

## Freeholders Strive to Fight Welfare Fraud in County; Includes Toll-Free Hotline

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced a comprehensive effort to fight welfare fraud. The effort includes a toll-free number, (877) WEL-FAKE, and bi-lingual billboards and printed materials to be distributed across the county to make use of what investigators say is one of their most important tools in tracking down welfare cheats: tips from neighbors and associates.

"When people cheat welfare, they're not just stealing money from taxpayers, they're taking away valuable resources from the children this program serves," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr. "We want to ensure that children in need receive the support they deserve."

Some 5,700 families in Union County receive welfare assistance, which consists of the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps and Medicaid programs. The county's toll-free hotline will

connect callers directly to the Welfare Fraud Unit, and all information gathered through the line will be kept on a strictly confidential basis. Members of the public who suspect that someone is defrauding welfare or food stamps can call the toll-free number and report them. The number will be in service on a 24-hour basis, with a live operator on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Callers will not be required to identify themselves.

The county also will post 18 billboards - some in English, some in Spanish - in the communities of Elizabeth, Hillside, Linden, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle and Union Township. Brochures will be mailed to welfare recipients and posters will be displayed in businesses throughout the county.

"Typically, our investigators receive some of our most important information for solving these cases from people's neighbors and associates," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo. "Through this initiative, we expect more people to come forward with information we can use to stop fraud and direct funds to where they belong: children and needy families. We have found that former recipients are among those most indignant about fraud and abuse."

In 1997, the county's Welfare Fraud Unit investigated 1,048 cases and prevented more than \$1.3 million in fraud in TANF, Food Stamp applications and Medicaid programs. Since 1993, the unit has prevented more than \$7.1 million in fraud and abuse.

"Our welfare fraud investigators more than pay for themselves in what they save the county of Union each year," said Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. "Whatever the cost of producing these materials, we fully expect to recoup it."

Among the most common forms of abuse are individuals who find employment and do not report it, parents who live with a spouse but claim to be caring for children alone and those who fail to report what are sometimes considerable assets.

Earlier this year, the county announced a major welfare reform effort entitled Jobs PLUS, which will provide job-training and placement services for the longest-term recipients of assistance. The program will be funded through a \$5 million federal grant.



**PARTY PLANNING...**Organizers of the "Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day" party, sponsored by the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, look over plans for the event. The celebration, which will serve as a fundraiser for the third annual parade to be held on Saturday, March 13, 1999, will take place this Sunday, October 4, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Union Knights of Columbus Hall on Jeanette Avenue in Union. Pictured, left to right, are: standing, Event Chairman John Peters, committee members Liz Frank and Jim Feehan, and Parade Adjutant Les Sargent, and seated, Parade General Chairman John Langan and Corresponding Secretary Marylou Lenehan.

## St. Patrick's Day Committee To Sponsor Day of Irish Music

The Union County St. Patrick's Day Committee will sponsor a "Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day" party this Sunday, October 4, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Union Knights of Columbus Hall on Jeanette Avenue in Union.

The event, featuring Irish music, dancing and other festivities, will help raise funds for Union County's third annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 1999.

"We are promising a delightful afternoon of friendship, music, good food and lots of Irish spirit," said Parade Chairman John Langan.

Tickets are \$10, and children under age 12 will be admitted for free. Please call (908) 810-1283 for tickets.

The Parade Committee has already established a "Calendar of Events" including a Celebrity Bartenders Day in January, an Investiture Mass and reception in February, and an Irish Arts Show and Finnegans' Wake program, both in March.

Mr. Langan and Parade Adjutant Les Sargent are also heading up a new slate of officers which includes First Vice Chairwoman Barbara Mahon, Second Vice Chairman Michael Scanlon, Secretary Michael O'Hara, Corresponding Secretary Marylou Lenehan, Treasurer Patrick Scanlon, Financial Secretary Joe Sullivan, Sergeant-at-Arms John Rice, the Reverend George Gillen, Chaplain; Historian Jack Casey, Judge of Elec-

tions Brendan Vesey, and Trustees Joe Cryan, Kevin Dowling, Robert Doherty and Kathleen Murray.

The committee has also revealed the formation of the St. Patrick's Honor Guard, which will be comprised of one member from each of the organizations that are members of the parade committee.

## Four Centuries Project Receives NACO Award

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' work, to provide a diversity of recreational opportunities for county residents, did not go unnoticed this year as the National Association of Counties (NACO) presented a 1998 Achievement Award to the County for the "Four Centuries in a Weekend" Project.

"This board wishes to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and all who have contributed to the successful operation of the Four Centuries Project," Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan said.

Organized by the county's Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, "Four Centuries in a Weekend" is an annual event where residents can visit 20 historical sites for different activities during the weekend of October 24-25.

"We are absolutely delighted that NACO chose to honor our annual event, 'Four Centuries in a Weekend.' It truly is a wonderful opportunity for county residents to learn about Union County's past," said Susan Coen, Director of the Division of Cultural Heritage adding this year's event will have more exhibits, activities and additional sites. For information on "Four Centuries in a Weekend," please call the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550.

## Freeholders Approve Grant To Develop Union Station Area

Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan recently announced approval of a grant to help Union Township develop the area around the proposed railroad station at Morris Avenue and Green Lane.

"This grant will spur the development of the Union Station area and maximize the benefit of this project to the Union Township community," Sullivan said.

The \$50,000 grant will allow Union Township to study projects that will increase tax rates and provide job opportunities in the southeastern section of the township. The funds will pay for studies of traffic volume in the immediate neighborhood, possible uses of non-station property and sources of funding for development sites in the area.

"The planned Raritan Valley Line train station on Green Lane and the development of the area adjacent to it is a major economic development project in the township," said Union

Mayor Anthony Terrezza. "This development grant will help us identify the needs of commuters, nearby residents, NJ Transit and commercial and institutional entities such as Kean University and Schering-Plough."

The grant will be administered through the Union County Department of Economic Development.

"This grant is important to the Union Station project," said Freeholder Sullivan, "because it will help ensure that the environmental, economic and social concerns of residents, commuters and employers are properly addressed."

The proposed Union Station, in the Township section of Union Township adjacent to Kean University, is scheduled to be built near Morris Avenue between Green Lane and Lehigh Avenue. It will be located between the Roselle Park Station and Newark Penn Station on NJ Transit's Raritan Valley Line.

## Union County Freeholders to Provide Outreach Services for Isolated Elderly

Union County's Division of Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced its Outreach Services Program which is scheduled for October.

The dates, times and locations for applications are as follows:

- Tuesday, October 6, Winfield Community Center, 25 Roosevelt Drive, Winfield, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 15, at Roselle Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Second Floor, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, October 26, at Cedarbrook Park Apartments, 1272 Park Avenue, Plainfield, from 11 a.m. until completed.

County representatives will be on hand to provide assistance in completing the necessary applications for Gas and Electric Support (LIFE LINE), Pharmaceutical Assistance (PAAD), Home Energy Assistance (HEAP), Supplementary Security Income (SSI),

Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees (CHIME), and the SHARE Food Program.

Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr., Liaison to the Union County Advisory Council on Aging, said these services, which are open to all senior citizens of Union County, "can supplement the basic needs of the isolated elderly and sustain or improve their lives."

"Our senior staff members will conduct private interviews on request," he added.

For further information on the Outreach Program and other programs offered by the Division on Aging, please call the division's toll-free number at (888) 280-8226.

## Hurricane Georges Relief Efforts Underway

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, in cooperation with the City of Elizabeth and a coalition of civic and cultural organizations, is coordinating a relief effort for the people of the Caribbean nations devastated by Hurricane Georges.

Hurricane Georges devastated Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Haiti, with winds up to 110 miles per hour before reaching Cuba, South Florida and the Gulf Coast.

According to news reports, over 300 deaths have been blamed on the storm. Hundreds of thousands of people in Puerto Rico alone remain without running water and many more have no electricity. Insured Caribbean property losses are expected to top \$1 billion.

A diverse band of Elizabeth-based organizations, including PROCEED, the CMI Haitian Community Center, and Club Quiosque, are participating, along with Plainfield-based El Centro.

The Eastern Union County and Plainfield Red Cross chapters are accepting donations of money and food. Banco Popular has opened a special account to accept donations at any of its branches, including the local office at 817 Elizabeth Avenue in Elizabeth.

A special fund-raising marathon is planned for this Saturday, October 3. County employees and members of the public can donate food by dropping it off at the Union County Administration Building on Elizabethtown Plaza in downtown Elizabeth.

Those wanting to contribute can contact the Red Cross in Elizabeth at (908) 353-2500 or Plainfield at (908) 756-6414; Teresa Soto-Vega or Antonio Rivera at PROCEED, (908) 351-7727; the CMI Haitian Community Center at (908) 629-0041, or the county at (908) 527-4744.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-13972-97.

NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. JOSE TABORDA AND MAFALDA TABORDA, HIS WIFE, HELLER FINANCIAL, INC., DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 28, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER A.D., 1998 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 judgment amount is \$132,698.26. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 831 VAN BUREN AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07201.

Tax Lot No. 1812, in Block No. 8. Dimensions of Lot (Approximately) 30 feet wide by 150 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the southeasterly side of Van Buren Avenue, distant 370 feet from the northerly side of North Avenue.

There is due approximately the sum of \$136,217.38 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

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10/8 & 10/15/98 Fee: \$171.36

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-7747-97.

CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. PIERRE L. JOSEPH AND ELINA JOSEPH, H/W; WILLIAM J. SCHIRMER, M.D., ET ALS, DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 19, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D., 1998 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 judgment amount is \$161,499.76. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 102 WESTFIELD AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208.

Tax Lot No. 1622 in Block No. 13. Dimension of Lot: Approximately 64.05 feet wide by 125 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Cherry Street.

Situated at a point on the southerly side of Westfield Avenue at its intersection with the westerly side of Cherry Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$165,738.10 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

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10/15 & 10/22/98 Fee: \$177.48

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-11270-97.

UNITED COMMUNITIES LENDING CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. SILVIA CASADO, ET AL., DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 5, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D., 1998 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 judgment amount is \$151,770.49. MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth.

COUNTY: Union STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

STREET AND STREET NO.: 1120 Hampton Place.

TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK NO.: 11, LOT NO.: 1193.

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 25 feet x 100 feet.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: 213.80 feet from the intersection of Jefferson Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$156,306.17 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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9/24 & 10/1/98 Fee: \$165.24

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-6892-97.

OCVEN FEDERAL BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. CARLOS PATELA, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 24, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER A.D., 1998 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 judgment amount is \$96,451.73. MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth.

COUNTY AND STATE: UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 234 Port Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202.

TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: LOT NO. 30, BLOCK NO. 2.

DIMENSIONS: Approximately 23.027 feet x 100.00 feet x 23.027 feet x 100.00 feet.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Third Street is the nearest cross street to the subject property.

There is due approximately the sum of \$99,062.19 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

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10/8 & 10/15/98 Fee: \$171.36

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-020719-97.

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. RICARDO MOTTA, ET AL., DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 4, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D., 1998 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 judgment amount is \$131,730.36. MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth.

COUNTY: Union STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

STREET AND STREET NO.: 334 Vine Street

TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK NO.: 13 LOT NO.: 1449.

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 33.33 feet x 174 feet.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: 233.33 feet from the intersection of Grove Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$136,611.38 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

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9/24 & 10/1/98 Fee: \$165.24

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-10291-95.

FERNANDO AXZEVEDO AND ROSA MARIA AZEVEDO, PLAINTIFF vs. EMANUEL CARAVANO, ANTOINETTE MAZZA, MC INC. OF NJ, DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 15, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D., 1998 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 judgment amount is \$148,455.12. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 201-203 and part of 205 SOUTH FIFTH STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.

Tax Lot No. 1226 in Block No. 05.

Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 62 x 100.

Nearest Cross Street: SECOND AVENUE.

There is due approximately the sum of \$152,403.18 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

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10/15 & 10/22/98 Fee: \$165.24

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF MARLYN M. HARRISON, also known as MARLYN MEARS HARRISON, Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 25th day of September, A.D., 1998, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

J. Kevin Harrison Executor

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1 T - 10/1/98, The Leader Fee: \$20.91

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD**  
Date Adopted: September 24, 1998

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unspesifiable 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 Clerk of the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 1143-98**

**AWARDED TO:** Schoor DePalma, Justin Corporation Center, 200 State Highway Nine, P.O. Box 900, Manalapan, New Jersey.

**SERVICES:** To provide construction services for Lawrence Street and Bridge Street Bridge Construction Projects in Rahway, New Jersey.

**AMOUNT:** In an amount not to exceed \$225,000.

Elizabeth Genievich  
Clerk of the Board

1 T - 10/1/98, The Leader Fee: \$23.46

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR NON PAYMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS**

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned, The Collector of Taxes of the Town of Westfield, Union County, New Jersey will sell at public auction on the 14th day of October, 1998, in the Tax Collector's office in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following described lands:

The said lands will be sold to make the amount of Municipal liens chargeable against that same on the 14th day of October, 1998 together with interest and cost of sale, exclusive however, of the lien for taxes for the year 1998.

The said lands will be sold in fee to such persons as will purchase the same, subject to redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case in excess of eighteen percent (18%) per annum. Payments for the sale shall be made by cash or certified check before conclusion of the sale or the property will be resold.

Any parcel of real property for which there shall be no other purchaser will be struck off and sold to the Municipality in fee for redemption at eighteen percent (18%) per annum and the Municipality shall have the right to buy or foreclose the right of redemption.