For a period of one year commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2017.

COST: At a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00

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DATED: February 22, 2017
Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U51076 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$18.62)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED: Development Directions, LLC
2 City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor
Rahway, NJ 07065

SERVICE: To operate the City of Linden Home Improvement Program.

TIME PERIOD: For a period commencing January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

COST: At a fee not to exceed \$27,000.00 for 2017 and an undetermined amount (twenty percent of the grant for 2018).

DATED: February 22, 2017

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U51074 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$18.13)

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AWARDED: Pennoni Associates,
Inc.
Suite 300
Newark, NJ 07102

SERVICE: For the contract administration on the Wood Avenue Streetscape Project #TAP-0617(300)

TIME PERIOD: For the year 2017.

COST: At a fee not to exceed \$128,828.78.

DATED: February 22, 2017

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U51072 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$17.15)

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AWARDED: Appraisal Consultants
293 Eisenhower Parkway,
Suite 200
Livingston, NJ 07039

SERVICE:

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To retain consulting services for an appraisal of land known as the St. Georges Avenue Redevelopment Area.

TIME PERIOD: For the year 2017.

COST: At a fee not to exceed \$8,500.00

DATED: February 22, 2017

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U51070 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$17.15)

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AWARDED: Dynamic Earth
245 Main Street, Suite 110
Chester, New Jersey 07930

SERVICE: For testing and inspection of materials under the supervision of a professional engineer relative to the City of Linden's annual construction program.

TIME PERIOD: For the year 2017.

COST: At a fee not to exceed \$10,000.00.
DATED: February 22, 2017.Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U51073 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$17.15)

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AWARDED: Remington, Vernick &
Arango Engineers
The Presidential Center
Lincoln Building, Suite 130
101 Route 130
Cinnaminson, New Jersey
08077

SERVICE:

To retain the services of a licensed land surveyor to maintain and update the Tax Maps for 2017.

TIME PERIOD: For the year 2017.

COST: At a fee not to exceed \$2,000.00

DATED: February 22, 2017

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U51077 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$18.62)

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AWARDED: Ricci Planning
10 Georgian Drive
Linden, NJ 07036SERVICE:
For the on-call Planning Services relative to redevelopment studies amendments to City Ordinances, studied to create Special Improvement Districts as well as consultation on upcoming projects and associated meetings.
TIME PERIOD: For the year 2017.

COST: At a fee not to exceed \$17,500.00

DATED: February 22, 2017

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U51071 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$17.64)

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SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000438
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F004728614
County: Union
Plaintiff: CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
VSDefendant: OLGA LOUREIRO; MR.
LOUREIRO, HUSBAND OF OLGA LOUREIRO
Sale Date: 03/22/2017
Writ of Execution: 02/03/2016

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: 18 PALLANT AVENUE, LINDEN, NJ 07036
BEING KNOWN as LOT 49, BLOCK 215 on the official Tax Map of the CITY OF LINDEN
Dimensions: 100.00 FT X 50.00 FT X 100.00 FT X 50.00 FT
Nearest Cross Street: SIXTH AVENUE
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.

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

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

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$452,666.47***Four Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 47/100***

Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN DIAMOND & JONES, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL NJ, 08054
(856)813-5500Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$481,582.99***Four Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Two and 99/100***
February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2017
U50867 PRO (\$158.76)

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A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$410,272.50***Four Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Two and 50/100**
 February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 2017
 U50610 PRO (\$117.60)

ROSELLE

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

NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD

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

AWARDED: Archonix Public Safety Software
 30 Lake Center Executive Park
 401 Route 7 North, Suite 105
 Marlton, NJ 08053

SERVICE: License and Support Services for the Borough's Police Department

DURATION: January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

AMOUNT OF CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED:
 \$26,463.00
 U50908 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$14.70)

OBS-LEGALS

MOUNTAINSIDE

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
 COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY**

NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular Meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey held on the 21st day of February 2017.

Martha Lopez
 Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1253-2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X, SECTION 1.14, SECTION a. AND b., OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY REGARDING MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR USE OF THE MOUNTAINSIDE COMMUNITY POOL
 U50941 OBS March 2, 2017 (\$12.74)

SUMMIT

**BID NOTICE
 CITY OF SUMMIT**

PROJECT: Summit Maple Elm Improvement Project
DEPARTMENT: Department of Community Services

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey no later than 11:00 A.M. prevailing time, **TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017** in the Council Chamber, First Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey for:

SUMMIT MAPLE ELM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

in accordance with the specifications and proposal forms for same which may be obtained at the office of the Department of Community Services 512 Springfield Avenue, 2nd Floor, Summit, N. J. during regular business hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday for free.

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

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

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

The Common Council reserves the right to reject all bids or proposals, waive any minor defects, and in the case of a tie, award on the basis of reasonable grounds, or accept the bid that in its judgment will be for the best interests of the City of Summit, and consider bids for sixty (60) days after their receipt. No charge shall be

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made or recovery had for publishing any official advertising unaccompanied by such statement of price. All work must be complete by **August 31, 2017**. The major construction items of this project are:

- Item 15 - HMA MILLING, 2" OR LESS
6,000 SY
- Item 16 - HOT MIX ASPHALT,
12.5M64 SURFACE COURSE
750 TONS
- Item 23 - GRANITE CURB
2,000 LF
- Item 54 - HMA MILLING, 2" OR LESS
14,500 SY
- Item 55 - HOT MIX ASPHALT,
12.5M64 SURFACE COURSE
1,900 TONS
- Item 62 - GRANITE CURB
4,000 LF

Rosalina M. Licatase, City Clerk
 Dated: 2/14/2017
 U50893 OBS March 2, 2017 (\$30.18)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT

NOTICE OF MOUNT LAUREL COMPLIANCE HEARING ON THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, COUNTY OF UNION

Docket Number: UNN-L-2440-15

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, April 17, 2017, The Honorable Camille M. Kenny, J.S.C., Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, at 10:30 a.m. at the Union County courthouse located at 2 Broad St., Courthouse Tower, 14th Fl., Elizabeth to consider whether the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (hereinafter "Affordable Housing Plan") of the City of Summit adopted on January 23, 2017 by the City's Planning Board and endorsed on January 31, 2017 by the City's Council, satisfies the City's obligation to provide a realistic opportunity to satisfy the rehabilitation and prior cycle components of its "fair share" of the regional need for housing affordable to low and moderate income households pursuant to (1) the Fair Housing Act ("FHA"), N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., (2) the substantive regulations of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") that has now

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been replaced with the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs ("Commissioner") who is currently administering the FHA in accordance with said COAH regulations and (3) other applicable laws. If the Court determines that the City has satisfied its obligation to provide a realistic opportunity to satisfy the rehabilitation and prior cycle components of its "fair share," it will enter a prior cycle Judgment of Compliance and Repeal and associated protection from any Mount Laurel lawsuits for a period of time the Court deems appropriate.

To facilitate this procedure, the City has presented to the Court, and placed on file with the City Clerk, a copy of the Affordable Housing Plan and various other related documents. These documents are available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ during normal business hours.

The Affordable Housing Plan and additional documents on file in the City's Municipal Building describe how the City will address its "fair share" of the regional need for low and moderate income housing as established pursuant to a court-approved Settlement Agreement between the City and Fair Share Housing Center dated October 6, 2016. The various elements of the City's Fair Share Plan are summarized as follows:

The City will satisfy its "rehabilitation share" by continuing to collaborate with the Summit Housing Authority to implement its Rehabilitation Program as well as the Union County Home Improvement Program.

The City claims entitlement to 59 affordable housing credits to more than satisfy its 36-unit "Realistic Development Potential." In addition, the Settlement Agreement acknowledges the 26-unit Regional Contribution Agreement executed by Summit and the City of Elizabeth. These 26 credits will be applied towards the City's 653-unit "Unmet Need."

Pursuant to the Agreement, the City has agreed to address the remainder of the 653-unit through three approaches. The first is to amend the zoning ordinance to permit inclusionary housing development on eight (8) sites in the City. This overlay zoning will permit the pre-existing non-inclusionary housing uses to remain as permitted uses under the ordinance.

The second approach is to amend the City's zoning ordinance to impose 15 or 20 percent affordable housing set-asides (for rental or for sale units respectively) on multifamily housing

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developments undertaken within the twelve zoning districts which currently permit multifamily housing development without a set-aside. The zoning will provide multifamily developers with the opportunity to demonstrate that the proposed development warrants a zoning enhancement to compensate for the affordable housing requirement.

The third approach is that the City will facilitate the development of fifty (50) new affordable housing units on scattered sites between now and July 1, 2025. At least half of these units will be available to families. The Agreement describes the kind of efforts which the City is expected to reasonably make toward the 50-unit goal over the 9 year implementation period, and establishes an annual reporting regimen so that the public and interested parties are kept apprised of progress. Since these units are directed toward Unmet Need the Agreement does not commit the City to use local funds - other than Affordable Housing Trust Funds - to render the development of these units economi-

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cally feasible.
 On the date of the Compliance Hearing, the Court will determine whether the City has created a realistic opportunity for satisfaction of the rehabilitation and prior cycle components of its affordable housing obligations pursuant applicable law.

The City seeks a Judgment of Compliance and Repeal formally approving the rehabilitation and prior round components of the City's Affordable Housing Plan. All interested parties are hereby given an opportunity to appear and be heard at this Compliance Hearing to present any position on the specific issue listed above. Objections or comments by any interested party must be submitted in writing by March 31, 2017, to the Honorable Camille M. Kenny, J.S.C. at 2 Broad St., Courthouse Tower, 14th Fl., Elizabeth, New Jersey, 07207, with copies of all papers being forwarded by mail or e-mail to:

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UNION TOWNSHIP

**-NOTICE-
 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**

Take notice that Lusovini USA Inc. has applied to the Director, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a State-issued Wine Wholesale license for premises situated at 1030 Salem Road, Union, NJ 07083.

The persons who hold an interest in this license are:

Name	Address
Lusovini Distribucao, S.A.	Avenida da Liberdade, n° 15, 3520-061 Nelas, Portugal
Casimiro de Almeida Gomes	Avenida da Liberdade, n° 15, 3520-061 Nelas, Portugal
Jose Maria Valejo de Campos Correia	Avenida da Liberdade, n° 15, 3520-061 Nelas, Portugal
Antonio Jose Barros da Silva	Avenida da Liberdade, n° 15, 3520-061 Nelas, Portugal

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to: Director, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, CN 087, Trenton, New Jersey.

Lusovini USA Inc.
 1030 Salem Road
 Union, NJ 07083
 U50909 WCN March 2, 9, 2017 (\$54.88)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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KENILWORTH

BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the disposal of the Borough of Kenilworth's Surplus Property

**Consent Agenda 2/22/2017 - Resolution #2
 Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property**

WHEREAS, the Kenilworth Borough is the owner of certain surplus property which it no longer needs for public use; and
WHEREAS, the Kenilworth Borough is desirous of selling said surplus property in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Kenilworth Borough as follows:

(1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-83453/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Kenilworth Borough Website.

(2) The sale will be conducted online March 23, 2017 to March 30, 2017 and the address of the auction site is www.govdeals.com

(3) A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows:

2003 HONDA ACCORD	VIN #1HGCM82213A011359
2006 FORD EXPLORER	VIN #1FMEU73E86UA27597
2004 CADILLAC DEVILLE	VIN #1G6KD54Y24U164992
2006 GULFSTREAM CAVALIER TRAVEL TRAILER	VIN #1NL1GTR2461073391
2004 FORD CROWN VICTORIA INTERCEPTOR	VIN #2FAFP71W34X136198
2000 FORD CROWN VICTORIA INTERCEPTOR	VIN #2FAFP71W5YX179298
VARIOUS OFFICE CHAIRS	

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

(5) The Kenilworth Borough reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

Laura Reinertsen, RMC, CMR
 Borough Clerk

U51233 UNL March 2, 2017 (\$40.18)

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UNION TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the following applications were heard by the Township of Union Planning Board on February 22, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building, Friberg Park, Union, New Jersey.

CALENDAR R NUMBER	NAME AND ADDRESS APPLICANT	PREMISES AFFECTED	ACTION REQUESTED	DECISION OF THE PLANNING
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2017-02	2009-2013, Inc. 2015 Morris Avenue	Block 4214 Lot 13 16.01	Major Site Plan	Approved by Resolution
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U51211 UNL March 2, 2017 (\$31.36)

Joseph R. Venezia, P.E., P.P.
 Administrative Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Michael F. Rogers, City Administrator
Summit City Hall
512 Springfield Avenue
Summit NJ 07901
mrogers@cityofsummit.org

Special Master Philip B. Caton, P.P., F.A.I.C.P.
Clarke, Caton, Hintz
707 Barrack Street
Trenton, NJ 08608-2008
pcaton@cchnj.com

Michael A. Jedziniak, Esq.
Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC
707 Union Avenue, Suite 301
Brielle, NJ 08730
maj@surenian.com

Kevin D. Walsh, Esq.
Fair Share Housing Center
510 Park Boulevard
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002
kevinwalsh@fairsharehousing.org

This Notice is intended (1) to inform all interested parties of the existence of an Affordable Housing Plan adopted and endorsed by the City, and of documents on file that explain the specific manner in which the City proposes to address the rehabilitation component of the plan, and show the minimum number of affordable housing credits to which it is entitled, which will be more than enough to satisfy the prior cycle component of its fair share; and (2) to explain the consequences of the possible court approval: namely, immunity from Mount Laurel lawsuits. This Notice does not indicate any view by the Court or the parties as to whether the Court will approve the manner in which the City proposes to satisfy the rehabilitation and prior round components of the City's fair share.

Rosalía M. Licatase
City Clerk

Dated: 2/21/17
U51185 OBS March 2, 2017 (\$87.71)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on March 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, to consider an application affecting the property whose street address is known as 16 Hillside Avenue, Block 1903, Lot 9.

The conditions affecting this property and the reason for the application being heard are as follows: To build a one story addition and rebuild an existing Mudroom. Variances required for building and lot coverages, floor area ratio, and rear yard setbacks for addition and patio. A second existing curb cut to remain.

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

The application forms and supporting docu-

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

Steve and Staci Pearson
Applicants
U50921 OBS March 2, 2017 (\$17.15)

SUMMIT

SUMMIT HOUSING AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS CARE

The Housing Authority of the City of Summit, N.J. invites proposals for Landscaping & Grounds Care for the 2017 season. Only sealed proposals will be accepted no later than 10:00am (prevailing time) on Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Summit Housing Authority, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, N.J. 07901, Attention: Joseph M. Billy, Jr., Executive Director. The proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "2017 Landscaping".

No late proposals will be accepted. Interested firms should contact Jackie Roundtree at jroundtree@summitnaha.org or call (908) 273-6413 to request the proposal package.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days without the written consent of the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities in the selection process.

BY: Joseph M. Billy, Jr.
Executive Director
2/24/2017
U51205 OBS March 2, 2017 (\$15.19)

EAG-LEGALS

CLARK

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000419
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F03002112
County: Union
Plaintiff: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-22T1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-22T1
VS
Defendant: ELETICE SILVA, NATIONAL CITY BANK, FIA CARD SERVICES NA, DISCOVER BANK, TRINITAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, TRINITAS HOSPITAL, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 03/15/2017
Writ of Execution: 09/02/2015

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Linden, State of New Jersey, on February 21, 2017. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at 301 N. Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036, on March 21, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Ord. # 61-06

Title: Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance Number 57-45 Finally Adopted By The City Council Of The City Of Linden, New Jersey On August 20, 2013
Purpose(s): Amend Bond Ordinance 57-45 to provide for an increase in the appropriation to \$1,446,000 and an increase in the grant expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation - Federal Transportation Enhancement to \$1,000,000. Section 3(a)(1) of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the reference of "\$751,000" for the appropriation and estimated cost and substituting in lieu thereof "\$1,151,000".

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
(1) Engineering Department: (a) Transit Village Enhancement. Implementation of a streetscape project along the North/South Wood Avenue corridor, with particular focus beyond the area beneath the train track overpass along Pennsylvania Railroad Avenue, including but not limited to installation of curbs and sidewalks, ADA ramps, decorative street lighting, planters, benches, trash receptacles and traffic signals. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable thereof	\$1,151,000	\$143,450	10 Years

Appropriation: \$1,446,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$143,450
Grants (if any) Appropriated: (a) \$1,000,000 expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation - Federal Transportation Enhancement in connection with the improvement described in Section 3(a)(1) of the Bond Ordinance and (b) \$295,000 expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in connection with the improvement described in Section 3(a)(2) of the Bond Ordinance.
Section 20 Costs: \$104,600
Useful Life: 10 years

Joseph Bodek, Clerk

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.
U51083 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$77.91)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

MUNICIPALITY: Township of Clark
COUNTY AND STATE: County of Union, State of New Jersey
STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 382 Carolina Street
TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: Lot: 5; Block: 139
DIMENSIONS: 75 x 125
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Grandview Avenue

For a house or other property (not condominium) Beginning at a point in the Southeasterly line of Carolina Street distant Northeasterly along the same 315.00 feet from the intersection of said line of Carolina Street with the Northeasterly line of Grandview Avenue.
Pursuant to a tax search of 09/29/2016: 2016 QTR4 \$2,354.05 open, due date 11/01/2016; 2017 QTR1 \$2,330.48 open, due date 02/01/2017; 2017 QTR2 \$2,330.47 open, due date 05/01/2017.

(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: \$599,265.45*Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Five and 45/100*****

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: \$635,164.91***Six Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Four and 91/100***
February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 2017
U50618 EAG (\$176.40)

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CLARK

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed Proposals will be received by the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey for the:

LEXINGTON BOULEVARD ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS - NJDOT 2015

and opened and read in public by the Municipal

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Clerk or her designee in Room 30, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey 07066 on **Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.** prevailing time.

Specifications for the proposed Work, prepared by Richard O' Connor, Township Engineer, are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Room 28, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective Bidders during business hours between 8:30 a.m. and

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RAHWAY

POWERS KIRN, LLC
728 Marne Highway, Suite 200
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 802-1000
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Paige M. Bellino, Esquire - 019532010 (2016-0501)

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County
Docket No. F 015497 16

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Jon N. DeAlmeida, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest

POWERS KIRN, LLC
728 Marne Highway, Suite 200
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(856) 802-1000
J.S.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Paige M. Bellino, Esquire - 019532010

FILED
FEB 17 2017
JOSEPH P. PERFILO

Bank of America, N.A.

Plaintiff

v.

Jon N. DeAlmeida, et al.

Defendant(s)

• SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
• CHANCERY DIVISION
• UNION COUNTY

• Docket No. F 015497-16

• CIVIL ACTION

SECOND AMENDED ORDER TO PROCEED
SUMMARILY VACANT & ABANDONED
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THIS MATTER being brought before the Court by Powers Kirn, LLC, attorneys for Plaintiff, seeking relief by way of an order to proceed summarily pursuant to R. 4:67-2(b), and it appearing from the affidavits/certifications filed in support of the motion that the property is vacant and abandoned; and it appearing that the matter may be completely disposed of on the record or on minimal testimony in open court, the Court having determined that this matter may proceed in a summary manner, and for good cause shown;

IT IS on the 17th day of February, 2017, ORDERED that this matter shall proceed with a short trial date of the **April 13, 2017**, before the Superior Court, Chancery Division, General Equity Part at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth, New Jersey at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard.

On the date fixed to proceed summarily the court may determine:

- That the residential property that is the subject of this foreclosure action is vacant and abandoned as defined by N.J.S.A. 2A:50-73;
- Fix the amount due the Plaintiff on the Note and Mortgage;
- Direct that the Plaintiff be paid the amount due on the note and mortgage, together with interest, advances, and costs;
- Bar and foreclose the defendants, and each of them, of all equity of redemption in and to the property being foreclosed upon;
- Adjudge that the property be sold according to law to satisfy the amount due the Plaintiff;
- Possession of the property in favor of the plaintiff or plaintiff's assignee or any purchaser at sheriff's sale;
- Damages for mesne profits;
- For costs of this action
- Granting such other relief as the court deems just and equitable.

And it is further ORDERED that:

- The plaintiff serve a copy of this ORDER and the Notice required by N.J.S.A. 2A:50-73 on the defendant(s) within seven (7) days of the date of this order.
- If the plaintiff pursues a summary action foreclosure judgment on the return date, a renewed attempt of personal service on the defendant(s)-mortgagor(s) or any occupant(s) at the property must be at least 72 hours apart, and during different times of the day, either before noon, between noon and 6 P.M., or between 6 P.M. and 10 P.M. The process server's return must explicitly document the dates and times of attempted service on the defendant(s)-mortgagor(s) or any occupant(s).
- The notice, required by N.J.S.A. 2A:50-73 shall be in a minimum of 14-point font and shall state:

"To: Jon N. DeAlmeida
Address: 265 East Stearns Street, Rahway, NJ 07065

The lender is seeking on the return date set in this order, or on any adjourned date fixed by the court, to proceed summarily for entry of a residential foreclosure judgment because the property is vacant and abandoned. If you fail to respond the application will be decided on the papers on the return date and relief may be granted by default."

4. The plaintiff must file with the court through the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, 25 Market Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 its proof of service of this order and the Notice required by N.J.S.A. 2A:50-73 and its judgment proofs no later than fifteen (15) days before the return date set in this order.

5. The Court will entertain argument, but not testimony, on the return date set in this Order, unless the court and parties are advised to the contrary no later than 3 days before the return date.

U51184 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$105.84)

PUBLIC NOTICE

4:00 p.m. and purchased for Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

**NO TELEPHONE INQUIRIES
WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**NO ESTIMATED COSTS OR QUANTITIES
SHALL BE GIVEN BY FAX OR TELEPHONE.**

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Specifications by request upon proper notice. Proposals must be made on the standard Proposal Forms in the manner designated in the Contract Documents. Proposals must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder, and the name of the Work on the outside; addressed to Mayor and Council, Township of Clark; and must be accompanied by a statement of Consent of Surety from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Township; and either a Bid Bond or a Certified Check drawn to the order of Township of Clark for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, except that the check need not exceed \$20,000.00.

The Township reserves the right to require a complete financial and experience statement from prospective Bidders showing that they have satisfactorily completed work of the nature required before awarding the Contract. A Valid Business Registration issued by the State of New Jersey is to be provided prior to the Award of Contract. The Business Registration Certificate must be obtained by the Bidder prior to the receipt of Bids; however, a Business Registration Certificate is not required in the submission of the Proposal Forms for this Contract.

Proposals for this Contract will be accepted only from Bidders who have properly qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informality where such informality is not detrimental to the best interest of the Township. The right is also reserved to increase or decrease the quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications.

The successful Bidder shall be required to comply with the following:

A. Anti-Kickback Regulations under Section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, known as the Copeland Act.

B. The Affirmative Action requirement of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27

C. The provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, effective January 1, 1964.

D. All Bidders are required to comply with the Regulations of P.L. 1999, c.238, "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" when dealing with repair, maintenance or improvements to a public building.

All Bids shall be binding upon the Bidder for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of Bids.

BY ORDER OF the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey.

Salvatore Bonaccorso, Mayor
U50962 EAG March 2, 2017 (\$48.02)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CRANFORD

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-17000417

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F05133314

County: Union

Plaintiff: CIT BANK, N.A.

VS

Defendant: NICHOLAS D. DIFABIO; BLANCHE

A. DIFABIO; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Sale Date: 03/15/2017

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: Township of Cranford, County of Union, in the State of New Jersey

PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

13 West End Place
Cranford, NJ 07016

TAX LOT #: 72 BLOCK #: 162

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 7500 SF

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Spring Garden Street

*Also subject to subsequent taxes, water and sewer plus interest through date of payoff.

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 THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$343,982.25*Three Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Two and 25/100*****

Attorney:
PARKER MCCAY P.A.
9000 MIDLANTIC DRIVE
SUITE 300 - P.O. BOX 5054
MT. LAUREL NJ 08054
856-596-8900

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

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

Total Upset: \$355,762.60***Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two and 60/100***

February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 2017

U50619 EAG (\$141.12)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, held on **February 21, 2017** and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Linden at City Hall, located at 301 N. Wood Avenue, Linden New Jersey on **March 21, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**, at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance. During the week prior to and up to the time for final passage, copies of said ordinance will be available in the City Clerk's office, at no cost, in said City Hall, to the members of the general public who shall request a copy of same. This ordinance will also be posted outside the City Clerk's office, as required by law.

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk

Ord. #61-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED

Amend Chapter VII, Traffic as follows:

**7-33 HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS
7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street**

Name of Street	No. of Spaces
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ADD:

Academy Terrace (For 1125 DeWitt Terrace)	1
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DELETE:

413 Richford Terrace	1
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The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036.

U51082 PRO March 2, 2017 (\$46.06)

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CLARK

2017 Municipal Budget of the Township of Clark, County of Union for the calendar year 2017

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2017	2016
1. Surplus	1,100,000.00	1,600,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	3,260,866.26	3,807,926.59
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	430,000.00	430,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	16,853,439.00	15,514,919.00
b) Addition to Local District School Tax	-	-
c) Minimum Library Tax	872,388.00	826,014.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	17,725,827.00	16,340,933.00
Total General Revenues	22,516,693.26	22,178,859.59

Summary of Appropriations	Final 2016 Budget	
	2017 Budget	Final 2016 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	8,111,678.00	7,982,895
Other Expenses	10,524,360.66	10,345,893.59
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	541,317.60	-
3. Capital Improvements	100,000.00	45,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	2,239,337.00	3,005,071.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,000,000.00	800,000.00
Total General Appropriations	22,516,693.26	22,178,859.59
Total Number of Employees	101	101

2017 Dedicated Sewer Utility Budget

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2017	2016
1. Surplus	617,106.00	536,073.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	2,700,000.00	2,400,000.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)	-	-
Total Revenues	3,317,106.00	2,936,073.00

Summary of Appropriations	Final 2016 Budget	
	2017 Budget	Final 2016 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	315,900.00	309,006.00
Other Expenses	2,557,234.00	2,602,067.00
2. Capital Improvements	250,000.00	25,000.00
3. Debt Service	193,972.00	-
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	-	-
5. Surplus (General Budget)	-	-
Total General Appropriations	3,317,106.00	2,936,073.00
Total Number of Employees	0	0

2017 Dedicated Swim-Pool Utility Budget

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2017	2016
1. Surplus	45,300.00	23,100.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	344,700.00	326,900.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)	-	-
Total Revenues	390,000.00	350,000.00

Summary of Appropriations	Final 2016 Budget	
	2017 Budget	Final 2016 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	125,000.00	110,000.00
Other Expenses	157,200.00	156,019.00
2. Capital Improvements	20,000.00	20,000.00
3. Debt Service	75,000.00	51,181.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	12,800.00	12,800.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)	-	-
Total General Appropriations	390,000.00	350,000.00
Total Number of Employees (Part Time)	40	40

Balance of Outstanding Debt

	General
Interest	91,438
Principal	3,990,000
Outstanding Balance	4,081,438

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union on February 21, 2017.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the the Municipal Building, Rm 30, 430 Westfield Ave, on April 3, 2017 at 7:30 o'clock (P.M.) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2017 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available on the Townships website (www.ourclark.com) or in the office of Township Clerk at Town Hall 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, (732) 388-3669, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

U50736 EAG March 2, 2017 (\$806.25)

Union
County

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**Call 908
686-7850**

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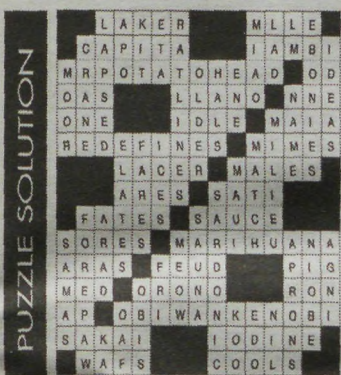
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SPORTS



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The top 4 finishers in the 152 weight class at Union's Region 4 Tournament include, from left, champion TJ Calas of Seton Hall Prep and Clark, second place Nick Zuena of Union, third place Cole Marra of North Hunterdon and fourth place Charlie Buckley of Brearley.

Union star wrestler Zuena headed to AC for NJSIAA T. Did well to place 2nd at 152 in Region 4

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

As special a season as it could be for Nick Zuena will continue this weekend as he will proudly represent the Union High School wrestling program.

The talented 152-pound standout senior grappler will be competing in the 84th annual NJSIAA Tournament that commences tomorrow, continues Saturday and concludes Sunday at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall.

Zuena (34-3) performed quite well in front of a home audience to place second at 152 in this past weekend's challenging Region 4 competition held at Union High School's Louis J. Rettino Gymnasium.

Zuena, a four-year varsity wrestler who heads to the states with a record this year of 34-3, won consecutive quarterfinal and semifinal round bouts past the regulation time of six minutes before falling in the final for only his third loss this year.

"Nick had a very exciting semifinal match, winning in an ultimate tiebreaker, and Friday night he won in sudden victory," Union head coach Dino DeBellonia said. "He didn't have an easy road to the finals."

Union now has a wrestler that reached the states for a third straight year after David Brown at heavyweight qualified as a junior and senior in 2015 and 2016.

"After David the last two years, Nick is our torch-bearer this year," DeBellonia said.

Here is the NJSIAA Tournament schedule.

Doors will open approximately one hour before the start of each session:

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

- Round of 32/Preliminaries: 2:30 p.m.
- Round of 16/Prequarterfinals: To follow

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Session 1

- Wrestlebacks 1, 2, 3: 9 a.m.
- Round of 8/Quarterfinals: Noon

Session 2

- Round of 4/Semifinals, 6 p.m.
- Wrestlebacks 4, 5: To follow

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- Wrestlebacks 6: 10 a.m.
- 3rd, 5th, 7th place consolations: To follow
- Awards, presentations: 2 p.m.
- Parade of Placemen: 2:30 p.m.
- Finals: 3 p.m.

See **GRAPPLERS**, Page 41

UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE FINAL BOYS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS FOR THE 2016-2017 SEASON:

WATCHUNG DIVISION (5 schools):

- 1-Patrick School (7-1) – co-champs, repeat
- Linden (7-1) – co-champs
- 3-Roselle Catholic (4-4)
- 4-Plainfield (2-6)
- 5-Elizabeth (0-8)

MOUNTAIN DIVISION (4 schools):

- 1-St. Mary's, Elizabeth (6-0) – champions
- 2-Union Catholic (3-3)
- 3-Westfield (2-4)
- 4-Union (1-5)

VALLEY DIVISION (7 schools):

- 1-Rahway (11-1) - repeat champions
- 2-Scotch Plains (9-3)
- 3-Roselle (6-6)
- Summit (6-6)
- 5-Cranford (4-8)
- 6-Gov. Livingston (3-9)
- Hillside (3-9)

SKY DIVISION (6 schools):

- 1-Johnson (10-0) – repeat champions
- 2-New Providence (8-2)
- 3-Oratory Prep (6-4)
- 4-Roselle Park (3-7)
- Dayton (3-7)
- 6-Brearley (0-10)

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WATCHUNG DIVISION (6 schools):

- 1-Patrick School (10-0) - repeat champions
- 2-New Providence (7-3)
- 3-Westfield (5-4)
- Roselle Catholic (5-4) – RC will not host Westfield.
- 5-Cranford (1-9)
- Union (1-9)

MOUNTAIN DIVISION (6 schools):

- 1-Johnson (8-2) – champions (swept Rahway)
- 2-Rahway (8-2)
- 3-Gov. Livingston (6-4)
- 4-Summit (5-5)
- 5-Scotch Plains (2-8)
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- 1-Oak Knoll (11-1) – champions
- 2-Union Catholic (10-2)
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- 1-Kent Place (8-0) – champions
- 2-Brearley (6-2)
- 3-Roselle Park (3-5)
- Benedictine (3-5)
- 5-Roselle (0-8)

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113: Mark Montgomery, Roselle Park
126: Rhise Royster, Rahway
132: Chris Scorese, Cranford
182: Sam Wustefeld, Scotch Plains
HWT: Alex Esposito, Cranford

SECOND (5):

- 113:** Anthony Capece, Cranford
132: Chris Fuschetto, Johnson
138: Tom DiGiovanni, Cranford
152: Nick Zuena, Union
182: Turner Haddad, Gov. Livingston

THIRD (6):

- 120:** Sabri Murray, Rahway
138: Philip Angelo, Summit
160: Brian McGovern, Cranford
170: Vince Concina, Cranford
195: Jake Miller, Westfield
HWT: Danny Petrela, Summit

FOURTH (3):

- 152:** Charlie Buckley, Brearley
170: Quinn Haddad, Gov. Livingston
220: Phil Ricca, Westfield

NJSIAA TOURNAMENT
AT ATLANTIC CITY'S BOARDWALK HALL:

Saturday, March 4
Quarterfinals: Noon
Semifinals: 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 5
Finals: 3 p.m.

Union senior Kyjuan Hutchins, shown here with Union head coach Dino DeBellonia, placed 5th at 126 pounds in last weekend's Region 4 Tournament at Union. Hutchins produced his 100th career victory along the way.

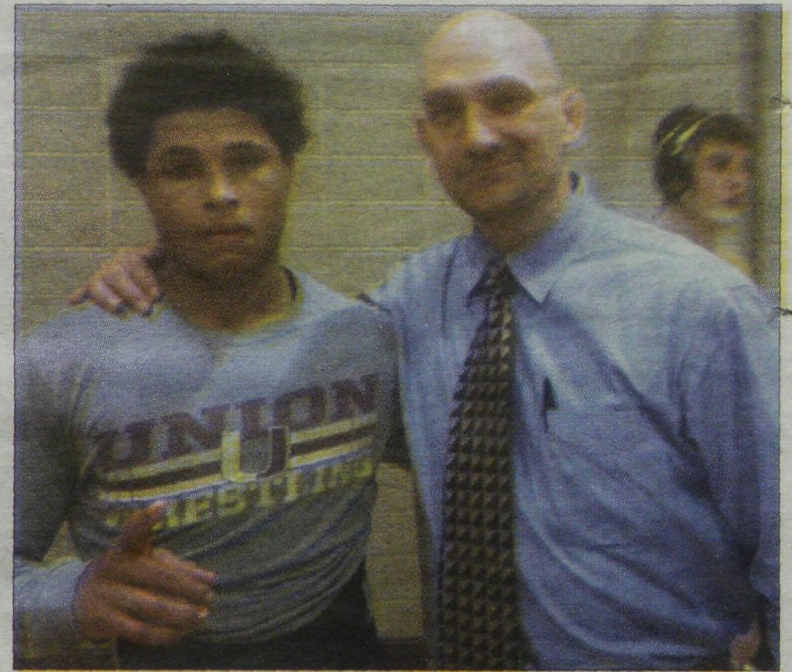


Photo courtesy of Dino DeBellonia

Grapplers seek to excel on the season's biggest stage

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Zuena, who earlier this year became Union's first Union County Tournament champion since 2005 and then won his 100th career match, first went up against Alex Mastronardi of Bernards in Friday night's quarterfinal round after receiving a first-round bye. There he defeated Mastronardi 3-1 in overtime described as sudden victory.

In Saturday's semis vs. Cole Marra of North Hunterdon, the score was tied 1-1 after the first six minutes.

Here's what transpired in overtime according to DeBellonia: "Nick was put in the down position. Not only was he able to reverse, but he caught the kid on his back. The next thing we saw was the ref slapping for the pin."

Zuena's win over Marra came by fall at the 8:07 mark. "It was very exciting for Nick to be able to win that kind of match in his own gym in front of his own fans," DeBellonia said.

Zuena also captured the 152 title in District 16 at Millburn and was the first grappler under DeBellonia's tenure at Union to win two holiday tournaments, placing first in Dover and then at Parsippany.

"Nick is having a very honorable year," DeBellonia said. "He surpassed 100 wins, was a county and district champ, finished second in his region and won two holiday tournaments."

"Nick has done a lot to make our program proud."

Fellow senior teammate Kyjuan Hutchins placed fifth at 126, with his final victory being career No. 100.

"It was also nice to see Kyjuan get his 100th win in front of the home crowd," DeBellonia said.

A total of 20 wrestlers from 10 Union County high schools advanced to the NJSIAA Tournament, with six champions, five second place, six third place and three fourth place.

For the first time fourth-place finishers also qualified. Of Union County schools, Cranford has the most representation with six grapplers headed to AC, including senior champions Chris Scorese at 132 and Alex Esposito at heavyweight.

Scorese and Esposito were also UCT at Union and District 14 at Woodbridge champions.

Cranford's other wrestlers who advanced are Anthony Capece, Tom DiGiovanni, Brian McGovern and Vince Concina.

Cranford head coach Pat Gorman was named Region 4 Coach of the Year.

Cranford captured the Union County Conference's Watchung Division championship at 6-0 and then finished 21-1 overall, with its only loss to Delsea in the Group 3 semifinals at Pine Belt Arena at Toms River North High School in Toms River.

Cranford also won a third straight UCT championship, captured the North 2, Group 3 title and then reached the Group 3 semifinals. At District 14 in Woodbridge, Cranford finished second to South Plainfield.

Other Region 4 winners from Union County high schools included: CJ Composto of Westfield at 106, Mark Montgomery of Roselle Park at 113, Rhise Royster of Rahway at 126 and Sam Wustefeld of Scotch Plains at 182.

Montgomery, the second seed, blanked top-seeded Anthony Capece of Cranford 1-0 in the 113 final.

Westfield's three qualifiers include CJ Composto, Jack Miller and Phil Ricca.

Rahway, Summit and Governor Livingston had two qualifiers each, with Rhise Royster and Sabri Murray making it for Rahway, Philip Angelo and Danny Petrela for Summit and Turner Haddad and Quinn Haddad for GL.

Five Union County schools had one wrestler each make it with Chris Fuschetto representing Johnson, Zuena-Union, Montgomery-Roselle Park, Sam Wustefeld-Scotch Plains and Charlie Buckley-Brearley.

South Plainfield had the most wrestlers advance to the NJSIAA Tournament out of Region 4 with seven. Woodbridge was the only other school to have two Region 4 champions.

SPORTS



Photos courtesy of Gene Nann

The Union High School junior varsity boys' basketball team repeated as Union County Tournament champions. The third-seeded Farmers defeated 22-0 and top-seeded Patrick School 71-58 in last Saturday's championship game at Kean University's Harwood Arena in Union.

Union JV boys' are repeat champions

Top 22-0 Patrick School in UCT final

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Appearing in the championship game for the third straight year, the Union Farmers repeated as junior varsity boys' basketball Union County Tournament champions by defeating 22-0 top seed Patrick School 71-58 in Saturday's final at Kean.

Union defeated Roselle Catholic in last year's final after falling to the Lions in the 2015 championship game.

Union, the third seed, finished 18-3. Union starting junior center Tyrone Bowens ended the scoring with an emphatic dunk.

Union was on fire in the first quarter, shooting over 50 percent from the field en route to a 13-1 lead before Patrick School produced its first field goal. Union junior Marvelous Akingbala was marvelous by hitting consecutive 3-point baskets from the right side to get the Union bench and fans riled up early on.

Union led 19-7 at the end of the first quarter before Patrick School began a comeback that saw it pull to within 28-20 at intermission.

Patrick School, which finished 22-1, took the first of its two leads at 35-34 with three minutes left in the third quarter.

The second Celtic lead was 41-39 after a 3-point field goal. Union came right back with a 3-pointer of its own to take the lead again and for good at 42-41. Union led 44-41 going into the fourth quarter.

After a hectic pace and back-and-forth scoring in the third, Union jumped out to a 50-43 lead in the fourth with 5:57 remaining. Union then built its lead back up to double digits and was ahead by as many as 14 with 2:42 to go, leading 62-48.



Union junior Marvelous Akingbala, No. 1 at left, made consecutive 3-point baskets in the first quarter to help Union get out to a 13-1 lead vs. unbeaten Patrick School.

UNION FARMERS CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER:

- 1-Marvelous Akingbala, junior
- 2-Chimdi Eboh, junior
- 3-Bobby Irby, sophomore
- 4-De Antae Mac Farlane, junior
- 5-Val Julien, sophomore
- 10-Jahmir Duncan, junior
- 11-Olari Oladipo, sophomore
- 12-Branden Paolo, sophomore
- 13-Ezra Glover, sophomore
- 14-Malcolm Dean, freshman
- 15-Andrew Sanborn, freshman
- 20-Tyrone Bowens, junior
- 24-Justin Henry, sophomore
- 30-Aaron Hobbs, junior
- 32-Khylori Adams, sophomore

HEAD COACH: Ron Zieser



Union sophomore Olari Oladipo (No. 11) goes up for a rebound in between two Patrick School players. The Farmers concluded another championship year with a record of 18-3.

SPORTS

Patrick School defeats Linden for the UCT title

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

UNION — Nick Richards made an immediate statement by dunking home the game's first two points just 16 seconds in.

Then after being held scoreless in the second quarter and with just six points at intermission and his team ahead by only two, he took matters into his own hands when the second half commenced.

Literally. Figuratively, also, for that matter.

The 6-10 Kentucky-bound senior, who has heard some criticism regarding his McDonald's All-America status, played like he had something to prove in the game's final 16 minutes.

Richards used his height to his advantage in getting to the basket often, whether it was to put in an alley oop, get fouled or to strongly produce another statement dunk.

At one point the Patrick School center missed consecutive free throws in the third quarter, so it appeared not to be such a bad idea to foul him. Then he came back to make his next four — so much for that strategy.

Linden ultimately didn't have an answer for the big guy and could not counter his inside offense with a sharpshooter of its own. While Linden held Patrick School to under 60 points and the Celtics were 30 seconds shy of not producing a single field goal in the second quarter, the Celtics still found a way to beat the Tigers for a fifth straight time in the county championship game.

Richards led all players with 24 points - 18 of them in the second half - and 15 rebounds while lifting second-seeded Patrick School to a convincing 58-44 triumph over top-seeded Linden in Saturday night's 81st annual boys' basketball Union County Tournament championship game, played at Kean University's Harwood Arena.

Patrick School, in addition to repeating as county champions, won for the fifth straight time to improve to 22-4, while Linden had a four-game winning streak snapped and fell to 20-4. The only in-state loss Patrick School has is

its 71-67 defeat at Linden back on Jan. 17.

Patrick School and Linden split regular season games to each gain a share of the Union County Conference's Watchung Division championship.

We will soon see if a fourth meeting in next month's Tournament of Champions becomes a reality.

Of the three clashes so far including the top-ranked teams in the state, this was by easily the best performance Richards produced.

"I just wanted to win, it didn't matter if I scored only two points," Richards said. "I just wanted to get the W."

The way Linden held the ball and the unusual flow of play prevented Patrick School from getting many shots at all during the second quarter after the Celtics won the first eight minutes 15-10, with Richards providing two dunks and 3-point baskets made by Jordan Walker (2) and Marcus McClary.

Also . . .

* Union Catholic's Kathy Matthews became just the fourth girls' basketball coach in state history to reach 700 wins. She did so Wednesday at home in 49-28 victory over South Plainfield. Matthews will return next year for her 42nd season at the helm of the Vikings.

"I'm in a lot of good company," said Matthews, who saw her best team in more than a decade win for the 12th time in 13 games to improve to 19-5. "I want to thank all the coaches, players and administration.

"It's unbelievable. It's a lot of wins."

* Patrick School girls' basketball won its second Union County Tournament championship in three years, beating Westfield 51-41 in last Friday night's final at Kean. The Celtics also defeated Westfield in the 2015 final at Kean for their first UCT title.

* Union and Linden boys' basketball advanced in North 2, Group 4 play with Monday victories. Linden senior Khalief Crawford reached 1,000 career points.

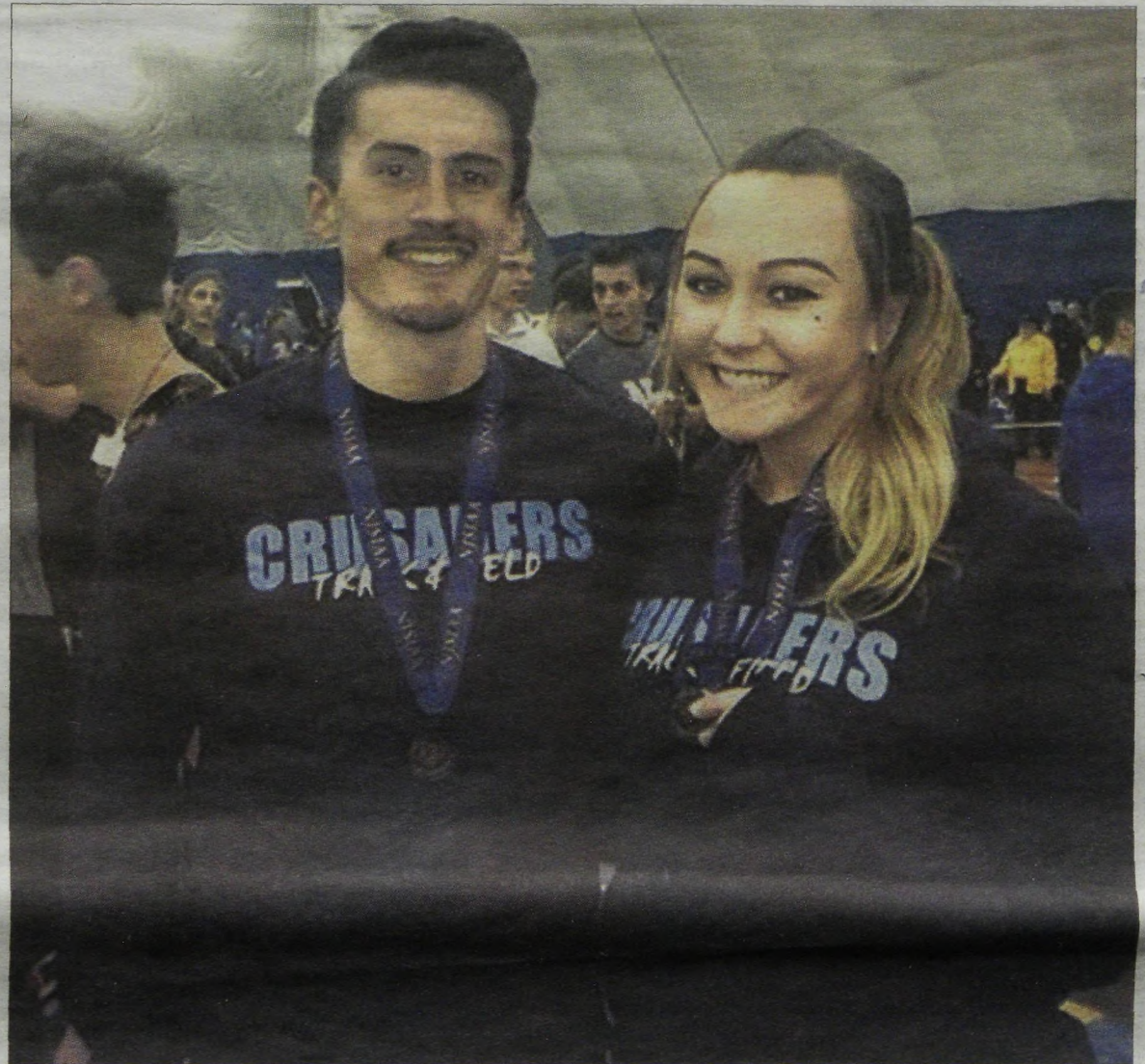


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Johnson standout senior winter track and field athletes, from left, Eric Velasquez and Gianna Randazza, represented the Crusaders at last weekend's Meet of Champions in Toms River.

Velasquez and Randazza represent ALJ at the MOC

Nine Johnson track and field athletes competed two weekends ago at the Group 1 meet, the second round of the NJSIAA tournament.

Two Crusader senior athletes advanced to last weekend's season-ending Meet of Champions in Toms River.

Eric Velasquez and Gianna Randazza represented the Crusaders at the prestigious MOC event.

In order to advance to the state finals, athletes must have placed in the top six at the group meets.

Velasquez ran a 2:02.5, placing sixth in the 800 meters.

Randazza placed sixth with a throw of 36 feet, 6.5 inches in the shot put.

"These two athletes are not only strong competitors but also great representatives of Johnson High School. They epitomize what it means to be a student-athlete and I am very proud of their successes," head coach Chris Marcin said.

The MOC was held last Saturday - the boys' competition - and Sunday - the girls' events.

Johnson Group 1 qualifiers included:

Ibn Beyah: high jump

Grace Duffy: 55-meter dash

James Greenbush: shot put

Lindsey Hofschneider: 1,600 meters

Gianna Randazza: shot put

Brandon Rapp: high jump

Shailynn Rapp: shot put

Eric Velasquez: 800 meters

Kylee Zawacki: high jump



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