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Kean University, although short of information, is expected to open the Raymond Lesniak Recovery High School for drug and alcohol addicted youth.

Kean to welcome Lesniak high school

Teachers express concern with handling of school for drug and alcohol addicts

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Come September the Raymond Lesniak Recovery High School will open its doors on the Kean campus for students recovering from alcohol and drug addiction.

The only problem is no one seems to know anything about it at the state funded university.

The program will be open to all high school students in the county, and it is expected that sending school districts will pay for the cost of students attending the high school. It is expected in the first year the facility will accept 25 to 30 students, but as it evolves that number will expand to 60.

According to Pamela Capaci, executive director of Prevention Links in Roselle who has been working in conjunction with the Housing Authority of Elizabeth to open the school, she met months ago with Kean University President Dawood Farahi and he provided use of a building on campus.

"Dr. Farahi gave us a one-year commitment for a facil-

ity at Kean months ago," Capaci said Tuesday in an interview with LocalSource, explaining that she toured the building that will be used for the recovery high school located near the Kean child daycare and athletic buildings.

"Dr. Farahi said he had a building that was not fully being utilized and he could move the dance program to another building so we could use the entire site," the executive director said, adding the program is a "win-win for everyone."

The building, Capaci explained, is free-standing and will provide up to five classrooms, in addition to multi-purpose rooms and conference rooms for the school that will cost approximately \$1 million to get off the ground.

In November, when Democrat State Sen. Ray Lesniak unveiled plans for the high school named in his honor, there was mention that this facility would be located at Kean, but efforts to uncover where it would be housed revealed little if any information.

Burt Wailoo, a tenured professor for 28 years in the

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ELEC complaint filed against the Union Republicans

Donnelly dismisses complaint as 'personal vendetta' from Cryan

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

UNION – The election may be over but political parties are still waging war with one another. This time it's the Union Township Democratic Municipal Committee accusing a former Republican candidate for assembly and the Union Township Republican Victory, Inc of "blatant disregard for the law."

However, there are two sides to every story and while township GOP members are small in number, they strongly objected to the accusation, maintaining that they "did everything honorably" and within the guidelines laid down by the state Election Law Enforcement Commission, or ELEC.

There is little doubt Union Township Democratic Municipal Committee Chairman Joe Cryan, an assemblyman for the 20th Legislative District, would let Union Township Republican Victory, Inc. get away with breaking ELEC laws. Not this year, when Charles Donnelly and his running mate Chris Hackett challenged incumbents Cryan and Annette Quijano for their seats in the Nov. 5 election.

Donnelly ran for a Union committee seat in 2009 and 2010, losing both times to Democrat incumbents. In 2009 the township resident came within a few hundred votes of beating Democrat incumbents, the closest a Republican came to this position since the early '90s. In fact, the township resident believes Cryan has a "personal vendetta" against him and will do anything to make him and Republicans in Union look bad.

According to the complaint filed by the Democrats with New Jersey ELEC in October, the local township Republican Party was financially supporting and promoting the election and defeat of candidates in the primary and general elections, but failed to file how much they were receiving in campaign donations or spending.

Such ELEC violations carry stiff penalties and sanctions for violating election campaign finance laws because there are limits set on how much a party can spend.

Specifically, ELEC looks at a "political party" as two or more persons acting jointly or a corporation, partnership or other incorporated or unincorporated association raising and spending \$1,000 or more to promote a nomination, election or defeat of a candidate.

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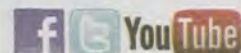
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'Til death do us part 3

A look at the signs and symptoms of abuse, and why some victims of domestic violence keep going back for more, time and time again

This is the final part of the three-part series on domestic violence in Union County and the United States. For the first two parts, visit www.unionnewsdaily.com.

**By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer**

This Christmas, Cranford mom April Wyckoff will not be there to open presents or share the holiday with her two children, her extended family or friends because she was brutally murdered in late October, allegedly by her boyfriend, Matthew Ballister. Could her murder and countless others been prevented? That question is not easily answered.

Experts across the board agree domestic violence is a difficult and complex issue. But they do not all agree that just because a man is abusive to an intimate partner he will end up murdering her.

Certainly murder is on the extreme end of tactics abusers use to exert power and control over the women they are supposed to love. According to the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women, abusers use a pattern of intimidation coercion and violence that increases in frequency and severity over time. Battering can be verbal, physical, emotional, sexual or economic.

The NJCBW reported that the FBI estimated that one in two women will be physically abused by intimate partners at some point in their life. Breaking this cycle of violence is not easy, but it can be done.

Mary, of Union County, knows the emotional and physical damage that can occur when an intimate partner is abusive.

Though initially reluctant to discuss her own nightmare of repeated abuse, the 54-year-old mother of three grown children felt compelled to call after reading the first part of LocalSource's series "Till death do us part."

She also agreed to be a part of this series only if her name, which has been changed to protect her identity, was not used and certain facts regarding her experience were not revealed.

"When I heard about the woman from Cranford who was murdered by her boyfriend and then read the article you wrote, it sent

chills of fear through me. That could have been me who ended up murdered by my husband," she said softly.

Mary hesitated a long moment before continuing, her words halting at first before plunging ahead, eager to explain how she viewed her own experience during this period of her life.

"You have to understand. I know police and people out there don't understand why a woman stays with an abusive partner but it's not a normal situation. There is shame, guilt, fear and humiliation. Five years later I'm still afraid of him. Afraid he will hunt me down and kill me," she added, stressing over and over that her name could not appear in any article about this issue because she would face retribution for it from her ex-husband.

"I didn't leave for so many years because he made me believe everything was my fault, he told me I was to blame for him losing his temper and I believed him," she explained, her voice becoming too choked to go on.

Mustering strength, Mary takes a moment to compose herself and then continues, her voice louder, filled with a resolve that is evident.

"I'm stronger now but he still has power over me through my kids. I was a good wife and I loved my husband, but he didn't love me or he wouldn't have beaten me all those years. I know that now but I didn't then," the woman added.

Mary admitted her former husband threatened to kill her many times, but she never believed it until one night, more than five years ago, when she told her husband she wanted a divorce.

"He was hitting me ... beating me, like he always did when he was mad but this time he put his hands around my throat and began squeezing harder and harder. I felt everything going dark and I knew he was going to kill me if I didn't fight back but I had no strength in my body," she explained.

Mary thought she was going to die that night, but her husband came to his senses and ran from the house. That was the last time he ever beat her because she immediately filed charges against him and obtained a restraining order.

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'Comments' from public lead council to debate TV broadcasts

**By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer**

RAHWAY — Governing body members took a firm stance recently by rejecting an ordinance that would have cut off broadcasted council meetings right before the public comment session.

The measure was introduced last month after a member of the public made harsh personal comments about Mayor Samson Steinman during the public comments portion of a council meeting. In the end, the proposed ordinance failed 8-to-0 with one abstention, giving rise to a debate on the issue.

"I don't agree with this because I think everyone has the right to be seen and heard. This is the United States of America," said Second Ward Councilman Michael Cox.

Fifth Ward Councilwoman Jennifer Wenson-Maier agreed with Cox.

"I feel very strongly that people have the right to speak and be heard," the councilwoman said, adding she was "in very strong disagreement with this ordinance."

The proposed amendment to an existing ordinance would have ended both the audio and video taping of residents stepping to the microphone to express their sentiments on various issues. Initially there was some confusion over how to proceed with voting on the measure.

Third Ward Councilman Robert Bresnahan suggested the proposed ordinance be tabled, pointing out he did not believe the public should be "shut down." He also felt a 15-second tape delay might eliminate the problem.

At-Large Councilman James Baker had a different take on things, explaining that because the public would still be heard by the governing body, it was not as big of an issue as some might believe.

"With the arguments I've heard so far I'm not sure people's rights are being violated," he added.

Sixth Ward Councilman Raymond Giacobbe Jr. tended to agree with that sentiment.

Giacobbe said he looked into this particular amendment to an existing ordinance and found residents comments would still be recorded, just not heard on cable broadcasts and re-broadcasts.

"It's not that we are not telling them they won't be heard," he explained.

But Wenson-Maier did not agree.

"We made a decision to tape these meetings and publicize them," she said, later
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Cranford works to get out of financial hole

**By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer**

CRANFORD — The ongoing state of the township's financial affairs continues to be a thorn in the side of the governing body, but it could take some time before everything is straightened out.

The township's financial issues, while complex, have little to do with a lack of funds, but rather with the fact that some problems go back 20 years.

Recently, Acting Chief Financial Officer Ken DeRoberts and Assistant CFO Lavona Patterson explained to committee members that progress has been slow in straightening out the mess because they have spent time dealing with current problems. This leaves little time to address the mountains of financial issues that led to the township's current financial status.

DeRoberts, of Government Strategy Group, was hired in March to clean up the financial confusion and restore the township to its previous AAA rating. However, that has not been an easy chore. Even after Patterson was brought aboard to help, it was difficult to straighten out problems that took years to evolve.

DeRoberts told the governing body at a workshop meeting that his goal was to get the township back on secure footing, which includes a AAA rating, "where it should be."

Another problem facing these two financial professionals is the heavy daily responsibilities that must be addressed.

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Officials in Cranford are attempting to get their financial house in order, including Mayor Tom Hannon who has just over a month to accomplish the goal he set out to fix.

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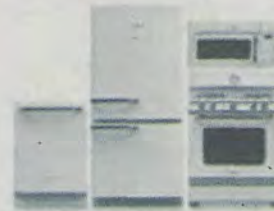
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Stopping the abuse goes beyond recognizing the symptoms

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Like many battered women, Mary thought she could handle the abuse her intimate partner dished out for no reason until the night he put his hands around her neck and she felt life ebbing from her body. It was a wake up call.

"I thought, is this how it's going to end for me? Am I going to die for this man?" she said, adding "no man is worth dying for."

Psychology Today said leaving an intimate partner who is abusive is easier said than done. In fact, it can be almost impossible according to some experts.

Why? Abusers are very clever, smart and extremely charming. Most have personalities that draw people in rather than turn them away. Their level of charm is part of the "art to deceive and manipulate." Most are eventually seen as a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," because of the stark contrast in their public and private selves.

People living in Ballister's Mercer Street neighborhood indicated he was a very friendly, even helpful at times, but also boastful. One nearby neighbor noticed Wyckoff had what appeared to be a black eye in the weeks prior to the murder, but said nothing and did nothing. The question most people ask is why this 43-year-old mother went back to Ballister.

Wyckoff did attempt to break up with Ballister in May when she obtained a restraining order to keep the Union resident away from her because of his abusive behavior. However, sometime during the summer they reunited. It would be a fatal mistake on her part because a few months later, in a fit of rage, he would allegedly end her life.

Experts maintained that this is not unusual by any means. It is part of the cycle of abuse.

According to Assault Survivors Advocacy Program, the question of why women stay in abusive relationships is an unknown. For each woman the reasons are different but experts do believe the more severe the abuse, the more likely a victim is to seek some type of intervention.

Most people assume if an intimate partner was ever abusive they would leave, but there are no easy answers according to experts working in this particular area of expertise.

One prominent researcher found abused victims are different than victims of other violent crimes because the assailant is an intimate partner that was once trusted.

Because of this there is confusion as the woman tries to absorb the impact of being hurt by someone she thought was caring and protective.

In 2011, there were more than 70,000 domestic violence offenses reported to police throughout the state. Forty ended in murder.

Despite the human cry for stronger domestic violence laws, experts contend the answer does not lie there. The

Family and friends who suspect a loved one may be abused by an intimate partner can help. The Coalition Against Domestic Violence suggested the victim be approached in an understanding, non-blaming way while acknowledging that although it is difficult and even frightening to talk about abuse, no one deserves to be treated that way.

problem lies with victims who fail to realize abuse by an intimate partner could lead to their death.

At the bottom of this dark scenario is what is often referred to as the "cycle of abuse," the pattern that leads women back to their intimate partners and the ticking time bomb that lies within.

According to the U.S. Office of Victims of Violent Crime, knowing there is a cycle of violence is critical to understanding there is a pattern of abuse. Often this pattern is one that family, friends and even neighbors can recognize and do something about before another woman is added to the statistics.

Phase 1, according to the Victims of Violent Crime report, involves tension building from the batterer, which usually involves an argument.

In phase 2 the abuser explodes and the intimate partner is assaulted. The third phase is the "honeymoon phase," where the abuser apologizes for their behavior, often buying flowers or other gifts to appease the woman. They will rationalize what they did and make excuses for the abusive behavior, even blaming their intimate partner.

The abuser does everything they can to regain control and keep the victim in the relationship, perhaps even acting normal or as if nothing happened. This honeymoon phase may give the victim hope but it is short lived until the cycle repeats.

Women who decide to remain in an abusive relationship are believed to engage in a process of rationalization which denies the reality of the situation, the options available, the truth about the victimizer and the victimization, according to Psychology Today. However, this is when things often escalate.

If a woman remains in the situation without taking any action, the U.S. Office of Victims of Violent Crime said the abuse is likely to increase in frequency and severity. Long-term psychological effects include a profound sense of betrayal and trust, depression, guilt and shame. It is, they said, a vicious cycle.

So what can motivate a victim to leave an intimate partner who is abusing them before it is too late? Experts agree

new coping mechanisms must be activated. This includes social support.

An online site called Help Starts Here pointed out that many abused women and teens are isolated from friends and family by their intimate partners. The isolation, physical and emotional abuse lead to lower self esteem and increased feelings of guilt, shame, loneliness, pessimism and penetrating fear.

Even if a woman or teen decides to leave an abusive relationship, the "honeymoon phase" or aftermath of attacks evoke new feelings of confusion and ambivalent feelings which make it difficult and almost impossible to leave. This is especially true when an abusive intimate partner expresses regret and vows to change.

If a woman does leave, this is the time when they are in the greatest danger of being seriously harmed by an intimate partner. The fact that police rarely arrest batterers and do not protect women from further assaults if they press charges also prevents intimate partners from leaving.

Family and friends who suspect a loved one may be abused by an intimate partner can help. The Coalition Against Domestic Violence suggested the victim be approached in an understanding, non-blaming way while acknowledging that although it is difficult and even frightening to talk about abuse, no one deserves to be treated that way.

Support the family member or friend. Be a good listener but do not tell them what to do. Allow the abused person to make their own decisions, even if you do not agree with them.

The U.S. Office of Victims of Violent Crime said murder of an intimate partner is one of the most predictable and preventable of all homicides. If you are in an abusive relationship with an intimate partner, or are certain a family member, friend or co-worker is in this situation, there is help.

The NJ Statewide Domestic Violence Toll Free Hotline is 800-572-SAFE or 800-572-7233. They can provide information on legal rights, protections, safety planning and protective shelter for families.

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Teen dance date announced

Teen dances for Cranford students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades will be held the following Fridays: Dec. 6; Jan. 10; Feb. 7; and March 7.

All recreation dances are held at the Cranford Community Center from 7 to 10 p.m. Students may purchase a ticket at the school they attend on Wednesday or Thursday the

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Donnelly dismisses complaint as 'personal vendetta'

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Daniel Antonelli of Antonelli Minichello, the attorney representing the Union Township Democratic Municipal Committee, sent a letter to ELEC in October requesting the state agency take a closer look into how Donnelly skirted the law.

The township Democratic party maintained in the missive to ELEC that Donnelly, who failed to garner enough votes to win a seat as a representative of the 20th assembly legislative district, remains a Republican party operative and therefore violated "many" state statutes under ELEC's jurisdiction.

For example, the complaint pointed out that no one in the Union Township Republican Victory, Inc. party, including Donnelly, filled out a statement of registration with ELEC, appointed a campaign treasurer or bank for deposits, which failed to meet ELEC's requirements for "an organized political party."

The local Democratic organization also pointed out the local GOP party failed to file any campaign contribution and expenditure reports with ELEC even though there is proof of "\$1,000's of dollars" in donations and expenditures for the 2013 general election campaign.

Antonelli, who also is the Union township attorney, mentioned in his letter to ELEC's Executive Director Jeff Brindle that in the course of "raising and spending money in support of the election and defeat of candidate for office," the local Republican Party completely failed to report these contributions and expenditures. This, he said, left other candidates, committees and the general public in the dark about who gave these political campaign contributions and how the money was spent.

To substantiate their claims, the Democratic Party included several political fliers to prove the Union Township Republican Victory, Inc., was clearly operating as a political committee. They maintained this

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political entity paid for at least two township mailings urging voters to pass a public question and support Republican candidates, among other things.

As a result, Antonelli and the Union Democratic Party requested that a formal complaint be issued by ELEC against the Union Township Republican Victory, Inc. and Charles Donnelly, seeking penalties and sanctions for their blatant disregard for the law," the attorney said, adding that their reporting requirements to ELEC be made.

The Democrats also requested that ELEC freeze the bank accounts of the local GOP until the commission has a chance to investigate this matter fully.

Donnelly scoffed at the claims by the township Democratic party, and was quite willing to explain why the assumption was made that no filing for the Union Township Republican victory, Inc. had been made.

"Quite simply, it all went back to after Matthew Curinzi ran for Union township committee and had money left in his campaign fund after the election," he explained, noting that this former candidate wanted to see the money go towards developing the Republican Party in the township and so the funds were transferred into the Union Township Republican Victory, Inc. account.

After this point things became slightly more complicated because Donnelly was a candidate for assembly, so he says he sought out legal counsel.

"I wanted to ensure my candidacy for assembly was above board so I sought out legal counsel through the Union County Republican Party. I was advised that because I was a candidate running for an assembly seat, I had to shut down the Union Township Republican Victory, Inc. because it was a conflict of interest for me to hold a position handling money for that political organization," Donnelly said.

The former assembly candidate said after that it was agreed upon by Union Township Republican Victory, Inc. board members that the political organization would be shut down and any monies being held transferred into the Donnelly and Hackett for Assembly campaign fund.

"These monies were reported to ELEC and as far as we are concerned we did everything honorably. There never was a penny put in anyone's pocket," Donnelly said, pointing out that he thought he knew exactly why Cryan had the complaint filed with ELEC.

"I think Joe Cryan has a vendetta to make us look dishonorable and crush the reorganized Republican Party that we have built over the last five years," he added.

Just days before the election, ELEC responded to Antonelli, noting he would be notified after an investigation whether there would be a review. However, any determination made by ELEC could take awhile, if the past is any indication.

A few years ago, the Union County Democratic for Change Committee found themselves on the other side of an ELEC complaint, when Hiver Ambroise, an Elizabeth resident running for a seat on the board of education in 2008 failed to file ELEC campaign donation reports.

The candidates running on this ticket were supported by campaign donations from powerful Union County Regular Democratic Organization leaders such as Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage, Sen. Ray Lesniak and the Union County Democratic Committee. ELEC filed the complaint in June 2008, but it took a few years for the issue to finally resolve.

Because this agency only has five investigators covering the entire state, following up on campaign violators often takes years.

ELEC Deputy Director Joseph Donahue told LocalSource his agency gets 100 campaign violation complaints a year, but due to the complexity of most, "it can be a long time before a decision is made."

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PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARING NOTICE

The Township of Union, New Jersey will hold a series of meetings/hearings in the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on the following dates:

December 19th, 2013 at 8:00 P.M.
January 16th, 2014 at 8:00 P.M.
February 20th, 2014 at 8:00 P.M.
March 20th, 2014 at 8:00 P.M.
April 17th, 2014 at 8:00 P.M.
May 15th, 2014 at 8:00 P.M.

The purpose of the meetings/hearings will be to review prior program progress, consider amendments to prior programs, and proposals for a Community Development Program and Annual Action Plan. Procedures to be followed will be (1) explain Federal Regulations, (2) review eligible and proposed program activities, and (3) receive citizen comments and recommendations.

The program to be considered is a Community Development program wherein Federal funds will be requested for activities designed to meet the primary objectives of the development of viable urban communities, decent housing and suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

An Annual Action Plan will be prepared and submitted in conformance with, and at times established in, Federal Regulations. Current information indicates the Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development in June 2014.

These meetings/hearings are being held for the purpose of developing a Community Development program. The Annual Action Plan is being prepared in cooperation with Union County, New Jersey while Union Township, New Jersey is a member of the County Housing Consortium. All citizens are invited to attend and participate in these meetings/hearings.



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Officials continue trying to fix the financial mess left behind by a large number of CFO's in a short period of time. The town has been without a consistent CFO since Tom Grady retired in 2010.

Town hoping financial mess can be cleared up as fast as possible

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Whether transactions were incorrectly put down in ledgers or merely formatted in a way that is not acceptable by municipal auditor standards, the question now is not pointing fingers but rather getting to the bottom of each financial problem and rectifying it, DeRoberts said.

Building an in-house finance department from the bottom up, though, takes time. The way things used to be done is changing. Previously the township employees did not use purchase orders before making purchases, but now even Mayor Tom Hannen said vendors will need a signed purchase order to get paid.

At the crux of the financial dilemma is the fact there has not been a permanent employee in the position for very long since former township financial director Tom Grady retired in 2010. He held the position for 20 years and in many ways was the keeper of the financial books that are in question now.

While no issues of malfeasance has been found, sources indicated that the main issue is that no one has consistently been in charge of this department since 2010, which left things in a financial mess.

After Grady left, the township hired Jeff Theriault who was let go less than a year later. After that former township administrator Marlena Schmid took over the role of CFO in addition to her other duties. While

she had the credentials to do the job and even received a generous stipend for this additional charge, things continued to slip through the cracks financially. When she was let go as administrator after 11 years, the township scrambled to right its financial ship, but things had deteriorated to the point that a consultant with vast experience in this area had to be brought in to try and rectify the problems.

The mayor has continued to point out that the township has to bring enough staff aboard to handle the job, but his main concern was how long it would take to restore the township to solid financial footing.

Although DeRoberts felt a quick fix was not possible, he did agree that the long list of financial issues yet to be addressed could be slashed by 75 percent in a matter of months.

"We're dying to get this stuff cleaned up and get the operational things behind us," the financial consultant told the governing body.

Hannen, who will be the lone Democratic member on the committee come Jan. 1, has only a matter of weeks to wrap up goals he set a year ago when he stepped into the role of mayor after being elected a few short months before. The township's financial issues were one of those goals.

Sources have indicated that Republican Andy Kalnins will likely be selected as the new mayor in January.

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Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Christopher Hudak, third from right, and Freeholders Sergio Granados, second from left, and Bruce Bergen third from left, joined Rabbi Mordechai Kanelsky of Bris Avremy in lighting a Menorah in Phil Rizzuto Park in Elizabeth celebrating Chanukah. They were joined by Union County Manager Alfred Faella, left, and Shterney Kanelsky, right.

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Elizabeth man sentenced to 33 months for pretending to be a DHS-ICE officer

A Union County, N.J., man was sentenced last week to 33 months in prison for pretending to be an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer to defraud illegal aliens seeking to apply for legal status in the United States, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Ruben Alvarado, 28, of Elizabeth, previously pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Katharine S. Hayden to an information charging him with impersonation of a federal officer and identity fraud. Judge Hayden imposed the sentence today in Newark federal court.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court:

From September 2009 through May 2011, and again from February 2013 through March 2013, Alvarado pretended to be an employee and officer of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Transportation Safety Administration. Alvarado demanded and obtained money from his victims after promising to help them, through his purported government employment at DHS-ICE, to obtain legal, or more permanent, status in the United States. He wore clothing bearing the letters "I.C.E.," carried handcuffs, what appeared to be a holstered gun, a false photo identification card identifying him as a "TSA Air Marshall" and a badge that read, "Official Court Officer." Alvarado

recruited victims in New Jersey through in-person contact and victims in Florida via Facebook.

When Alvarado's "customers" realized he was a fraud and demanded their money back, he would threaten and intimidate them, claiming to have the power to have them and their children deported. After his initial appearance on these charges in October 2012, Alvarado was released on bail. During a routine vehicle stop in March 2013, the Elizabeth Police Department found Alvarado again to be in possession of false immigration applications, a fingerprinting kit, clothing bearing the letters "I.C.E.," a holster and blank pistol, and a fake "I.C.E." badge.

Alvarado admitted in court that he has never been employed by any federal agency, but had produced false identification badges for himself and worn clothing and accessories suggestive of employment at ICE in order to solicit payments from illegal aliens for immigration assistance. He also admitted to having defrauded 33 victims in both New Jersey and Florida out of a total of \$33,459, both before his federal arrest and while on pretrial release for these charges.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Hayden sentenced Alvarado to serve three years of supervised release and ordered him to pay \$33,459 in restitution to his victims.

LINDEN NEWS

Learn about fraud, identity theft at the library, Dec. 9

The Garden State Community Bank presents "Avoiding Fraud and Identity Theft" on Monday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Linden Library, 31 E. Henry St., Linden.

In addition to the program, there will be giveaways and light refreshments. To attend, register at the circulation desk, or call 908-298-3830.

Blood drive scheduled for Dec. 16 at public library

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

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

LERS system available to seniors, disabled

The Linden Emergency Response System Program for the elderly, physically handicapped, medically disabled and the socially isolated of Linden is managed by the city of Linden. To date, more than 500 Linden recipients have taken advantage of the 24-hour monitoring service, which serves approximately 150 area residents.

The LERS unit is an easy to use wireless transmitter, which becomes a 24-hour companion and a direct link to safeguarding one's health and safety. One press of the button notifies the central station that an emergency condition exists and within minutes, an ambulance and emergency personnel are at the scene. Besides having the transmitter and emergency help immediately, medical are kept on file and is at the disposal of emergency personnel.

Linden has purchased the emergency units for the subscriber. The subscriber in turn pays \$12 per month monitoring fee and charges for the installation of the unit.

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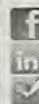
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When some teacher went in search of information regarding the opening of the Raymond Lesniak High School on the Kean University campus next September, the school seemed to have no information, but the project is in full swing.

Kean offers classroom space for high school for troubled youths

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Kean Accounting Department, decided to use the Open Public Records Act to see what he could uncover, but his efforts turned up absolutely nothing.

According to a letter to Wailoo dated Nov. 27 from Kean University Custodian of Records Laura Barkley-Haelig, there were "no records responsive to your request."

Wailoo requested four records, including a copy of the approval by the Kean board of Trustees to house the project at the university; a copy of the contractual agreement between Kean University and the Raymond Lesniak Recovery High School; the location of where this high school will be housed; and a copy of the total financial costs incurred by the university and the revenues to be obtained from the project.

The university professor said he was baffled and confused that Kean had no documentation on this high school expected to open in Sept. 2014, which is less than a year away.

"This is outrageous. Nothing has been passed by the board of trustees and no one knows anything about it," said Wailoo.

Kean Federation of Teachers Local 2187 President James Castiglione said faculty and staff were highly supportive of the concept of a high school dedicated to addressing the educational needs of

this at-risk segment of students and applauded Lesniak for taking the lead on the issue. However, he did have problems with no one on campus being able to access information on this facility.

"Attempt to get information from the Kean University administration about details of the initiative, however, have gone nowhere," he said Tuesday. "High level administrators claim to know nothing about this project. The result is that a number of serious questions remain unanswered."

Among the questions Castiglione posed were whether a university campus is a good environment for students trying to recover from addictions; who will provide instruction and what affect will putting this high school on campus have on undergraduates and graduate students admissions and enrollment.

Capaci, executive director of Prevention Links, explained that plans for the high school have been in the works for three years, but initially it was thought the New Jersey State Department of Education would approve the facility for recovery teens as a charter school.

In September, the department of education rejected that application based on the fact the financial plan appeared to be weak and there was insufficient focus on classroom work. That is when efforts to go in another direction began in earnest.

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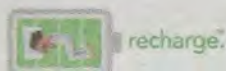
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OPINION

Remember to shop locally

Another Thanksgiving has come and gone and, for many people, the holiday shopping season now gets under way.

The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is when stores pull out all the stops to entice people into sampling their wares. Holiday lights decorate seemingly every street, all to get you in a festive mood. And stores, seeking the highest number of customers, are offering many items at cut-rate prices.

This is a festive season, a time to be shared with family and friends. And while it's true that, because Thanksgiving fell so late this year, there are fewer shopping days than usual between this holiday and Christmas, that's no reason to work yourself into a panic. If you can follow some easy steps, you can make this a great time to buy the best gifts that will make everyone happy.

First, don't let yourself get overwhelmed by the first big deal you see. Check out the ads thoroughly, have a checklist for what you're looking for and how much you're willing to spend, and compare, compare, compare. Find the best items at the best prices and call the store to reserve your gifts so they will be ready for you when you stop by.

Second, think online. The vast majority of stores offer

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great deals online, so you can take care of much of your shopping with the click of a mouse.

Check each day; sometimes, the "great special" on Thanksgiving will be better in a few weeks. Often, the later in the shopping season you go, the more products are marked down. Just don't wait until everyone is out of the product you're looking for, or you'll unintentionally disappoint a lot of people.

Third, shop locally. This is the most important piece of advice to follow. When times are difficult, as it has been for the U.S. economy the past few years, every dollar counts. Local businesses employ many people in the community, from teenagers to senior citizens and everyone in between.

If these stores aren't making money, those jobs go away and those people lose their spending capital, hurting businesses even further. These businesses often carry a large part of the property taxes in town and, without these stores, the cost would be passed on to you, Joe or Jane Taxpayer. So helping them helps you.

You've already given thanks on Thanksgiving. Let's keep the spirit of giving alive and look to your local businesses this holiday season as you shop locally.

Learning valuable information

Bertoia was a slick-fielding no-hit third baseman for the original Washington Senators. His 1959 Topps baseball card revealed that while he only hit .162 the prior year, "he gained valuable information about American League hurlers that would help him in the future."

One sportswriter quipped "the information he gathered was that every pitcher in the American League could get him out, and that perhaps he should try some other line of work."

At a contentious legislative hearing last week, former State Senator and current Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority for New York and New Jersey Bill Baroni, declared his agency had "learned a valuable lesson" over the closing of lanes to the George Washington Bridge, alleged to have been a tool of political retribution.

After the massive traffic jams caused because of a so called traffic study, the political community was rife with rumors that agency underlings loyal to Gov. Chris Christie orchestrated the lane closing as payback to the Mayor of Fort Lee for not supporting the re-election of the governor.

The questioning became a nasty give and take. Baroni centered on the need for fairness in lane allocation while the committee members focused on the reasoning for the sudden lane closings.

Enter Union County Assemblywoman Linda Stender who serves as Vice-Chairman of the Assembly Transportation

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Committee.

As her patience wore thin she glared at Baroni saying, "You are good at obfuscating the issue."

The smoking gun may be a rare leak from a usually tight-lipped agency.

Patrick Foye, the agencies Executive Director, had written a memo complaining about the traffic mess. After the confrontation with Baroni, Foye, a New York appointee, was also being subpoenaed to appear before the New Jersey committee.

State Senator Loretta Wienberg from Bergen, a long-time critic of the Port Authority, summed up the explanation of the agency.

"Their so called explanation was sketchy and evasive" she said, "reminding me of the proverbial excuse, the dog ate my homework. They failed to give an adequate accounting and they failed to answer the key questions."

Maybe the "sketchy" testimony by the Port Authority did answer the questions.

Come last Sunday tolls on cars using E-Z Pass increased .75 cents following increases in both 2011 and 2012. For PATH riders, a single PATH ride will cost \$1 more — rising from \$1.75 to \$2.75 by next October with 25-cent annual fare increases that began in 2011 with barely a whimper.

We are often told we need authorities

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— Loretta Wienberg
State Senator

to take politics out of the decision making process. The return side also has warts. Just ask local officials about the skyrocketing increases by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

The verbal jousting at the legislative hearing brought forth from Committee Chairman John Wisniewski the following: "Mr. Baroni's testimony created many more unanswered questions."

That may have been unfair. After all, monster toll rises went into effect with little notice. Baroni is in little danger of losing his job, and the expectation is that the investigating committee will run out of gas in attacking the arrogant authority.

You might conclude that Baroni has provided all with some valuable information for the future.

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Are edible hedges a new garden trend?

Europeans have always been crazy about hedges. In England they are practically a religion. We Americans, with our love of wide-open spaces and vast suburban lawns, have generally been less hedge-crazy. It isn't that we don't like shrubs. In the 20th century we have used everything from salix to sand cherry to conceal the hard-edged nakedness of our homes' foundations. We plant lilacs in corners and have even taken to the idea of using flowering shrubs in mixed plantings with trees, perennials and annuals. Hedges, however, are still the underdogs in the home landscaping market. Not long ago I saw a feature in the English Telegraph newspaper on edible hedging, a practice that combines hedging passion with the vogue for growing edibles in every possible way. Since we Yanks have jumped onto the home-food production bandwagon once again, we might just cotton to the edible hedge idea. If we forget to eat the fruits of our hedges, the local wildlife will certainly oblige, making edible hedging an ecological win-win.

Of course, you have to choose your edible hedge plants carefully. Lovers of closely clipped shrubs will have to get used to the idea that you can't clip an edible hedge until after it has produced fruit. And if you want to harvest that fruit, be prepared to use netting for a week or two to defend the ripening berries against birds.

If you have the space and the inclination, the following make excellent deciduous hedges that will provide flowers, fruit and even, in some cases, colorful autumn leaves. Growing an edible hedge is a particularly tasty way to multi-task in the garden.

- **Blueberries:** Highbush blueberries, or *Vaccinium corymbosum*, make excellent medium to tall hedges, growing 6 to 12 feet high, with a nearly equal spread. They can be clipped to a specific size as long as you prune in late summer, after the berry season ends. The flowers, which are pinkish-white and bell-shaped, adorn the plants in spring. These are followed by the berries, which are extremely fashionable right now because they are full of desirable nutrients. They are also easy to harvest, unlike raspberries, which often grow on gangly, thorny shrubs. Blueberry leaves are small, ovoid and dark green in summer. When fall rolls around, they turn bright red. The bushes thrive where the soil is slightly acidic — the same pH that supports rhododendrons and azaleas — and receives regular moisture in the form of either rainfall or supplemental irrigation.

- **American cranberrybush:** The cranberries that recently adorned Thanksgiving plates are produced by low-growing, vine-like plants that thrive in soggy locales. Highbush, or American cranberrybush — *Viburnum opulus* var. *americanum* — is about the size of a highbush blueberry and bears attractive, edible red fruit that can be

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BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

used in jams and jellies. The leaves look very much like maple foliage and the spring flower clusters will remind you a bit of lace-cap hydrangeas. Highbush cranberry leaves, like those of blueberries, turn red in the fall, but the larger leaves provide a more dramatic effect. The big leaves also make for attractive fullness when the plants are used for hedging.

- **Rosa Rugosa:** Gardeners who live near the seashore will recognize *Rosa rugosa* as the familiar "beach roses" that grow on dunes near the shore. The giant fruits, or hips, look almost like cherry tomatoes and contain a hefty amount of vitamin C. With minimal processing, you can turn them into a syrup that tastes good mixed with lemonade, tea or even plain seltzer. Some people also make rose-hip jam. The hips are preceded by single or semi-double roses that are either white or shades of pink, with a spicy, clove-like fragrance. *Rugosa* hedges are perfect for privacy or security, as the canes bristle with prickles. The wise gardener wears sturdy gloves while handling them. Perhaps the best thing about the *rugosa* rose is that it is very tough and easy to care for. Unlike some of its more refined rose cousins, the *rugosa* generally does not need spraying or fussing.

- **Clove Currant:** Native clove currant, or *Ribes odoratum*, is worth growing just for the yellow spring flowers, which are intensely fragrant. The Crandall variety bears delicious, large black currants and grows 3 to 7 feet tall and 3 to 5 feet wide. It is a perfect informal hedging plant, with blue-green, lobed foliage that turns red in the fall. Make sure to purchase both male and female plants for fruit production. This should not be a problem for hedging situations where multiple plants are necessary. When in doubt about the sex of the plants you are purchasing, ask the retailer. Clove currants are generally trouble free, requiring only a sunny spot and rich, well-drained soil. Currants of all kinds are alternate hosts for the white pine blister rust, a disease that can decimate stands of white pine trees. However, Crandall is supposed to be resistant to this scourge. If white pines grow in profusion where you are, contact the local county extension agent to ask about the desirability of planting clove currant. Hedges can do many things, including bordering a front or rear yard, or delineating specific garden areas. If you haven't thought about a fruiting hedge, maybe it's time to consider it. It might just be the next big horticultural idea.

Elisabeth Ginsburg, a resident of Glen Ridge, is a frequent contributor to Worrall Community Newspapers.

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SUMMIT NEWS

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Downtown Summit begins the holiday season with the arrival of Santa Claus, a host of children's activities on the Village Green, along with music, an adult hat and glove drive, and the annual tree lighting on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Activities begin at 2:30 p.m. on the Village Green where World of Rock will be performing holiday favorites, Jimmy's Artistic Creations will be designing holiday sculptures from blocks of ice, Summit P.A.L. will be serving hot chocolate and a face painter will be available for the children to enjoy.

Rascal the Clown will create balloon animals and Reeves-Reed Arboretum, the Summit First Aid Squad and YMCA will conduct other children's activities.

At 3 p.m., Santa arrives on the rooftop of the YMCA, 67 Maple St., across from the Village Green, and he will descend from the roof with the assistance of the Summit Fire Department and their hook and ladder truck. Santa will

proceed to the gym of the YMCA where he will be joined by his elves to greet children until 4:30 p.m.

The Summit High School brass quintet, under the direction of Steve Rap, will play holiday favorites in the lobby of the YMCA.

Activities on the Village Green continue until the annual tree lighting by mayor Ellen Dickson at 4:45 pm along with holiday songs by the Continuo Arts Children's Choir.

Additional information is available at summitdowntown.org or by calling 908-277-6100/6101.

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- Dec. 8: Santa's arrival and Annual Tree Lighting, 67 Maple St., 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 9 through 13: Summit Downtown, Inc., 18 Bank St., Suite 108, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Dec. 14: Summit Downtown, Inc., 18 Bank St., Suite 108, 9 a.m. to noon.

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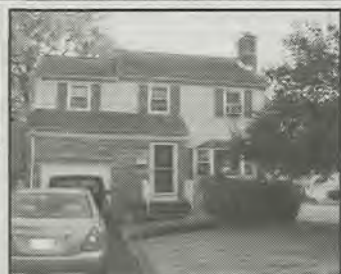
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Council rejects proposal to not air comments from public on tv

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adding that the entire meeting is a public meeting, including resident's comments.

Fourth Ward Councilman and council president David Brown tried to mediate the controversial issue prior to residents having their say on the matter.

"Being the council president I insist people come and respect each other," he said, adding "there is no one coming here to be harassed. Council doesn't do it to you and you shouldn't so it to us."

When resident Scott Caffee of West Scott Avenue stepped to the podium he seemed to indicate that he knew exactly why this ordinance was drafted and it had everything to do with his actions during past council meeting public comment sessions.

"You're talking to me," he said, adding that he felt residents had the right to speak and be heard, by everyone.

"We fought for this and people die for this right," Caffee said, but mentioned later during the regular period of time allotted for public comments that he believed the proposed ordinance that did not pass had to do with older council members "who don't want their dirty laundry aired."

Another resident took a more neutral stance, noting "something will be lost" if residents voices are not able to be heard.

Bresenhan also noted in comments he made during the discussion by council members that it was important that the governing body hear about "the things we can fix and the things we are doing wrong."

NJ Blood Services needs volunteers to help at blood donation centers

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

Remember it is very important to examine your skin on a regular basis for any new or growing lesions. Be sure to mention any unusual changes and concerns to your dermatologist. For additional information about melanoma screening and prevention call 718-698-1616.

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- BELFORD — Joseph Price, of Roselle Park; Nov. 23. Owned Union tire shop.
- BELMONT — Robert A., of Elizabeth; Nov. 24. Funeral home owner, was 79.
- BROWN — Willie Mae, formerly of Roselle; Nov. 24. Schering-Plough retiree.
- CLARK — William, of Clark; Nov. 21. WWII vet, carpenter, tennis player.
- EASTON — Clarence, formerly of Rahway; Nov. 20. Realtor, WWII veteran.
- FORTUNA — Stephanie, of Cranford, formerly of Linden; Nov. 26. Was 83.
- FOY — Luther Jr., of Union; Nov. 22. He was 56 years old, funeral on Nov. 29.
- FREEDMAN — Rochelle "Shelly" Glaser, of Scotch Plains; Nov. 22. Was 79.
- GRANT — Theresa, formerly of Rahway; Nov. 23. Bookkeeper, grandmother.
- HASZKO — Anna Pavelchak, of Linden; Nov. 26. Thomas & Betts retiree, 99.
- HUNTER — Michael J., of Roselle Park; Nov. 24. Survived by wife, children.
- JACKSON — Albert T., of Linden; Nov. 23. Survived by a daughter and a son.
- KAWONCZYK — Josef, of Union; Nov. 27. WWII Polish Army veteran, 96.
- KRAPP — Jeanette, formerly of Roselle and Roselle Park; Nov. 21. Was 86.
- KROPA — Henry W., formerly of Union; Nov. 21. WWII vet, A&P manager.
- LOURENCO — Carlos N., formerly of Elizabeth and Roselle; Nov. 25.
- MAGUIRE — Katherine of Scotch Plains, formerly of Cranford; Nov. 21.
- MAHONEY — Patricia, formerly of Elizabeth; Oct. 7. Nun, midwife, was 79.
- MAKAR — Gloria J., formerly of Elizabeth; Nov. 20. Leaves husband, sons.
- MARKOVIC — Mirjana Djordjevic, of Union; Nov. 21. Native of Yugoslavia.
- MAZZA — Joseph V., formerly of Westfield; Nov. 23. Volunteer fireman, 85.
- MCGOVERN — Bernadette, formerly of Roselle Park; Nov. 22. Acme retiree.
- MCLEESTER — Robert E., of Westfield; Nov. 22. Army vet, journalist, 86.
- MERLO — Frank, formerly of Elizabeth; Nov. 27. Leaves wife of 57 years.
- MORREALE — Margaret Virack Blank, formerly of Union; Nov. 21. Was 70.
- MOTACKI — Robert E. Jr., of Union; Nov. 17. Special education teacher, 29.
- MUNOZ — Antonio R. "Tony," of Union; Nov. 28. Leaves two grandchildren.
- QUINN — Richard J., of Westfield; Nov. 23. Korean War Marine Corps vet.
- ROSENBERG — Dorothy, formerly of Union; Nov. 19. Elizabeth teacher.
- ROTH — Henry E., formerly of Roselle Park; Nov. 26. Leaves wife, children.
- SARKISSIAN — Varton, of Roselle Park; Nov. 26. Retired fabricator, was 86.
- SERCHUK — Miriam, of Westfield, formerly of Union; Nov. 27. Bookkeeper.
- SOLENSKE — Jennifer Christine, nee Custode, of Rahway; Nov. 23. Was 38.
- SOLOMON — Jacob, formerly of Linden; Nov. 24. WWII Army vet, salesman.
- SREMCEVIC — Angela, of Linden, formerly of Elizabeth; Nov. 26. Was 92.
- STRYDESKY — Alice Alexandra Chesney, of Linden; Nov. 22. She was 99.
- WALSH — Patricia A., nee Fuller, of Rahway; Nov. 28. Grandmother of 11.
- WHISMAN-MCKINNEY — Hettie, of Cranford; Nov. 22. She was 82.
- WILSON-THOMAS — Ayanah D., of Elizabeth; Nov. 17. Lifelong resident.

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Liberty Hall has much planned for upcoming Christmas season

Liberty Hall Museum's much-anticipated Christmas tour, "From St. Nicholas to Santa Claus," begins Friday, Dec. 6, kicking off a spate of exciting holiday programming and events at the museum, the home of New Jersey's first elected governor, William Livingston. A celebration of five distinct Christmas traditions and eras in history, "From St. Nicholas to Santa Claus" focuses on the Dutch tradition of St. Nicholas (c. 1774), the English tradition of Twelfth Night (c. 1800), "The Night Before Christmas" (c. 1848), a Victorian Christmas (c. 1899), and a WWII Christmas (c. 1942). Admission is \$6 for children, college students and seniors; \$8 for Kean University alumni; and \$10 for adults. There is no cost for children under the age of three.

Adults seeking respite from their shopping and other irksome holiday activities will have the chance to unwind at the museum's exquisite Christmas Tea throughout the month of December. Usually served the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, Liberty Hall's signature tea service will now be available every week: Dec. 4, 11, 18 and 26 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Guests are invited to warm their hands and heart with a delicious cup of tea while enjoying a prime view of Liberty Hall's very own winter wonderland from the comfort of the museum's heated, glass-enclosed porch. Admission is \$40, and includes a holiday tour following tea.

The Gingerbread House Workshop, a perennial favorite which attracts both longtime fans of the museum as well as first-time guests, takes place Dec. 14 and 21. Due to last year's overwhelming response, Liberty Hall will offer two sessions on both available dates: 10 to 11:30 a.m. or noon to 1:30 p.m. The fee is \$20 for one adult and child; the workshop is recommended for ages 7-12.

Liberty Hall's "How the Grinch Stole Lunch," also known as the Whoville Feast, is scheduled for Dec. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This mouthwatering buffet features "Roast Beast on a Bun," "Seuss Spuds," "Cindy Lou Who Cider," and other comfort cuisine inspired by Dr. Seuss' holiday classic. Admission is \$20 per child and \$25 per adult, and includes lunch, a photograph with the Grinch, and a tour of the museum decorated for the holidays.

The jolly old man himself will be on hand for Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Admission includes all-you-can-eat breakfast, served buffet-style, a photograph with the man of the hour in his celebrated sleigh, and a holiday tour of Liberty Hall. The price is \$20 for children and \$25 for adults.

Liberty Hall continues to accept unwrapped gifts for children ages 1-17 on behalf of Toys for Tots. All donations must be received by Dec. 16, and may be dropped off at the Blue House, the museum's Welcome and Visitor Center.

Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University chronicles more than 240 years of American history. The museum also houses extensive collections of furniture, ceramics, textiles, toys and tools owned by seven generations of the Livingston and Kean families. The Firehouse Museum, built in 2004, houses three antique fire engines, including a rare 1911 American LaFrance Metropolitan Steam Engine. Tours of Liberty Hall run Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the hour; the last tour departs at 3 p.m. General admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for Kean alumni, and \$6 for children and seniors. Kean students and faculty are free.

For reservations and further information, please call 908-527-0400, e-mail libertyhall@kean.edu or visit www.kean.edu/libertyhall. Please follow Liberty Hall Museum on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/libertyhallmuseum>, or on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/LibertyHallKean>.



MAGICAL MULTIPLES — Dylan, a first-grader at E.V. Walton School in Springfield, helps Math Magician Lisa Lou from SuperScientificCircus.com during an assembly that taught Springfield's youngest students lessons in addition, subtraction, multiplication, skip counting and time, all with the help of magic.



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Registration begins for winter session at Arts Guild NJ

Registration is now open for winter art classes for adults, teens ages 12 to 16, and children ages 7 to 11 at Arts Guild New Jersey. Winter classes begin the week of Jan. 14, including several exciting new options, in addition to many familiar favorites. Classes meet once a week for eight weeks. Whether students are challenging themselves by taking their skills to the next level, or trying a new technique for the first time, there is something for everyone at Arts Guild New Jersey.

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For complete course descriptions and class schedules, access the online course catalog at www.agnj.org or call 732-381-7511 to request a printed flyer. Class locations are specified next to each class description: either 1670 Irving for our tra-

ditional Arts Guild New Jersey building on Irving Street, or Senior Center Annex, 125 W. Milton Avenue, for the Annex space on Milton Avenue.

Registration is accepted online where you can pay by credit card, in-person, or by mail. To register in person, visit the office at 1670 Irving St. in Rahway, Monday through Thursday, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please use parking lot entrance. Cash and check payments are accepted in person or by mail; credit card payments are accepted online only.

All class space is limited, so early registration is encouraged to ensure enrollment. Members receive a \$15 discount on classes. To become a member visit www.agnj.org and click on the Membership link.

For more extensive information, visit the group's website. Following is a partial list of classes available.

Daytime adult classes include:

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• **Oil Painting: Basics & Beyond:** a focus on composition/design, under-painting, color theory and color mixing, and the use of transparent glazes.

Teen classes at Arts Guild New Jersey include Drawing for Teens, with a curriculum designed to build skills in drawing still life objects, portraiture, landscape, and abstraction with an emphasis on exploring the variety of ways that objects can be represented, and Japanese Anime/Manga Style Cartooning, where students learn the techniques of this popular cartooning and animation style to make their own comic art. All teen classes include materials.

Kids classes include: Sculpture for Kids, where students build three-dimensional objects out of cardboard, paper maché, wire, modeling clay and other materials; Drawing Exploration, which builds students' skills in drawing realistic and imaginary objects, people and landscapes, while tapping into their creativity and imagination and Cartooning, where students tell a simple story in pictures, creating a comic panel or comic strip page. Materials for all children's classes are provided.



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TIME: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

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TIME: 5:00pm to 10:00pm

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TIME: 7:30 a.m., returns approx. 8 p.m.

PRICE: \$75 (Advance reservations)

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KENILWORTH NEWS

Winter programs scheduled at the Kenilworth Library

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

Children must be registered in one of the following programs in order to participate in any other Kenilworth Public Library special event.

- Mommy, Daddy & Me, a parent and child at home reading program for children ages 2 - 5.
- I Can Read, a reading program for children who are just starting to read on their own from ages 6 - 8.
- Club Readsallot, a reading program for children ages 9 to 12.

Registration is required for:

- Lap Sit for babies ages 0 - 23 months will be held on the following Tuesdays from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.; Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28, and Feb. 4, 11 and 18.

- Toddler Time for 2 year olds will be held on the following Wednesdays from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.; Jan. 8, 15, 22

and 29 and Feb. 5, 12 and 19. Stories, puppets and music just right for the youngest listeners will be introduced.

- Story Time for children ages 3 and up will be held on the following Thursdays from 3:30 to 4 p.m.; Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 and Feb. 6, 13 and 20.

Special Events:

- Talkin' Trash will be presented on Thursday, Jan. 9, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. during the regularly scheduled Story Time program. Children ages 3 and up will be educated about how to recycle, reduce and reuse.

Registration is required. Children registered for story time do not need to register separately for this program. Kenilworth residents may begin to register one week prior to this event. Out of town residents may begin to register two days prior to this event.

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

This play will be directed by Krystle Tomlinson. Tomlinson is a high school senior at Scotch Plains Fanwood high

school, and the recipient of a Junior Scholarship to the "American Musical and Dramatic Academy" in NYC for summer of 2014.

This program is recommended for children ages 6 and up. Registration is required. Kenilworth residents may begin to register one week prior to this event. Out of town residents may begin to register two days prior to this event.

Registration is not required for the following programs:

- Bingo For Young Children will be held on the following Fridays from 3:30 to 4 p.m. for children ages 3 and up: Jan. 10 and 24, and Feb. 7 and 21.

Games may include A-B-C Bingo, Number Bingo and Color and Shape Bingo. Parents must remain in the library during the program.

- Bingo For Children Who Can Read will be held on the following Fridays from 3:30 to 4 p.m. in the activity room: Jan. 17 and 31, and Feb. 14. Games may include Book Bingo, USA Bingo, History Bingo & Kenilworth Bingo. Parents do not participate in this program. To register for programs, or for more information, visit the Kenilworth Public Library at 548 Boulevard or call 908-276-2451.

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Wednesday Family Night: 7:00 PM
Spanish Service (Saturday): 7 PM

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VICTORY CHURCH 900 Raritan Road, Cranford, 732-323-8201, Pastor Terry Hicock. Services Sunday 2 PM, Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study and Prayer for Healing. Located in back of Church downstairs. Look for Victory Church sign on Rear Fence.

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ARTS AND LEISURE



Paper Mill Playhouse delights with 'Oliver!'

By Debbie L. Hochberg
Correspondent

Take your seat, relax, and allow yourself to be transported to 19th century London for an entertaining holiday-season evening as the Paper Mill Playhouse presents the classic musical, "Oliver!"

Based on the Charles Dickens' novel, "Oliver Twist," the story tells the tale of a young orphan's search for love and family in the unforgiving streets of Victorian London.

As the musical opens, we find ourselves in a dark, gloomy workhouse, but it is lit up by more than 20 adorable, shining faces of boys, the workhouse orphans — 16 of whom hail from New Jersey — singing and dancing to the familiar favorite, "Food, Glorious Food."

As Oliver, wonderfully played by Tyler Moran, emerges from the group to approach the foreboding, yet somehow cartoonish Mr. Bumble, played by John Treacy Egan, you could hear a pin drop as the audience anticipates his famous line, "Please sir, I want some more." Pandemonium breaks out as the orphans disperse and Mr. Bumble and his, also cartoonish, love interest/workhouse matron, Widow Corney, convincingly played by Jessica Sheridan, express their extreme dissatisfaction with Oliver's request. "That boy was born to be hung!" says Mr. Bumble in his brilliant, booming baritone voice.

After we are treated to another fabulous familiar favorite, "Oliver," — Ahleevuh, Ahleevuh — sung by Mr. Bumble, Widow Corney and the Workhouse Boys, we are left with Mr. Bumble and Widow Corney alone on the stage in a bizarre, low-brow flirtatious scene. Why that scene was thrown in to what is otherwise a classy, holiday family treat is beyond my comprehension.

In the next scene, Mr. Bumble appears parading Oliver through the streets of London, somberly chanting the haunting "Boy for sale, only seven guineas." He sells Oliver to funeral-home owners Mr. and Mrs. Sowerberry, hilariously played by Michael Di Liberto, who expertly plays the ego-centric, idiotic Dr. Grimwig in the second act, and Dierdre Friel, who plays Old Sally in the second act. Di Liberto's nervous and jerky body movements are a perfect counterpoint to the dominating presence of his wife who is clearly in charge of the funeral home, and Mr. Sowerberry. Friel is perfect as this character, who appears kind as she feeds Oliver but who then becomes evil incarnate — with a

Wicked Witch of the West laugh — as she locks him in the dark funeral home to sleep amongst the coffins.

Our emotions are then further toyed with by Moran's poignant and beautiful rendition of "Where is Love."

The next morning, after Oliver escapes from the funeral home, the audience is in for a real treat as Oliver meets up with the Artful Dodger, artfully played by Ethan Haberfield, and together with the ensemble they sing and dance to a rousing, colorful version of the famous "Consider Yourself." As they are in the commerce district of London, the ensemble consists of vendors with their carts, townspeople and chimney sweeps dancing with their sweeps, wearing wonderful period costumes, including some fun, sexy numbers for the ladies.

We are soon brought to the thieves' kitchen, where we are introduced to the famous Master of Pickpockets himself, Fagin, played by David Garrison, best known for his role as Steven Rhoades on the hit television series "Married ... with Children," who is extraordinary in this role. Rhoades is the quintessential Fagin. The voice. The movements. The acting. He is the whole package. We truly enjoy ourselves as he leads his gang of boys, teaching Oliver how to be a thief in the song "Pick a Pocket or Two." And his solo in the second act, "Reviewing the Situation," as he strokes his precious box of stolen jewels, is a truly fine moment of singing and acting.

Similarly incredible in this production is Betsy Morgan, who plays Nancy. Somehow, although she is beautiful, she gives us that rough-around-the-edges beauty of a gal who has been around the block a few times and is the girlfriend of a hard, evil man. Her life has forced her to be tough, but in the end, her woman's instinct and softness prevail to come to Oliver's rescue, even if it means her eventual undoing. In case there are three people left in this world who do not know the story, that is all I will reveal about that. No spoilers here.

And Morgan's singing and dancing are sublime. "I'd Do Anything" is frisky and fun and "Oom-Pah-Pah" is exila-



At the Paper Mill Playhouse, "Oliver!" runs through Dec. 29

rating and upbeat. But when Morgan belts out "As Long As He Needs Me," we feel her emotion and possibly recall when we were in Love with the Wrong One, and we wish we could save her.

Jose Llana is perfectly dark, mean and brooding as Bill Sykes and the audience truly hates him, which was evident from the boos he received at curtain call — a testament to his acting abilities.

I will not reveal some of the holiday surprises at the end of the show; just suffice it to say that they are there and they are a lot of fun!

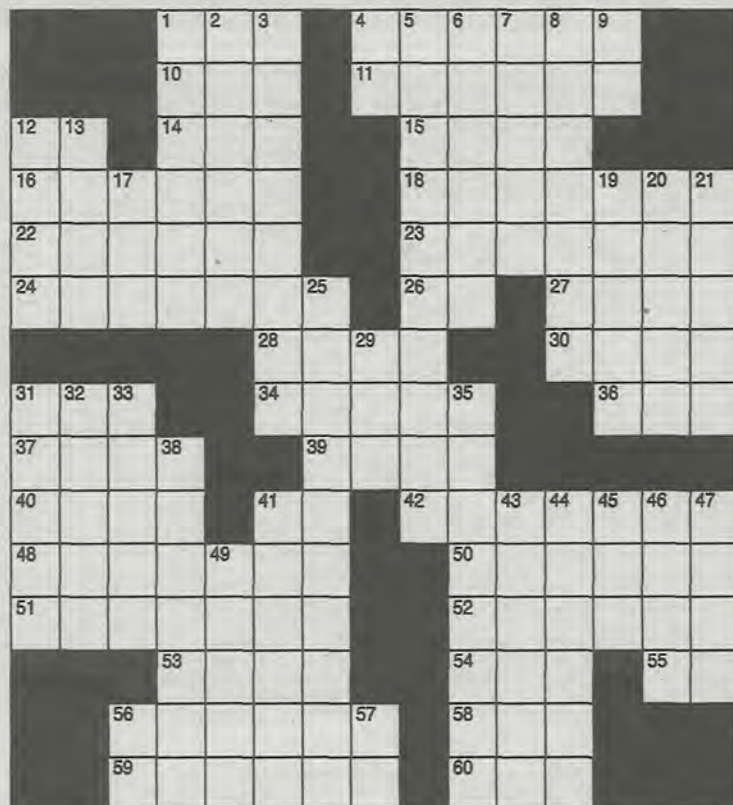
As a longtime fan of "Oliver!" beginning with the 1968 British musical movie which opened when I was 9 years old and was — and still is — a must-see, to the dark, Dickens classic novel, which I read as I was coming of age, to last year's critically acclaimed production by the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, I urge you to see the current production at the Paper Mill Playhouse, which is directed by Mark S. Hoebee, with original choreography by JoAnn M. Hunter and book, music and lyrics by Lionel Bart. The production runs through Dec. 29.

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54. One point E (clockwise) of due N
55. Common college degree
56. Of cadmium
58. East by north
59. Delightful surprises
60. Color

ANSWERS
APPEAR
IN OUR
CLASSIFIED
SECTION



CLUES DOWN

1. Female peafowl
2. Return to custody
3. Citizen of Cairo
4. What was that?
5. Gardens in fishbowls
6. Cause to be or to become
7. Civic or Accord
8. Chicories
9. Set of data
12. Fan-based music awards
13. Wealthy
17. ___-fi: "Star Trek" genre
19. Helped
20. Blue Nile source (alt. sp.)
21. Starch wheat
25. Breakfast citrus
29. Flying saucer
31. Monastic Republic Mount
32. "Miracle on 34th Street" actor John
33. Ancient C. American people
35. Dug lower
38. Restricted in outlook
41. Liquid body substance
43. Ragged
44. Unagitated
45. Hostelry
46. Leopold's crime partner
47. Spanish footwear museum city
49. Slur over in pronunciations
56. Constitution state
57. Atomic #55

HOROSCOPE

ARIES, March 21 to April 20.

Participate in something new and interesting this week, Aries. The perfect activity will present itself in the next few days, so be sure to keep your eyes open.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21.

Taurus, delay any upcoming shopping excursions for the time being. Your coffers are getting a bit sparse, and you need to conserve the rest of your funds.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21.

Listen to advice this week, Gemini. Loved ones only want to help and provide support, so keep that in mind when those closest to you offer some guidance.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22.

Cancer, your suspicions may be aroused by someone who has been paying more attention to you than normal. It could be something completely innocent, but right now you're not sure.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23.

Every day is a learning process, Leo. You will find that there are a number of new ideas swirling around in your head, and if you pin one down, you may be on to something.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22.

Your colleagues at work may be making things difficult, Virgo, but there is nothing you can do about it right now. Just work hard, and things will turn out for the best.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23.

Libra, prepare to juggle multiple responsibilities in the coming days. Be ready to multi-task and expect to be pulled in multiple directions.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22.

Scorpio, a small misunderstanding turns into a larger battle this week. But you have the power to put the flames out quickly by keeping a cool head.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21.

Sagittarius, you are having so much fun lately that it almost seems like life is a game. Just don't get so caught up in the good times that you overlook your responsibilities.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20.

Capricorn, you usually take your responsibilities quite seriously, and that is often for the best. Just be sure to let your hair down sometimes and have a little fun.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18.

Aquarius, some irregularities have begun to pop up of late. It is not up to you to figure out what is going on, though. Others will discover the truth.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20.

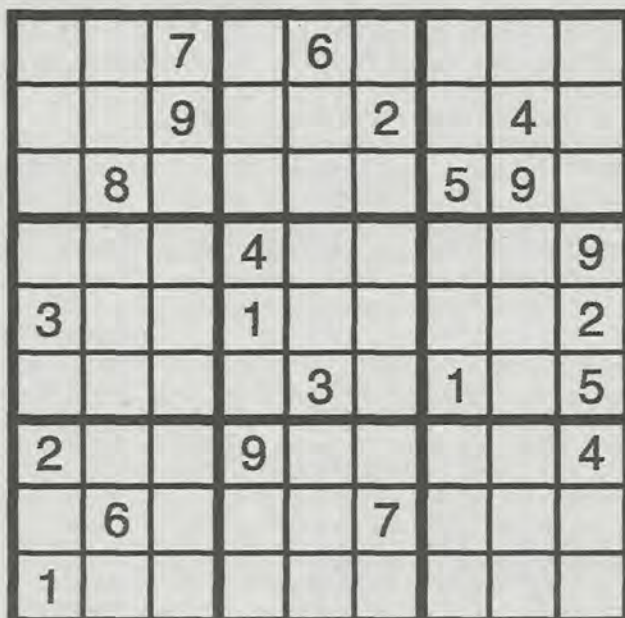
Pisces, your head may be in the clouds, but it is quite comfortable up there. Just don't linger up there too long.

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!

ANSWER APPEAR IN
OUR CLASSIFIEDS SECTION



Level: Intermediate

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLAINFIELD

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-021616-12
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

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

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200, Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is plaintiff, and Gloria Walsh, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-021616-12 within thirty-five (35) days after December 5, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after December 5, 2013, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated June 7, 2005 made by Gloria Walsh, unmarried as mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Security Atlantic Mortgage Co., Inc. recorded on June 30, 2005 in Book 11228 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0640, which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by Assignment of Mortgage dated July 26, 2011; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1152-1154 Stillford Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060 and a mailing address of 1152 Stillford Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060, also being Lot 12 (fka Lot 13) in Block 805 (fka Block 2009).

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

YOU, WILLIAM M. WEIS, JR., his/her/their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagor(s) and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for participation.

File XFZ-155574
MICHELLE M. SMITH, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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

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

U3866 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$45.57)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD -
Date Adopted 11/26/2013

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as an extraordinary unspecified service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) (i). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO: 2013-949 amending (Resolution No. 2013-114)
AWARDED TO: Various Agencies,
SERVICES: To extend the subcontract period an additional three months with
The Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Youth Advocate Program
PERIOD: January 1, 2013- March 31, 2014
James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
U3988 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$12.74)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD -
Date Adopted 11/26/2013

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding

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as an Professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a) (i). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO: 2013-960
AWARDED TO: Primepoint LLC, Mt. Holly, New Jersey
SERVICES: to provide Integrated Human Resource and Outsourced Payroll System Services
PERIOD: December 1, 2013-April 1, 2014
COSTS: in the amount not to exceed \$550,000.00

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
U3980 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$12.74)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD -
Date Adopted 11/26/2013

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RESOLUTION NO: 2013-969 amending (Resolution No. 2012-1032)
AWARDED TO: Town & Country Veterinary House Calls/Dr. Michael Aramando, DVM, Chester, New Jersey
SERVICES: for the provision of veterinary services
COSTS: to increase contract amount \$3,000 for a new contract amount of \$29,000.00
James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
U3979 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$12.74)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD -
Date Adopted 11/26/2013

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RESOLUTION NO: 2013-963
AWARDED TO: Patricia Kane, Newark, New Jersey
SERVICES: to provide 5 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Islamic female inmates in the Union County Jail
PERIOD: January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$3,218.80
James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
U3981 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$12.25)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD -
Date Adopted 11/26/2013

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RESOLUTION NO: 2013-980 amending (Resolution No. 2013-802)
AWARDED TO: Antonelli Minichello of Union, New Jersey
SERVICES: for Mental Health Patient Counsel Services
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$18,000.00
James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
U3986 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$12.25)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD -
Date Adopted 11/26/2013

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RESOLUTION NO: 2013-965
AWARDED TO: Deacon Michael DeRoberts, Union, New Jersey
SERVICES: to provide 5 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Catholic inmates in the Union County Jail
PERIOD: January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$3,218.80
James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
U3985 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$12.25)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD -

Date Adopted 11/26/2013

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RESOLUTION NO: 2013-975
AWARDED TO: Ambulance Reimbursement Services, Allentown, Pennsylvania
SERVICES: to provide ambulance billing services for Union County Emergency Medical Services

James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
U3987 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$11.27)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD -
Date Adopted 11/26/2013

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RESOLUTION NO: 2013-978 amending (Resolution No. 2013-159)
AWARDED TO: Edward Kologi, Esq. Linden, New Jersey
SERVICES: in the matter entitled Gerald & Laura Hutton v. UC, et als.
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$40,000.00
James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
U3984 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$12.25)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD -
Date Adopted 11/26/2013

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as an Professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a) (i). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO: 2013-964
AWARDED TO: Minister Richard Hogans, Rahway, New Jersey
SERVICES: to provide 10 hours of religious services and counseling per week for the Protestant inmates in the Union County Jail
PERIOD: January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$6,438.00
James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
U3982 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$12.25)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD -
Date Adopted 11/26/2013

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as an Professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-5(1)(a) (i). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO: 2013-979 amending (Resolution No. 2013-763)
AWARDED TO: LaCorte, Bundy, Varady, & Kinsella, Union, New Jersey
SERVICES: in the matter entitled Paul Takacs v. UC, et als.
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$75,000.00
James E. Pelletiere, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
U3983 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$12.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-13003633
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F05634610
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
VS

Defendant: DORIS ASMAT, MR. ASMAT, HUSBAND OF DORIS ASMAT, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, BANKERS INSURANCE COMPANY
Sale Date: 12/11/2013
Writ of Execution: 06/04/2013
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. MUNICIPALITY: Hillside
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J. 07205
STREET & STREET NO: 129 Hollywood Avenue

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAX BLOCK AND LOT:
BLOCK: 1410 **LOT:** 28
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 3497 sq ft
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Robert Street
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any):
Hillside Twp holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$1652.53 as of 09/04/2013.

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

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$222,937.02***Two Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven and 02/100***

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

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$230,127.54***Two Hundred Thirty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Seven and 54/100***

November 14, 21, 27, December 5, 2013
U3160 UNL (\$131.32)

ROSELLE PARK

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
UNION COUNTY
Docket No. F-042190-13

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to: JODI DITRI

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Pluese, Becker, & Saltzman, LLC, whose address is 20000 Horizon Way, Suite 900, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, an Answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action in which Green Tree Servicing LLC, is Plaintiff and Jodi Ditri, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, bearing Docket No. F-042190-13, within thirty-five days (35) after December 5, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after December 5, 2013, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. A filing fee payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and a completed Case Information Statement (available from the deputy clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer when it is filed.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the mortgage dated December 20, 2006, and made by Jodi Ditri, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office, on January 4, 2007 Book 12001, at Page 215; to recover possession of and concerning real estate located at 160 East Grant Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204, and being also known as Lot 24, and Block 903 on the tax map of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

By written assignment dated June 14, 2011, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. assigned its mortgage and bond/note to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP which was recorded on July 1, 2011 in Book 1391 Page 69, and was subsequently assigned as follows:

By written assignment dated May 17, 2013, BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP assigned its mortgage and bond/note to Green Tree Servicing LLC, plaintiff herein, which was recorded on May 24, 2013 in Book 1406 Page 203.

You, Jodi Ditri, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the owner of record of the mortgaged premises and because you signed Plaintiff's Note and Mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency and for any lien, claim or interest you or they may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises being foreclosed herein by the Plaintiff.

You may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-387-1835. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-475-2010 or by calling the Legal Services of New Jersey Statewide Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529). File 075405

DATED: November 27, 2013

MICHELLE W. SMITH, CLERK
Superior Court of New Jersey
U4014 UNL December 5, 2013 (\$43.81)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on November 26, 2013 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on December 17, 2013 at 7:30 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 Municipal Clerk's office, at no cost, in said Municipal Building, to the members the general public who shall request a copy of a same. This ordinance will also be posted outside the Municipal Clerk's office, as required by law.

EILEEN BIRCH
Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266-59 ENTITLED SCHEDULE XVIII: "TIME LIMIT PARKING" AND CHAPTER 266-55 ENTITLED SCHEDULE XIV "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES" BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (This ordinance affects Iorio Court)
U4015 UNL December 5, 2013 (\$17.64)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the Resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: November 12, 2013

Awarded to: T & M Associates
11 Tindall Road
Middletown, NJ 07748

Services: Land Survey Services - Zoning limit interpretation U S Highway Route 22 - BC Zone

Time Period: November 13, 2013 to December 13, 2013

Cost: Not to exceed \$9,600.00
U3978 UNL December 5, 2013 (\$14.70)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-13003573
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F04046810
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
VS

Defendant: RICARDO VILLARREAL; SILVIA VILLARREAL
Sale Date: 12/11/2013
Writ of Execution: 08/20/2013

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

The property to be sold is located in: The City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey Commonly known as: 755-757 Jersey Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07202

Tax Lot No.: 1100 in Block: 10
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 50 x 110
Nearest Cross Street: Bellevue Street
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Subject to Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available. You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

Subject to Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None

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

"The Fair Housing Act prohibits 'any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination' in connection

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PUBLIC NOTICE

with any aspect of a residential real estate transaction. Zucker, Goldberg and Ackerman, LLC encourages and supports the equal housing practices of the Fair Housing Act in the conduct of its business.

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$495,678.23*Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight and 23/100*****

Attorney:
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC 200 SHEFFIELD ST
SUITE 301
MOUNTAINSIDE NJ 07092
(908)233-8500 XZF-141594

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$531,844.68***Five Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Four and 68/100***

November 14, 21, 27, December 5, 2013
U3159 PRO (\$158.76)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-13003629
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F599709
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
VS

Defendant: MARINO GONZALEZ; DAISY PEDREROS
Sale Date: 12/11/2013
Writ of Execution: 05/31/2013

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

The property to be sold is located in: The City of ELIZABETH, County of Union, State of New Jersey

Commonly known as: 470 MONROE AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201
Tax Lot No.: 976 & W12 in Block: 12
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 32 ft x 140 ft

Nearest Cross Street: Mary Street
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Subject to Tax and prior lien info: Taxes/sewer/water may be delinquent - you must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

Subject to Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None

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

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$467,984.12*Four Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four and 12/100*****

Attorney:
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC 200 SHEFFIELD ST
SUITE 301
MOUNTAINSIDE NJ 07092
(908)233-8500 XWZ-116440

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$549,659.67***Five Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Nine and 67/100***

November 14, 21, 27, December 5, 2013
U3158 PRO (\$160.72)

ELIZABETH

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
UNION COUNTY
Docket No. F- 037516-13

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to: PEDRO MIGUEL AFONSO

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Please, Becker, & Saltzman, LLC, whose address is 20000 Horizon Way, Suite 900, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, An Answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action in which U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Sisco Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-WF2, is Plaintiff and Pedro Miguel Alfonso, et al, are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chancery Division, Union County, bearing Docket No. F-037516-13, within thirty-five days (35) after December 5, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after December 5, 2013, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. A filing fee payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and a completed Case Information Statement (available from the deputy clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer when it is filed.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the mortgage dated April 28, 2006, and made by Pedro Miguel Alfonso, to Wells Fargo Bank, NA recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office, on May 4, 2006 Book 11672, at Page 979; to recover possession of and concerning real estate located at 140 Magnolia Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07206, and being also known as Lot 331 W01, and Block 1 on the tax map of the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

By written assignment dated November 26, 2012, Wells Fargo Bank, NA assigned its mortgage and bond/note to US Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Sisco Mortgage Loan Trust, 2006-WF2, plaintiff herein, which was recorded on November 26, 2012 in Book 1402 Page 458.

You, Pedro Miguel Alfonso, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the owner of record of the mortgaged premises and because you signed Plaintiff's Note and Mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency and for any lien, claim or interest you or they may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises being foreclosed herein by the Plaintiff.

You may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-387-1835. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-475-2010 or by calling the Legal Services of New Jersey Statewide Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529). File 075789

DATED: November 25, 2013
MICHELLE W. SMITH, CLERK
Superior Court of New Jersey
U3904 PRO December 5, 2013 (\$39.20)

ELIZABETH

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-023629-13
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: DB50 HVAC 2005-1 C/O SERVICE FINANCE CO.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Lex Special Assets LLC is plaintiff, and Carmen Ibarra, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-023629-13 within thirty-five (35) days after December 5, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated March 9, 2007 made by Carmen Ibarra as mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for BNC Mortgage, Inc. recorded on April 11, 2007 in Book 12118 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 197, which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Lex Special Assets LLC, by Assignment of Mortgage dated February 28, 2013; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 80 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208, also being Lot 1781 in Block 11.

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

YOU, DB50 HVAC 2005-1 C/O SERVICE FINANCE CO., are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagor(s) and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for participation.

File XCZ111301-R2 MICHELLE M. SMITH, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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U3903 PRO December 5, 2013 (\$42.14)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN CITY HALL
PASSED ORDINANCE
NO. 57-62

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE LCITY OF LINDEN, 1999."

Delete Section 2-8, Reserved in its entirety. Add new Section 2-8 City Administrator. (Creates the position of City Administrator, the appointment and removal process, and the administrator's duties and authority.

PASSED: November 12, 2013

APPROVED: November 13, 2013

JAMES MOORE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

JOSEPH C. BODEK
CITY CLERK
U3910 PRO December 5, 2013 (\$15.19)

LINDEN

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-039911-13
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: MR. SAMPSON, HUSBAND OF LEA SAMPSON

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which MidFirst Bank is plaintiff, and Lea Sampson, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-039911-13 within thirty-five (35) days after December 5, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated July 12, 1999 made by Lea Sampson, unmarried as mortgagor, to Superior Mortgage Corporation recorded on July 27, 1999 in Book 7318 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 222, which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, MidFirst Bank, by Assignment of Mortgage dated August 4, 2003; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1150-1190 West St. Georges Avenue - C46 (aka West St. George Avenue), Linden, NJ 07036 with a mailing address of 1190 W. St. Georges Avenue Unit C46, Linden, NJ 07036, also being Lot 25 Qualifier CC046 fka C46 in Block 419.

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

YOU, MR. SAMPSON, HUSBAND OF LEA SAMPSON, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action as the spouse of LEA SAMPSON for any interest he/she may have in the property, including his/her marital and/or possessory interests. Plaintiff's mortgage is a purchase money mortgage and the interest of MR. SAMPSON, HUSBAND OF LEA SAMPSON is subordinate to plaintiff's mortgage.

File XFZ-76193-R2 MICHELLE M. SMITH, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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

U3972 PRO December 5, 2013 (\$43.61)

ROSELLE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-027925-13
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: MRS. REINALDO GUTIERREZ, JR., WIFE OF REINALDO GUTIERREZ, JR.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is plaintiff, and Jenny Chavez, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-027925-13 within thirty-five (35) days after December 5, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated March 10, 2010 made by Reinaldo Gutierrez, a single person and Jenny Chavez, a single person as mortgagor, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the Mortgage is unrecorded at this time; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 417 Brooklawn Avenue, Roselle, NJ 07203, also being Lot 11 in Block 7403.

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

YOU, MRS. REINALDO GUTIERREZ, JR., WIFE OF REINALDO GUTIERREZ, JR. are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action as the spouse of REINALDO GUTIERREZ, JR. for any interest he/she may have in the property, including his/her marital and/or possessory interests. Plaintiff's mortgage is a purchase money mortgage and the interest of MRS. REINALDO GUTIERREZ, JR., WIFE OF REINALDO GUTIERREZ, JR. is subordinate to plaintiff's mortgage.

File XFZ164136 MICHELLE M. SMITH, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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

U3905 PRO December 5, 2013 (\$41.65)

ROSELLE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-038660-13
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

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

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 101, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Champion Mortgage Company is plaintiff, and ALMA M. BAKER, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-038660-13 within thirty-five (35) days after December 5, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated December 21, 2001 made by ALMA BAKER as mortgagor, to BNY Mortgage Company LLC recorded on January 3, 2002 in Book 8812 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 274, which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Champion Mortgage Company, by Assignment of Mortgage dated No; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 217 East 8th Avenue, Roselle, NJ 07203, also being Lot 39 in Block 2102.

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

YOU, the heir, devise, and personal representative of ALMA M. BAKER, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are hereby made party defendants to this foreclosure action due to the death of ALMA M. BAKER on November 18, 2012, the record owner of the mortgaged premises being foreclosed herein is deceased in which case you have an ownership interest in the mortgaged premises and for any lien, claim or interest you

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may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.
File XFZ-176210

MICHELLE M. SMITH, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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U3991 PRO December 5, 2013 (\$45.08)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Take notice that on the 17th day of December at 7:30pm a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave, Springfield NJ on application #2013-22 for a variance or variances for Front Yard Variance.
And any other variances that may be necessary as evidenced by the plans now on file as may be modified at the request of the board of adjustment so as to permit a Front Porch Overhang. Applicant's name: Steven and Melissa Goldstein. This application is made for the premises located at 8 Dogwood Terrace Springfield, NJ known as block 1905 and Lot(s) 19 on the Township Springfield tax map. You may appear whether in person or by agent or attorney, and present any objection which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to the application may be seen in the office of the administrative officer of the board of adjustment of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Avenue, Springfield, NJ

U3900 OBS December 5, 2013 (\$13.72)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This ordinance revokes Ordinance 2012-12, and disbands the Springfield Improvement Team.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-17

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I - AMENDMENT

Township of Springfield Ordinance No. 2012-12, enacted on April 24, 2012, establishing new Section 2-65 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Springfield, entitled "Springfield Improvement Team" is hereby revoked and the said Section deleted in full from the ordinances, and the Springfield Improvement Team established by said Section is disbanded.

SECTION II - RATIFICATION

Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.
Linda M. Donnelly, does hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on December 17, 2013, Springfield Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m., at which time and place any person or per-

sons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk
U3990 OBS December 5, 2013 (\$25.48)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign an Agreement for specialized legal services in connection with certain redevelopment activities. (COAF)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-256

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with certain redevelopment activities and related public finance activities for the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, such specialized legal services can be provided only by a firm with expertise in these areas, and the law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Roseland, New Jersey has such expertise; and

WHEREAS, such specialized legal services are "professional services" as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. (the "Local Public Contracts Law");

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that notice with respect to contracts for "professional services" awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law further requires that the resolution approving a contract for "professional services" and the contract itself must be on file with the Township and available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. The law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Roseland, New Jersey is hereby retained to provide the specialized legal services necessary in connection with certain redevelopment activities, and related public finance activities in an initial amount of not to exceed \$40,000 in accordance with the Agreement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Contract"). Services rendered to the township shall be billed at the blended hourly rate of \$215 for attorneys and \$135 for paralegals. Services rendered to the Township the cost of which is reimbursed by a developer through a developer-funded escrow account pursuant to an escrow agreement between the developer and the Township shall be billed at the blended hourly rate of \$325 for attorneys and \$180 for legal assistants.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the Mayor to the Contract.

Section 3. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study.

Section 4. A copy of this resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Township Clerk.

Section 5. A notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the Contract in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law shall be published once in the official newspaper of the Township.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk

U3993 OBS December 5, 2013 (\$46.06)

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UNION

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Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on **Wednesday, November 20, 2013** at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey Resolutions memorializing.

Calendar # Name of Applicant & Premises Affected

Cal. # 3221-A, DDR Corp.
2700 Route 22, East
Block- 3409 Lot- 3.01
Cal. # 3224 Winner's Chapel Int'l NJ
238-244 Burnet Ave.
Block- 5505 Lot- 52 & 53
Cal. # 3226 Joe & Marie Canarelli
885 Townley Ave
Block- 1218 Lot- 22

Variances Requested

Designate & address allocation of select number of parking spaces
House of worship not permitted in IO zone
3 season sunroom with insufficient setbacks

Decision of the Board of Adjustment

Granted by Resolution
Granted by Resolution
Carried for Resolution of Approval on Dec. 11, 2013

Richard Malanda, Bd. Of Adj. Secretary
U3998 UNL December 5, 2013 (\$33.81)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This Resolution authorizes the Township to enter into contract with Prime Point LLC. for a period of one (1) year to perform payroll and human resource services for the Township.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-253

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield has a need to hire a payroll processing company for a period of one (1) year to perform payroll and human resource services for the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township has interviewed 3 different payroll vendors to perform payroll and human resource services; and

WHEREAS, Prime Point LLC. was the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed twenty thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars, to perform payroll processing and human resource services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that it is in the best interest of the Township to enter into a one (1) year contract with Prime Point LLC to perform payroll processing and human resource services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Prime Point LLC. in an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars to perform payroll and human resource services for the Township.

2. A Certificate showing the availability of funds for the Contract authorized hereby shall be provided by the Chief Financial Officer and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk

U3992 OBS December 5, 2013 (\$25.48)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This resolution is to award a Contract to AV Electrical Contracting for the installation and connection of generators to traffic lights (COAF).

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-258

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of installation and connection of generators to certain selected traffic lights throughout the Town (excluding State controlled lights); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management solicited bids and received quotes from three different electrical contractors; and

WHEREAS, the lowest quote was rendered to OEM from AV Electrical Contracting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Director of Office of Emergency Management of the Township of Springfield is authorized to award a contract for installation and connection of generators to the traffic lights throughout the Town, exclusive of State controlled traffic lights, at a cost not to exceed \$6,400.00.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk

U3994 OBS December 5, 2013 (\$19.11)

SPRINGFIELD

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Township of Springfield
County of Union, NJ

TAKE NOTICE, there will be a public hearing

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for input on the Community Development Block Grant for the 2014 applications on Tuesday November 17, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Council Room, Municipal Building.

Linda Donnelly
Municipal Clerk

U3977 OBS December 5, 2013 (\$7.84)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CLARK

The Clark Planning Board's previously scheduled meeting for December 5, 2013 is cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be January 2, 2014 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers

Lisa McCabe
Clark Planning Board Secretary
U4018 EAG December 5, 2013 (\$5.39)

PLAINFIELD

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
UNION COUNTY
Docket No. F- 042733-13

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to: DONNA J. KELLY

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Pluesse, Becker, & Saltzman, LLC, whose address is 20000 Horizon Way, Suite 900, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, An Answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action in which Real Estate Mortgage Network, Inc., is Plaintiff and Edward J. Boccher, et al. are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, bearing Docket No. F-042733-13, within thirty-five days (35) after December 5, 2013 exclusive of such date, or if published after December 5, 2013, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. A filing fee payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and a completed Case Information Statement (available from the deputy clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer when it is filed.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the mortgage dated December 26, 2012, and made by Edward J. Boccher, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Real Estate Mortgage Network, Inc. recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office, on January 8, 2013 Book 13490, at Page 695; to recover possession of and concerning real estate located at 1216-22 Prospect Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060 with a mailing address of 1218 Prospect Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060, and being also known as Lot 3, and Block 820 on the tax map of the City of Plainfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

By written assignment, dated August 20, 2013, the said Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Real Estate Mortgage

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Network, Inc. assigned its mortgage and bond/note to Real Estate Mortgage Network, Inc. plaintiff herein, which assignment is about to be recorded.

You, Donna J. Kelly, are made a party Defendant to this foreclosure action because you obtained a child support judgment in the Superior Court of New Jersey, against Edward J. Boccher, judgment number J-012746-1997, entered February 4, 1997, in the amount of debt, in Hunterdon County.

You may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-387-1835. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-475-2010 or by calling the Legal Services of New Jersey Statewide Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529). File 075387

DATED: November 22, 2013
MICHELLE W. SMITH, CLERK
Superior Court of New Jersey
U3891 WCN December 5, 2013 (\$36.26)

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SPORTS

THIS IS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The game should be played at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m..

Second-seeded Union at top-seeded Ridge for the North 2, Group 5 championship equals = *This is High School Football.*

To me, the fact that Union is playing Ridge on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. at Rutgers — in front of what will look like 3 fans and 2 birds — is not the atmosphere conducive for competing for a championship.

That is *Not High School Football.*

Oh yeah, there will be a football field, and more refs than normal, and people making sure everyone is legit on the sidelines, but there will also be some 40,000 empty seats.

Fans will only be able to sit in the seats from the 40 to 40.

The rest of the stadium in Piscataway will be blocked off, very cold and void of any fans.

Instead of getting a packed Ridge High School feel where Ridge will have its home fans filling the stands on its side and Union bringing its fans to completely fill the visiting bleachers — not to mention the standing room only crowd all the way around the field — you will get another cold, blustery stadium feel where the only juice will be in the trenches.

I've covered many championship games at the high school fields and too many at Giants Stadium and MetLife Stadium and Rutgers and Kean.

The best chance for a high school feel is Kean. When the games are in East Rutherford or Piscataway, it's simply not the same.

I've covered Sparta and Dover winning championships at home in front of packed high school venues.

I've covered Randolph and Union winning championships at home in front of fields where all you saw were bodies cheering for both sides.

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Photo by JR Parachini

Union was led defensively in its semifinal win at home over Piscataway by standouts, from left, Robert Skinner (No. 8) and Uchenna Egwuonwu (No. 78). The Farmers will be playing in their first state championship game in 10 years on Sunday when they take on Ridge at Rutgers.

Union out to win first state championship in 20 years Summit seeks to repeat in North 2, Group 3

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

For one team, it tasted (non-alcoholic, of course) champagne — or Gatorade — just 12 months ago.

For the other, it's now been exactly 20 years since a celebration took place.

For one coach, it's also been 20 years since he led a team to the promised land.

That's the Union County menu for this championship football weekend that kicks off tomorrow night and concludes Sunday.

Summit is out to repeat — for the first time — as North 2, Group 3 champions. The Hilltoppers repeated as N2, G2 champs in 1993 and 1994, which is the only time they have won consecutive championships in the playoff era.

Union is out to win North 2, Group 5 for the first time after winning N2, G4 a record 10 times. However, the last Farmer championship came way back in 1993 on a muddy field in Randolph when they 3-peated as N2, G4 champions for the second time.

Summit, the second seed, will face fourth-seeded Parsippany Hills Friday night at 7 at Kean University's Alumni Stadium in Union in the North 2, Group 3 championship game. Summit blanked Palisades Park in last year's final, which was contested at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford.

Summit also won N2, G3 in 1976 and 1980 and lost in the final in 1986.

Union, also a second seed, will face top-seeded Ridge Sunday morning at 10 at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway in the North 2, Group 5 title contest. Elizabeth, led by senior quarterback Philip Walker, came back in the final minute to defeat Piscataway 37-33 in last year's first N2, G5 final, which was played on a Friday night at Kean.

In between on Saturday morning at 10 at The College of New Jersey in Ewing Township, third-seeded Point Pleasant Beach will be guided by former Roselle Park head coach John Wagner when it faces top-seeded Shore in the Central Jersey, Group 1 final. Wagner was the head coach at Roselle Park for 25 seasons from 1981-2005 and is the school's winningest football coach with 150 victories, including North 2, Group 1 playoff championships in 1992 and 1993 when the Panthers finished 11-0 both seasons. Wagner came back to coaching in 2011 when he took over at PPB.

Here's a look at all three championship games:

Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at Kean

North 2, Group 3 final

4-Parsippany Hills (9-2) vs. 2-Summit (11-0):

Parsippany Hills is in the N2, G3 final for the second time in three seasons. The Vikings are 0-3 in playoff championship games, with losses to Wayne Hills in the 2005 (46-0) and 2006 (23-12) North 1, Group 3 finals and to Cranford 27-0 in the 2011 N2, G3 championship game at Kean.

See **WAGNER**, Page 34

UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: NJSIAA FINALS

Friday, Dec. 6 (1 game)

At Kean University

North 2, Group 3

Parsippany Hills vs. Summit, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8 (1 game)

At Rutgers University

North 2, Group 5

Union vs. Ridge, 10 a.m.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Wednesday, Nov. 27 (1 game)

Linden 27, Union 8

Thursday, Nov. 28 (4 games)

Roselle Park 24, Roselle 12

Johnson 27, Rahway 14

Westfield 34, Plainfield 0

New Providence 22, GL 18

THIS WEEK'S PICKS (2):

Parsippany Hills 27, Summit 21

Union 42, Ridge 35 (OT)

Best bet: Union

Upset special: Parsippany Hills

Best bets: 9-3

Upset specials: 4-8

Last week: 3-2

This year: 90-40 (.692)

JR'S UNION COUNTY TOP 10:

1-Summit (11-0)

2-Union (8-3)

3-Westfield (6-4)

4-Elizabeth (5-5)

5-Linden (7-4)

6-Rahway (7-4)

7-Cranford (7-4)

8-Johnson (5-5)

9-Roselle Park (8-3)

10-New Providence (8-3)

(tie) Brearley (5-5)

Others: Gov. Livingston (4-6),

Roselle (4-6), Hillside (4-6),

Scotch Plains (2-8), Dayton (2-8),

Plainfield (1-9).

NOTES: Eight Union County teams finished with winning records and three more — Elizabeth, Johnson and Brearley — finished at .500, all 5-5. Summit is 11-0 for the third straight year and has a 55-2 record since the beginning of the 2009 season.

Summit has finished 12-0 twice and is the only Union County team to achieve that impressive feat. The Hilltoppers are attempting to do it in back-to-back years for the first time.

Summit will also begin its 2014 campaign with a 45-game regular season winning streak.

Union has never won a playoff championship with as many as three losses. The Farmers won titles with 11-0 records in 1984, 1985, 1987, 1991 and 1992.

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Wagner coaching in first state final since 1993

Roselle Park's winningest grid mentor out to lead PPB to first playoff title

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Sparked by the outstanding play of defensive linemen Michael Weiss and Stephen Hill, Parsippany Hills kept top-seeded and West Essex out of the end zone late in their semifinal, with the host Knights missing a 33-yard field with 27 seconds left. The underdog Vikings escaped North Caldwell with a 20-17 upset, ending a West Essex campaign at 10-1. Summit is 11-0 and in a championship game for the third straight season, but for the first time led by seniors Charlie Terry at quarterback and Colm Dougherty at running back. Summit, which defeated Parsippany Hills 30-13 at home in last year's semifinals, is 55-2 since the beginning of the 2009 season and will begin its 2014 campaign with a 45-game regular-season winning streak.

Interesting fact: Summit and Parsippany Hills lost the last time they played at Kean, which was two years ago and less than 24 hours apart. On a Friday night, Summit was defeated by Madison 47-7 in a battle of 11-0 teams and the last two — up until that point — N2, G2 champions in the North 2, Group 2 championship game. The next morning on the same field, Parsippany Hills fell to Cranford in the N2, G3 final.

Summit, in its third straight final and fourth in the past five seasons, has lost just once in regulation time since 2009, which was its defeat to Madison at Kean two years ago. Its other loss was at home in overtime to Orange in the 2010 N2, G2 quarterfinals.

Summit was 1-9 in 2005 — winning only its season-ending consolation game — and was 0-10 for the only time in program history in 2006.

Years Summit won playoff championships: 1976, 1980, 1988, 1993, 1994, 2009, 2012.

Years Parsippany Hills won playoff championships: None.

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. at Rutgers
North 2, Group 5 final

2-Union (8-3) vs. 1-Ridge (11-0): Here you have Union in a championship game for the first time in 10 years and seeking its first title in 20, led by the program's all-time leading rusher, Division 1-AA (Western Michigan) commit Jamauri Bogan, who has gained over 1,000 yards all four years and has his total over 6,000, including 2,260 as a sophomore when he was named New Jersey's Gatorade Player of the Year.

The Farmers will be going up against Ridge head coach Bill Tracy, who is a 1986 UHS graduate who played with the best player ever to come out of the program — fellow 1986 graduate Tony Stewart.

Tracy will be the last head coach to game plan for Bogan in a high school game that is not an all-star one.

Tracy is the only head coach to guide Livingston to a championship in the playoff era, leading the Lancers to the 2008 North 1, Group 4 championship after defeating Hackensack 28-8 in the final.

Tracy then led Ridge to the 2009 North 2, Group 4 final his first year at the helm of the Blue Devils.

The Farmers won six straight before being cautious in a 27-8 setback at Linden Wednesday night. Ridge is led by senior quarterback Conor Hughes and is attempting to finish 12-0 for the first time. The Red Devils have won nine games by double digits and are 5-0 vs. Union County opponents, including regular season wins over Linden, Plainfield and Cranford and playoff victories over Westfield and Linden.

The best player on the field Sunday? You can start with Bogan and Hughes and go from there.

Union is playing at Rutgers for the first time since falling to Montclair 13-7 in a 1999 N2, G4 semifinal. Union was halted at the Montclair one-yard line when time expired.

Union last played in a championship game in 2003 when the Farmers were defeated by Piscataway 29-7 in the N2, G4 final at Giants Stadium. In the game immediately after that — contests played on a warm, but very windy Thursday night in East Rutherford after they were snowed out the week before — Ridge blanked Scotch Plains 27-0 in the N2, G3 final. Piscataway won that night as an eighth seed and Ridge as a seventh seed.

That is the only time Ridge won a playoff championship on the field. Its other playoff title came in 1987 when the Red Devils were the only team to qualify in Central Jersey, Group 2, declared that section's champion that season.

Ridge is in its second final in five seasons and fourth (on the field) overall. The Red Devils were last in a championship game in 2009 when they were defeated by Phillipsburg 34-7 in the N2, G4 final at Kean.

Union's last two title games were decisive defeats at Giants Stadium in 1996 — to Montclair 20-0 — and in 2003 — to Piscataway 29-7.

This is 35-year anniversary of Union's first of a record 10 playoff titles won in North 2, Group 4 — the Farmers blanked Plainfield 27-0 in the 1978 N2, G4 final at Giants Stadium.

Interesting fact: Union first-year head coach Lou Grasso, Jr. — who played collegiately at Rutgers and was formerly an assistant coach at Union before landing his first head coaching stint at Roselle (where he was also previously a head coach) — will try to join his father — Lou Sr. — as father and son championship game-winning head coaches. Lou Grasso Sr. — the head coach at Roselle for 25 seasons from 1979 to 2003 — guided the Rams to the 1989 North 2, Group 2 championship when they won at Madison 20-0 in the final. He also led Roselle to the 1990 N2, G2 final, falling at Hanover Park 51-14. Grasso Sr. led Roselle to its only championship in the playoff era.

One other father and son combination that I know of that led teams to playoff championships include John Bauer Sr. (1983, 1986-1989) and John Bauer Jr. (1990) at Randolph.

Lou Grasso Jr. just graduated from Colonia High in June of 1993, six months before Union won its last championship, which was a come-from-behind 19-16 win at Randolph in the 1993 North 2, Group 4 championship game. That was also Randolph's first home loss in eight years — since the 1985 regular season.

Union has never won a playoff championship with as many as three losses.

Years Union won playoff championships: 1978, 1979, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1993.

Years Ridge won playoff championships: 1987 (declared), 2003.

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. at TCNJ
Central Jersey, Group 1 final

3-Point Pleasant Beach (9-2) vs. 1-Shore (10-1): These teams just played Friday night at Shore for the Shore Conference's B-Central Division title, with Shore coming out on top 31-0 to finish 5-0 to PPB's 4-1 mark.

Shore's 10th straight victory snapped PPB's seven-game winning streak.

Shore's only loss was its first game to visiting Rumson-Fair Haven 13-6 back on Sept. 14. Rumson is playing Weequahic in the Central Jersey, Group 2 championship game Saturday at Kean.

Shore has only given up 65 points in 11 games (5.91 average) and has yielded only two scores in three games. The Blue Devils gave up a season-high 14 points in a 21-14 home win over Metuchen Sept. 21.

Shore has not allowed more than one score (touchdown) in its last five games.

PPB third-year head coach John Wagner will be coaching in a championship game for the first time in 20 years. He last did so in 1993, guiding his high school alma mater (Roselle Park, class of 1969) to a second straight N2, G1 title when the Panthers defeated arch rival New Providence 10-7 in overtime at home in the final.

Wagner is 2-2 in championship games, with losses to neighborhood rival Brearley in the N2, G1 finals in 1985 on the road and 1986 at home and wins in N2, G1 finals at Butler in 1992 and at home over New Providence in 1993.

To say he has helped turn around a fledgling PPB football program would be an understatement.

From 2003 to 2010, the records produced by the Gulls included:

2003: (4-6), head coach: Nick Giglio

2004: (3-7), head coach: Nick Giglio

2005: (2-8), head coach: Nick Giglio

2006: (3-7), head coach: Nick Giglio

2007: (1-9), head coach: Nick Giglio

2008: (3-7), head coach: Nick Giglio

2009: (1-9), head coach: Steve Sasse

2010: (2-8), head coach: Steve Sasse

That's a total of 19-61 (.238)

So far in three seasons, Wagner and his staff have guided PPB to records of 8-3 in 2011, 10-1 in 2012 and 9-2 so far in 2013.

That's a combined record of 27-6 (.818), which includes three winning seasons, three playoff seasons, at least one playoff win in three straight seasons, the 2012 Shore Conference's B-Central Division championship with a perfect 5-0 league mark and the program's second appearance in a state championship game.

Wagner has guided the Gulls to more wins in his three seasons at the helm than the previous eight combined.

Interesting fact: PPB, like Parsippany Hills, has not won a championship in the playoff era. The only other championship game the Gulls played in was in 1982 when they fell at top-seeded Middlesex 25-13 in the CJ, G1 final. PPB, as the third seed, won at second-seeded Green Brook 29-22 for its first playoff victory.

PPB has an overall playoff record of 5-10 in 11 playoff seasons. Wagner has led the Gulls to the playoffs three of those 11 times, with a playoff record of 4-2 so far. Two years ago he led PPB to only its second playoff victory and first in 29 years.

Shore has won five championships in the playoff era and has a record of 5-4 in championship games.

PROPOSAL TO EXTEND PLAYOFFS SHOT DOWN ONCE MORE: The latest proposal to play down to group state champions was voted down Monday by the membership schools of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association at its annual meeting in Edison.

The second proposal in three years to amend the governing body's constitution and allow for the crowning of true state champions in the sport — meaning the new playoff structure approved last month by the NJSIAA Executive Committee for the 2014 and 2015 seasons — will not be implemented.

The measure was voted down by a 183-95 count, which to many was by a larger figure than thought would be. A two-thirds majority approval was needed for it to pass.

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SUMMIT HILLTOPPERS IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

7-4 — (4-3 in N2, G2 and 3-1 in N2, G3)

1976 (9-1-1): North 2, Group 3

Summit 40, West Essex 0 — at West Essex

1980 (10-1): North 2, Group 3

Summit 10, Rahway 7 — at Giants Stadium

1986: North 2, Group 3

Randolph 12, Summit 7 — at Randolph

1988: North 2, Group 2

Summit 12, Dover 6 (OT) — at Dover

1992: North 2, Group 2

Dover 22, Summit 0 — at Dover

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

Summit 26, Mendham 21 — at Summit

1994 (10-1): North 2, Group 2

Summit 26, Mendham 8 — at Mendham

1995: North 2, Group 2

Johnson 21, Summit 6 — at Summit

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

Summit 28, Orange 19 — at Giants Stadium

2011 (11-1): North 2, Group 2

Madison 47, Summit 7 — at Kean University

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

Summit 30, Palisades Park 0 — at MetLife Stadium

Summit is 0-1 in title games played at Kean University.

UNION FARMERS IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

10-4 — (all in N2, G4)

1978 (9-1-1): North 2, Group 4

Union 27, Plainfield 0 — at Giants Stadium

1979 (10-1): North 2, Group 4

Union 35, Livingston 14 — at Giants Stadium

1981 (8-2-1): North 2, Group 4

Elizabeth 21, Union 0 — at Giants Stadium

1982 (10-1): North 2, Group 4

Union 14, Montclair 7 — at Montclair

1983 (9-2): North 2, Group 4

Montclair 14, Union 10 — at Union

1984 (11-0): North 2, Group 4

Union 34, Montclair 13 — at Union

1985 (11-0): North 2, Group 4

Union 13, Montclair 8 — at Bloomfield

1986 (9-2): North 2, Group 4

Union 15, Roxbury 6 — at Roxbury

1987 (11-0): North 2, Group 4

Union 17, Roxbury 14 (OT) — at Roxbury

1991 (11-0): North 2, Group 4

Union 24, Randolph 14 — at Union

1992 (11-0): North 2, Group 4

Union 21, Randolph 7 — at Union

1993 (10-1): North 2, Group 4

Union 19, Randolph 16 — at Randolph

1996 (8-3): North 2, Group 4

Montclair 20, Union 0 — at Giants Stadium

2003 (10-2): North 2, Group 4

Piscataway 29, Union 7 — at Giants Stadium

Union has never played a state championship game at Rutgers and has never won a playoff crown with three losses.



Photo by JR Parachini

Ridge is guided by 1986 Union High School graduate Bill Tracy, shown here talking to his Red Devils after they won a regular season game at Cranford last year. Ridge is 11-0 and seeking its third state championship in the playoff era and first since 2003. The Red Devils will face Union in Sunday's 10 a.m. North 2, Group 5 championship game at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway.



Photo by JR Parachini

Summit, at left, and Parsippany Hills, at right, met in the North 2, Group 3 semifinals at Summit's Tatlock Field a year ago, with the host Hilltoppers winning 30-13. Summit will tangle with Parsippany Hills again tomorrow night at 7 at Kean in the N2, G3 championship game.



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First UHS Athletic Hall of Fame event is a success

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Tracy Young talked about how her coach Lois Hochuli-Lampert was responsible for driving her to track meet after track meet and that she always appreciated her efforts for wanting to be there for her.

High school, college and NFL standout Larry Kubin discussed how in the town of Union nothing was given to you and that you had to work hard to make it, which not only made him a better athlete, but a better human being.

Tony Stewart, considered the best football player ever to wear the maroon and gold, let the crowd in attendance realize how special a place Union is and that "there's no town like it at all, anywhere."

The Oehrlein brothers, also both co-valdictorians, with pride expressed how they were able to bring the sport of tennis to the athletic department and also excel in it to where they were considered the best in the state.

Walter Shallcross, Union's most successful wrestling coach among his many other athletic duties, was there, with family members by his side to let everyone know just what this man meant to UHS.

Bob Mischak the oldest living NFL player, traveled across country to be at the dinner and talk about the individuals he remembered from his time as a Farmer athlete, which meant starring in three sports.

Kelly Kulick, the No. 1 women's bowler in the world, spoke of all the people who supported her, including the never-ending efforts of her mom.

Laura Bonomo, now a fourth grade teacher at Washington Elementary School in Union and the winner of 96 games as a star softball pitcher back in the 1990s, talked about how she will strive to give her students the same overwhelming support she received as a UHS student-athlete.

"It's not where you start, but where you finish" was the message former all-state football player and state champion wrestler Michael Ferroni preached. "I did not win a match my first year wrestling," Ferroni said. "I was also the last kid picked on my baseball team, but I hit 18 home runs and helped our team (the Cardinals) win the town championship."

Lou Rettino Jr. talked about how much his father, legendary head football coach Lou Sr., cared and how unbelievably successful his state championship teams were. "Even three quarters of his wardrobe was maroon, which is not an easy color to find to wear," Lou Jr. mused.

And even 600-plus win baseball coach Gordon LeMatty managed to keep his speech to under an hour, letting us know that he needed his parents to sign a document in order for him to get married, of which he and his wife are about to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Those were just some of the enlightening messages brought forth by the athletes that helped make Union the town that it is and the high school the place to learn what was needed to move forward.

Philosophies such as 'if you work hard, you can achieve a great deal' were the themes discussed.

All of the athletes that were honored inducted into the first Union High School Athletic Hall of Fame class did, indeed, achieve a great deal at UHS and beyond.

The Union High School Athletic Hall of Fame inaugural induction ceremony took place last Monday night at Galloping Hill Inn in Union, with a sold out crowd paying tribute to some of the most gifted individuals to compete for the Farmers.

Here, again, is the roll call of the teams, coaches and individuals that were honored:

TEAMS:

1974 Baseball, 1984 Football, 1989 Softball

COACHES:

Walter Shallcross, Gordon LeMatty, Lou Rettino

ATHLETES:

Eulace Peacock, Class of 1933

Clinton Moorman, Class of 1937

Bob Mischak, Class of 1950

Richard Oehrlein, Class of 1960

Walter Oehrlein, Class of 1961

Frank Costello, Class of 1963

Elliott Maddox, Class of 1966

Alan Santorini, Class of 1966

Lawrence Kubin, Class of 1977

Tracy Young, Class of 1983

Julie Brzezinski, Class of 1985

Tony Stewart, Class of 1986

Michael Ferroni, Class of 1988

Kelly Kulick, Class of 1995

Laura Bonomo, Class of 1997

Kudos to Union Athletic Director Linda Ionta, Union athletic office secretary Josephine Palumbo and Union athletic trainer Meg Berry for their amazing efforts in making the first Union Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner a smashing success!

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FUTURE UHS HALL OF FAMERS? - Based on the success Jabree Robertson (No. 5) and Jamauri Bogan (No. 32) have had the past four years on the gridiron, the senior tandem would have to be highly thought of as possible Union High School Athletic Hall of Fame candidates in the future.

Empty stadiums the feel for state football finals

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I've also covered Summit winning in East Rutherford and Union losing there - in front of what felt like empty stadiums.

Apparently the NJSIAA needs the money from having all of the championship games at MetLife, Rutgers, Kean, TCNJ and Rowan.

In 1988, I covered a classic North 2, Group 3 final at Randolph where the home team Rams came back in the last minute to stun Nutley 15-12 and keep their winning streak alive.

In 1991, I covered host Union coming back from a two-touchdown halftime deficit to beat Randolph 24-14 at Cooke Memorial Field, ending the Rams' then-state record 59-game (58-0-1) winning streak. You couldn't have packed more people into Cooke Memorial Field that day.

If you want juice and a great atmosphere for championship games, they need to go back to being played at the high school fields.

If you want a cold, fanless setting, they will remain where they are now - in empty stadiums.

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Union has still won most FB playoff titles

Union has still won the most football playoff titles among Union County schools, with 10 - all in North 2, Group 4.

Elizabeth is second with eight, Summit third with seven, New Providence fourth with six and Bearley fifth with five.

Union is going for its 11th and Summit for its eighth this weekend.