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Storm scares the lights out of people

When will power be restored?

**BY ANDREW SEGEDIN
and MARIA KARIDIS**

By the time the sun came out, the power was still out in the dark. It was a relief to see the lights come back on, but the storm had left a mess that will take time to clean up. The storm also caused some damage to the power lines, and it will take time to get them fixed. The storm also caused some damage to the power lines, and it will take time to get them fixed.



Hurricane Sandy and utility lines left the residents after Sandy hits Verona. See the complete photo gallery of storm damage in Verona and Cedar Grove at www.veronacedar.com/newsroom.

Nursing home residents saved

BY ANDREW SEGEDIN

At the Verona-Cedar Grove Nursing Home, residents were evacuated to safety. The storm caused some damage to the power lines, and it will take time to get them fixed.

POWERFUL WINDS

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ADAGATED ASSAULT

Cedar Grove mother offered plea deal; lawyers meet Friday

Prosecution extends seven-year prison term

BY ANDREW SEGEDIN

A woman in Cedar Grove was charged with aggravated assault. Her lawyer is negotiating a plea deal. The prosecution is asking for a seven-year prison term.

Fighting back

Verona native contends for title at Nairo GIB

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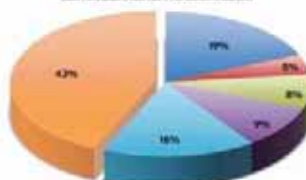
Are police taking it too far?



A Cedar Grove police officer activates his siren to pull over a motorcyclist headed northbound on Pennington Avenue shortly before 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Public opinion may be 'yes,' but the numbers say otherwise

MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS BY TIME
(Based from a survey of 1,000 motorists from June 2011 to June 2012)




42% 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. 18% 8:00 a.m. to noon
 16% 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. 10% 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 7% 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. 5% 10:00 to 12:00 a.m.

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| Cedar Grove 1,019 | Warren 1,109 |
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| Units: 1.84 per vehicle | Units: 1.84 per vehicle |
| Units: 1.01 | Units: 1.01 |
| Units: 1.74 per vehicle | Units: 1.74 per vehicle |

Source: Cedar Grove's police department

Congrats, graduates!



Verona High School Class of 2012 graduates Thomson Carone and Romano in white graduation gowns. Graduation on June 25. See our teenage graduate survey on A6.

CONSTRUCTION CONCERN

Highpoint residents submit petition to Cedar Grove council

BY ANTHONY MURPHY
12/11/12

Highpoint residents concerned about their opposition to a proposed rezoning project in Cedar Grove, but they had a petition to send.

On June 14, Cedar Grove's rezoning board meeting, which had been held in the Highpoint area, residents expressed their concerns about the rezoning project. The rezoning project would allow for a new 10,000 square foot structure on the site of the Highpoint Church on Mountain Drive.

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Help is on the way

Verona has created a step-by-step guide for new businesses in town.

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Local athletes receive post-season honors for spring.

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District remains unsure of date for reopening

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Village picking up pieces after Sandy

Power is still out in many sections

By Darius Amos
Staff Writer



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Bonding over a shared experience

By Laura Herzog
Staff Writer



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GOVERNMENT
PBA contract dispute
Haverth Councilwoman Mary Ann Groh said that the governing body did not have a full vote on the latest PBA contract.
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Northern Valley Regional High School of Old Tappan junior, Jordan Klotz, excels in Poetry Out Loud competition.
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SPECIAL REPORT

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- Transit would impact traffic
- Environmental concerns

Light rail hearings to start

Many agree rail line is needed in northern region

BY STEPHANIE NODA
Staff Writer

There is a need for a change in the transportation system of the Northern Valley, according to many of the local constituents.

NJ Transit hopes to improve this system by constructing a 12-mile light rail to improve mobility within Hudson and Bergen Counties, alleviate some traffic congestion, and support continued economic growth.

"I think there's a need," said James Butardo, mayor of Palisades Park. "The light rail would provide a lot of access that people can get to go south to New York City instead of taking the bus. I think it would benefit the whole community."

NJ Transit expects approximately 11,000 residents to utilize the light rail on a daily basis, resulting in 23,000 trips. Some financial nine hundred daily passengers are expected to use the light rail with an average of 10,000 daily trips if the light rail were to exist in Englewood, an alternative end point proposed by NJ Transit.

The New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, which is a federally authorized independent Planning Organization, sponsors and conducts studies regarding transportation projects in the northern New Jersey region. Through these studies, the organization has found that Northern Valley is in need of additional transit to improve mobility in the region.

SEE NEED PAGE 4



MAJID FAKHREDDIN REPORT

The proposed build alternative for the light rail to Tenafly would include a parking garage directly across from the Tenafly North Station on Piermont Road.

WHAT'S NEXT
New Jersey Transit will host public meetings to hear comments, and give a formal presentation about the light rail plan. The first two will be held at the Clinton Inn in Tenafly on Jan. 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. The last two meetings will be held in the Crown Plaza Hotel in Englewood on Jan. 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

MORE ONLINE

- Light rail report released; Tenafly preparing response
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Many agree rail line is needed in northern region

Traffic impact a concern

Rail's environmental impact remains in question

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District won't lower its standards

Passing grade is 60, not 70

See strength: Set standards high – and higher

George Wirt Mark Porter

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District won't lower its standards
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Parents Report Mold in School
School Mold Still Sickens Some Pupils

Mold Monitors Will Scrutinize
District Schools

More Mold Found
in Elementary School

Deborah McGuire
Reporter

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Opinions? We've Got 'em!

If you thought Cape May was the most popular destination for wedding — you are almost right. Can you guess who is our county officiant at 130 weddings? Read our opinion page to get the answer.

If you thought Arrogantism was not to come, meet Bill Kavenep's (Linn) opinion column that you have already named "What the Heck are we waiting for?" We have checked numerous out of work, yet have things right twice on local topics? Why all the (Linn) Road Anthony T. Delucchi's intent to find out what he is waiting for.

To all our letter writers we say a big thank you for being caring citizens and hope that everyone will read them, starting on page A36.

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School Mold Report Mum, Cleanup Done

By DEBORAH MCGUIRE

CAPE MAY — A school board of education held a special meeting this morning at 9 a.m. to discuss mold remediation plans for school that was found in Elementary School No. 1.

After opening the meeting, the board members were told extensive cleanup work. Upon moving to public session, the board approved three resolutions totaling over \$1,225,000 for removal of mold at each school.

Resolutions were performed also regarding the school in mid-December for a previous air quality agency that resulted in a microbial assessment report stating there was mold in the building.

The report has not been made available to the public. According to district administrator Paula Hinkle, the report is not being made available because it contains "various comments or subjective material."

The attorney for the Cape May Press Association advised the Herald the district should be the school district request a stipulation. (Page A1) (Photo)

Council Spars Over Appointee

By JACK FOXTER

WELLFORD — A divided Lower Township Council could not agree on an appointment of a commission for Lower Township Municipal Employees Authority.

Applicants for the commission position:

- Tom Brown, current MUA commissioner
- Mike DeMottewicz, former associate

Electoral Lower Township MUA:

- John Smith, former MUA commissioner
- Tom Ferraro, former MUA commissioner

(Page A1) (Photo)

A baby celebrates her first Christmas Day at the Mount Zion Parental Action Committee. Portraying the kings are: (left to right) Trevin Bennett, Alex Blaine and The OMB. See more photos on the web at www.zippnews.com/parents/article.php?id=10000000

Firefighters at the scene, Monday, January 7 at 8 & E Marine in West Windmill, see story, views and more pictures at www.zippnews.com/parents.

Gabor, Morey Take Seats on Board

By AL CAMPBELL

WEST JEWETT — Withheld by about 200 board members, President Bob Gabor and Kristine Gabor took their first votes from 11. Don Kim (Linn) was the new vice president on the Cape May County Board of Education (Feb. 15, 2011).

The meeting was held at the county office in West Windmill. At the meeting, the board voted to hire a new superintendent.

By unanimous board vote, David Thornton was named director and Al. (Photo)

Library Branch Site Search Panel Created to Present Alternatives

By AL CAMPBELL

STUART — Borough Council, in its transportation meeting this, Jan. 10, approved a special committee to review, by July 2, sites for a county library branch, and report to the governing body.

The resolution, offered by Councilwoman Rachel D. Bell, who was unable to be there, was adopted at the meeting, with unanimous support from council, including Councilwoman Brian M. Linn.

(Page A1) (Photo)

Was Christmas Party Waste of Funds Or Reward for Employees' Diligence?

By JACK FOXTER

WELLFORD — Jack Sparks, former Lower Township mayor and vice-president of a council member in the Lower Township Municipal Employees Authority, accused Lower Township Municipal Employees Authority (MUA) of wasting about \$1,200 on a Christmas party for employees, commissioners and supervisors.

At Well., Jan. 4 MUA commissioners meeting, Sparks said he read a newspaper story regarding the possible firing of parents of kindergarten-grade girls at a Lower Township preschool to be parents too, up from 12 parents the previous year. Sparks said children were enrolled in a pre-k and kindergarten at school if their parents earned \$1,000 per year or less.

He said he was aware "people were buying in the town," Sparks claimed the MUA for spending \$1,200 for a party for thousands at the Lower House.

MUA Office Supervisor Emma O'Connell said she would be working on the party was \$1,200.

(Page A1) (Photo)

Tuition Tally \$6M to Send 120 to Class

By JACK FOXTER

CAPE MAY — Taxpayers in this city pay \$30,000 annually for each student sent to Lower Cape May Regional School District, a total of \$3 million per year.

City council has been trying to find a solution to the regional school funding formula for more than two decades. The issue again surfaced at a Jan. 10, 3 p.m. meeting.

Deputy Mayor Jack Williamson said Cape May was paying \$5 million to send 120 pupils to the regional school district. He said most of the students come from Cape Court and North, 6 having which paid "tax too when needed."

He said for a meeting of council to authorize Mayor Edward S. Stutzman Jr. to contact Joe, Jeff Van Dine (Linn) "to try to make some common sense out of this situation."

Williamson said a very small percentage of the 120 students were from Cape May.

"I've been talking about this since the year 2005," he said. "It is an intractable issue's Supporting it."

Williamson said the \$30,000 per student fee cost send each student to Princeton. (Page A1) (Photo)

Will Beach Tags Ax Tax Burden?

By DEBORAH MCGUIRE

WELLFORD — The city's plans to later on having the beaches may also be coming to an end.

An agenda item on the Well., Jan. 11 Board of Commissioners' meeting, calls for the repeal of a referendum ending beach access and increasing beach tags.

Discussion of bringing beach tag fees to Wellford is not new. During the July 13, 2011 commissioners' meeting, the idea of eliminating beach fees was introduced as one way of bringing to pay for maintenance of the city's beaches.

"We welcome people from all over the world to enjoy the beach, boardwalk and entertainment in our vacation destination," said Mayor Elnor Pagan to a Jan. 23, 2011 release. "However, our first responsibility

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That was one slick survey

Harry Trumbore

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Opinion

Staff columns passed
my very strict bias check!
Debra Katten
EDITOR

Say 'Cheese,' Millburn

Remember last in discussion of the municipal budget and other business at a Township Committee last month was approval of a permit to make a film about the town.

The video is currently being produced by resident Michael Becker. Sometimes they may have been around with a videographer standing over their shoulder.

The question is, "Why?"

When this came up at the meeting, someone was asked by Commissioner Tom McDemott, "Are we being somewhat redundant?" he asked.

McDemott made the point that the Discretionary Board Development. Almost has already, with great fanfare, passed a video about the town on YouTube. McDemott added that at least one board real estate agent also has posted an informative video that, he noted, has not started toward the agency's particular office.

Even though they stated that the videos to be taken about the municipality's own residents, members of the Committee were asked to enthusiastically endorse the project because, so they all seemed to say, it gives the town an inside look at a new identity, or something like that.

So you was told (hear about it).

Did we mention the video will cost the town \$25,000? That amount kind of seems to me it did to McDemott. He said the same video again.

We don't deny that Becker will have not a great video of our town. After all, he's an award-winning editor and he's turned out a published video a few years back helping residents to stand up against a major developer redevelopment proposal.

He also has a long association with Wellness Millburn organization, whose members at this week questioned members and at the Board of Education meeting.

It's a good thing they weren't at the Committee meeting when the video plan came up for a vote. We don't think they would have approved.

Letters to the Editor

New garbage collection is unsatisfactory

What's with the garbage? I've lived in Millburn for 25 years and experienced a problem with garbage collection. Recently, I've had to separate separate containers because the trash collection missed the very middle of the street.

Power outage left her locked out

The power outage in Millburn resulted in the town's locked out of my house, the power outage kept me out working with my system that night. My best neighbor, James Trumbore, was the only one who called me without the telephone to assist me. This office was unable to locate the power outage in my house.

High school students helped staff Strawberry Festival

The 2012 Strawberry Festival was a success thanks to the help of the high school students who helped staff the festival. The festival was a success thanks to the help of the high school students who helped staff the festival.

Brison House stood above historic battle

The link is about the story of the Springfield Presbyterian Church and its congregation. The church was built in 1840 and is a historic landmark in the town of Millburn.

The Brison House stands on the corner of the Springfield Presbyterian Church and its congregation. The church was built in 1840 and is a historic landmark in the town of Millburn.

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OPINION

"I hadn't been in prison long before I realized that I had strange ideas given prominence for granted."
—Nancy Roberts, Newark (1961, Pat Eastern Economic Review, 2009)

EDITORIAL

Developer should build road now

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Some impressive future leaders in the Roxbury school district

John Belluscio

John Belluscio is the director of the Roxbury Township Office of Education. He has been in the position since 2011. He is a former teacher and principal. He is a member of the National Education Association and the New Jersey Education Association. He is also a member of the Roxbury Township Board of Education. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and has a Master's degree in Education. He is a father of three children.

ATTENTION ALL COMMUNITY GROUPS

When it comes to your own meeting or program, be sure to have a plan. It's not just about the meeting itself, but also about the people who are attending. Make sure you have a good plan for the meeting and that you have a good plan for the people who are attending.

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Playing games

Annual charity basketball event should feature teachers

The Ridgewood Education Association's decision to pull teachers from a charity basketball game was a disappointing move in contrast to negotiations with the school district.

Information from the contract negotiations is not made available to the press, but we can ascertain from the REA's decision that there are not going well. Compromising that negotiation is the recent decision to not play at the annual basketball game against the Hudson Varsity.

The union decided to pull out of a more serious event, such as a night-time meeting with district administrators not related to the contract talks, would have been more acceptable. But pulling out of an event that is meant to raise funds and awareness, and give students a connection to the teachers outside of the classroom, is quite simply not fair.

With all that being said, I understand the District Public and other district administrators, and students do not need to see us anywhere from the Education Center get attacked by a handful of the Hudson Varsity on the basketball court. Students and parents would much rather watch their teachers, whom they see on a daily basis, having a good time in front of an audience full of people.

We do not believe the teachers in this school district want to negatively impact students, as evidenced by the decision to donate \$500 toward the event. There is a major reason that Ridgewood schools are so highly regarded: The education can afford what happens in their schools.

And while we understand that contract negotiations can get very difficult, this was an unusual time to play. To the school district and the teacher's union. Get these contract negotiations settled and stop playing games.

Kim Bangash: Keeping a timeline



VILLAGE VOICES
 Joyce Vincent Sacco

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Help in the search for new principal at RHS

With the lead up to the 2012 presidential election in full swing, it's hard to say that democracy is an easy and direct search. The right to have a say in the original process of choosing leaders, both in the local and national level, is a cornerstone of the American community. Sometimes, some obstacles don't have to stand until May or November to get involved in this essential process.

Superintendent Daniel Fildes recently heard a message on Ridgewood High School (RHS) parents seeking their input as the administration begins its search for a new principal. The form consisted of a checklist of questions and answers that could be considered important in the process of the new high school principal and other parents to include the Board before an event scheduled in March.

In his letter to parents, Fildes writes, "The message we have been given is the IDEA concerning the better our involvement would be." We had this to be a fair statement. The perspective of a parent is invaluable in determining the process best qualified to see their child's school.

It is not understanding that participation in this search has been underwhelming. But for all those considered, we believe that district administration have made this as an administrative process for parents as possible. Parents should take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the district to have a say in who will ultimately direct the course of their child's education for however long they have left at RHS. While the new principal will not ultimately be determined by a public vote, that is no reason to be entirely estranged from the process.

Parents can submit their completed survey through a link at www.ridgewoodnews.com or by hand at the third floor of the Education Center.

We also urge district administration to continue to involve the public throughout the process. In his letter, Fildes stated that they are seeking parents to serve on "an additional advisory committee" which will interview candidates in late February and early March. It is in the benefit of both parties for officials to continue to keep the public updated of the search process and to solicit their input.

We look forward to seeing a representative effort between parents and administration in this process continues.

LETTERS

Crackdown on unregistered contractors

WHERE IN THE VILLAGE?
ON CORNER

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Renting to highest bidder is wrong

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBP) will announce its decision on whether to allow the utility industry to rent to the highest bidder in a public utility. The industry wants to rent to the highest bidder, but the public utility industry is not in favor of it. The industry wants to rent to the highest bidder, but the public utility industry is not in favor of it. The industry wants to rent to the highest bidder, but the public utility industry is not in favor of it.

Billion buck business

A lot of financial firms make up the Wall Street market and are all looking for ways to grow. The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is the largest of these firms. The NYSE is a public company and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The NYSE is a public company and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

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WALDWICK SUBURBAN NEWS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2012

WEST PROSPECT STREET

Businesses prosper as Hispanic population burgeons

BY JODI WEINBERGER
AND CATHERINE CARRERA
Staff Writer

WALDWICK • Felipe Cortez depends solely on word-of-mouth to generate traffic at his restaurant, Bismarck's Deli on West Prospect Street.

There's no sign advertising the deli on the building's burgundy exterior, but the promise to speak of, yet a steady flow of hungry customers visit the eatery daily for its buffet of Spanish dishes.

Cortez can likely pin the success of the deli on the new cottage — unique not only in Waldwick, but in northwest Bergen County. "I can find staff from back home, staff you can't find around here," says Nelson Mejia of Somerville, who says he's been visiting Bismarck's for more than a year after hearing about it from friends.

The "back home" he refers to is El Salvador, from which a burgeoning community is prospering in the borough and which also contributes to the success of the deli and a neighboring bodega, El Bodega.

"The majority of my customers are Hispanic," Cortez says. "I've owned the business for five years. In the past five years, I've seen the Hispanic community in this part of Waldwick really grow."

The 2010 census supports his observations. Waldwick's Hispanic population has grown by 13.3 percent since 2000 and it stands out among the seven towns covered by Suburban News with the highest percent-



Bismarck's Deli and its neighboring bodega El Bodega offer customers a taste of "back home."

age of Hispanics — 8.62 percent of its 19,425 residents.

For many, the Suburban civil war in the '60s and '70s was a deciding factor in their search for a safer environment to raise their families.

"I think there's a large Suburban civil war group here because we all had the same goal in mind when we left our country," says Antonio Velazquez of Atlantic. "I've got

somewhere when we can work hard and live happily and live more relaxed."

He said the Central American country was at "its worst" in the early '60s during the peak of the civil war. Velazquez still has extended family in El Salvador, however, and comes twice a week to El Bodega to pick up specialty items and send money to his fam-

ily. He said he prefers going to El Bodega over other money transfer locations because he can converse more easily with the employees.

"It's comfortable," Velazquez said of West Prospect Street.

'Area in transition'

The borough's 35-year administrator Gary Kratz refers to the "kiss-and" Hispanic community on West Prospect Street as "the

way America used to be," with extended families living together and neighbors spending time together.

He said many who live in the area prefer to spend more time outdoors because they live in older buildings without modern conveniences, such as central air.

"In a way it's unfortunate that

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ASSESSMENT

Property values to get review

BY DANIEL LINDS
Staff Writer

Ridgewood officials plan to begin a three-week re-assessment of the full roll-back system that the village will review the number of all appeals and then prepare the final roll-back system. The village will review the number of all appeals and then prepare the final roll-back system. The village will review the number of all appeals and then prepare the final roll-back system.

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PARKING

Where do ticket payments wind up?

BY LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

Many people have seen a parking ticket in their mailbox, but few know where the money goes. The money goes to the village's general fund, which is used to pay for the village's operations. The money goes to the village's general fund, which is used to pay for the village's operations.

Each morning, a truck from the Administration Office is parked in front of the village's parking lot. The truck is used to collect parking tickets. The truck is used to collect parking tickets.

When it comes to collecting money from parking tickets, the village's operations are the primary concern. The village's operations are the primary concern.

LEAF COLLECTION

Village may start raking in the fines

BY DANIEL LINDS
Staff Writer

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MEMORANCEUM

Best foot put forward to assist victims

BY LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

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75 years of 'Service Above Self'



The History

1933 - Rotary, the world's first service organization, was formed in Chicago by four lawyers and one of his clerks. The organization's purpose was to develop friendly and service-oriented men and women.

1937 - The Rotary Club of Cedar Grove was chartered. The club met at the headquarters, owned by Frank Davis, a charter member. The club provided was Cedar Grove Junior-Senior Center.

1944 - The Rotary Club, an independent organization made up of wives of members of Rotary members, was founded. While they had their own social projects, the women also assisted the Rotary Club of Cedar Grove in most of its projects. The Rotary Club met in accordance for 44 years. (See related story on this page.)

1957 - The first "Welcome to Teachers" night was held. The project has been held for 50 consecutive years, during which time over 1,000 teachers have been honored. (See related story on page B1.)

1968 - Scholarship money to be distributed to high school seniors annually. Over 200,000 dollars were distributed in the past 30 years.

1975 - The Rotary Club of Cedar Grove High School was founded.

1986 - The Rotary Club of Cedar Grove began to support Future Plus, the largest international project administered by Rotary International, over 3 million children in developing countries have been sponsored by clubs that purchased the public school. The club also helped the 500 of Life program begin. Over 5,000 more high schoolers have been sponsored in children whose families and financial resources were not available.

1996 - Martin was elected to lead the Rotary Club, serving from 1996 to 2001. Over 100 percent of the U.S. million worldwide Rotary membership.

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200 flags



In 2008, the Rotary Club of Cedar Grove donated 200 flags from all over the world to the town's public library. Recently, Cedar Grove Library Director and Rotarian Peter Harrel and Rotarian Terri Maricci and Joe Vallone met at the library to show the Times the vast collection. Vallone, a longtime member of the club, previously worked at Annet's Flagmakers in Verona. Read a profile about Vallone on page B1.

1987: THE YEAR WOMEN OFFICIALLY JOINED

Adding that special touch

Females bring their flare to club

BY A. JAMES HANCOCK

Although a Rotary club has existed in Cedar Grove since the late 1930s, it wasn't until 1987 that women were officially able to join the service organization.

Now, females make up a large portion of the Rotary Club of Cedar Grove and they're adding a special quality that was lacking. "One area that interests me, we care if they were opening up the club again," Cedar Grove Rotarian Suzanne Galloway says. "We're not looking out of 11 countries, women or men."

That female inclusion, says Terri Maricci, who was the first female member in 1987 and grew from more than 100 in 1987 to 1,000 today. "According to a Rotary Club survey, women are not allowed to be official members," she said. "The Rotary Club of Cedar Grove began to provide scholarships to more than 100 students. Additionally, over 2 million students have been given a free dinner. (See related story on page B1.)"

Initially, not just women of the business world or business owners, "we had engineers, teachers and accountants," she says. "I work all day in my office, this is a break of work."

When the Rotary Club of Cedar Grove was founded in 1937, it was a men's club. "We were not looking out of 11 countries, women or men," says Galloway. "We were not looking out of 11 countries, women or men."

Dinner Dance
ON OCT. 28
The Rotary Club of Cedar Grove will host a dinner dance at the Cedar Grove Junior-Senior Center. The event will be held at 6 p.m. on Oct. 28 at the Cedar Grove Junior-Senior Center. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call 973-980-1000.

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Club Secretary and past President Lillian M. Ortiz holds up a flag from the Rotary Club of Bogota in Colombia.

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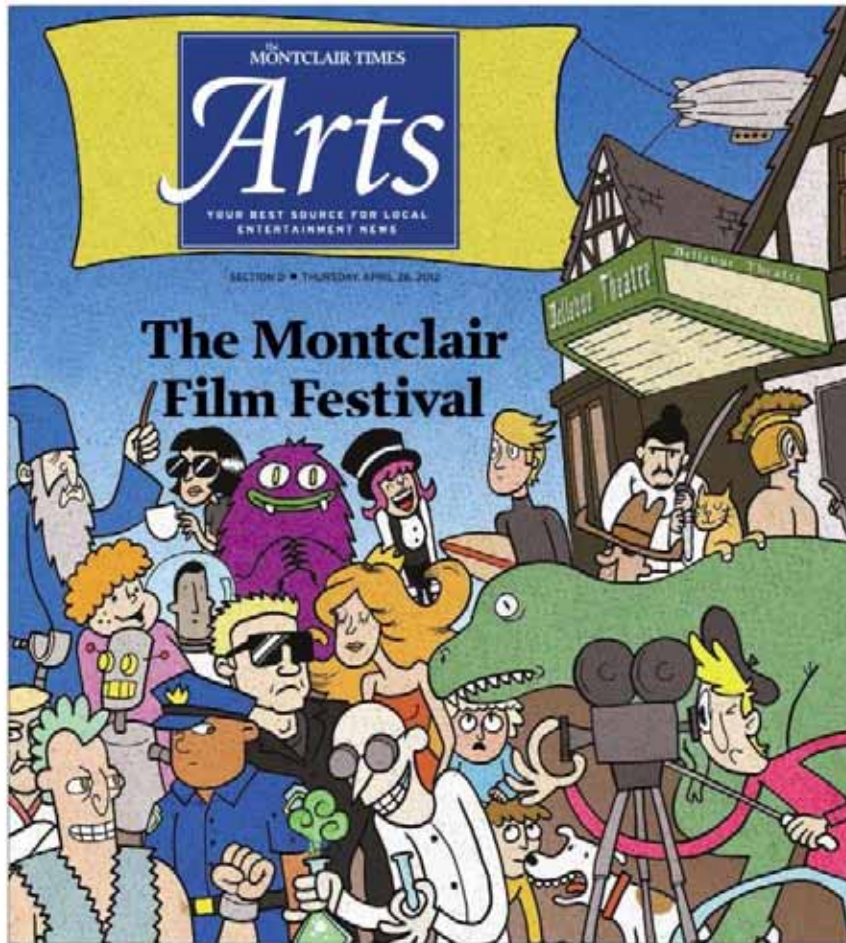
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Custody battle settled

Girl returns to mother in Turkey

By Tony Dicus Staff Writer

CLIFTON — A very public custody battle for a 9-year-old girl ended when she returned to Turkey to be with her mother.

Following a drawn-out battle which spanned four years and several courts after Masdu Uzun's father illegally transported her to America from her oversea homeland, the mother and daughter reunited last week.

Twice in September the child was on the brink of boarding a plane back to Istanbul, Turkey and her mother, Fatma Uzun, began last-minute stays were granted in her father's legal arsenal that kept Masdu in New Jersey.

Late last month, the child's father and his attorney submitted an appeal with the United States Supreme Court. The father's legal representative previously received another stay last summer when they requested that the New Jersey Supreme Court take the case.

The mother's attorney, Amy Sara Conn, of Howell, said the international custody case was

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Clifton's Best Chicken Wings

By Abina Sportelli Staff Writer



CLIFTON — So, with the beginning of football season our thoughts at the Clifton Journal editorial office automatically went to chicken wings. We do love to discuss food and can't get through a staff meeting without some sort of talk about food.

When football season kicked off, our folks seemed to grab chicken wings. Then we wondered where in Clifton we could find the best wings. We turned to our readers and asked them to tell us about their favorite wings in Clifton. Our readers were very happy to help.

Through emails, calls, letters and posts on Clifton Journal's Facebook site, readers told us where to find the best chicken wings.

We then ordered chicken wings from the five top readers' choices and tasted for ourselves. I have to admit, it was one of the best experiences I've ever had. Tasting chicken wings - isn't that?

Wings, wings and more wings. The mission for the Clifton Journal staff was to find the best chicken wings in Clifton. This proved to be a tough job as Clifton has lots of great wings. Clifton Journal's sales representative, Peter Buccheri, at right, enjoying one of the wings in his quest for answers. Above are wings from Sharky's on Highland Avenue and at far right are wings from Sheehans Rose Irish Pub. Please turn to Pages 28 and 29 for more photos and full reviews of each wing.

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Does your police department reflect your community?

Recruiting methods could be the problem why most don't

BY PETER ANDERSON Staff Writer

Figure from the 2010 U.S. Census show diversity in the South Bergen area has increased by 10 percent in the last decade. But does the law enforcement community reflect that diversity? ...



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| East Rutherford | 65% | 15% | 1% |
| Lyndhurst | 75% | 2% | 2% |
| North Arlington | 78% | 1% | 1% |
| East Rutherford | 70% | 1% | 1% |

*Based on U.S. Census 2010 and estimated from last year's data.



Public boat slips not big sellers

BY MICHAEL LAMENDOLA Reporter

The boat slips were intended for 17 available boat slips at River Edge Park in Lyndhurst. One, the new, private investment Commission is making the slips available as a first come, first serve basis.

Neighbors say lounge turned club

BY MICHAEL LAMENDOLA Reporter

When construction was still going on in the building that will house the new lounge, neighbors complained about the noise and the smell of the construction. ...

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TOM'S KITCHEN
Cedar Grove couple rides for hunger

BY ANDREW HADLEY

Jim and Pat Whelan, a husband and wife team from Cedar Grove, are riding their bicycles to raise money for Tom's Kitchen, a hunger relief charity. The couple is participating in a 100-mile ride across Pennsylvania. They are currently in Madison, Pa., where they will be staying for the night. The ride is a challenging one, but the couple is determined to complete it. They are hoping to raise enough money to help support the charity's work. The Whelans are a family of five and have been active in the community for many years. They are proud to be able to give back to the community that has supported them. The ride will be a long one, but they are confident they will finish it. They are looking forward to the experience and to the chance to meet other people who are passionate about helping those in need. The Whelans are currently in Madison, Pa., where they will be staying for the night. They are looking forward to the experience and to the chance to meet other people who are passionate about helping those in need.

FIRST IN THE STATE
Discount prescription drug program open to all

Pharmacies have questions, though

BY TAREL KARDIS

The prescription drug discount program that the state's largest health care provider, the University of Pennsylvania, has implemented is now open to all Pennsylvanians. The program, which was launched in 2015, allows eligible individuals to purchase brand-name prescription drugs at a 50 percent discount. The program is a significant step in addressing the issue of high prescription drug costs. It is hoped that this program will help reduce the financial burden on many Pennsylvanians. The program is a significant step in addressing the issue of high prescription drug costs. It is hoped that this program will help reduce the financial burden on many Pennsylvanians.

How to donate

If you would like to donate to Tom's Kitchen, please contact them at 610-391-1111. You can also donate online at www.tomskitchen.org. Your donation will help support the charity's work and help provide food and clothing to those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

VERONA FIELDS
Residents still concerned about pesticide use

BY BRENDA KAPLAN

The newly formed Citizens' Committee for the Protection of the Environment is still working to address concerns about pesticide use in Verona. The committee is holding public hearings and meetings to gather input from residents. They are also working to educate the public about the risks of pesticide use. The committee is committed to ensuring that Verona remains a safe and healthy place to live. They are looking for ways to reduce pesticide use and to protect the environment. The committee is committed to ensuring that Verona remains a safe and healthy place to live. They are looking for ways to reduce pesticide use and to protect the environment.

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Historic flag maker bleeds red, white and blue

The historic flag maker is currently facing financial difficulties. The company has been in operation for many years and has a long history of producing high-quality flags. However, due to a combination of factors, the company is now struggling. The owners are looking for ways to turn the company around and are seeking investment. They are also looking for ways to reduce costs and improve efficiency. The company is committed to its customers and to producing high-quality flags. They are looking for ways to turn the company around and are seeking investment.

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BY VERONA-CEDAR GROVE TIMES STAFF
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 A 36-year-old Verona woman died Tuesday night after she was struck by a car on Bloomfield Avenue. While walking across the street, about 100 feet from the intersection, she was struck by a car. The driver was arrested on charges of negligent homicide.

Sounding off on marijuana reform
 19 arrested for pot possession in Cedar Grove, Verona this year

BY ANDREW SEGEDIN
 Staff Writer

NJ STATE ASSEMBLY
 The assembly has passed a bill to legalize marijuana for medical use.

Olympian reflects on golden days

Verona's Joel Snel holds his gold medal after a victory in one of the 1984 Olympics.

BY ANDREW SEGEDIN
 Staff Writer

Verona's Joel Snel, a former Olympic athlete, reflected on his golden days in the sport of rowing. Snel, who competed in the 1984 Olympics, won a gold medal in the men's eight rowing team. He is now a coach and a member of the US Rowing Team.



Christmas in ... July?

April Kubiak, 18, helps friends celebrate Christmas in July.

BY ANDREW SEGEDIN
 Staff Writer



April Kubiak, 18, helps friends celebrate Christmas in July. The group is gathered around a table outdoors, and Kubiak is seen smiling and interacting with the others.

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 Sixth teams excel during Meet of Champions. **Page B1**

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BUSINESS

Solution sought for lengthy permit process

Understaffed department, historic issues cause delays



BY LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

After meeting a deadline to make some changes for the Department to open shortly after the end of the year, the staff of the Village of Ridgewood is now looking for ways to speed up the permit process. The Village is currently looking for ways to speed up the permit process, which has been a long and often frustrating process for many businesses in the Village. The Village is currently looking for ways to speed up the permit process, which has been a long and often frustrating process for many businesses in the Village.

Doing business in Ridgewood

In doing work, the Ridgewood News will explore more topics that focus on what it takes to do business in Ridgewood, including the permit process, the availability of public services in the Village and other issues in the business way.

TRAIN STATION

Village pulls in as primary contractor

Repeating, roofing work remains

BY DANIEL ANGL
Staff Writer

The Village of Ridgewood and NJT agree to a new contract to repeat the roofing work on the station. The Village is currently looking for ways to speed up the permit process, which has been a long and often frustrating process for many businesses in the Village.

WILD DUCK POND

It's not all howls for new dog park

County: Project a 'win-win-win'

BY LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

The new dog park at the Wild Duck Pond is expected to be completed by Aug. 22. The Village is currently looking for ways to speed up the permit process, which has been a long and often frustrating process for many businesses in the Village.

SCHEDLER PROPERTY

Freeholder: Develop plan to save house

BY DANIEL ANGL
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Still no teachers contract
By Emily Faldutsky
Staff Writer

After more than 12 hours of negotiation, the Princeton Board of Education and the Princeton Regional Education Association (PREA) were unable to reach an agreement on a new contract in the 12 contract negotiation session.
The two sides met from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a management mediator in an attempt to reach a contract for the 2011-2012 school year.
Superintendent John Wilson said the board and union both gave their best offers.
The board's offer includes an average 2.5 percent raise and more open class time for teachers to work for the school, Mr. Wilson said.
However, the PREA was frustrated with the offer.
PREA president James Ryan said his union was disappointed that a settlement was not reached despite the 12-hour effort and significant concessions from the board.
"We're in a disappointing spot in a negotiation process," Mr. Ryan said. "We still don't see the Board of Education as willing to meet in the middle to get a settlement that would be a win-win for everyone."
"I had to feel calm and collected when the Board of Education was not willing to meet in the middle to get a settlement that would be a win-win for everyone," Mr. Ryan said.



Sheyenne-Lily Collins of Princeton tries hula hoops on Saturday at the YWCA. Staff photo by Emily Faldutsky.

Transition team taking shape in closed meetings
By Emma Marie Simons
Staff Writer

Princeton officials are in the process of selecting a transition team to lead the school through the 2011-2012 school year.
The team will be responsible for overseeing the school's operations during the transition period.
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Staff Writer

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Mayor Goerner, center, during a visit to a primary school in the city of Tianjin. Staff photo by Emma Marie Simons.

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Dear Middle States, Kean has no standards

Twelve-page letter from Federation of Teachers president to commission details problems

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

An 11th-hour letter from the commission that holds Kean University's accreditation in their hands, recently issued and flags about three additional standards that have never been called into question before. One of them specifically deals with political intervention in education.

This all came to the fore when the Federation of Teachers President James Castiglione submitted a 12-page letter June 19 to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education that laid out all the problems, concerns and violations related to Kean's compliance with Standard 8, Integrity.

Kean was put on probation July 2 by Middle States because there was evidence lacking that the university was currently in compliance with four of the 14 standards required to maintain accreditation. Those standards included 8, relating to integrity; 9, institutional assessment; 12, general education and 14, assessment of student learning.

But now, just weeks before the university's compliance report is due to Middle States' hands, the commission sent a letter to university president Donald Fordin questioning issues involving standards 4, 10 and 13 and asking for further documentation, copies and evidence to explain these allegations.

Also, language used by Middle States on its own website regarding Kean's accreditation status listed that standards 4 and 5, which have to do with institutional governance and management, as well as "equitable and consistent treatment" of faculty, could be in question. This procedure has

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Legal bills mounting as Cranford endures Birchwood saga

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — Although the township has been fighting the Birchwood Development for years, in the end lawyers and up fighting the legal bill that grows day by day. However, the township stands strongly behind this effort and does not intend to back down. Regardless of the cost.

According to legal bills dating back to 2007, obtained by LocalSource using the Open Public Records Act, the township has spent \$279,096.76 to fight the Birchwood development. And the bills are still mounting.

The bills include charges from four separate legal firms that either represented the township regarding Birchwood, or continue to handle legal issues involving this proposed development.

Included was charges the township paid to its own township attorney Carl Woodward's firm for costs dating from January 2007 until the present; legal services by Stuart E. Bessing, the attorney hired by the township in connection with the Mt. Laurel litigation from July 2007 to January 2011; charges from January 2007 to present from township attorney Philip Moran's law firm of Florio, Formica, Skibinski and Pater; and reviews for services rendered by court-appointed Special Master Elizabeth U. DiKenzie.

The township is currently litigating in an ongoing court-appointed site plan review with Cranford Development Association, a subsidiary of the S. Hohenstein Group, which began efforts more than five years ago to develop a 20-acre parcel of land on Birchwood Avenue. The township, already fighting another developer who wanted to construct affordable senior housing on a seven-acre parcel of land on South Avenue adjacent to the railroad, took an unusual site stance against the project.

Since then the township has had two builder's remedy lawsuits brought against them by these developers, including multiple appeals and various lawsuits regarding the rejection of proposed environmental and land use alternatives. Examples of this type, though, is costly. Especially in light of the fact the township was on the losing end of those lawsuits and appeals.

The majority of these legal costs, though, accrued prior to trial when attorneys are doing discovery work on the case. This includes taking depositions from witnesses, researching information about site suitability and how environmental and land use law can be applied to a particular legal case.

For example, when Woodward's firm, Carville Syme, Carl Woodward and Brian Frosini, took on CDA's builder's remedy lawsuit, by the time the trial was over the legal bills amounted to \$130,000. But, according to Moran, that is what it costs to defend a builder's remedy case.

"There was intensive discovery involved with that trial and a significant amount of time had to be spent preparing for trial," the township attorney explained, adding that this particular trial lasted 14 days, which is considered quite long.

Moran should know. He recently spent months preparing for the site plan review hearing now being held in the Elizabeth courtroom.

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Governor Visits LBI, Addresses Concerns Climatic and Political

By MICHAEL MOLINARO

Gov. Chris Christie made his first stop to a press conference in Harvey Cedars Wednesday under hazy conditions, visibly along the stretch of North Beach leading to the borough's entrance. This included accumulated sand, seawall (Grand Haven), concrete of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dump truck working to restore dunes, and in question New Jersey's future was just beginning to show here as the Jersey Shore.

He began by thanking the efforts of volunteers, state officials, local responders and staff and every New Jersey involved in the road to recovery as the state works to make its way back to normalcy in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Christie said through a line of issues from faster and fairer elections to the incoming new year, though most of what was on the minds of the media present dealt more with the political climate following the previous night's presidential election. Particularly of interest was the effort Christie says has been had after assessing the damage done largely alongside President Obama and pressing home on the election and recent American politics in general.

This reporter asked him whether the amicable relations between the two was symbolic of a long time to look over a new leaf across the political landscape, and whether he himself is ready to stop being combative and show the country the real work that can be accomplished in a bipartisan manner.

"You should read up a little more. I've accomplished a hell of a lot the last three years," said Christie, referring to the \$2 billion in property and business taxes, and the restoration of both the state's electric system and prison and health systems.

"All of this stuff was done in a bipartisan way. What I think my work with President Obama was symbolic of in the leadership I've brought to Trenton over the last three years. Sometimes you need to be a little blunt, a little blunt to get the attention of the other party. What the other party also knows is that I'm a guy that they can't do without, and compromise with in order to make progress."

"I obviously disagree the great of your question, which is that we haven't made progress," he continued.

"We've made great progress in this state, in a bipartisan way, and I think my actions with President Obama was just another chapter in the leadership I've used to show in this state which is the same way about giving things more than they care about participating. I can combine it myself that way I can be as hard as possible as the next guy and I have proof of that when I think it's necessary. That when it's necessary to get the job done and make a deal, I can also do that. Now, that's what people expect you to do."



GOV. CHRISTIE CHECKS IN: A victory over our state's prevent the state's chief executive from personally examining beach rebuilding efforts Wednesday. Here he delivers a pep to talk to emergency management workers and local officials at the High Point Volunteer Fire Co. in Harvey Cedars.

Christie said "we are ready," he tried to address the common questions of when to expect a full reopening of the University to residents.

"I stopped people coming onto Long Beach Island in consultation with the local officials here because of this that's what. We both know exactly what it's going to bring. While we're moving quickly to increase the dunes, we don't know how well it will hold, and we don't know what kind of flooding we'll be doing with I don't want to be in a position where after taking aggressive action with Hurricane Sandy, aggressive action, immediate action, what we need thousands of lives, that we make the mistake a second time around by letting our guard down."

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Residents May Be Allowed to Return to LBI This Weekend

Residents may be able to return to LBI by the weekend, local authorities say, provided the current weather does not cause too much additional damage to an already damaged island.

"We have all interests of allowing residents back as soon as possible," Long Beach Township Mayor Joseph Mancini remarked.

Due to the increasing volume of the Cinnegoy Bridge is closed to all road traffic from 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, until 6 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, according to a Wednesday update from LBI Joint Emergency Management. "High tide at the bridge will be approximately 1 p.m., so it is mandatory that all traffic to off the island by 11 a.m. Monday there be any variation in the weather, these dunes may be damaged accordingly," and posted on lbiem.com.

Mancini said the "grab and go" for North Beach and Heligan is still on for Friday, residents of these areas will be allowed access to their homes from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. to collect medication, insurance paperwork and other important personal effects. No demolition or construction is allowed. Residents are advised to have their vehicles placed on their car window for identification, and their driver's license accessible, when they approach the island.

Island residents are directed to hold all water for drinking and cleaning.

Medical health assistance is available via the toll-free Disaster Medical Health Helpline, at 877-294-0113. A TTY line is available for deaf and hearing impaired persons, at 877-294-6134. Additional information about hurricane and flood recovery is available at <http://www.state.nj.gov/hurricane> and <http://www.nj.gov/recovery>.

When residents do permanently return to the island to more thoroughly clean up homes and businesses, the Department of Health has public health experts available through the state's 2-1-1 system to answer questions about food and water safety and mold removal. To reach public health experts call 2-1-1 or 1-800-274-2914.

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TOUR DE MOUNT OLIVE



Cyclists get ready for the Tour de Mount Olive, a 60-mile riding event that drew an estimated 200 people on Sunday, Sept. 20.

RAIN AND HAIL STORM CAN'T STOP TOUR DE MOUNT OLIVE

MOUNT OLIVE TWP. — A surprise hot shower and intense hailstorm didn't stop an estimated 100 people from participating in the Tour de Mount Olive on Sunday, Sept. 20. "It was very challenging weather," said Supervisor Thomas J. DiGuglielmo. "Some people had to make adjustments to their bikes. The only thing we would change is the weather."

DiGuglielmo stated that the rain and hail storm didn't stop the cyclists from participating in the Tour de Mount Olive. "The weather was challenging, but the cyclists were determined to finish the race," he said. "The Tour de Mount Olive was successful despite the weather."

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Dummy hydrants fact of life

Firefighters learn to battle blazes with water tankers

By PHIL GARBER
Illustration by Phil

WATER TANKER — The fire hydrants along United Avenue in Mount Olive have been replaced with dummy hydrants. The reason is simple: The town has no fire hydrants and no fire hydrants.

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MOUNT OLIVE LIBRARY

Lots to do for kids, families

MOUNT OLIVE TWP. — The Mount Olive Library is offering a variety of activities for kids and families. The library is located at 100 N. 1st St. in Mount Olive, N.J. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

No bitterness for this Mount Olive graduate

BY PHIL GARBER
Illustration by Phil

MOUNT OLIVE TWP. — Phil Garber, a Mount Olive graduate, is no bitter man. He is a successful businessman and a community leader. He is the founder of the Mount Olive Chamber of Commerce and the Mount Olive Historical Society. He is also a member of the Mount Olive Board of Education and the Mount Olive Fire Department.



Mount Olive High School graduate Lindsey Freeman has chosen a path of faith to make it in the music business.

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HURRICANE SANDY

A long road to recovery



Emergency responders working through the night to remove fallen trees in Waldwick. Borough officials said 21 homes had been damaged by the storm.

BY REBECCA GREENE
Staff Writer

WALDWICK — With almost three-quarters of the borough without power on Tuesday, Oct. 31, it was a small wonder that the Stop & Shop on Wyckoff Avenue was open and doing business. With masking tape still affixed to an "X" to the large front windows, people hounded in and out with what groceries were left on the shelves.

Carefully maneuvering around the downed power lines, drivers slowly made their way to the center of town, near the corner of Franklin Avenue and Prospect Street, an area that still had power, but only in spots.

The issue this day was Elizabeth Duran, 29 E. Prospect St., where residents were making and sharing stories of people in surrounding towns who had to wait in lines for more than an hour for some hot coffee — the only way they were going to get the covered morning drink because they had no power to heat their own.

Borough Administrator Gary Kratz was on duty at town hall, which was operating on generator power, with a disaster crew.

"All the DPW was out last night, addressing what they could, moving trees out of the way if there were no power lines involved," Kratz said.

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Nazami Johnson of Montclair kneels at a photo and flowers placed in her son Deshaun's memory on Wednesday during a protest in Bloomfield.

Family, friends seek answers

They demonstrate at scene of last month's bus fatality

BY JEFF FRANKEL AND DAN PROCHILLO
Staff Writers

Dozens of Johnson's friends and family gathered Wednesday morning, Aug. 15, at Bloomfield's Broad Street and Day Avenue looking for answers where the 22-year-old Montclair man was killed by a bus on July 18.

Protesters said they were seeking eyewitnesses to the accident as well as seeking displeasure in the handling of the investigation. The Essex County Prosecutor's

Office has been of little help, said Johnson's friend James Little. A video from the Exxon gas station across the street shows the bus did not stop to pick up Johnson, he said. As the bus passed Johnson, the vehicle went upon the curb and killed him, Little said.

"They're not saying what we're seeing," he said of the Prosecutor's Office. "We want answers."

"No one is trying to take fault for this," added friend Theo Williams. The bus company "didn't reach out to [Johnson's] mother until the day before the wake,"

he said. Authorities have not released full details. Johnson was rushing to catch the bus to his job when he was hit. Acting Essex County Prosecutor Carolyn A. Murray said at the time. No charges have been filed, but the case is still under investigation, said prosecutor spokesperson Kelly Carter. "Representatives of this office have met with family and expect to be meeting with them again," said Carter.

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Board: Dog should be re-evaluated

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

Consider it a day of exercises for Memphis, a pit bull at Bloomfield's animal shelter.

After nearly three hours of a mostly Bloomfield Board of Health meeting on Thursday, the five members decided the dog should be re-evaluated. So he will stay at the John A. Boloszewski Shelter for Animals with his adoptability up in the air.

Jeff and Diana Coltenback offered to adopt the dog. They spent eight days training him after the township deemed Memphis unadoptable.

In order to train the dog, Jeff had to sign a five-page contract, noting he was liable for Memphis and expenses during the training. During socialization training, Jeff said he had the dog interact with adults and children. This did not sit well with the township, which alleged Jeff violated the contract when children were around the dog.

"They asked the Coltenbacks to bring Memphis back to the shelter."

"In our case, he was a good dog," said Jeff, the first public member to speak Thursday. "Memphis should not be re-evaluated. We're just two people who want to adopt a good dog."

Heading from his notes, Jeff began to cry, along with some

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LBI Reels From Impact; Costs Could Reach \$1B

From STAFF REPORTS

In the wake of what has been called "the worst event in New Jersey history," Long Beach Island has sustained damage totaling \$750 million to \$1 billion, according to Long Beach Township Mayor Joseph Marini, factoring in property damage, recovery, debris removal, beach replenishment and other costs.

For now, "there is a lot to assess," he said. "There will be no permanent residents here until further notice."

Though no accuracy date for residents has yet been established, it will certainly be no easier than what is in 15 days. Long Beach Township is working on a plan to let homeowners, by action of the municipality, back onto the island for a short period only to assess damage, to remove portable toilet and to take medicine, clothes, important documents and other necessities before being gone. By Sunday afternoon on Monday, there should be a schedule posted on township.knowledge.com for when LBI residents can come back to get to their homes for that short period of time. The web site is also updated twice a day with other information.

By Friday, the natural gas supply had been cut off to the entire island to avert shortages, and electricity remained on, with little hope of restoration in the near future. Officials' guesses range from weeks to months.

Crews have been working diligently to restore utilities, according to an update from the Long Beach Island Joint Office of Emergency Management, representing all six island municipalities, that was issued on Thursday.

"Currently there is no water or sewer service in the southern part of the island," the joint office reported. "The Long Beach Island Health Department is monitoring any health issues that may arise. ... Road crews are working with outside contractors to clear roads from sand and debris. Many areas are impassable on both ends of the island."

On Long Beach Island as a whole, the record-breaking personal and economic impacts of Hurricane Sandy mark a new chapter in the history of the barrier island and its people. Aerial images, combined with eyewitness reports on the ground from every island town, tell a story of widespread destruction that will take months to overcome.

John Florio, retired meteorologist and hurricane program manager for the National Weather Service in Mount Holly, said Hurricane Sandy turned into a "hybrid storm" that "will be the costliest storm in New Jersey history." The weather service reported the highest wind gust in the area on Monday at 89 mph at 2 p.m. in Surf City. The weather service reported a wind gust in Harvey Cedars at 71 mph at 3:30 p.m.

"Some may call Sandy a hurricane, some may call it a sea storm," Florio said. "That doesn't really matter. Whatever you want to call it, it was extremely destructive."

In spite of mandatory evacuation orders issued on Sunday, some residents decided to stay put through the storm and now, in its aftermath, are struggling to get by with no power or heat and with otherwise severely limited resources.

As in any natural disaster, confusion ran high, manifesting in acts of courage and fear, human kindness and outrage, desperation and tragedy. In the storm surge, unsecured boats took the brunt of emergency personnel's efforts to rescue stranded islanders who had not evacuated on Sunday. Unconfirmed reports of looting and subsequent arrests began circulating as early as Tuesday. In an effort to minimize possible damage and illegal activities during hours of total darkness, officials instituted a curfew from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. that is being enforced by local police and the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office. Meanwhile, law enforcement at the local, state and federal levels is actively patrolling the waters around the island to prevent all attempts to access the island by boat.

At the present time, the only people granted island access are contractors or those who have been requested by the town officials, according to the joint office of emergency management. Anyone remaining on the island is urged to self-insure or call a local police department for evacuation assistance. For stranded pets left in houses, arrangements can be made, but retrieval by calling local police or by arranging third-party help is to make a report.

Residents are urged not to call 911 to inquire about their homes or about the possibility of returning to the island. Such calls only impede the ongoing stabilization and recovery efforts.

Beach Erosion
Beach Replenishment

Now, the good news: Certain areas of the island, such as Burgett Light and portions of Surf City and New Britain, appear to have escaped with only minor damage, which some have attributed to beach replenishment projects that showed up in those sections. Likewise, the shore in Beach Bluffs appears to have held up well, and homes sand-trucked before because of the beach replenishment there. "Beach replenishment worked there," Florio reported.

Marini suggested homeowners who suffered a great deal of damage because their neighbors refused to sign easements to receive the beach fill project might want to think about enjoining lawsuits against those neighbors. For the future of beach replenishment, he said, "we're going to make sure those easements get signed."

Meanwhile, other areas have been severely compromised, the worst of which may be the South Beach and Highgate sections of Long Beach Township. On Thursday in North Beach and Lowlands, Long Beach Township was still closed in places that had washed out from the beach, possibly only by four-wheel-drive vehicles. Somebody described Highgate as looking "like the surface of the moon."

At the island's western beach, workers piled on top of each other and some, stranded far from their swimming, floated away and came to rest in the street or against buildings.

According to Army Corps of Engineers port officer Stephen Ruchette, three coastal engineers surveyed the island by helicopter Saturday and Sunday. "Their early impressions are that areas with a recently constructed dune or FEMA project fared better than other areas in terms of property damage," Ruchette said. "Nearly all of our projects suffered significant damage (dunes and sand losses) in Delaware and New Jersey, but they were as designed and appeared to have prevented significant damage."

Jeff Vinhart, who was in the helicopter, chief of coastal planning and worked here for many years, noted that property damage did not



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Sandy slams the Somerset Hills

Local communities still recovering from unprecedented damages and massive blackouts

By W. JAMES HERR
STAFF WRITER

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An unprecedented, one-week hurricane to which nobody in the Bernards Hills area was prepared to see that caused an entire storm to hit the Bernards Hills after the devastation of Hurricane Sandy.

A week later thousands were still left in the dark with no power, many homes were destroyed, and many roads were impassable.

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B'ville votes no to turf but yes to road work

No surprises in Bernards as incumbents win

Bernardsville voters went to the polls on Tuesday to elect their representatives to the Bernards Township Board of Education. The voters chose to keep the current board members in office, but they also voted to fund road work.

'Like a horror movie'

With practically every other road having massive trees uprooted and other things against houses in gardens, Bernardsville residents were shocked to see the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Republicans capture two Bedminster seats

It was a good night for the local Republican Party as they captured two seats on the Bedminster Township Board of Education.

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Two women aims crowned up for the Blackout Blackout! They at The Wellmont Theatre last Thursday night stood on Beacon Street behind metal barricades. The race, which drew more than 2,000 young people from across the area and neighboring states, was canceled after 8 p.m. since the crowd broke out and police officers were hospitalized during the ensuing mayhem.

Wellmont show unravels into havoc

BY DAN PROCHILLO and LINDA MOSS

Members of the Montclair Anarchists took to the streets in a fit of rage after the Blackout Blackout! event was canceled at the Wellmont Theatre on Thursday night. They were seen running and shouting on Beacon Street behind metal barricades. The race, which drew more than 2,000 young people from across the area and neighboring states, was canceled after 8 p.m. since the crowd broke out and police officers were hospitalized during the ensuing mayhem.

The crowd grew with mounting chaos as the night went on. The Wellmont Theatre was closed and the race was canceled. The crowd broke out and police officers were hospitalized during the ensuing mayhem.

Police will work with Wellmont on safety

BY DAN PROCHILLO

The Montclair police will be holding weekly meetings with members of the Wellmont Theatre to discuss the safety of the venue for future events. The meetings will be held on a regular basis and will include representatives from the police and the theatre.

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MHS mourns a teacher's passing

BY LINDA MOSS

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Board of Estimate OKs budget

\$114 million plan holds the line on taxes

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Mayor Fried

During the Board of Estimate's meeting, Mayor Fried called for a vote on the Board of Estimate's \$114 million budget.

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Lack of youth on LFD is worrisome

RAESHELLE MIDDLETON
Correspondent

The Leonia Fire Department is getting older as fewer and fewer young people are applying for positions as volunteer firefighters.

"Essentially the same group of core volunteers that are going out most of the time are the same members who went out 12 years ago. The bulk of the active members in the five departments are close to 50," said Fire Commissioner Peter Knott.

The LFD presently has one firefighter under the age of 20 and five who are in their 20s.

The number of calls received by the fire department has increased substantially in the last few years, growing from 380 calls in the year 2000 to 500 this year. The call volume increase could reflect the substantial use of smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide monitoring devices, officials said.

"When there are not as many fire fighters available to react to a local fire, the borough may have to rely on the support of neighboring departments for their resources."

Officials are concerned since they say the most important factor is reaction time. Relying on other departments could cause crucial delays.

"It only takes five minutes for a fire to nearly double in size, officials said, making it more important to have more local residents volunteering as firefighters in order to make a speedy reaction."

The shortage of new volunteer fire fighters could be a result of many different factors, Knott said.

"I know that in the past they have tried to recruit younger members who were still in high school to train as firefighters. Then again one of the difficulties there is that even with the younger members that become fire fighters, they are actually going off to college, he said. "They are in situations where they have been certified as firefighters and go off to college never to return to the town, and they've moved on with their careers."

Becoming a volunteer firefighter takes a great amount of dedication and drive, he said, adding that it takes much more than simply



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Simona Lesvsky beat out a senior for the first singles position when she was a freshman and held the top spot as Leonia High School won four consecutive state sectional titles.

SPORTS

Four years of success for Lady Lions tennis player

BY MARC LIGHTDALE
Staff Writer

LEONIA — After winning its fourth consecutive state sectional title this past fall, the Leonia High School girls tennis team received 10 letters that said "great," which is a perfect way of defining Simona Lesvsky's legacy at the school.

"It's never been done and it's great," head coach Tim Cullen said.

He said he's coached 25 years and has an average of five new kids each season.

"Let's just say we have 125 varsity pool and she is one of the top five," Cullen said.

The Leonia Sports Booster

organization awarded a \$300 scholarship to Lesvsky at its annual banquet this spring.

Lesvsky, the No. 1 singles player for four years, started playing tennis when she was 3. Her dad, Lenny Lesvsky, has coached her since she was 15.

She shared captain duties last fall for the Lady Lions with fellow seniors Moya Okado and Alissa Mulla.

"I try to help everyone as much as I can," Lesvsky said. "I hope to be their role model in tennis."

The three each had their role. Mulla was the manager while Okado ran the practice. Lesvsky prepared the tennis players on match days.

"I got the last word with each girl before her match," Lesvsky said.

Although it was mostly an older team, it took time for them to find the right chemistry.

"We took it match by match," Lesvsky said. "The only goal was winning the state sectionals."

The squad surprised themselves by being so successful with Glen Rock in the Bergen County Tennis Tournament for the small schools division.

"We had not placed in the counties as a team since I had been in the school," Lesvsky said.

"We gained a little confidence," Lesvsky also defeated Lauren Lybent, the no. 1 singles player

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TRANSPORTATION

Weinberg meets with towns on traffic concerns

BY SVETLANA SAMONIKINA
Staff Writer

Predictions of a traffic nightmare failed to materialize last week following the beginning of a three-month construction project on the New York's Alexander Hamilton Bridge.

Towns continued to prepare for the worst, however, meeting with Bergen County officials on July 18 to hash out plans of action in case the construction wreaks havoc on local roads after all.

Representations from Fort Lee, Leonia, Englewood, Teaneck and Hackensack, as well as officials from Port Authority, the New Jersey Department of Transportation and various police met for a "successful" hour that resulted in "some positive ideas," said State Sen. Loretta Weinberg, D-Teaneck, who initiated the gathering.

"There was a spirit of cooperation in all the towns most directly affected," she said.

The eight lane Alexander Hamilton Bridge connects Manhattan to the Bronx on Route 95 and accommodates additional traffic from the George Washington Bridge. Over the course of three months, a \$409 million restoration project will add 75 years to its life.

All present parties at the meeting agreed that Matthew DiKostis, an official from Sen. Frank Lautenberg's office, will ask the New York Department of Transportation to reimburse towns for overtime police work as well as other traffic-control costs incurred during those months.

Officials also reached a consensus on providing detailed information about delays and road closures, mainly through increased signage and more widespread advertising, as well as the need to update a 10-year-old regional traffic mitigation plan.

The plan was created in the aftermath of 9/11 to guide municipalities through total traffic shutdown on the George Washington Bridge. Fort Lee police will work on implementing the document and report back to Weinberg in mid-August.

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HISTORY

Bank shares its findings, artifacts with society

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

The Bloomfield Historical Society has added more to its treasure trove.

President Bank representatives were on hand on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the historical society's third-
floor museum at the Bloomfield Library to donate historic artifacts and materials.

Among items donated were a 40-year-old Tiffany clock marking President Bank's 100th anniversary and ledgers filled with advertisements, newspaper clippings on new loans and employee promotions, and programs from charity events spanning some 50 years.

President Bank bought Bloomfield Savings Bank in February 1963.

The items were found at the three President Bank locations throughout town, said Jean Quinn, the bank's vice president of public relations.

When the clock was found again, it was upside down and no longer in working condition. Thanks to a watch repairer, the

clock ticks again. "Because we're 175 years old, we have a lot of stuff," Quinn said. "I couldn't throw it away."

Thumbing through one of the ledgers, Dorothy Johnson, historical society's curator, went back in time. She found a proclamation for Bloomfield's involvement during the nation's bicentennial in 1976.

"I know to many of these names," she said, reading the document signed by John Kander, a former mayor.

Located on the top floor of the children's library, the Bloomfield Historical Society has thousands of items in its collection, said Fred Branch, a trustee. Items are constantly coming through the door, he said.

Seeing the clock and the ledgers on display, Michael Kahn, the President Bank manager in Bloomfield Centre, wondered what was locked away at his branch.

"I wonder what else [we] have in that case? We have to get on a shopping spree," he said.

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Jean Quinn of President Bank reacts as Bloomfield Historical Society Curator Dorothy E. Johnson, right, and volunteer Anne Carlini unwrap a Tiffany clock, a gift to the society's museum.

DEVELOPMENT

What's next move for Washington property?

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

There are no immediate plans to develop land on western side of the Bloomfield Train Station, officials say, following a lengthy legal battle in Bloomfield spanning more than 12 years.

A judge ruled last year in favor of the township. Bloomfield is off the hook for a \$10 million lawsuit after the time to appeal a judge's April 2011 ruling had expired, Township Attorney Brian Abate said.

Superior Court Judge John Ramsey, sitting in Newark, ruled April 26 that the township is not liable in the long-standing redevelopment dispute. The time for an appeal by the property owner ended June 10.

In a transcript of the April hearing, Ramsey said developer David Marsh/Brown wanted too long to file a lawsuit in the first place.

"Bloomfield was completely in the right," Abate said of the original decision. "And the owners did not appeal and the time to appeal is



The vacant property at 100 Washington St. sits empty. Bloomfield plans to turn the area into a condo complex, but the owner took the town to court.

COUNCIL

What goes into non-partisan election decision? Dollars, cents and politics

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

Consideration for non-partisan elections was said to eliminate Bloomfield's political parties and save the township money. Mainly, it was about saving money.

However, changing the election format would end any meeting the township runs money, officials said.

Bloomfield would be on the hook for both the May non-parti-

san municipal election and the June primary for state and national elections. No money. County town is charged for the November general election.

The Essex County Clerk's Office sent Bloomfield a bill of nearly \$14,155 for the June 2011 primary. Officials are



McCarthy

unsure how much it would cost for a non-partisan election. Bloomfield also pays for the cost to buy the paper ballots, which amounts to roughly \$1,300.

Councilman Bernard Hamilton, who first proposed non-partisan elections at the Jan. 9 council meeting, now says changing the Bloomfield Board of Education election with municipal elections would save money.

"I'm thinking this is better for the town anyway," he said. "It

makes it more inclusive."

However, the Bloomfield Board of Education has decided to keep its elections in May. School district Business Administrator Michael Derfiorian says elections cost the school system about \$40,000.

The council already voted a proposed ordinance to change municipal elections. There are three ways for Bloomfield to change to a non-partisan form of government: through a citizens' petition, through a municipal ordin-

ance or through a commission to change the town charter. Although no one said if then, some council members and party officials have told Bloomfield Life what they believe is the reason behind the proposed change: "political survival."

Mayor Raymond McCarthy's "political survival."

"The mayor realize he can't win in a Democratic primary," one source said. "He's trying to give

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GOVERNMENT
Officials to rebid project to renovate old Borough Hall

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

EDGEWATER - Officials plan to reopen bidding on a project to renovate the old Borough Hall this month, making a second attempt to find an affordable contractor for the second phase of a \$3.5-million historic restoration effort.

The Renaissance Festival style building, which dates back to 1906, has been under repair since 2008. During a year-long Phase 1, crews installed a white, energy-efficient roof to cool the building and subsided all copper varnishes and decorations that had turned green with age.

In Phase 2, Borough Hall will be outfitted with new windows and doors and undergird brick supporting to prevent undesirable water entry. The process should take several months' work and result in a building weathered tight from the outside.

Original restoration plans called for ground restoration as well but the cost and hassle of the utility work proved too much, said Borough Administrator Greg Frano.

The lower level formerly housed police headquarters and the fire department and was intended to provide a permanent home for the fire aid station. The space currently sits empty out of the Department of Public Works' garage.

Though that option is not all the table yet, officials are focusing on completing exterior restoration before deciding what to do with the interior.

They will accept new bids by mid-August in hopes of finding more acceptable options than a previous round in June 20.

That opening produced four vendors that stayed under budget or were unclear about bid specifications. The lowest bidder, Dell-Fish Inc., offered \$600,000 but had no financial letters with its certificate of insurance to perform the job.

In other, however, bid within the \$675,000 to \$800,000 price range engineers had estimated. The second lowest bid exceeded the upper limit by

The Borough Hall how it looked in 1942.
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Friends 'Rock the House' to help Sayreville family

Bands reunite to aid couple whose home was deemed unsafe after Hurricane Irene

BY DEANNA McLAFFERTY

For Joanne Pollman, the concept of "home" only made sense in reference to her parents' house in the President Park neighborhood in Sayreville.

Her mother, Alice, and father, Charles, moved to their Buchanan Avenue residence in 1964 to escape the riots in Newark. Pollman and her brother, Thomas Best, grew up in the house and thought their parents would spend the rest of their lives there.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Irene left Alice and Charles Best, ages 87 and 84, respectively, without a place to call home, as the storm shifted their house off its foundation and collapsed the basement walls. The water damage led to mold infestation and the house was deemed unsafe for human occupancy.

"President Park is on a hill, and there is no retaining wall in the backyard, so all the water came rushing down from the streets behind them," Pollman said.

The Bests received approximately \$28,000 from FEMA after Middlesex County was declared a disaster area, but received only \$344 from their homeowners insurance company, which considered the damage to be flood-related and largely not covered. Pollman, who takes care of her parents' needs, did not cash the check because by doing so, she would have to accept the company's terms.

"I need legal advice because that is ridiculous," she said. "They have had the same insurance for 50 years or something."

Pollman said the FEMA assistance is currently being used to pay the rent for the apartment where her parents are staying, behind St. Stanislaus Kostka Church on Robinson Street. The church rented the apartment to the couple without asking them to put down a deposit. After Hurricane Irene, the Bests briefly lived in a pocket house with Pollman, her husband and her husband's sister in Carteret, until the church offered the temporary living quarters. Although she is also a musician and fiction writer on Typewriter.com, Pollman now considers taking care of her parents' situation to be her full-time job.

The Best family had been quietly struggling with the situation until the holidays, when Pollman posted a sentimental picture of her parents' home on Facebook.

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Tom Best shows a damaged section of the foundation of the home of his parents, Alice and Charles, in Sayreville's President Park neighborhood. Flooding from Hurricane Irene has left the home uninhabitable.

SCOTT MEDSON

Longtime administrator terminated in Sayreville

Bertrand gets tearful sendoff as residents protest decision

BY DEANNA McLAFFERTY

The Sayreville Borough Council voted Monday night to abolish Business Administrator Jeff Bertrand of his duties after almost nine years in that position.

Coming little more than a desire to "move the town forward," the council voted to fire Bertrand in a 5-1 vote during the governing body's second meeting of the year. Republican Councilman Nick Perrotto was the sole dissenting vote, but Mayor O'Brien verbally acknowledged his opposition after the decision was made.

"I am not in favor of this, and I was not consulted about this," said O'Brien, a Republican. "Jeff is a very good guy and very competent. I think this is wrong."

Bertrand began his stint as administrator in May 2003 after Alex Pivovak resigned from the position in December 2001. Chief Financial Officer Wayne Krowinski handled the administrator's responsibilities while the position was vacant and will do so again now.

Council members did not offer any names of candidates they believe could replace Bertrand, and Democratic Councilwoman Lisa Eicher said the government would run more smoothly without a business administrator. She said the department heads are well educated and should be able to directly report to the mayor and council.

Many residents in attendance disagreed with Eicher's views and expressed outrage at Bertrand's termination. Theresa Strick, of Nickel Avenue, spoke of her disappointment in the growing partisan tension among the mayor and council members.

"What gets me is the manner in which this was done," Strick said. "You have started with no class at all. Mr. Bertrand is probably one of the classiest people here. I thought you would all work together, with a change in attitude, but it's gotten worse."

Bertrand sat in attendance during most of the meeting and spoke to his former co-workers during the public portion of the meeting. He first took time to mention that he received all necessary permits for expansions made on his home, and said

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Englewood resident Samuel Lee instructs a student about how to prep for filming. Lee met with interested kids from Englewood and Hackensack on July 13 to teach them about how to tell stories using digital equipment.

COMMUNITY

Teens learning benefits of storytelling

BY STEPHANIE NODA
Staff Writer

Tenagers in a local summer reading program learned the benefits of becoming digital storytellers at a summer media camp. "Your generation has to learn the value of telling a story," said Samuel Lee, an Englewood resident and digital media specialist who ran the media camp. "You have to learn how to have a voice and try to make some sense of the chaos of being an adolescent. You can use technology [to do that]."

The camp, which lasted for two hours on July 13 at the Johnson Public Library, gave local teens a basic understanding of the techniques they could use to shoot their own videos. The program was part of the library's young adult summer reading program, which ends in August.

During the session teens were given tips on the different tech-

niques they could use to properly tell a story through digital media. When conducting an interview, for example, it's important to make sure the camera sees the interviewee at eye level so the audience is able to more easily focus on the subject, Lee said. "Ten 6'3" and most people I interview are not 6'3," Lee said. "I tried to make a mistake. I would set the camera up to my height and shoot down at the talent. That's wrong. What is important is the talent."

The teens also received a lesson in primary camera functions — such as panning and tilting — the effects that different angles have on perception, lighting, staging and blocking.

Lee felt it was important for teens to learn these skills so they could tell the stories of issues happening in their own backyards. He felt the teens should not rely on strangers who came in from different areas to be able to fully

understand the events and issues of the local community. "We don't need someone to come in from another state to Hackensack in order to tell the story of Hackensack," said Lee. "After learning all the different ways to handle a camera, the teens put their skills to the test by participating in a mock talk show. Dubbing their new show "Catch Me If You Can," the teens pretended to be famous actors and discussed their lives as their peers directed them and took shots of the interviews from different angles.

"It was fun because I don't really have experience with cameras at home," said incoming seventh-grader Lucy Margera. "I always wondered what it would be like to be on a show."

Justin Facobar, a summer intern at the library, felt the session would help the kids adjust to the rapid change from print to digital media, as many books in

libraries are often released as e-books. "Especially everything new with technology, I don't think a lot of kids are aware of what actually goes into it," said Facobar. "It was nice to get a personal insight."

Stephanie Calanora, an incoming high school freshman who will be taking a video production class next fall, felt the camp was able to give her additional experience in digital media before she even stepped foot in the classroom.

"I was actually interested because I watch YouTube videos all the time and thought I wanted to make those one day," said Calanora. "It was very fun, especially when I got to use a camera. I don't like being on stage; I like being backstage."

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GOVERNMENT

Residents call for attorney's resignation

BY MARK J. BONAMO
Managing Editor

A group of Hackensack residents continued to call for the resignation of City Attorney Joseph Zina at the July 17 council meeting, citing the increased legal costs generated by his publicly declared "no settlement" policy regarding lawsuits filed against the city.

"You told me you would put it on the Goodyear billing that we're not sending anything," resident Kathy Casavolano, a frequent critic of the city's fiscal policies, said to Zina. "Did you change your mind?"

"I have never changed my opinion," Zina said.

He stated his "no settlement" policy regarding litigation prior to the May conviction of former city Police Chief Charles "Ken" Zina on official misconduct and insurance fraud charges.

Local citizens have previously asserted that because the city attorney and ex-chief are co-sine, the city's official legal counsel is compelled to excuse himself from many of the pressing legal matters facing Hackensack, which hinders his ability to do his job.

The city and its insurers have spent more than \$2.4 million defending the former police chief in civil suits, according to city officials. The law firm of Zina & Hirschbach, in which City Attorney Zina is a partner, received more than \$500,000 in legal fees in 2010 and 2011, according to figures provided by the city in response to an Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request filed by local residents.

The decision last month by the city to settle a fraction of such cases sent filed by resident Deborah Labrosse for \$75,000 contradicts the city attorney's "no settlement" policy. The agreement marked the first public settlement of one of the many civil lawsuits filed against the former chief.

City Manager Stephen Lo Iacono has previously stated

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DEVELOPMENT Street plan promises safety for pedestrians

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

FORT LEE – Engineers representing the Hudson Lights at Fort Lee development present a pedestrian-friendly street plan to the Planning Board on May 7, examining the effect the 8.8-acre mixed-use project is expected to have on the borough's traffic and roadways.

The development would fill the western portion of a 16-acre site south of the George Washington Bridge, bringing 165,000 square feet of retail, 477 units of apartments and condominiums, a 175-room hotel and two parking garages to a tract of land that has lain unused for nearly 45 years. Construction is set to begin

on the southwest and southeast blocks of the property first, with development of the northern block following shortly after. Parking allowances for both would total more than 1,200 spaces.

Aesthetically and functionally, the roads surrounding the shopping district would mimic the spirit of Dutch "woonerfs," or "living streets," that give priority to pedestrians.

Various technologies, including textured paving and dark gray bands to slow traffic speed, would be implemented to "annoy" to motorists (they're in a different place, in a different space," said Brian McMenorey of Fisher Engineering for nearly 45 years. Construction is set to begin

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Widens Corner on West Englewood Avenue is one area Englewood Councilwoman Lynne Algrant said will be targeted for cleanup using money from the Clean Communities Initiative.

ENVIRONMENT Grant goes to clean streets

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

The state awarded Bergen County \$118,000 to beautify its communities on April 30, providing funding for various municipal clean-up and litter prevention efforts.

The 20-year Clean Communities Initiative is the only fully-funded litter abatement program in the state.

Nearly \$16 million worth of grants will be used to enforce litter laws, adopt anti-litter ordinances, organize town-wide clean-ups, purchase recycling and litter disposal equipment and sponsor public information and education sessions.

In Englewood, Councilwoman-at-large Lynne Algrant hopes to use her city's \$37,000 grant to both engage local students and pave the way for a more high-tech trash disposal system.

"I don't think [litter] is an overwhelming problem here but we have certain areas that kind of attract a challenge," she said. "Sometimes, we don't think through solutions (to ensure littering doesn't happen again.)"

One of the most problematic areas is Widens Corner on West Englewood Avenue, which houses a car repair lot, dry cleaner and a convenience store.

Students in the Englewood Use and Action after-school group identified the mini-shopping district as a potential cleanup area that with Algrant's help, they plan to fix permanently. Part of their strategy involves looking at the number of garbage cans in the area and examining whether their location and volume capacity is ideal.

"They asked, 'why do people litter?'"

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VILLAGE COUNCIL

Let the race begin: Six file for three seats

Municipal election set for May 8

The seven of Ridgefield Hills file and 11 candidates filed to run for three seats in the Village Council on May 8. The candidates are listed in alphabetical order.



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Incumbent Village Councilman



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BY DANIEL AMOS
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MUNICIPAL BUDGET

First draft shows \$276 tax hike

The village's first draft of a budget for 2012 shows a tax hike of \$276 per household, or 1.2 percent.

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DADS' NIGHT

Fathers find the funny to raise funds

The annual Dads' Night event at the village hall was a success, with over 100 fathers and their families in attendance.

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SUPERIOR COURT

Defense team to present witnesses

The defense team for the village council election case is set to present their witnesses in court.

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RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
Resident is pick for principal

BY DARIUS AMOS
Staff Writer

The Ridgewood Board of Education (BOE) unanimously approved the hiring of Thomas Curran, the assistant principal at Ridgewood High School, as the new principal of the school.

Curran, 42, has worked at Ridgewood High School for 15 years. He was previously the assistant principal at Ridgewood High School and Ridgewood Middle School.

Curran will be the first principal of color at Ridgewood High School.

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
Village voters meet with candidates

BY DARIUS AMOS
Staff Writer

During a nearly two-hour candidate forum last week, village residents asked directly from the floor which candidates they would like to see on the Ridgewood Board of Education (BOE). The forum was held at Emmanuel Baptist Church and was moderated by the League of Women Voters.

The candidates were: Vincent Luzzo, Steve Dominick, Bob Hutton and the Mayor-elects nominee Kevin Conditine Hight.

CROSSWALK SAFETY
Stop, look, then wave

New initiative is set to begin later this month

BY JACQUE CARROLL
Staff Writer

A new initiative to promote pedestrian safety will roll out throughout Ridgewood later this month. The initiative is a crosswalk safety program that will include a series of educational programs that will be held in the village.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bid awarded for footbridge repairs

BY DARIUS AMOS
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The Board of Education (BOE) awarded a bid to the contractor for the repairs to the footbridge over the Hudson River. The bid was awarded to the contractor for the repairs to the footbridge over the Hudson River.

VILLAGE ZONING
Officials tour disputed lot

Neighbors want more done; owner seeks compromise

BY JACQUE CARROLL
Staff Writer

Officials from the Village of Ridgewood toured a disputed lot last week. The lot is located at the intersection of the Hudson River and the village.

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Did chaperones party, drink on class trip?

School board to enact parent screening process for next year


BY MARIA KARIDIS
Illustration by [Name]

Verona-Cedar Grove school trustees are to propose a new set of rules to regulate chaperones on school trips. The board will also require parents to complete a screening process for next year.

During an available site for the school board meeting, the trustees are expected to vote on the new rules. The board is expected to vote on the new rules at its next meeting.

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STATE SPOTLIGHT ON CEDAR GROVE



New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie speaks at a podium crowd of the Cedar Grove High School graduation Tuesday.

Full house for Gov. Christie

NJ budget and 'Corzine Democrats' focus of speech

BY MARIA KARIDIS
Illustration by [Name]

Without a doubt, Gov. Christie's speech at the graduation was a full house. The governor focused on the state budget and the 'Corzine Democrats'.

Christie spent the first 10 minutes of his speech talking about the state budget. He then spent the next 10 minutes talking about the 'Corzine Democrats'.

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FAIRVIEW AVENUE

Residents sound off on proposed development

BY STEPHEN VAUGHAN
Illustration by [Name]

Local development company is proposing a new development on Fairview Avenue. Residents are sounding off on the proposed development.

The proposed development includes a mix of residential and commercial uses. Residents are concerned about the impact on the neighborhood.

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Trenton Dem urges support for Rick Santorum

Lonny Kaplan asking fellow Jews to look beyond social issues

Robert Wiener
NJPA Staff Writer



"Rick was very good on Israel, but the people in the pro-Israel world who were helping him were being more truthful with his campaign for reelection," said Kaplan. "They came to me and said, 'Lonny, can you help?' And I did," he told NJ Jewish News in a Feb. 21 telephone interview. "When he ran in 2006 he asked me to get involved again, and I did."

That year, Kaplan organized a \$10,000 fund-raising dinner for Santorum sponsored by the Jewish World Federation.

But this year, Kaplan is backing Santorum for reasons in addition to his support for Israel.

"I think this election is about a new direction for our country and a new direction for our foreign policy, particularly in the Middle East, and he is a great man to do it," said Kaplan. "Economically, I voted in a big consolidation for me ... but it is not the only consideration."

Santorum is expected to be a tough sell for Jewish voters, first among those affiliated with President Obama.

They met when Kaplan was AFPC president and Santorum was speaking Jewish support for reflection to his United States House seat.

Democrat Lonny Kaplan, who is backing Republican Rick Santorum for president, is urging his constituents to "change the subject" from his conservative social views to economic and foreign policy issues.

Rick Santorum, creating media the change "The Times" (Conservative) may seem an odd match with a Trenton Democrat who returned to an "evangelical New Jersey Democrat."

But Lonny "Lonny" Kaplan is urging fellow Jews to look past Santorum's views on abortion, contraception, and religion and consider the Republican candidate's views on Israel and, especially, his proposals for fixing a troubled economy.

Kaplan, a former president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, has donated the allowable maximum to Santorum's campaign — \$2,500 — and expects to play a large role in the Pennsylvania Republican's fundraising efforts.

It is the third time that Kaplan, who defines himself as a pro-

of the National Rifle Association. He supports constitutionalist parties, and considers the Jewish community that "conservative, but outside consensus contribute to climate change a 'hoax.'"

"Santorum is already too extreme for independents and a clear majority of Americans, including some Republicans. For Jews who already vote Democratic and are progressive, he is a nonstarter," David A. Harris, executive director of the National Jewish Democratic Council, told NJPA.

"It is not just that he is anti-choice," continued Harris. "He goes who knows not having a remedy for diverse social issues — he being decidedly anti-gay, for opposing prenatal testing, for saying, 'We always need a human candidate. This is just a period of how he defines himself. Here is the person, and it is anything to the Jewish community.'"

Some Republicans also consider Santorum's stands on social issues too extreme. In the conservative Jewish magazine Community Voice, a writer fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, writes that the candidate's stands on abortion, homosexuality, and contraception "create a portrait of a person who is conservative and sits in critical judgment of the interests of most Americans."

"The prospect of an American president using the 'bully pulpit' to speak out about the dangers and damaging effects of contraception on American society (including married couples) is not a reassuring one," wrote Michael

'A different direction'

Kaplan urged fellow Jews to look past these issues.

"Does Rick have these views? Yes. Is that a challenge to our community? Yes. The way he can meet that challenge, I believe, is to drive



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Santorum is running as the "True Conservative."

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THAT'S THE TICKET! (From left) Chris McManis, Dave Taylor, Esther Libenschock, Paul Marchant, Joanne Sisk, Steve Conley White and Ken Pappas pose to represent a new way of thinking.

'We Are Stafford': Independents Band Together 'for the People'

BY VICTORIA LASSONDE

If the words of those who will soon election on the Independent ticket this November, what Stafford Township needs is a lively new spirit and a little more elbow grease — and party politics.

Stafford Township voters will have no choice to consider for the office of mayor and council on Election Day this year, since seven individuals have banded together to run as independents, under the campaign slogan "We Are Stafford."

The new group attempts to win control of the township David Taylor described as a need to put a stop to "the same old party crap" — the same people in power, making the same decisions, and elected at the first instance of the citizens they are meant to represent. "We Are Stafford" campaign is a well-thought, grassroots effort to signal a message of change to bring the town back to the people.

With Paul Marchant as the candidate for mayor, council candidates include Taylor, Esther Libenschock, Ken Pappas, Christopher McManis, Steve White and incumbent Joanne Sisk.

"I'm not sure of the word," Pappas said, "but somebody who loves this town," Marchant said.

Campaign manager Est. Libenschock recently stepped down as mayor of one of the Stafford Township Republican Clubs, Marchant said, who read as active club member, but he said, "I'm informed. I've grown up." And he is not of that's been going on — i.e., business, machine politics and pay-to-play.

"The way the independents see it, Stafford needs people who are willing to work hard at changing their energies on the town. The people on the independent ticket are not career politicians, requiring the governing structure to be a springboard for future political aspirations. It's just about standing up and doing what's right for the town," Libenschock said.

Marchant said he feels, in general, the Republican Club in Stafford has been run by party politics.

He has no problem with the people in the club, he said, but he does see the way things "They all think the same way," he said, "but the no-fighting and selfishly motivated decisions. The State Legislature should have no part in running a town. He said he fears the citizens have gotten lost in the mix.

"I want people to know I'm having a hard time, too, a regular guy," suffering in the same way," Marchant said.

He said it's time to get realistic and level with people. He said he wanted to know what he'd look like the budget and get answers. He believes knowing the truth makes even his own more realistic.

An small business owner, the man had

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Noisy democracy



Sixth-grader Melissa Lincoln brought her game face, but forgot her earplugs for Stone Bridge Middle School's first mock political convention attended by 543 boisterous students. Stone Bridge students will be voting electronically in a nationwide mock presidential election for students in November.

The 'Stone Bridge Nation' rallies

By Joanne Degnan
Managing Editor

UPPER FREEHOLD — Who knew that learning about the role of the Electoral College in a presidential election could be so exciting?

As Miles Cyrus' hit song "Toby in the USA" rocked the audience, 543 loud students — many waving patriotic flags and small American flags in their right hands — heaped down the aisles to vote their state in the first Stone Bridge Middle School Convention on Friday.

The opening activities were led by the cheering students, waving colorful homemade campaign banners and holding aloft red, white and navy blue paper plates filled to the brim of cherry toothpicks.

Eighth-grade teacher Jack Hoffman, one of the event's co-organizers, was quick to clarify in the media that the mock political convention in the "Country of Stone Bridge" was neither a Republican

nor Democratic affair.

"All party activities are welcome," Ms. Hoffman stressed cheerfully over the course of the event and Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A."

Students at the convention weren't discussing presidential candidates — Democrats and Republicans had already chosen their candidates for the 2012 election.

This high-spirited party only was instead an opportunity for hands-on learning about the role of the Electoral College in choosing the next president.

At every Stone Bridge fifth-grade news lesson, Americans don't vote directly for their president; they cast ballots for a slate of electors who vote at the Electoral College. Presidential candidates that win the popular vote, but don't secure the required 270 Electoral College votes, actually win the election — as has occurred three times in U.S. history (1876, 1888 and 2000).

At the Stone Bridge gathering, the students first convened to elect their electors.

Staff photo by Joanne Degnan

By Anya Batista
Special Writer

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The changes that are being sought would accommodate modifications that the developer, Father Co., has negotiated with the township's redevelopment commission.

"We have gone over the redevelopment plan with the developer," said Stuart White, the township's planner for Town of Stone Bridge. "We have agreed on items that will modify the project forward."

The proposed ordinance would authorize the 2.4-acre parcel from the rest of the redevelopment area on new building setback requirements for this particular lot and project. The change would allow the pharmacy to be set 80 feet back from Route 33 and 50 feet back from Washington Boulevard.

"The department from the plan as previously approved, is the location of the Walgreens not being right up from along the Route 33 property line," Mr. White said. "This is 1

think the most significant department. Charles Olson, owner of Stonefield Engineering & Design and Father's project engineer, told the council the 13,000-square-foot Walgreens would have three-story pharmacy windows and 53 parking spaces along the frontage of Route 33 and Washington Boulevard.

"The goal here of the building setback and the development program in general is to really open up the view shed as you come into Robbinville, moving in an easterly direction," Mr. Olson said.

Charles Ditzel, project architect, noted Walgreens has agreed to donate from its corporate colors to match the red brick style required for Town Center buildings.

"It's a big departure for them, but they felt it was important as a great neighbor and a good reason in the development to go ahead and do that," Mr. Olson said.

The project includes a gateway sign with the township name and logo on top, the Walgreens logo in the middle, and an electronic message board below that.

"That's a unique, said Councilwoman Christine Clark, who incorporated within a larger sign



Courtesy of Robbinville Township

The Township Council has approved the concept plan for a new Walgreens, shown in the above rendering, which is proposed for the corner of Route 33 and Washington Boulevard.

that serves as a type of Redevelopment of the sign. "That looks very nice."

The redevelopment plan would allow the installation of an electronic, variable message reader board provided that such elements be incorporated within a larger sign

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Above: Rabbi Nissam Schuman talks with Congressman Bill Pascrell following a press conference on Jan. 13 at the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey in Paramus. Right, Rabbi Chaim Shapiro of Congregation K'hal Adath Jeshurun in Paramus speaks to reporters on Jan. 11.



Photo: Andrew Fedorov

Officials unite on message: Hate has no home here

Increased patrols are planned in wake of anti-Semitic incidents

BY BRYAN WASSER
Staff Writer

With a string of four anti-Semitic crimes all committed in the past month, including a fire bombing at a Butherford rabbi's home and an arson in Paramus, local officials are stepping up their vigilance in an attempt to catch the perpetrators while preventing further incidents.

The Butherford attack occurred at 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 18, when several Molotov cocktails were hurled through the bedroom window of Rabbi Nissam Schuman of Congregation Beth El in Butherford, who lives on the second floor of the synagogue. The rabbi, who suffered burns to his hands, was asleep along with his wife, five children and parents. The Bergen County Prosecutor's Office (BCPO) is treating the attacks as an attempted homicide, according to Bergen County Prosecutor John Molinari.

In Paramus, police officers investigating a fire on Jan. 3 at the Congregation K'hal Adath Jeshurun synagogue discovered an accelerant used where the fire started. No injuries were reported, and the fire caused minimal damage to the exterior of the building.

Police also discovered graffiti messages sprayed at temples in Maywood and Hackensack in December.

Although there is no clear connection between the Butherford incident and the arson at the Paramus temple, the suburban locations of both houses of worship are a sign that both police officers and citizens need to be vigilant, officials said.

"Arise Place in Paramus is a small, residential area," Molinari said. "This location in Butherford is an extraordinarily quiet, beautiful area of Butherford and the county, so we need help. We need all law enforcement and we need the public to have a much higher level of awareness."

The Paramus Police Department increased the number of officers on patrol in the borough, according to Capt. Kenneth Ehrenberg.

"Since the Aronov incident, there has been a tremendous increase in patrols," Ehrenberg said. "Day and night, both uniformed and unmarked."

While the department is still facing a severe shortage of manpower, it will not affect the department's ability to patrol or investigate the Aronov fire case, Lt. PATROL 1941 in December.

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Jury selection begins in Chief Zisa trial



BY MARK J. BONAMO
Managing Editor

HACKENSACK — Charles "Ken" Zisa has been both a police chief and a politician. For the next several weeks, he will be a defendant. The first week of the suspended Hackensack police chief's criminal trial saw the revelation of the witness list, a debate over Zisa's representation and the jury selection. A conviction could cost Zisa 15 years or more in prison. Charged with criminal insurance fraud and official misconduct, Zisa and his co-defendant, ex-girlfriend Kathleen Tierman, turned down two plea offers that were made for the record by Bergen County Assistant Prosecutor Daniel Kavel, who is representing the prosecutor's office in the case. The earlier deal would not have directly affected Zisa's pension; the second deal would have led to mandatory forfeiture of a pension based on his \$191,000 annual salary.

The charges

Zisa, who has been suspended from the department without pay since 2010, is accused of removing Tierman from the scene of a February 2006 automobile accident before a sobriety test could be administered. According to authorities, Tierman was suspected of being intoxicated when she drove a car owned and insured by

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SUSPENDED HACKENSACK POLICE CHIEF CHARLES 'KEN' ZISA, CENTER, WAITS FOR JURY SELECTION TO BEGIN IN BERGEN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. FLANKED BY ATTORNEY PATRICIA PRAZIOSA AND BERGEN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER FRANCIS MERHAN.

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Alvarez: Time to move on

Schools superintendent departs June 30 after nearly nine years

BY GLENDA WEBB

It doesn't seem like it's been that long since Alvarez stepped into the Montclair School District office, but for the superintendent, it's time to move on. Alvarez, who has led the district since 2003, will be leaving his post on June 30 after nearly nine years at the helm. Alvarez, 57, is a former principal at the district's oldest school, Montclair Middle School, before moving to the superintendent's office in 2003. He is currently on leave from his post as superintendent of the district, but will be returning to work at the end of the month. Alvarez is expected to leave the district on June 30, after nearly nine years at the helm. Alvarez, who has led the district since 2003, will be leaving his post on June 30 after nearly nine years at the helm. Alvarez, who has led the district since 2003, will be leaving his post on June 30 after nearly nine years at the helm.



Shot dead on Mission St.

Police conduct an investigation on Mission Street following a fatal shooting near downtown Montclair, after 9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7.

BY DAN PROCHILLO

A 30-year-old Montclair man was shot and killed Tuesday night on Mission Street, police said. The victim, identified as Daniel J. Prochilo, was shot in the chest by a man who fled the scene. Police are currently searching for the shooter. The victim was taken to a local hospital but succumbed to his injuries. Police are currently searching for the shooter. The victim was taken to a local hospital but succumbed to his injuries. Police are currently searching for the shooter.

Turner, running for mayor, assembles her own slate

BY LINDA DEWITT

She's running for mayor, and she's also running for the Montclair City Council. Linda DeWitt is the only candidate to do so. DeWitt is currently serving on the council and is running for re-election. She is also running for mayor. DeWitt is currently serving on the council and is running for re-election. She is also running for mayor.

Council approves controversial Wildwood Avenue project

BY LINDA DEWITT

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NJ pharmacies share patrons' info Painkiller prescriptions tracked

BY MARIA KARIDIS
Verona Editor

New Jersey's anti-abuse prescription drug law will take effect in 2012, and many officials are trying to make sure that happens.

Verona Councilor Jeffrey Linder is one of the leading voices for the law. He says it's not just about the painkillers, but about the people who are taking them. "It's not just about the painkillers, but about the people who are taking them," he says. "It's not just about the painkillers, but about the people who are taking them."

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Job group comes to Cedar Grove

BY MARIA KARIDIS
Verona Editor

With the job market still in a slump, a Cedar Grove job group is trying to help people find work. The group is made up of local business owners and job seekers. "It's not just about the job market, but about the people who are looking for work," he says. "It's not just about the job market, but about the people who are looking for work."



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Snowy Saturday



Michael Wilcox Jr. prepares to sled down a slope at Verona Park on Saturday during the first snowfall of 2012. Wilcox used the morning morning snow to sled to the top of the hill and racing down to the finish line. See more snow photos on 3B.



Boys getting their skates on at an ice skating event on Saturday. Cedar Grove Board of Education members Michael Hager, Roger Latorre and Joe Floriano cheer the skaters and parking lot full of Cedar Grove High School.

RECREATION

Hilltop to get sporty

BY MARIA KARIDIS
Verona Editor

Apprentices go for a 24-hour snow day at Hilltop. The snow day was a success, with many people participating in various activities. "It's not just about the snow day, but about the people who are participating," he says. "It's not just about the snow day, but about the people who are participating."

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SUPERSTORM SANDY
Complete devastation
‘The river just kept coming’

BY KARTHIK AGGARWAL Staff Writer

Little Ferry appeared to be one of the worst hit North Jersey municipalities after Hurricane Sandy unleashed its full fury on the region Monday night into Tuesday morning.

Unrelenting flooding and raging winds caused hundreds of evacuations and extensive power outages. Those evacuations were in full effect throughout the day Tuesday, as officials along with law enforcement and fire responders from the borough, county and state, even the National Guard, grappled with the seemingly endless devastation.

“I’m so exhausted right now. I haven’t slept in about three days. It’s been devastating, absolutely devastating,” Councilwoman Peggy Mischler, a member of the First Aid Corps, said mid-day Tuesday.

“It’s affected myself and everybody I know. Everybody I know has lost either a lot or even a little. People lost their cars. Their basements are filled with water, all their possessions. Some of them have literally lost their houses,” Mischler added.

“It is a calamity. My car is totaled. It’s under water. In my apartment, I live upstairs, but coming into my apartment, it’s full of water,” said borough resident Marlene Walker.

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Rocky Mivotti empties out water from his house in Little Ferry into the street.
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Use for Superfund site still years away

By Melissa Little

The Superfund site still faces these issues in a court case that is part of a one-year-old lawsuit filed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the state of New Jersey. The suit, which has been pending since 2007, is still in court. The EPA and the state are seeking to force the commission to use the Superfund money to pay for the cleanup of the site. The EPA and the state are also seeking to force the commission to use the Superfund money to pay for the cleanup of the site.

How armed is your town?

A six-year analysis of permit applications

By Kelly Nicholaides

Residents in the South Bergen area are wondering how armed their town is. A South Bergen analysis of the number of handgun purchase permits (HPPs) and handgun purchase permits (HPPs) issued in the area from 2007 through 2012 shows that the number of permits issued in the area has increased significantly and often using a handgun to protect themselves. The analysis shows that the number of permits issued in the area has increased significantly and often using a handgun to protect themselves. The analysis shows that the number of permits issued in the area has increased significantly and often using a handgun to protect themselves.

HPPs and handgun purchase permit fact facts

How to apply: Residents can apply for a handgun purchase permit (HPP) at the South Bergen Police Department. The application fee is \$100. The application must include a letter of recommendation from a law enforcement officer, a letter of recommendation from a family member or friend, and a letter of recommendation from a religious leader. The application must also include a photograph of the applicant and a fingerprint. The application must be submitted to the South Bergen Police Department. The application must be submitted to the South Bergen Police Department.

Judge tosses Jets/Giants lawsuit

By Kelly Nicholaides

American League baseball teams have a victory against the New York Giants and the New York Jets. The judge has ruled in favor of the American League. The judge has ruled in favor of the American League. The judge has ruled in favor of the American League.

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City works to bring property values in line

9,600 properties to be reassessed as part of 2013 compliance plan

By ANN RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

OCEAN CITY — The city will announce another round of assessment by the end of the year in an effort to bring the most recent assessment properties in line with their true market value. It's called a compliance plan, and it's all about determining fair market value.

Through the compliance plan, the city hopes to reassess as many as 9,600 properties in an effort to re-establish value based value.

In 2011, the city completed a 2012 compliance plan that targeted homes in the city and beach areas, reassessing about 5,500 properties in order



Fly-in for fun

Photo by Staff Writer of Kevin, Joe Flood Jr. of Frankfort, Ky. and Tony Butler of Buckhorn, Del. enjoy meeting up with old friends during the Ocean City Air Festival Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Ocean City Municipal Airport. Hunter Middleton, 11, of Hatterasville was the second place pilot to be won from the paper airplane contest. For more photos, see Page 33.

Southend beaches getting smaller

Meanwhile, Ocean City's north end readies for another beach fill project

By CINDY NEVITT
Staff Writer

OCEAN CITY — On a sunny Saturday afternoon in the third week of August, Joe Heath and Margaret Foley sat on the beach just as they have for the last 30 years. Except on Monday, at peak high tide, the longtime neighbors were sitting in their chairs with their backs against the chair, leaning, searching for as much beach as they could find.

Heath and Foley, who have resided next door to each other at the 3800 block of Central Avenue since 1982, began making their daily summer trips to the beach a decade before beach replenishment projects became the norm in Ocean City. And while they do not

Money returns home to lead alumni weekend

Former Red Raider standout recalls lifetime of achievements

By ANN RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

OCEAN CITY — He was a four sport varsity letterman, excelling in football, basketball, track and baseball. After graduating from Ocean City High School in 1963, he earned a college degree and set out on an arduous career that would take him from law enforcement to education.

That's Leonard Money because a

White Alumni Weekend parade

Leading his fellow alumni down Asbury Avenue on Saturday morning, he said, was "a very special honor."

A high school graduate when Martin Luther King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, Money said being back never felt so good.

"Growing up in the small town, people never treated my family different."

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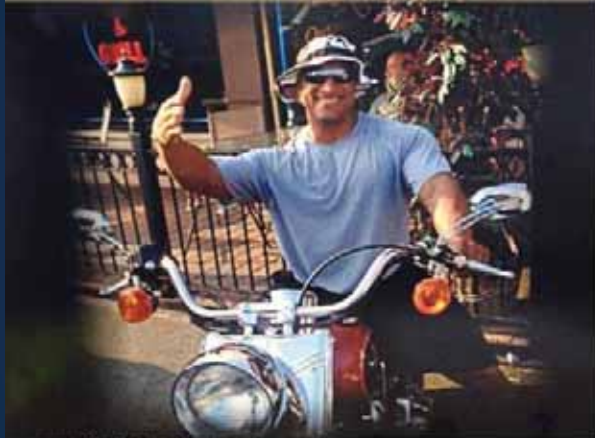


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'The Gentle Giant'

Friends and family remember Omar Monroig, as the search for the hit and run driver goes on



A FAMILY MAN – Of Omar (right, beside his wife and son) his brother Jorge said 'Omar's legacy was being a father – not a good father, a great father.'

By Vanessa Cruz
Reporter/Columnist

A s Omar Monroig stopped onto the intersection of 51st and Towelle Avenue on March 23, he didn't know he was inches away from the end of a rich life, lived to the fullest. He had made plans with his friend Arnaldo Arroyo to get a couple of drinks. It was two days after Monroig's birthday. The two friends began to cross the street, Arroyo walking in front, when he heard a loud sound. Monroig was struck by a dark-colored 2005-2004 Suzuki Crossover, which fled without stopping, according to police. Arroyo said later, in police interviews, that Monroig "bowed over" the car but fell before he fell to the roadway and the driver sped off into the night. His main concern in the moments following the accident was to find his friend. "I ran over to him and again my concern was to see one else to hit him, hurt him or harm him," he said. He stayed by Monroig's side, raking his own life to make sure that "another car didn't smash him off. Never in my wildest nightmares would I think that somebody wouldn't stop."

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'North Bergen has nothing to hide'

Attorney files lawsuit following \$42,000 fee for public information requests



LAWSUIT – Marcio March filed a lawsuit after his DPRA requests led to a \$42,500 bill sent to his client.

by Stephen LaMarca
Reporter/Staff Writer

A s ongoing battle between a local resident and his attorney against North Bergen township has reached a boiling point, following a contentious lawsuit over the resident's requests for public information.

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ART OF COMEDY IS NO LAUGHING MATTER NOR EASY BUSINESS

By PHIL GARBER
Illustration by [unintelligible]

It's simple to hear about comedy careers, but it's not so simple to do. Plenty of comedians have failed miserably in their quest to make a living out of their talent. But for those who have succeeded, the road is paved with hard work, sacrifice and a lot of laughter.

Comedians of all stripes are looking for ways to make a living out of their talent. Some are looking for ways to make a living out of their talent. Some are looking for ways to make a living out of their talent. Some are looking for ways to make a living out of their talent.



Phil Garber stands in front of the Chester Theatre Group Black River Playhouse sign. The sign is circular and features a drawing of a building with the text 'Chester Theatre Group' and 'Black River Playhouse' around it.

Photo by Phil Garber

Scourge of heroin continues

More young people choosing cheaper and deadly drug

By PHIL GARBER
Illustration by [unintelligible]

Heroin is an opioid that is used to relieve pain. It is a powerful drug that can be addictive. In the United States, heroin use has increased significantly in recent years, particularly among young people. This is due to a number of factors, including the availability of cheaper and more potent forms of the drug.

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Corruption buster from New Vernon pens memoir

'I don't believe New Jersey could be as rotten today as it was, with today's press corps.'

ROBERT STARR
Illustration by [unintelligible]

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These men sacrificed, but their struggle was not over when they returned home. They had to help rebuild the town and the lives of those who remained.

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The Allentown contingent was ready to go at a moment's notice.

Ocean City Tabernacle: No congregation; 32,000 worshipped there in 2011



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Traffic and tradition mark a celebration of Talmud Local participants 'dance for joy'

Johanna Ginsberg
Staff Reporter



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Traffic and tradition mark a celebration of Talmud

Women get bird's-eye view as throngs make stadium a study hall

Johanna Ginsberg
NJPN Staff Writer

First came the traffic, then the heat, then the Talmud money, and finally the dancing.

On Aug. 1, what should have been a 20-minute drive to MorLife Stadium in East Rutherford's Meadowlands from my Ever-Crossing home took over two hours. But I didn't fret that I would arrive late.



Although there were men and women from across the Orthodox Jewish world at the event, the overwhelming majority were ultra-Orthodox men.

Sure, the Givon Halkin is a name in every ultra-Orthodox circle. And sure, this was the largest ever single mega-event of its kind, marking the completion of the latest and most complex of daily Talmud study.

The last five years, held in 2007, attracted 50,000 participants in three venues: Madison Square Garden and the Jacob Javits Center in New York City, and the Ford Arena — then Continental Arena — in New Jersey.

But I knew that every car stuck in traffic, around my way heading where I went. The women all wore shatrit (wig) and dresses with long sleeves despite the August heat; most of the men had payot and wore black hats, white shirts, and black jackets. Even those dressed in more modern garb sported the black velvet kippot popular among the fervently Orthodox.

So, I reasoned, even if I missed the 12th Nissan Halkin — or Celebration of the Talmud — at least I knew we would all meet up together.



Although most of the attendees were from the tristate area, this woman came from Minnesota with her three daughters.

Eventually, I did arrive at the stadium, my ID was checked by security personnel, and my car was duly stuffed by a member of the K-9 squad.

The hours thronged waiting to get in were gone, but there were still plenty of black-hatted men gathered outside, taking a break from the heat, or for a cigarette.

Passing the men's entrance, a woman and her husband agreed to meet each other at a particular spot after the event. She and I headed toward the women's area — the stadium's 300 sections — started off for the occasion by what organizers, the Agudath Israel of America, called a \$250,000 welcome.

As I headed up the stairs, I realized, too late, I had made a terrible mistake. I had stepped onto the men's elevator. A few security guards from my riding assignment confronted my transgression.

Arriving at the women's section, I made my way around the ball-

way across of well-groomed men and women girls in ankle-length skirts and long sleeves, smiling and greeting. There were hugs and kisses, some called out in delight, and the distinct chatter of adolescence. Well past the stage of life, I headed toward the bleachers.

At first sight, the arena appeared as a sea of black and white — organizers put the attendance at more than 50,000, a record for the home stadium of the Jets and Giants football teams. (The sporadic traffic reports on the all-news stations seemed to confirm the numbers.) From this high up — the women's section was in the top-most tier of the stands — it was impossible to make out the speakers on the field-level stage, most watched the broadcast on a large screen. Thousands of women filled most of the section. As I hurried to locate my seat, some turned away from the camera as covered their faces, sniffling, for modesty reasons, to have their photos taken.

But others offered smiles and conversation. They were mostly from Monsey in New York, Basking Ridge, Long Island, or Lakewood. One woman had traveled from Minnesota with her three daughters for the evening (the men in the family were below, in the men's section). It was a "special," "unforgettable," and "extraordinary" moment for them, they said. Although they themselves hadn't studied the daily Talmud passages — in fervently Orthodox communities, women as a rule don't study Talmud — they expressed pride for those who had done the learning.

"We didn't study, but we let the



Gov. Chris Christie expressed his support for the newly established Jewish Federation of Greater Metropolitan NJ at the launch event on July 31.

Governor leads cheers at federation launch

Christie touts sanctions as leaders mark merger with music and dance

Elaine DiMatteo
NJPN Staff Writer

After all the hard work of the past few years — the meetings and negotiations and diplomacy and paperwork — it was time to bank in accomplishment, at last and professional members of the newly established Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ celebrated July 31 with speeches, ideas, songs, and even dance.

Gov. Chris Christie was among the speakers at the new federation, the 10th largest in North America, celebrated the merger of United Jewish Communities of MetroWest NJ and the Jewish Education of Central NJ.

The launch event, held at the Alex Adickman Family Jewish Community Center in Whippany, drew a show of NJ's attention to the governor, who spoke of the legislation he signed last year that morning meant to tighten economic pressure on loans.

Other guests included Ambassador for Akrami, Israeli ambassador general for the British Israel Speaker of the NJ Assembly Sheila Oliver (D-Dist. 54), and State Sen. (and former governor) Richard I.



The state of the merger

Christie said the new state connections on loans — drawing public contracts to those engaged in investment activity in loan's energy or finance sectors — was part of a state and federal response to Iran's "continued pursuit of an ill-fated nuclear program, unconventional weapons development, a deteriorating human rights situation, support for international terrorism, and a continued threat to the State of Israel."

Added Christie: "America has no greater friend than the State of Israel, and such and every elected official who has a position of responsibility in the United States should be standing up and doing exactly the same thing that the elected officials here have been, along with me, have been doing in New Jersey."

He then went on to lead the merger. "I'm thrilled to be here to help celebrate with you the bringing together of these two great organizations to make one even stronger, better able over the course of the next number of years," Christie said.

"Government couldn't and, in my view, shouldn't try to stand in substitution for organizations like this," he continued. "We last gov-

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Boro Hall hiring 10 new employees
Town taxes going up over 4 percent

BY DANIEL STREET
Staff Writer

Asbury Park adopted a new budget for 2012 that means increased taxes for the town. The town council voted against a 4.5 percent increase in town taxes, but the council also voted to raise the town's property tax rate to 2.27 percent, which is a 4.5 percent increase over the 2011 rate. The town council also voted to raise the town's property tax rate to 2.27 percent, which is a 4.5 percent increase over the 2011 rate.

When swine ruled the Meadows
Son of pig farmer keeps pig farming alive through song

BY KELLY NICHOLAIDES
Staff Writer

It's a scene that's as old as time. A man in a field, surrounded by a herd of pigs. For Kelly Nicholaides, the scene is a daily sight. He's the son of a pig farmer, and he's keeping the tradition alive through his music.

HISTORY
The story of swine farming in the Meadows is a long one. It dates back to the early 1900s when the area was a major pig farming hub. The industry was a vital part of the local economy, and it played a significant role in the region's history.



Town raising fees to help fill budget hole

BY BRIAN ANDERSON
Staff Writer

The Township of Lyndhurst is considering raising fees to help fill a budget hole. The town council is looking at various options, including raising fees for certain services. This move is expected to generate additional revenue to offset the town's budget deficit.

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The student debt crisis

With the ending of the first school year, Verona and Cedar Grove activists are not only thinking about the final chapter in many high school careers, but they're probably also wondering what's going to happen after it ends.

In the next couple of months, they'll be receiving their college choices (if they haven't already done so), preparing essays, handling all applications and awaiting their admission opportunities.

Unfortunately, the higher education climate isn't what it used to be and students face some pretty difficult decisions ahead. Some are probably here about whether a college education is worth it, especially with the lack of jobs and the steadily-increasing student debt rate. Why spend four or five years in college racking up a massive amount of loan when a job isn't guaranteed?

Student debt in the U.S. — which now exceeds \$1 trillion — has surpassed credit card debt. It's real, but true.

And now, more and more borrowers are defaulting on their student loans as tuition increases and the cost of living here skyrocketed, while good-paying jobs have diminished. Finally, one to every six borrowers — in the face of about \$7 billion in — is in default, according to a recent New York Times article.

This entire situation sets up quite a cycle of debt, anxiety and loss of hope. Because if the economy isn't thriving, construction isn't booming and they're certainly not handling tuition in So. Jersey — when everyday expenses for groceries, rent and gas are on the increase — find themselves in a pickle as their relatives may take out mortgage relief from them, they probably can't handle. The cycle will then continue into the next generation.

When did wanting to further one's education become such a life-long struggle?

What's there to do? Unless the economy picks up and the rate of pay begins to resemble that of the one of living, the answer seems pretty bleak.

We need more grants and resources for students heading into post-secondary education and we need to find a way to stop colleges from increasing tuition costs at such dizzy rates. According to a petition for the Student Loan Forgiveness Act (SLFA), the average tuition for a four-year college education has increased 857 percent since 1980.

So, is there a glimmer of hope? Under the proposed SLFA, borrowers would face a 5.4 percent interest rate for all of their student student loans, they would only have to pay 60 percent of their balance toward loans once employment begins, and after 18 years, student debt could be forgiven.

It seems like a long shot, but if it's in it is passed, that there might be some light at the end of the tunnel. If not, we need to find another way to help the future leaders of America.

Often getting 'the word' wrong

Writing is not one of my most reliable personal assets. I should have known that when I got into journalism, I was going to have to learn how to write. I never did.

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Nancy Rubenstein
Columnist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Petition supports deer cutting in reservations

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Update, add your listing to local directory
Hello to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times community. We are currently working on the "Local Directory" feature. We'd like to hear from you to see how we can best serve you. We are looking for input on the directory's content, layout, and design. We'd like to hear from you to see how we can best serve you. We are looking for input on the directory's content, layout, and design.

Meet with the editor of the Times
The Verona-Cedar Grove Times invites you to meet with the editor, Nancy Rubenstein. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10th, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10th, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

Hello readers! Welcome to the Verona Cedar Grove Times

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Meet the Staff
Lillian DeLuca, Maria Burtis, Andrew Sperandio, Joshua Jarama, Gregory Macera.

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OPINION

"At the bottom of a great deal of success... lies a miserable creature. He will grow poorer and sadder because they cannot face public opinion."
— E. H. Chapin, *American Progress*

EDITORIAL - 'For we need a little Christmas'

Who knows where November went? We were all struggling, work in our own way and leading happier lives and so often, we know you know it. Thanksgiving was upon us and now it lies by its side.

Oh, so it's Christmas time. There's been a little less snow, more, but then again, maybe more snow, so well.

Because as the business Christmas song from the Broadway musical, "Mean," says aptly for this year in particular: "For we need a little Christmas! Right this very minute." Can't be in the spirit. "Yes, we need a little Christmas! Right this very minute." We need a little Christmas now.

It's been a tough couple of months, but now, at least they seem more like years. It's OK to start to relax a little more. You can't have a little more support... we make that for a while but of most support... to take some encouragement from the world of the business. No, not all the commercial staff. Rather, the family staff. The friends staff. The religious staff. The recreational staff. The love staff.

It's OK this year to turn to good old-fashioned Father Christmas for a little moral support — no, make that a whole lot of moral support

— to take some encouragement from the spirit of the season. No, not all the commercial staff. The family staff. The love staff.

If only more living in Belmont? He seemed thoughtful.

Wave to the Public Works program again. But the checks we community volunteer how important their contribution to be everybody. Visit a worker or a veteran. Buy a Hero truck — well, it's a full-time job — for the community. The 2010, for the public use drive, to see the change going on, and/or for the Operation Christmas drive for kids of homeless American men and women.

Remember the food bank, and the product costs and clothing drives. Buy a present, such as your own way, for folks who don't know that assistance this Christmas season, some during this Christmas season they will need the gifts of goodness itself. In their life, right this very minute and now more than ever. It's never too late to get started.

Get out the door. Forget it. The Christmas Emergency Relief North Passaic Avenue headquarters will send to the neighborhood. Or go with Santa when he comes to Chatham Township's Great Village street this Sunday. While you're at it, stop in and enjoy the United Methodist Church's annual hot dog dinner, but having those great traditional events would be like Belmont Falls being so George Bush.

Books and stories all around that you would love to have your business and hope you decide to think them out even as the big finale begins.

Yes, back home the best. You can almost hear Santa clapping that old chestnut from Mass. "For we need a little Christmas! Right this very minute." Can't be in the spirit. "Yes, we need a little Christmas! Right this very minute."

The gift that keeps on giving



P.C. Robinson
IN 2011

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - Leader steered YMCA through throes of innovation

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WHEN BOOKER'S FOOD STAMP WEEK IS DONE STARVE OR FEAST, HE WILL HAVE WON. FOR IF IT'S A STEP TOWARD PRZ, GOV OR REP LET'S SEE IF HE CAN EAT AND RUN.

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Why I need witless protection

Pat Robinson



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Thursday, August 8, 2011 NJPA

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Celebrate Community

Next Thursday evening, August 11, Livingston residents will head over to the local pub to take part in the town's fourth annual National Night Out, an event that celebrates community while increasing awareness of crime and drug prevention.

Sponsored by the Livingston Police Department, the National Night Out offers an opportunity for residents, young and old, to come together as neighbors. We think that having a community event in Livingston is a perfect time. We should not celebrate our town, but as an attempt to bring a message to our neighbors.

In addition to providing an evening of fun family fun, the goal of National Night Out is to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in the same way. It offers an opportunity to get to know our neighbors and, maybe even make appointments, and local police personnel who are always ready for an action we need them. We should never underestimate the privilege we have of having police officers who are always ready for us.

We are often fortunate that many of our police officers are in town on their own time. The Livingston Police Department's Community Policing Unit makes sure that officers are out and about, getting to know our kids and our schools, as well as our neighbors. Night Out presents another chance for them to become familiar with the citizens they protect. Also, please note that officers of the Livingston Police Unit are given a special incentive to participate but they will be allowed time off during the event.

While adults tonight will be friendly and helpful, children will be kept busy by a vast array of activities, including inflatable toys, face painting, a balloon twisting and a DJ. The night will be a celebration with no alcohol drinking and a DJ. The night will be a celebration with no alcohol drinking and a DJ. The night will be a celebration with no alcohol drinking and a DJ.

Donate Now

The Livingston Public Library will be holding a third annual book sale on Thursday, August 11. There is nothing like a community event that brings people together to support local businesses. The book sale is a great way to get to know our neighbors and, maybe even make appointments, and local police personnel who are always ready for an action we need them. We should never underestimate the privilege we have of having police officers who are always ready for us.

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A Refreshing Break



Chrissy's Column
By Christine Sablynski

Open Thursday Nights

Community

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Who is the real winner in message board mess?

IN THE NEWS
MARK ROSMAN

Wild West attitude on that message board? No, I cannot, but I know what I have not seen on that Manalapan message board for five years — defamatory statements about public and private officials.

Over the past few years, again in the wake of the legal action Spodak filed, I have also observed that newspapers that allow comments to be posted about articles that appear on their websites have halved their rates regarding the comments that are posted by members of the public.

For the most part, the anti-Serretta, anti-Isom, anti-DeSantis, vile comments that were becoming all too common on newspaper websites have disappeared. While the comments now being posted under news articles are not always the most intelligent discourse on a particular subject, the people posting these comments are attempting, for the most part, to stay on point.

It looks to me as if some newspaper executives finally realized the disastrous comments that had nothing to do with the article under which they appeared might be driving people away from their website. What took them so long to realize that? Did they ever read what they were allowing online?

Recently, it was brought to my attention that Spodak's original lawsuit seeking the identities of Isom, et al., has been dismissed in state Superior Court. The same thing happened at one point several years ago when the lawsuit had been dismissed for a period of time and was administratively dismissed. At the request of Spodak's attorney, the case was later reinstated without objection from the court.

What if Spodak's lawsuit has now been dismissed for good and he cannot proceed? Does that mean someone is pleased to know it is appropriate to identify and defame a person online while using a screen name to avoid being identified? Shock. I must have missed that "positive" outcome when we had a libel and defamatory discussion here at the newspaper.

Spodak told me this week that he will continue his legal case. I do not know if he will ever get the names of the people behind those screen names, but I think his enlightened pursuit of justice may continue to make some people a bit uncomfortable.

So yes, maybe Spodak's lawsuit was dismissed. Maybe those who posted messages about Spodak will never pay for what they write about the former mayor. I hope they feel good about the outcome. Spodak may have lost the battle, but in a larger sense, because of the positive changes it what has taken place online in recent years, he appears to have won the war.

Mark Rosman is the managing editor of the News Transcript. He may be reached at markrosman@njtranscript.com.

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Sandy was a heartbreaker

Mark Rosman



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They're growing

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No one owns it

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Rights trump symbols

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My gator and I just didn't click

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Horseshoe crabs feed the birds

The Boardman... (The editorial text continues below the title.)

Local name of pastimes Old Ink

The Boardman... (The editorial text continues below the title.)

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The teen who destroyed Trenton

Rick Epstein
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Suburban Trends

Where do epiphanies come from?

Why is hearing a bell from Santa's sleigh so important?

Gene Myers

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Where do epiphanies come from?

The Joy of Life

BY GENE MYERS

Imagine waking up to a different life. You fall asleep at the end of a typical day in the backseat of your parents' car on the way home from a family outing, and when you wake up you are in a hospital, and half of your family is dead.

Yoga teacher Matthew Sanford had that experience.

"I was in a car accident when I was 13. My father and sister were killed. I broke my neck and my back and broke both of my wrists and collapsed a lung and couldn't eat. It injured my pancreas and it left me unable to eat for two months. I went from 119 pounds to 79 pounds in less than 60 days. I was asleep in the car and I woke up to a completely different life."

The few days he spent in a coma were a dividing line between what seemed like two separate lives. His father and sister were gone, but he said he needed to soldier on for his mother and brother. It was a hard road for the newly paraplegic Sanford and it took five years to reintegrate what felt like two separate lives.

"I was basically guided to believe that all I could really do with my disability was overcome my disability, that I needed to make my upper body really strong and learn to drag my paralyzed body to life. You can't. Nobody can overcome their body. That is what our culture wants to believe with the body," he said.

I know exactly what he was talking about. I've been disabled since birth. So far, life has been kinder to me than it was on that day to Sanford and my disability only affects how I walk. Specifically, I walk with a cane.

Walking with a cane didn't bother me in my younger days. In fact, at times, I enjoyed how it made me stand out. Forty years with a disability, however, take their toll on a body. My days now are filled with more pain than I will admit to and I'm losing flexibility. This is one of the reasons I reached out to Sanford after hearing him on NTU.

My wife has been trying to convince me for a while now that yoga would be a great help. It certainly has been for Sanford.

"I basically did what I was told. I believed that there was no sensation below my point of injury. I got my upper body strong and I succeeded in my life by all outward measures. Over the first 12 years [with the disability] I had this vision of being at odds with my body and that I had to overcome my body," he said.

But eventually, he hit a wall. On some level, he knew something this way wasn't going to cut it. He needed to integrate his life into a cohesive whole. Yoga was the integration tool he chose. He noticed its effects instantly.

"I remember the first time I met my yoga teacher. First of all, she got me out of my wheelchair, which was a big deal. I was on the floor and she had me take my legs [and spread them] wide. I remember feeling it. Tears started coming and I had no idea why. I had no idea and I realized that I had not spread my legs wide in 12 years. Who would a paralyzed guy ever spread his legs wide? I felt it so dramatically because it was like crossing back, coming home."

When it comes to the big picture, we all get chances like this. Some events may not be as dramatic as others, but everyone has experiences that lead to epiphanies. Often, they allow us to integrate life's events into a cohesive whole. That whole makes up the narrative of who we are.

Sanford's epiphany didn't just resurrect him in his past. It also sparked a lifetime dedication to yoga. It's a calling that he responded to with vigor. He founded a nonprofit organization, Mind Body Solutions (mindbodysolutions.com), through which he teaches others how to integrate "trauma, loss and disability into the eye and potential, produced an instructional program and wrote a fascinating memoir.

Through all of this, Sanford found a way to be "more connected to the body body that [he was] never going to have."

This summer, like by like, I have been trying to become

more connected to my own body once again. When I was a boy that connection meant baseball and basketball in the street. These days, it means hearing bells, an ankle brace and reworking old epiphanies.

Last weekend, in my parents' backyard, I dropped my cane to the grass and played catch with my dad. I haven't done that in years. It may have been my favorite highlight of the summer, so far. This column focuses on the many ways people find happiness.

We experience our deepest joys when we understand the narratives that make up our lives. It is also from that kind of understanding that we connect to the world around us.

"It engages you back in your life... you tend to be more grounded and expansive in the rest of your life too," says Sanford.

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Imagine waking up and half of your family is dead. That was the start of a long, hard road for Matthew Sanford.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

It was more than a winning season for Maroons

BY BRIAN FARRELL
Sports Editor

It's not every season that you have a chance to write about a winning season for a sports team. It's not every season that you have a chance to write about a winning season for a sports team. It's not every season that you have a chance to write about a winning season for a sports team.



It was more than a winning season for Maroons. It was a season of growth, of challenge, of triumph. It was a season that showed the Maroons were not just a team, but a family. It was a season that showed the Maroons were not just players, but individuals. It was a season that showed the Maroons were not just athletes, but students. It was a season that showed the Maroons were not just competitors, but teammates. It was a season that showed the Maroons were not just winners, but winners with a purpose.

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BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



It is the One Love of Maroon County, N.J. of Ridgewood High School boys basketball team that has won the 2011-12 season by defeating St. Catherine's of Ridgewood, N.J. in the Bergen County CYC Hot Yoga Invitational Division title. FRISCH BOLE team with Michael Theobald, Henry Ryan, Colin Walsh, Sebastian Marabini, Tommy and Connor and Tommy Conroy. BENCH team with Jason Ivan, Michael Williams, Michael Williams, The Love, Henry Conroy, Peter Marabini, Jack Grillo, Liah Walsh and coach Steve Grillo.



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New home brings big win



The new and improved Nash Park boasts new fences, dugouts and grass.

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Clifton wins five in a row after opening day blanking

By Tom Sciorio
Clifton Journal

After a 19-0 opening day loss to Inmanville Heart Academy, things could have gotten ugly quick for coach Hal Anzaldi and Clifton softball.

But in the week following the lopsided defeat, the Mustangs proved why they've been among the most consistently successful softball programs in North Jersey over the years, winning five games in a row and outscoring their opponents 43-20.

The exciting streak began with a win over Passaic County and Big North Liberty rival Pomona, as senior pitcher Anaisela Marokovitz had a sparkling outing at the plate and on the mound.

Offensively, she went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a stolen base; defensively, she produced a two-hit, 10-strikeout performance that frustrated Pomona hitters all afternoon.

The Indians could never quite get into a groove, and at one point went 12 batters without a hit. The closest they'd come to scoring was when EB Christine Rodriguez reached third on a stolen base the 5th inning.

Nicole Corley had a chance to drive in two runs (an Emily Ledema was also in scoring position), but she was struck out looking by Marokovitz, maintaining the shutout.

Clifton got on the board in the 2nd on a Brittany Menaghin single that brought Emma Karczynski home, and were up 2-0 at the end of the inning when Marokovitz reached home on a Pomona error.

The Mustangs continued to beat up the next day, beating up on Eastside, 13-0.

The momentum carried over to Saturday, when they defeated Hawthorne, 6-1. In the morning, and won a 10-9 affair at Walkill Valley in the afternoon. Clifton's hot bats carried them into this week, as they defeated Wayne Hills, 11-10 in nine innings on Monday.

The Mustangs traveled to Paterson to meet Kennedy on Wednesday, and to Cedar Grove to take on the Panthers Thursday. Both in games that did not make press. They'll host Passaic County Tech this morning at 10 at Clifton Stadium.

Mustangs best Don Bosco 6-2 at Nash Park

By Chris Woolis
Sports Editor

For years the Clifton varsity baseball team played at Woodrow Wilson Middle School and for its spectators, it was a tough place to watch a game.

From the telephone pole blocking views on the Clifton side to the somewhat ungraceful and obstructed visitors side, parents and fans are happy to be taking their seats at the newly renovated Nash Park field on Lakeview Avenue.

The field, which is run by the Clifton Recreation Department, now has two dugouts, a working scoreboard and new fences.

"It is such a great place to watch a game," said Clifton head coach Joe Rivera. "At Woodrow you couldn't really get a good view of the game. Here at Nash there really isn't a bad seat and you can see the entire field. Plus you can fit a great deal of people in the stands."

Entering his fourth season as head coach, Rivera is confident in



STAFF PHOTO/FRANCESCO BAGLARI

A Clifton batter gets in some practice hits before his game against Don Bosco earlier this week.

his diverse group of players in this year's campaign.

"We lost a good deal of pitching to graduation but have a young talented rotation with strong arms and good stuff," Rivera said. "But I think our list-

ing is really going to shake some things up for us and win games. We return our top four hitters and as long as they get timely hits with runners in scoring position, we will do well."

The Mustangs are hopeful that the mix of veterans and underclassmen will secure a winning record and propel them into the Passaic County and State Tournaments.

"The County, as always, will be tough this season," said Rivera. "We already played Wayne Hills and lost to them but should have won. Both Wayne schools are tough and so is Lakeland."

In its five games played as of Tuesday, Clifton was 3-2 with games on Wednesday and today. One of the team's most recent wins came on Tuesday when it defeated Don Bosco Prep 6-2 at Nash.

One of the top ranked teams in the area, Bosco was held scoreless after a two-run first inning by sophomore pitcher Luis Ramos.

Ramos, who also started a 9-1 win against Karside, allowed five hits and seven scoring runs against the Steelers. "Luis hits his spots and has a great changeup," remarked Rivera. "Our hits so come out against a team will do well."

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Far from perfect, still impressive

Red Devils sputter at times but defense shuts down dangerous Tigers

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Long-vacant lot back on table

By LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

Village Council members are expected next month to re-open a discussion related to the Ridgewood Planning Board's long-vacant lot, which is now being used as a parking lot. The lot is located on the corner of North Street and Franklin Street. The lot is currently owned by the Village of Ridgewood. The lot is currently vacant and is being used as a parking lot. The lot is located on the corner of North Street and Franklin Street. The lot is currently owned by the Village of Ridgewood. The lot is currently vacant and is being used as a parking lot.

Goodbye after graduation?
Retiring in Ridgewood is not an option for some families

By LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

After each high school graduation, there are celebrations and summer barbecues. There are also family reunions. For some families, however, the graduation is the end of an era. For some families, the graduation is the end of an era. For some families, the graduation is the end of an era. For some families, the graduation is the end of an era.

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Blend nightclub closes its doors

By LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

Blend nightclub, which opened in 2009, closed its doors on Thursday. The nightclub was located on the corner of North Street and Franklin Street. The nightclub was located on the corner of North Street and Franklin Street. The nightclub was located on the corner of North Street and Franklin Street.

TRAGEDY IN COLORADO
Theater is filled with heavy hearts

By LAURA HERZOG
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Theatergoers took to the streets for a showing of "The Dark Knight Rises" on Thursday. The theater was filled with heavy hearts. The theater was filled with heavy hearts. The theater was filled with heavy hearts.

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Life-saving gift

Local resident receives kidney transplant from fishing buddy

By Adriana Rambay Fernandez
Reporter and writer

Former truck driver Mike Snuffer wasn't used to slowing down, especially as someone who would get to Las Vegas in 24 hours with little if any stops other than to fuel up.

Yet, a year and a half ago, the Secaucus resident's life nearly came to a halt when his kidneys failed and he was told it could take five to seven years before he found a viable donor.

When Veneta resident Len Basile, a fishing buddy and friend of eight years, stepped forward to donate a kidney, Snuffer finally got his life back.

Apparently, Snuffer had saved Basile's life years earlier, but Basile saw the gesture as helping a friend, not repaying the debt.

An extra day in time



SECAUCUS SENIORS CELEBRATE LEAP YEAR

By Adriana Rambay Fernandez
Reporter and writer

Some seniors were stoney but with wigs while others had on fancy T-shirts for a special gathering to celebrate Leap Year held at the Secaucus senior center on Feb. 29.

Discrete came out to enjoy the extra day, which happens only once every four years. Seniors socialized, played games, ate food, and gathered who was who in childhood photos.

Growing up together

Seniors in filled with photos who have been in town for generations. Among the seniors, many grew up together and recall shared childhood memories, according to Judy Kennedy, who organized the event. She said the inspiration to have seniors bring in photos of themselves when they were children was derived by the fact that so many of them actually spent time

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TOWN GOES HOG WILD!

Abandoned pot-bellied pig may become new Secaucus mascot

By Adriana Rambay Fernandez
Reporter and writer

It has been some time since the town was known for its menagerie pig farms, but just last week, a pot-bellied pig who grew by the name of Henrietta Kravitzki arrived to take back Secaucus.

After the piggy got run abandoned in the nearby town of Palisades Park and spent three days in a crate in the van, an animal rescuer named Elaine Sussman from Animal Life Savers in North Bergen



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Christie meets and greets a whole lot of supporters

Mayor's political ad draws fire

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Christie meets and greets a whole lot of supporters 600 attend town hall meeting

BY CATHERINE CARRERA
Staff Writer



Governor Christie greets supporters at town hall-style event in Mahwah on June 27.

MAHWAH
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About 600 people crowded into the gymnasium at Hampton Ridge Middle School in Mahwah on the evening of Wednesday, June 27, in anticipation of Governor Christie's appearance and some of his notable one-liners.

"For so many years we've been in a state that's been stagnant," said Bergen County First-Holder Robert Hermansen, a former Mahwah councilman who was among the many students who arrived two hours early for the so-called town hall meeting.

"But we're finally moving in the right direction, which he's had a tremendous impact on."

Hermansen took a look at the growing line and said he'd never seen a crowd like it for such an event.

"It's like a rock star," he said. Doors opened nearly 20 minutes earlier than expected and attendance was at capacity before the scheduled start time.

Cheryl Allen, a Mahwah resident who was among the early arrivals, said, "It's exciting to

watch him because he tells it like it is."

Allen was accompanied by her 16-year-old son who, like many other teens and children in the audience, was glad he didn't have school so that he could attend.

Richard L. Estrup, 15, in a Christie T-shirt, shared their excitement as he waited for the event to begin in the audience. He said he was there because he's said about New Jersey politics, describing his inclination to debate the subject with others, including his teachers.

Within the first few minutes of his welcome, Christie began addressing the most pressing state issues.

Appearing two days after the Assembly had sent him a budget that included a 10 percent income tax cut he had been working and facing a June 30 deadline for action on it, he said, "In the spirit of compromise, I vetoed my hand [to Democratic legislators], but I got a slap on my hand instead. Democratic legislators have no intention of giving New Jersey residents tax relief."

"In 2009, I thought we drove the wooden stake through those Democrats' hearts," he said. "And, those Christie Democrats are back. This summer, I'm going on my Christie Democrats tour. I'm going all over the state and we're going to demand they explain why

they're holding your tax cuts hostage."

Expanding, he told the crowd, "The going to screw off of you to use the phone that I used last August. When I saw those people in Adair Park after the Hurricane Irene warnings were sent, I got pretty angry. I want to do my press conference and I said, 'Listen, all you people in Adair Park - get the hell off the beach,'" he said. "I want you to tell those [Democratic lawmakers], 'You have on behalf of our governor - get the hell off the beach and get back to Trenton and give me my tax cut!'"

After speaking for about 45 minutes, he announced he would

begin taking questions. Members of the audience raised their hands high, hoping to be called upon.

Christie said he usually chooses one or two young people from the audience to ask a question, but at this town hall, he had many to choose from.

One young woman with the Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization, MEVO, a group that is championing environmental awareness, asked about an environmental issue, while another called upon asked about that state of the Opportunity Scholarship Act.

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DUSTY'S LAW

Bill to protect service dogs awaiting senate vote

BY LISA SPEAR
Staff writer

When a Seeing Eye dog is attacked, a blind person could go from briskly maneuvering sidewalks to being bound to a scolding stick, losing their freedom and mobility. Currently, dog-on-guide dog attack is not considered criminal, and a police response is not guaranteed.

With frustration, Seeing Eye dog activists are lobbying to pass Dusty's Law, a piece of legislation that imposes criminal penalties on reckless dog owners whose dogs kill or maim service dogs and service dogs-in-training.

"The police right now can say 'call animal control' this is not a criminal act," said Roger Woodhouse, who testified at the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee hearing on Dec. 6. "We want blind people to be able to call the police if they need it."

Dusty's Law, drafted by Asanti Myman Robert Schroeder, would require police response and enforce criminal penalties when a dog attacks a service animal, not of Lisa Yakemin, Schroeder's chief of staff.

The legislation is named for Dusty, a German Shepherd puppy in guide-dog training who suffered life-threatening lacerations to his head and neck after an attack by a pit-bull in Woodcliff Lake.

The pit-bull jumped on him, knocked his jaw into the ground and broke all four of his teeth, recalls Woodhouse, Dusty's foster parent.

"All I could think about was how to get Dusty out of the jaws of the dog. Dusty was looking at me with pleading eyes, like a human," said Woodhouse, recalling the attack that left Dusty "bleeding all over the place."

Internal and external stitches on 9-month old Dusty's neck totaled 56.

He recovered in Hack Ridge Animal Hospital, but faced lingering psychological trauma that forced him to leave Seeing Eye's guide dog program.

Days after the attack, the words of Dusty's Law were plastered when Woodhouse got a call from Schroeder's office. The two men met and began drafting the bill.

"The attack was incredibly emotional," remembers Woodhouse, now an advocate for Seeing Eye dog safety, who lost a fingertip and suffered permanent nerve damage from the pit-bull attack.

Despite his injuries, Woodhouse continued to raise puppies for the



Woodcliff Lake resident Roger Woodhouse, the volunteer Seeing Eye puppy raiser who began advocating for Seeing Eye dog safety after surviving a brutal pit bull attack in July 2010, testifies about his experience. Senate bill 1907 is named after Dusty, the puppy that Roger was training.

Seeing Eye guide dog training program, the oldest guide dog school in the world based in Morristown.

Involved in the program for more than 20 years, Woodhouse is currently on his 20th puppy, a pup that represents just one of thousands of guide dogs trained by Seeing Eye volunteers for visually-impaired throughout North America.

The non-profit that is 45th rank for this service also had representation at the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee hearing.

President and CEO of the Seeing Eye, Jim Kutach attended with guide dog Colby.

According to Woodhouse, seven puppies and seeing eye dogs accompanied their activist owners and trainers to the hearing of Dusty's Law.

"The little puppies were lying on



Captain, an 8-week old German Shepherd puppy who started his training to become a Seeing Eye dog just one week ago, made the trip to Trenton for the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee hearing to lend his support to Dusty's Law.



Service animal advocates Jim Kutach, president and CEO of the Seeing Eye, attended the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee hearing with his guide dog, Colby, along with Vincent Chaney, president of the New Jersey Association of Guide Dog Users and his guide dog, Randolph.

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Area schools teach the new three R's

Respect, responsibility, relationships are the mainstays of Bullying Prevention Month

BY KEITH HEUMILLER
Staff Writer

October is a bad month for bullies. It's National Bullying Prevention Month, and schools across the state are staging programs and initiatives to tackle a problem that affects more than half of their students during their academic careers.

Students and teachers are collaborating to break down walls and open up lines of communication, to empower students, and to foster a climate of understanding and respect.

According to data released by the state on Oct. 2, there were more than 12,000 confirmed incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying in New Jersey school districts in the 2011-12 school year — the first year the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABRRA) mandates went in effect.

Overall, more than 35,000 incidents were reported.

Under ABRRA, every public school in the state is required to have designated anti-bullying personnel, conduct specific training programs and events, and follow new reporting guidelines.

"It's about changing the culture," said Red Bank Regional High School Principal Brian Clay, "and that takes a lot of time and a lot of effort. The goal is to get kids to understand that it's OK to talk, that there are discussions that need to be had, that this is a safe place to discuss those things, and that also we don't tolerate this kind of behavior."

ABRRA is an extension of the state's original anti-bullying law first enacted in 2002. Passed in 2010 and signed into law Jan. 5, 2011, the mandate came on the heels of the highly publicized suicide of Rutgers University student Tyler Clemente, who jumped off the George Washington Bridge.

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Tiff Roma (far), Isabella Diagona, Aya Abdelaziz and Tessa Cronin, of the Project Grit Performance Collective, set out a bullying scenario on Oct. 2 during an empowerment program presented as part of the Week of Respect at Red Bank Regional High School in Little Silver.

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On Veterans Day, Sayreville focuses on all veterans

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On Veterans Day, Sayreville focuses on all veterans

Veteran vets work hard to show appreciation they never received to other veterans

BY STELLA MORRISON

This day, Vietnam veterans greet each other with a simple but powerful phrase: "Welcome home."

The borough of Sayreville has always stood out in its welcoming of veterans. From the high school to the streets, many municipal properties are named in honor of those who gave everything for their country. With an active Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post, American Legion post, and a large veteran population, Sayreville is known for welcoming its troops home.



Left: Jim Velchek holds the memorial cross for Joseph Klein, a Marine from his platoon who was killed in action during the Vietnam War. Velchek has worked to find the families of those whose memorial crosses were not claimed from the moving of the Vietnam memorial in Sayreville. Right: Velchek holds his platoon book open to the page with Lance Cpl. Francis Duane Battista's headshot. Battista was one of seven Sayreville residents killed in action during the Vietnam War.

"You can see just by driving through Sayreville, you have Sayreville War Memorial High School, Veterans Memorial Bridge," Ray Skrzywicki, a former Sayreville councilman and a Marine who was stationed in Japan from 1953 to 1959, told the Sentinel. "It's a very pro-veteran, this town."

Skrzywicki was a council member in the late 1990s, when the initiative to relocate Sayreville streets after military personnel killed in action began with astounding support from officials in town. The project is their mutual a new street or redesigned an old one to honor a fallen comrade — a resident whose presence could no longer be felt but whose memory lived on.

Around the corner from Skrzywicki's home is Battista Court. Battista Court is named in honor of Lance Cpl. Francis Duane Battista, one of the seven residents from Sayreville and no borough killed in action during the Vietnam War. Battista, who everyone called "Duane," had only been in Vietnam for two weeks when he was killed by enemy fire on November 11, 1967 — Veterans Day.

"I remember, almost vividly, that he thought that our country was going in the right direction," Ken Kelly, a Vietnam veteran and high school acquaintance of Battista's, told the Suburban. He recalled a local newspaper article that appeared when Battista first enlisted in the Marines upon graduation in 1966, where Battista proudly stated that he would do his duty, and he would do it well. "His country asked him to serve, and he was going to serve in the best of his ability, and he would be proud to serve."

Kelly chuckled that positive attitude up to the generation that he, Battista, and the other Sayreville soldiers grew up in, a post-World War II world where many of their fathers and uncles had served. War movies were very popular, and "playing war" in the woods with sticks and later with BB guns was as common as baseball or football.

"We were raised patriotic, and I'm ultra-patriotic today," Kelly said. "You always had this sense of pride for your country, and this country isn't perfect, but show me

wherever that where we can do what we want to do like we do."

Battista was known in high school for his good looks and playing football; it is believed that Battista turned down a college football scholarship in order to be a Marine.

"He was a pretty thin guy, but that senior year, he bulked up," Kelly recalled. "He was a tremendous football player. I think he made all enemy."

It was less than a month after Battista was killed that Kelly was deployed to Vietnam with the Air Force in a medical division, when he saw soldiers wounded and killed by a fate similar to Battista's — small arms fire.

"I was just going over there, so I had no idea what to expect," Battista said. "All I could remember is how going for me was about being a Marine and about defending our country. I am sure he never would not have done that, but sometimes, life puts us in situations where the inevitable happens. I guess it's fate, whatever you want to call it."

Challenges Facing Vietnam Vets

As any veteran will be quick to point out, a Vietnam veteran's experience both in the battlefield and at home was different from others wars. The war, increasingly unpopular at home, made it very difficult for Vietnam veterans to adjust to life once they returned, and even made difficult for them to be open about their service.

"Back then, the war was unpopular," Kelly said. "You went because you had to go. They called me to go, and I went, just like Battista and a lot of other guys from town."

The anti-war movement made it more difficult for people who were being deployed to share the fact with their friends and family, and it was almost as if they came and went in secret.

"You didn't tell anybody that you were going, maybe a couple of guys you hung around with, they knew, but nobody really cared," Kelly said. "There was a sign this big that said 'Welcome Home Kenneth' when I returned." The space between Kelly's hands was about 18 inches wide.

"We weren't treated well at all," Velchek said. "That wasn't just from the people who called us baby killers, but by the older veterans. Our war was not fought by conventional means, there were no clear-cut victories. When we came home, we were told not to wear our uniforms in public; we were spit upon."

Homescoming was successful and even inside, which is why so many Vietnam veterans welcome each other home in this day, because nobody else did.

"With the way the war was fought, a lot of us had trouble coming back, which is why a lot of us didn't bother going to join American Legion or VFWs," Velchek said. "In a lot of instances, we weren't welcome."

A lot of resistance came from World War II veterans who viewed Vietnam as an atypical war.

"In World War II, you took territory," Kelly explained. "With the guerrilla warfare in Vietnam, you never knew where the enemy was most of the time."

The days passed in the 1980s, a full decade after the Vietnam War ended in 1975. A giant tinker tape portrait in New York City in 1985 was the first full-fledged

Memorializing Memory

Several of Sayreville's killed in action are buried in Sayreville of South Jersey and some family members reside in the area. The Battista family, native Pennsylvaniaans who relocated to the Presidents Park section of Sayreville, arranged their daughter after Duane was killed. He was buried in St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery in Plains, Pa.

Although the Battista family may have left Sayreville for good, one veteran was determined to return something that belonged in the hands of the Battista family. Jim Velchek, a Somerset County native who

has been very receptive."

Kelly took Battista's cross and brought it home to Sayreville, at the VFW post. For Velchek, his passion for running memorial with memory is still strong. He is currently assisting Highland Park veterans in their effort to reunite Klein's cross with his family. The borough is considering naming streets after those killed in action based on Sayreville's motto.

"Our society is more receptive to honoring veterans nowadays," Velchek said. "Before that, the Vietnam veterans were not considered worthy of memorializing."

Velchek recalled three who lost their lives, and remembered Battista 45 years after he was killed.

"I can tell you, I remember him being a big guy," Velchek said. Apparently, the bulking up in high school had an impact.

Velchek was involved in a moving Vietnam memorial that traveled across the county. The Middlesex County section of this came in Edison in the early 2000s, and Velchek recognized two names from his platoon: Battista and Joseph Klein, from Highland Park. Their names were emblazoned onto white crosses, stuck into the ground, and families of the veterans took those crosses home. Velchek took responsibility for Battista and Klein's crosses, and for at least 30 other veterans from the army who had nobody to claim their crosses.

"Unfortunately, there has been no change since 2005," Velchek said about some of the families of the veterans, which are used in a closet in a Middlesex County building in New Brunswick. "When I found boxes for some of the crosses, the families

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Board, union closing in on agreement
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BY LAURA HERZOG Staff Writer

It may be the most critical negotiation — involving negotiations between the Ridgewood Education Association (REA) and the Board of Education (BOE) — that may come to a close.

REA and BOE negotiators have reached a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on a number of key issues, including a proposal for a new contract that would be voted on by the teachers in September 2013, and the negotiators are close to reaching an agreement on the remaining issues.

The MOU covers many issues, including the salary and benefits package, which is set to begin in February 2013, and the negotiators are close to reaching an agreement on the remaining issues.

Laura Herzog, chief staff writer for the REA, said the MOU is a significant step toward reaching an agreement on the new contract.

Board, union closing in on agreement
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BY LAURA HERZOG Staff Writer

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Ridgewood Education Association (REA) and the Board of Education (BOE) may be reached by the end of the year.

The MOU covers many issues, including the salary and benefits package, which is set to begin in February 2013, and the negotiators are close to reaching an agreement on the remaining issues.

Laura Herzog, chief staff writer for the REA, said the MOU is a significant step toward reaching an agreement on the new contract.

BUSINESS
Sidewalk signs stir debate
Business owners want to keep them, but some fear they could be too cluttered

BY LAURA HERZOG Staff Writer

Small business owners of the Old Bridge Township have a new debate on their minds as they consider whether to keep or remove sidewalk signs from their storefronts.

The township board has received a report from the township engineer that sidewalk signs are cluttering the streets and making it difficult for pedestrians to see. The board is considering a resolution to require business owners to remove their sidewalk signs.

Business owners, however, are concerned that removing the signs could hurt their businesses. They argue that the signs are an important part of their storefront and help attract customers.

The township board is scheduled to vote on the resolution in the coming weeks.

Village Hall work nears completion
Construction of the new building is almost finished

BY LAURA HERZOG Staff Writer

The new Village Hall in Ridgewood is almost finished, and the township board is expected to vote on the final plans for the building in the coming weeks.

The new building will be a two-story structure that will house the township offices and provide a modern workspace for the staff. The building is located on a corner of the village and will be a prominent landmark.

Construction of the building has been completed, and the interior work is nearly finished. The township board is expected to vote on the final plans for the building in the coming weeks.

A year later, Irene's impact lingers
Her legacy is still felt in the village

BY LAURA HERZOG Staff Writer

It has been a year since the passing of Irene, and her impact on the village is still being felt. Her legacy is still being honored, and her memory is still being celebrated.

Irene was a beloved member of the community, and her passing was a great loss. Her family and friends are still grieving, and her memory is still being honored.

The village board has decided to name a street after Irene, and a memorial has been erected in her honor. Her legacy is still being felt in the village, and her memory is still being celebrated.

Clearing waterways may reduce woes
Residents are concerned about flooding in the area

BY LAURA HERZOG Staff Writer

Residents in the Ridgewood area are concerned about flooding in the area, and the township board is considering a resolution to clear the waterways.

The flooding has been a recurring problem in the area, and residents are concerned about the safety of their homes and businesses. The township board is considering a resolution to clear the waterways, which would help reduce the flooding.

The resolution is expected to be passed in the coming weeks, and the township board is expected to start clearing the waterways in the coming months.

Foundation to hire a fundraising pro
The Ridgewood Public Library Foundation is looking for a professional fundraiser

BY LAURA HERZOG Staff Writer

The Ridgewood Public Library Foundation is looking for a professional fundraiser to help raise money for the library. The foundation is currently accepting applications for the position.

The position is a full-time position and will involve a variety of fundraising activities, including soliciting donations, organizing events, and managing the foundation's finances. The successful candidate will be responsible for developing and implementing a fundraising strategy.

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Reporter

GOVERNING BODY

Minutes show shift in council position on officer's lawsuit

BY JUSTIN ZAREMBA Staff Writer

FAIR LAWN – Closed session minutes from February 2008 to April 2012 related to the lawsuit filed by former Police Sgt. Michael Messina were released last month and demonstrate a dramatic shift in the borough's perception of the case over the past five years.

While legal counsel initially provided extremely optimistic reports regarding the borough's chances in court and the governing body sought to send a strong message to employees by confronting the Messina suit, discussion gradually shifted toward the consideration of a settlement after the borough lost the initial trial and filed an appeal.

THE CASE

Messina, who retired last November, filed a lawsuit against the borough, police department and Police Chief Erik Rose in January 2008 through the Constitutional Employee Protection Act (CEPA), commonly referred to as the "Whistleblower's Act," after he was transferred out of the detective bureau in 2007. Messina claimed he was performing duties above his rank and that he was retaliated against by Rose when he sought a desk audit and appropriate pay.

According to depositions and testimony, Messina was promoted to the detective bureau in 2001 from patrol and received supervisory training from Detective Lt. Bruce Hayward. He was later assigned the patrol and case

management duties of Lt. William Yirce after repeated attempts to instruct him failed. Pre-trial depositions of former Police Capt. Anthony Serrano, Capt. Joseph Cook, Tim Metzler, the borough manager at the time, and Rose indicated that there were "difficulties" surrounding Yirce's ability to perform his duties. Serrano, who served as the supervisor for the detective bureau, later testified at trial that Yirce was "incompetent."

Messina subsequently filed a desk audit with state officials, which he claimed led to a retaliatory transfer and harassment out of the detective bureau. State and municipal employees are allowed to file a desk audit under state regulations if they believe their duties do not conform to the current job description for their title, according to the State's Civil Service Commission's Website.

Messina's initial desk audit in 2006 and his subsequent appeal in 2007 were both denied by the Department of Personnel. Days after Messina's desk audit appeal was quashed, Rose advised sergeants within the police department that there would be a vacancy in the detective bureau, according to court records. Messina was subsequently transferred out of the detective bureau unopposed. He filed a suit against the borough, police department and Rose in early 2008.

Christopher Botta, the borough's first attorney on the case through its municipal events liability (MEL) insurance, provided an optimistic assessment of the borough's case at the Sept. 15,

2009 closed session meeting by telling the governing body that there was no loss of salary or benefits to Messina, only the opportunity for overtime. Municipal officials claim Botta referred to the case as a "slain dove."

Messina offered to settle for \$286,295 with \$118,000 in legal fees, but the MEL advised the governing body not to settle because it was "no real damage here," according to the minutes.

Deputy Mayor Ed Trawinski, who was a council member at the time and in the Republican minority, took a hard stance on the case at the September 2009 meeting and asked Botta whether the borough should file a counterclaim against Messina for a frivolous case.

Botta advised against a counterclaim and later told the governing body that he represented the MEL to a similar issue and found there is not a lot of sympathy for police officers.

"The danger is getting a sympathetic jury who doesn't know about money," Botta stated.

According to Botta, the borough's case was bolstered by the fact that Messina admitted to actions regarding these recommendations placed in his personnel file – two of which related to Yirce.

Yirce, who retired in 2006, filed his own lawsuit against the borough in 2006 alleging harassment, age discrimination and a hostile work environment by fellow officers through such means as harassing letters and photographs of his face superimposed on a baby's body. Yirce said he was also stripped of case management duties and subject to two internal affairs investigations. Fair Laws later settled with Yirce in 2009 for \$217,000 and the dismissal of a 45-day suspension.

According to the minutes, Trawinski indicated that "unlike the Yirce litigation, he would never support settling in [the Messina] case. This is one that they [the governing body] have to take a stand on. They have to send a message to employees."

When reached for comment

on April 26, Trawinski said he had relied on the advice of counsel throughout the case and felt at the time the borough should not "yell over."

"I believed that we had to send a message that we were not going to roll over and hand out hundreds of thousands of dollars, particularly when we believed we were right," he said.

THE TRIAL

At trial, the borough's claim that Messina was not performing a supervisory function proved under the testimony of officers in the detective unit, the evaluation of a civil service expert and the substance of the recommendations proved less substantial than asserted by Botta.

Ruth Messina and Serrano, a witness for Messina, testified in 2010 that Rose was aware that he was performing supervisory duties in the detective bureau for six years, but refused to recommend him for promotion so he could get paid for the work.

Serrano, who was Messina's supervisor, said he wrote a letter in 2004 to Rose recommending Messina's promotion to lieutenant. Rose ignored Serrano's request and instead appointed Yirce to the detective bureau in 2004 to serve as the lieutenant commander.

In Fair Laws, the chief of police recommends officers for promotion and the borough manager opposes and promotes police officers.

The borough maintained that Messina was not the first person on the civil service list eligible for a promotion but conceded he was in the top three. An expert witness for Messina's side subsequently testified that civil service regulations permit municipal authorities to promote individuals ranked at the three highest positions on the civil service list, not just the first person on the list. Accordingly, Messina was eligible for a promotion despite the borough's contention.

By comparison, Rose ascended from lieutenant to police chief

earlier despite the fact that there were two police captains above him.

Despite Yirce's rank, Serrano and Sgt. James Corcoran, also a witness for Messina, testified that Messina was performing Serrano's work – specifically the responsibilities of Yirce – during his stint in the detective bureau. Serrano stated that while he was away for 10 weeks in 2004 – for training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. – Messina assumed his responsibilities, effectively running the detective bureau.

Testimony provided by Messina, Serrano and Rose during pre-trial depositions allege that Yirce was a troubled individual who was unable to complete the tasks assigned to him despite several levels of training provided by Messina. According to pre-trial depositions, Yirce suffers from health issues which affect his judgment.

The disciplinary actions against Messina, according to pre-trial depositions, were less effective than Botta had indicated to the governing body. According to court records, Messina received disciplinary action for three incidents including a song parody related to an internal affairs investigation, the posting of South Park cartoons around the department and uttering an expletive to a superior officer.

Messina was not the subject of an internal affairs investigation until 2007 after his desk audit appeal was quashed.

During the trial, Serrano, who – along with Capt. Joseph Cook – was responsible for internal affairs investigations at the time, said the chief of police directs the investigations with the exception of incidents involving the chief. Serrano said that internal affairs investigations are supposed to relate to incidents of serious misconduct and complaints forwarded by citizens, suggesting that the investigations against Messina were insubstantial and trivial.

Serrano's testimony during pre-

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Does most of City Council have a conflict of interest in chamber deal?

By CINDY NEVITT
Staff Writer

OCEAN CITY — A majority of City Council members are also members of the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce. But an attorney indicates that may be a problem when voting on issues connected to the chamber.

That includes a vote on a deal for the former City Hall Annex on South Street and Ashbury Avenue.

As the city moves forward on plans for the new City Hall Annex building, a New Jersey State Association attorney says five of the seven City Council members need to be notified that any vote on the business between the city and the Chamber of Commerce represents a conflict of interest and could represent a violation of city ethics standards.

The Chamber contacted NJPA attorney Brent Levy for consultation on the issue last week when council authorized the city to request proposals for a Welcome Center building for the South and Ashbury locations. The city is considering a deal with the chamber where the city would provide a downtown Welcome Center, in addition to the chamber location, and the chamber would rent the building.

Joe Deo, spokesman for the Department of Transportation, said that when the DOT demolished the old Welcome Center on the 36-1/2 S2 Commerce, which was owned by the city but used by the chamber, it reached an agreement with the city for use for a temporary space until a new welcome center could be built.

"We demolished the Welcome Center back when we started this project," Deo said. "We displaced Ocean City. Ocean City itself owned the Welcome Center building."

The DOT has been paying the city \$3,000 a month.

"We did an analysis. It was a formal process to establish fair market value. One said, 'This isn't a unique arrangement.'"

He said when the Home 52 building is completed and ready for occupancy, the DOT will stop paying rent and the city will take over the space. The agreement that will be in effect by 2012.

The five council members who are members of the chamber, the source says, represent their chamber affiliations and their chamber voting status are:

Randy Ferguson, 2nd Ward, chamber organization representative and voting member;

Tom Wilson, 3rd Ward, chamber board member and voting member;

Michael A. Higgins, at-large councilman, chamber organization representative and voting member;

Kathy Hattwell, at-large councilman, chamber member; and

Scott Piny, at-large councilman, chamber member.

Moses Joe Gilliam, a chamber member whose wife, Michele, is the executive director of the chamber, also has a conflict of interest in city-chamber matters, but for these reasons should avoid involvement in city-chamber decisions, Levy said.

"He has a double issue," Levy said of Gilliam. "He has financial and he has his wife. He himself is a member of the chamber, and he's being named to the executive director of the chamber, he has conflicts of interest."

Although Gilliam does not vote with council, "the mayor is included for an ethical standard," Levy said. "If he were voting as his official capacity in a vote that would impact the chamber, it would be a clear conflict."

Checked by ethical standards under rules, "the official of employer shall act in his or her official capacity in any matter where he or she or a member of his or her immediate family or any business organization in which he or she has an interest has a direct or indirect financial or personal involvement that might reasonably be expected to impact his or her objectivity or independence of judgment."

That means the five named council members must recuse themselves from voting on city-chamber business, including the proposal to construct a new annex at South Street and Ashbury Avenue for use by the chamber to avoid violating the city's ethics standards.

"If I thought there was a conflict, I wouldn't vote," Council President Allegretti said when reached by phone Monday afternoon. As City Council president remains to the chamber, Allegretti is a member of the full board with the power to vote on chamber business. "I wouldn't vote myself from voting if I thought there was a conflict."

"I'm going to vote 'no' as I can speak," and

Hattwell, who, as an individual member of the chamber, does not have a vote in chamber business.

Hattwell has been a vocal opponent of the city-chamber partnership proposed for the new annex.

"It's a certain issue. I'm guessing myself by voting 'no.' If I actually vote myself, I give up the right to speak. And I have given concrete statements," he said.

Specifically, Hattwell said, he does not want the city to be a developer or a landlord for the 1/2 mile plan intended for at South and Ashbury.

"I want to sell it," he said. "I don't think it should be leasing the property. There has to be a more appropriate way to do this."

The mayor, his wife, and the three other council members with potential conflicts did not return phone calls seeking comment in time for publication.

Levy said an April 1997 opinion on presented to him to move forward with a body that is conflicted, and a second opinion in August 2000 upheld the first. The 1997 opinion produced what is known as the Doctrine of Necessity, which city officials specifically confirm the requirements that must be met in order for conflicted members to continue to participate in city business.

"The Doctrine of Necessity had to be revised in order for the government to operate," Levy said of the 1997 rule in which several Ocean County municipalities said certain branches of education,

In Ocean City's situation, as in all others, the Doctrine of Necessity would free decisions if there was a conflict of interest. Levy said because of their chamber membership, five of Ocean City's seven council members would be conflicted in regard to matters involving city-business dealings.

The second question to be addressed is: Is there a question without the conflicted members? If so, a vote can be held in Ocean City. There would be a question, as to what the city council members — John Ferguson and the 1st Ward and Ray Wagner in the 4th Ward — have no conflict of interest with the Chamber of Commerce.

The next question to be asked, Levy said, is: could the issue be put aside until another time, such as when the leased term over? In Ocean City's case, the answer appears to be yes.

Council elections will be held May 8. Ferguson, one of the conflicted members, is not running for reelection in the 2nd Ward where, as an M.C.U. member will face John Quinn for her seat. Wilson, another of the conflicted members, is running against Steve Fuchs for the 3rd Ward seat. None of the other candidates who are running in this election — Fred Hoffman and Mike DeVigore in the 1st Ward and Ed Piny, Tony Gattorno and Ken Russell in the 4th Ward — are listed as chamber members on the business or employers have members on the Chamber of Commerce website.

In a few months, Ferguson's seat will be held by an elected representative with no apparent conflict of interest with the chamber. Wilson's seat could be, too, at which point council would have four members with no conflict of interest with the chamber and three at-large members with conflicts of interest. That would produce the quorum necessary for council to consider doing business with the chamber.

If it appears the chamber can afford to wait for the results of the election before pressing forward with its annex proposal, Brent Bradley, newly elected president of the Chamber of Commerce, said the city's deal with the DOT will end in October, more than six months from now.

The chamber is preparing to pay rent to the city on the new building at the annex location so that taxpayers are not burdened with the estimated \$275,000 cost of construction, Bradley said. The chamber also proposes performing various providing functions such as selling beach bags and concert tickets for the city.

Bradley said he was unaware if any other organizations in town are interested in the annex lot, which occupies one of the city's highest profile corners.

"The one that has approached me," he said, "they haven't anyone else come forward in 30 years."

In addition to speak for the chamber, the building would house public meetings and a community board/advisory council, and perhaps some other offices, Bradley said.

In the interest of full disclosure, the Ocean City Gazette is also a member of the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce.

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OCEAN CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

550 West Ave
APRIL 24, 2012 9:30AM-12:00PM & 1:30PM-6:00PM

The Ocean City Primary School has streamlined kindergarten registration procedures for the 2012-2013 school year. Parents are requested to pick up a registration packet at the school between the school hours of 9:30am-6:00pm prior to registration day. Parents unable to pick up a packet at the school should call the school office (1209-3293 ext. 6496) to make other arrangements.



Completed packets must be returned at kindergarten registration on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Expanded hours to accommodate working parents that day will be 9:30am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 6:00pm. A parent or legal guardian must make registration in person. Your child must be five on or before October 1, 2012 to be eligible for kindergarten.

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The very high price of public safety

Police throughout Union County are some of the highest paid officers in the nation

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

On any given night, local police cruisers quietly patrol through towns in Union County, often without incident. But in towns like Roselle, Hillsdale and Lindenwauchois ringing out in the night and swarming streets leaving through the quiet suburban neighborhoods has been occurring with an alarmingly uncomfortable frequency.

But regardless of whether a town is dealing with opiate crises or enjoying moments of peace and quiet, local officials have had to pay a very high price for protection in Union County and throughout the state. In fact, New Jersey police officers are the highest paid in the nation.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national average for policemen salaries is \$56,260, while in New Jersey, the average is \$81,970. And in Union County, half of the salaries are more than \$60,000 above the state average, and more than \$30,000 above the national average.

More than 90 percent of police officers in the towns surveyed by *LocalSource*, including Union, Cranford, Hillsdale, Rahway, Clark, Summit, Litchon and Springfield, took home more than \$77,822 annually, with many salaries tipping the \$90,000 to \$100,000 range. And that does not include benefits. But there is more to police compensation than just the high salaries they make.

For example, police officers can make considerable additional income from overtime pay, which is earned from going to court hearings, doing investigations, covering the streets on holidays or filling in for a fellow officer.

Since 2000, police officers also have the option of retiring after 10 years on the job. In New Jersey the average age of retire-



New Jersey pays their police officers more than any other state in the country, and Union County's median is much higher than the average.

ment is between 49 and 55. After 20 years on the job, a retiring police officer can receive 50 percent of their base pay but no health benefits, but at 25 years service they receive 65 percent of their base salary along with health benefits.

Although Union County towns are paying their police officers some of the highest salaries in the nation, it does not compare with other counties, whose uniformed personnel are paid even higher.

For instance, in Union County the median police salary is \$58,130, but in Bergen County the same officer is paid a median of \$89,700. Likewise, in Middlesex the median salary is \$47,000; Morris, \$62,854; Essex, \$69,650; and Hudson, \$60,610. The lowest median salary for police officers in the state can be found in southern New Jersey, where counties like Salem have a median salary of \$48,700.

LocalSource used the Open Public Records Act to obtain municipal police department salaries.

Hillock topped the list for officers earn-

ing the most pay in the county, also coming in with the second highest number of police officers.

With 65 uniformed officers and a population of 21,414, this municipality has about 250 residents per officer, and 27 of them earn \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year, while 17 officers bring home between \$60,000 and \$100,000.

Embattled Mayor Joseph Meina took on a plethora of financial woes when he was elected three years ago, including re-

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Scene On Film

By Joan Ellis

'Arbitrage'

Richard Dreyfuss

A **W**ELL-KEPT SECRET: THE Well-kept Secret (R) is an intriguing comedy starring Richard Dreyfuss, Robert De Niro, and Jennifer Lopez. The film is a comedy about a wealthy man who takes the wealthy and powerful on their own terms. It's a comedy about a wealthy man who takes the wealthy and powerful on their own terms. It's a comedy about a wealthy man who takes the wealthy and powerful on their own terms. It's a comedy about a wealthy man who takes the wealthy and powerful on their own terms. It's a comedy about a wealthy man who takes the wealthy and powerful on their own terms.

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By The Higgins

Arbitrage (R) is a 2012 film directed by Mike Nichols. It stars Richard Dreyfuss, Robert De Niro, and Jennifer Lopez. The film is a comedy about a wealthy man who takes the wealthy and powerful on their own terms. It's a comedy about a wealthy man who takes the wealthy and powerful on their own terms. It's a comedy about a wealthy man who takes the wealthy and powerful on their own terms. It's a comedy about a wealthy man who takes the wealthy and powerful on their own terms.

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GLEN ROCK JEWISH CENTER

Rock DJ Pete Fornatale to tell the story of Woodstock

BY RICHARD DE SANTA
Staff Writer

For "returners" of the Woodstock era, younger lovers of classic rock who want to know more, or anyone seeking an entertaining journey back to the 1960s, the Glen Rock Jewish Center is the place to be at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28.

Longtime WNEW-FM radio personality Pete Fornatale, now with WFEN in New York, will present "Back to the Garden: The Story of Woodstock" — a multimedia retrospective on the most iconic music festival in history.

In an interview with the Glen Rock Gazette, Fornatale said the program is based on his book of the same name, published in 2009 to observe the 40th anniversary of the event. Sunday's program, which he has presented in numerous venues over the past three years, presents vintage footage and photography from the event, fortified by insider stories and insights from his personal interviews with artists and other participants, conducted at WNEW and elsewhere over the past four decades.

An interesting aspect of Fornatale's initial connection with Woodstock is that his first boss at WNEW didn't permit him to attend.

"The first line commercial that I ever read on WNEW-FM, on my first night there in July of 1969, was for the interview 'Woodstock Music and Art Fair' the following month," recalled Fornatale. "As an aspiring FM jock, I had obviously planned to go, but my program director at the station had other ideas. He told me that they were going to meet someone back at the studio for fill-ins during our festival coverage, so I spent that week-end slugging news reports back and forth from the WNEW-AM newscast to our WNEW-FM studio."

"And from that vantage point, I watched this 'acid' story gain regional interest, then become a national issue and finally blow up into an international story of tremendous impact," he said.



Pete Fornatale

"It was then that I determined that any time I was in front of a microphone with anyone who was there — onstage, backstage, wherever — I would ask them to tell me their story. And I've been collecting those first-hand stories literally for the past 40 years, mostly for radio specials, and I think I did so on for every significant anniversary from the first through the 35th," he said.

In 2009, Fornatale's son Peter, who worked in the publishing business, urged him to put together a book on Woodstock to mark the anniversary. The duo had successfully collaborated on a 2007 book titled "Simon & Garfunkel's Bookends," chronicling that seminal duo. "When he broached the idea, I said, 'Woodstock? I've got half the book written already.' So in addition to the timing, it made perfect sense."

The younger Fornatale's concept was to make the book part history and "pretty my commentary from the behind seat at WNEW. When the book came out, people would ask how long it took to do, and my wife got response was 'about 40 years.' But truth be told, it was a solid year and a-half to two years. And whenever we hit we were missing an important element, we'd go out and do new interviews specifically for the project," he said.

Sunday night's program

coincided when publisher Steven & Schuster asked the Fornatales to accompany the book with a promotional vehicle to help spark interest via public appearances.

"There was a great deal of technical preparation involved in curating both," Fornatale said. "Most of the previous interviews were on reel-to-reel tapes from the 40s, 70s and 80s. Now it's all digital, so we had to pore through all those boxes of tapes to locate the Woodstock interviews, then organize and align the material, and finally produce and edit both the book and the multimedia show."

Marking on the ongoing audience enthusiasm for his subject, Fornatale said, "I originally thought that since the 40th anniversary had passed, the interest level would sort of fall off until the 45th or 50th rolled around. But that didn't happen. At this point, Woodstock transcends the significant anniversary. It's something that people want to relive, and that many who weren't around then want to know about. So here we are doing it for the 40th in Glen Rock three years later," he said.

Asked to name his own favorite artists from "the era," Fornatale first pointed out that the Woodstock must people remember it really the one depicted in the classic 1970 documentary film "Woodstock," produced by Michael Wadleigh.

"But many don't realize that a number of artists who performed at the festival refused to allow their footage or music to be used in the documentary or the associated record album — and as a result some were virtually forgotten. People don't even know that Dyanne Garraway Festival was there, or that The Band (Rob Dylans backing group at the time) was there. They and Credence and some others didn't like the way their performances were, so wouldn't allow them to be included in the album or the movie," recalled Fornatale, adding, "That came later."

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WALDWICK SUBURBAN NEWS

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Couple tests water in TV's 'Shark Tank'

BY JODI WEINBERGER
Staff Writer

WALDWICK – It's garbage day in Waldwick and Kevin Kiernan's wife is mad at him again.

Garbage is strewn all over the lawn and the lids for the family's four garbage cans are nowhere to be seen.

Kiernan has tried everything to combat the elements and animals that regularly knock over his cans.

He's put chainlocks on the lids, tied the lids down with cord and even set up a night vision camera at his home on Dwight Street to catch the rascals in action.

"My wife threw me out of the bedroom and said, 'You're on the couch,'" Kiernan said in an interview on Monday, Feb. 6. "She said, 'Figure it out because I'm not dealing with this every day.'"

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Melissa and Kevin Kiernan of Waldwick, left, will pitch their idea for a fabric garbage can cover, bottom left, on ABC's "Shark Tank" on Friday, Feb. 17. The fabric lids attach to the cans with Velcro.

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Mike and Gian, creators of the hit YouTube 'Dom Mazzetti vs.' videos, talk comedy

By Renee Kiriluk-Hill
What are you watching? You can't miss the hit YouTube videos featuring Mike and Gian, two young men from Hunterdon County who have become internet sensations. Their videos, which are a mix of comedy and social commentary, have gained millions of views and have even led to a book deal and a television series.

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Comic artist, writer garners serious acclaim

Freehold Township native's book reaches international audiences

BY JESSICA SMITH
Staff Writer

Brendan Leach's career took flight like a pterodactyl. Initially, it took flight with the help of a number of pterodactyls, all of his own creation.

The Freehold Township native who now resides in Brooklyn, N.Y., has garnered honors and international attention for his short graphic novel, "The Pterodactyl Hunters," which was the product of his thesis project at the School of Visual Arts in New York.

"I feel totally lucky and amazed about the success I've had so far," Leach said, quick to add, "The idea of success is sort of relative [in the comic world]."

Leach probably had less to do with it than talent and hard work, but one would be hard pressed to get him to say so.

Perhaps Leach's reluctance to acknowledge his standout status among a sea of others struggling to stay afloat in the comic field stems from the nature of the business, which can be volatile.

He pointed out that having a publishing company pick up a comic is not the same as having a traditional novel published. There is no six-figure advance, and even once a comic book or graphic novel is published, its author is not going to get rich from it.

"It's just a different game," he said.

Still, the modest artist whose illustrations have gotten him freelance work with high-profile clients could stand to put himself on the proverbial back for having come so far so fast.

Only two years after graduating with a Master of Fine Arts, Leach has made a name for himself not only with his book, but by doing work for companies such as SportsCenter, Xbox and Microsoft, along with publications like Time Out New York, Time Out New York Kids and The L Magazine, among others.

"I can't say that success is here just yet, because you never know when the bottom is going to drop out," he said.

Although anyone familiar with the business might see his point, it looks as if that won't be happening anytime soon. Case in point: Leach had to reschedule an interview with Greater Media Newspapers when he received a call for a last-minute assignment from The New York Times Sunday Review. (Visit www.nytimes.com/2012/05/27/nyregion/sunday-review-arrived-in-the-american-first.html?_r=1&ref=sopin to see the finished product.)

"When the Times calls, you kind of have to drop everything," he said.

It's not as if the assignment just fell into his lap, however. It was two-and-a-half years in the making. While in grad school, a woman from the Times visited his class and took a liking to his work, but it wasn't until a couple of weeks ago that he finally got the call.

"I felt like I needed a shift," he said.

After his undergrad work at Rutgers, Leach had done several teaching stints with schools and other organizations, providing instruction for kids from kindergarten to high school age, even expanding his own skills when necessary.

"I learned to play the mandolin just because they [the nonprofit] needed a mandolin player," he said.

Aside from allowing him to focus on his grad program, grad school also gave his pterodactyls, and their hunters, a chance to come to life.

"It was an idea that had kicking around in my head for a few years," Leach explained.

The concept of pterodactyls living in New York City during the early 1900s was one Leach knew he wanted to pursue, and he began the long process of drawing them and writing their story.

A final art show was the culminating event for Leach and others earning their degrees, and he decided that he wanted to display his work as a printed book for the show.

Newspaper the best his student budget could manage, and it happened to work well with the contest, too. Leach wrapped together \$900 to print 1,000 copies of his work.

"In publishing, that's not a lot of money, but in a grad student, that's a lot of money," he said.

Aside from distributing copies at the art show and beyond, he sent his work to every publisher that printed comics that he liked.

"It took a while before the fish started to bite on the books," he said.

But before long, they did.

Leach had applied for a grant from the Kerck Foundation, which offers two annual awards for self-published comics. He figured that if he got it, he could at least recoup the money that he had laid out to print "The Pterodactyl Hunters."

An additional incentive for winning the grant award came from a publishing company called Top Shelf Productions, where he had also sent his book. A company representative told him that if he got the grant, they would publish the book.

The award winner ended up instead using the grant funds to get proper covers for his soon-to-be published book. He bribed friends with pizza to come over to his place and help staple each of the books into the covers, he said.

Around the same time, Leach received yet another honor. Without giving it much thought, he had sent the book to Houghson Mifflin Hancock for its annual "Best American Comics" anthology.

He made it in.

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BRENDAN LEACH
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Brendan Leach (B), a native of Freehold Township, is receiving a lot of attention for his illustrations. His graphic novel, "The Pterodactyl Hunters," published by a French press, has also attracted the interest of publishers in Spain and Italy.

Leach knows that such writing is the name of the beast in the industry, having started relentlessly promoting his work by sending articles and proposals to art directors everywhere while he was still in school.

In fact, after graduating from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University in 2002, a friend in the industry told him that going to grad school would be a waste of time. Instead, he said, Leach should simply purchase a list of art directors, as many others do, and he would be fine.

"I said him, "That was the worst advice I ever got," he said.

Attending grad school not only gave him the business skills he needed to pursue his career, it also generated contacts he said he couldn't have connected with otherwise.

It also helped him take his career in a new direction.

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PASSION VS. CONTROL – Peter Borten (left) and Marina Korsakova-Kreyn (sitting) perform Brahms' complicated "Rain Sonata."

THE PLAYERS: From left: Borten (violin, viola), LaFond (mezzo soprano), Leslie Frost (piano), and Korsakova-Kreyn (piano).

Bach, Brahms, and Barber, oh my!

Union City Chamber Players lead a resurgence of the arts in north Hudson

By Dean DeChiaro
Reporter Staff Writer

Just before the Union City Chamber Players delivered their latest performance of the season two Sundays ago, Peter Borten, one of the group's artistic directors, addressed the audience with a note about the program.

"When we put this show together, we knew it would be following an election, but we didn't know it'd be following a hurricane," Borten said. "It's a dark program with an air of suffering, but it moves towards a feeling of magical resolution."

His description was dead on. A complicated and often complex of musical structures with intense high points and intricate arrangements, Borten's violin paired with Belvedere LaFond's mezzo soprano voice and Marina Korsakova-Kreyn's piano to produce a stunningly beautiful afternoon of music.

The show, which took place at St. John's Episcopal Church, featured works by the composers Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), Johannes Brahms (1833-1897), and the American composer Samuel Barber (1910-1981), and was designed to elicit a range of feelings from the outset to the conclusion. Most of all, Borten said, it was meant to be grasped by the entire audience, not just those familiar with the composers' works.

"You don't have to be classically trained to enjoy chamber music," said Borten. "It's a very democratic thing, because rather than a full orchestra where the conductor dictates everything, there is only one of each instrument, and so the audience can really connect with what each individual musician is trying to convey."

LaFond, who is Borten's wife and frequent collaborator over the past 27 years, said that

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Glen Rock's Zach Eggenmayer, a rising star in the Bergen Catholic golf program, has had a successful summer on the links. Page 2B



PHOTO BY RICHARD DE SANTA

Glen Rock Police Officer Murray Yang's knowledge of Mandarin Chinese is a big benefit to area police departments.

POLICE

Language barrier is broken

Officer fluent in Mandarin Chinese

BY RICHARD DE SANTA
Staff Writer

Unlike most of his colleagues, Glen Rock Police Officer Murray Yang never leaves when his work week night involves an unusual assignment outside the borough.

Since joining the force six years ago, Yang's singular combination of police experience and fluency in

Mandarin Chinese has made him a valuable aid to law enforcement agencies around the area.

Officers in surrounding communities including Ridgewood, Fair Lawn, Hawthorne and Paramus have solicited Yang's language facility to assist them with simple motor vehicle stops or even to help law enforcers of Chinese descent who speak little or no English.

"Like most of us, I'm pretty good friends with a lot of officers around the area, so if they have a situation like that and I'm working, they just give me a call," Yang said.

But beyond the local arrests, citations and municipal and county authorities have brought his capability to bear in more complex cases - including homicide and other violent crime investigations - in which the ability to

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GRHS FIELD RENOVATIONS

Soil costs lower than expected

BY RICHARD DE SANTA
Staff Writer

The cost to remove or replace unsuitable soil to accommodate drainage improvements at the high school athletic complex will be less than originally anticipated.

Following an update at the Aug. 15 Board of Education Operations Committee meeting, Business Administrator/Secretary Michael Hinderbrucht said the cost of soil issues at the football track and lower soccer fields stands at \$394,123, factoring in the \$100,000 soil allowance built into the total project budget.

Hinderbrucht told the Glen Rock Gazette last week that with drainage substructure work accelerating at both fields, there remains "a chance" that additional unsuitable soil could be unearthed. "But I would say that the costs associated with that will be minimal," he said, adding "at this point I'm comfortable that we're pretty much out of the woods."

He said that while segregated loads of unsuitable soil have been trucked away, no replacement soil has been required thus far.

The contractor (Terra Guil, Inc.) has been working closely with the architect and engineer to manage the soil situation, so that

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TRUCK TROUBLES
A pickup truck traveling toward Hackensack on the Midtown Bridge struck a guardrail and overturned on April 23, said Bogota Assistant Fire Chief Dan Klima. The driver was able to remove himself from the vehicle. Traffic on the bridge in both directions was closed while emergency personnel removed the vehicle.

POLICE OFFICER
Hearing held for Tasca
BY KARTHIK AGGARWAL
Staff writer

A disciplinary hearing for Bogota Police Officer Jerome Tasca began April 17 and was scheduled this week to continue. Suspended with pay in May 2011, Tasca faces a slew of charges and possible termination for alleged violations of departmental rules and regulations.

His hearing is before Richard D'Amico, a retired Superior Court judge.

The 13 charges against Tasca include, among others, failure to perform her duties, conduct unbecoming an officer, failure to cooperate with other agencies and failure to assist other department members, according to a report filed last year by Bogota Captain and Internal Affairs Officer Jim Sepp.

"They're claiming she's proactively until for duty," said Catherine Edson, Tasca's attorney. "We want the wrongs righted." Edson works to have the charges dismissed, Edson noted.

The officer's possible termination relates to two April 2011 incidents.

In the first of the two, on April 3, Tasca is alleged to have failed to assist Bogota Officer Jerome

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COMMUNITY

Towns turning to social media to reach out to residents

BY KRISTIE CATTAFI AND KATHERINE MILSOP
Staff Writers

In the days and weeks without power, in darkened houses and on dirt roads, for several area residents the only glimpse of light shined from a smartphone screen. The pages of Facebook and Twitter became lifelines of information to the hundreds of thousands of people who had lost electricity and landline phone services.

During Superstorm Sandy, phone and power lines were down and many municipalities had their borough halls running on generators. Communication was limited to getting brief messages out to the public. In addition to things such as Nixle messages (a free cell phone/email emergency notification service), social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter were used as alternative routes to stay connected.

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The Fair Lawn Police Department has recently been turning to Facebook (www.facebook.com/FairLawnPD) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/FairLawnPD>) to get information to residents, as well as receive feedback. Sgt. Richard E. Schultz said during Hurricane Sandy the department realized how much people rely on social media, both as a way to communicate and to receive updates.

"When Hurricane Sandy struck the area, I didn't realize how many people fall back and rely on social media as their informational source. I saw the number of followers grow each day during their initial two weeks around Sandy," said Schultz in an email. "I learned that even when people are without power or have phone service they fall back and use their cellular for anything and everything truly using their smart

phones as a handheld computing device." Schultz said that getting ahead of the social media learning curve and discovering new ways to utilize it has been a long and slow process.

"I originally envisioned this project solely as a means to enhance my ability to get the word out as the police information officer. From there it became a platform to post out positive information on the shade of the officers," he said.

Following Sandy, Schultz used both Twitter and Facebook to share information from the borough, police department and other sources, including FEMA, NJ Transit and the Red Cross.

He said he also posted updates on the gas stations and major road closures while at work on his smartphone.

Schultz has ideas for future expansion and said he is looking at a way to connect all the social media outlets to the police website (www.fairlawnnj.com) to enable a "one-stop shopping" approach.

"It would also allow residents to opt in for notifications either by text, Facebook messages or emails while providing a platform to solicit better tips," he said.

Schultz feels that residents are positively responding to the department's use of social media.

"I think they are shocked when I respond to their posts and even more surprised to learn that I responded. From home, late at night on my own time," he said. "I do that for now because I think it is important for them to see that their concerns, queries, or even praise are not falling on deaf ears, even if the answer I give is not the one they are looking for."

There are currently 180 people following the department's Facebook page and 131 following the Twitter account. He said that



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Many towns use social media to alert residents when Hurricane Sandy hit and caused havoc with downed trees and loss of power.

many of the followers came as a result of Sandy, and it continues to grow each week.

"Having grown up in what my kids call the dark ages, I believe the use of social media (Twitter, Facebook, and other sites) are the way of the future," said Schultz. "As much as it pains me to say this, one must adapt to the new ways or be left behind on the outside looking in. I still like to use both small and mail mail but have included these new forms of communication as part of my tool box. That way I have more tools at my disposal to get my message out to the way my target audience is most comfortable with."

Fair Lawn Borough Manager Tom Metzler said the borough used social media on a daily basis during the storm. Metzler said he

was told by residents that it was very helpful.

GARFIELD
Garfield Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator Mike Sgt. Michael Marsh said his organization's Twitter page now a spike of more than 100 followers during the storm.

Marsh said the Garfield OEM's Twitter, @GarfieldOEM, was updated constantly tweeting more than 50 messages before and after the storm with important, relevant information for residents. The tweets ranged from information of power outages, shelters, where to get water, school closings and after the storm even what gas stations were open.

Marsh said he started the Twitter page in hopes of grabbing

the attention of a younger crowd so they could learn about what is going on in the city. In the upcoming months he would like to see the Twitter page numbers quadruple.

Marsh plans to bring awareness to the municipalities outside that the city offers with a Nixle Garfield program that features platforms that can deliver messages by voice, text messages or emails.

One of the goals is to get the word out to high school and middle school students.

"There are 3,800 kids in the school system," Marsh said. "If we get the word out and people really follow it, a good majority of the city will be hooked up to us."

Residents can currently sign up to the following services for free. If residents have any questions on the registration process, contact the office of emergency management at 973-478-8300 ext. 123.

Twitter: If residents have a Twitter account they can follow the Garfield Office of Emergency Management @GarfieldOEM.

SwiftReach: This system allows residents to receive voice messages on their home or cell phones. To register go to the website: <http://www.garfieldnj.org/content/2190-2246-default.asp>.

Nixle: Allows residents to receive text messages and emails. To register, go to www.nixle.com.

ELMWOOD PARK
Elmwood Park has had its current website (www.elmwood)

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WINTER LIGHTS: HANUKKAH
Flickering flames of eight holy nights
 Hanukkah begins at sundown this coming Saturday

BY GWEN OREL

As the days grow darker, the lights of an ancient glow begin to flicker in and over the world's many cities and countries. In Montclair, as around the globe, the celebration of Hanukkah begins at sundown this coming Saturday. The "Festival of Lights" will last for eight nights, ending on Dec. 14.

"We need to keep a flame of our internal self true. The lights represent that we work," said Jacob Kline, executive director of the Montclair Jewish Center. "It's a time to reflect on the values of the Jewish people."



Marge Weil, executive director of Congregation Shalom Enough, 67 Park St., announces the lighting of the large menorah that will be placed on Park Street before Hanukkah begins on Saturday night.

HANUKKAH IS AN 8-DAY celebration, from sundown on Friday, Dec. 7, to sundown on Dec. 14. It is a time to reflect on the values of the Jewish people. The festival is celebrated in many homes and synagogues. The festival is celebrated in many homes and synagogues. The festival is celebrated in many homes and synagogues.

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LOCAL CREATIONS



Melinda Ross, 52, and Linda Morgan, 60, prepare refreshments for the annual Chanukah's Table. The event, held Saturday (Dec. 1), was designed to support the creation of local artists around the table and the celebration of the festival. The Montclair Jewish Center is the sponsor of the event. The Montclair Jewish Center is the sponsor of the event.

STORM CLEANUP



Students in the Montclair Jewish Center are helping with cleanup after a storm. The trip was organized by Brother to Brother Program Director Joe Stein, for right, and Gay Chouh of Rosewood Lane.

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Styrofoam ban sticks Town refuses to retract resolution despite Styrofoam maker protest

By Adriana Rambay Fernandez
Reporter Staff Writer

Environmental Committee members here decided to keep the local Styrofoam ban after meeting with representatives from the Dart Container Corporation and the American Chemistry Council, who asked the town to retract the resolution.

The mayor and town council passed a resolution in October 2011 to ban the use of polystyrene foam food service containers, and small businesses because it is not biodegradable and can contaminate the soil and waterways. Local restaurants like Outback Steakhouse and the Borealis Grill immediately complied with the ban, but establishments such as the Dunkin' Donuts in town were slow to follow back to Styrofoam after a trial run using paper because customers complained the paper cups were too hot to hold.

The town, Styrofoam is commonly used to describe polystyrene foam, which comes in the form of disposable cups, plates, and related containers.

The resolution got the attention of the American Chemistry Council, the trade group for the Dart Container Corporation, which helped initiate the meeting.

Several members of the Environmental Committee were present at the meeting, including chair Amanda Nishewitz, Hackensack Riverkeeper Bill Sheehan, committee member Elana Batus, and local recycling coordinator Stephen Backlund.

"They said they wanted to work with us to show the town what they are doing with Styrofoam. But we don't support single-use items. We want to eliminate this from our town," said Nishewitz.

"We wanted to find out a little more about the issues that the people in Secaucus had with pressure packaging, or help educate them about some of the realities, and talk about other ways to address their concerns without restricting or banning the use of Styrofoam," said Ray Ehrlich, Dart Container Corporation regional manager for government affairs and the environment. He participated in the meeting via conference call.

The Dart Container Corporation is headquartered in Mass, Michigan, has worldwide reach, and makes 400 products, including Styrofoam and plastics.

Litter and landfills

"We should not be making a product that is used for 20 minutes and stays on the planet for 100 years," said Nishewitz. She said the group debated the issue of Styrofoam for more than an hour, and that the committee favored the point that the product, which does not biodegrade, ends up in the Hackensack River and some wildlife.

"I would be surprised at how many Dunkin' Donuts signs are in the water," said Nishewitz. "I have seen carcasses of birds with Styrofoam and bottle caps in their bellies during river clean-ups."



STYROFOAM BAN – The town passed a resolution to ban Styrofoam last year for environmental reasons and recently was asked to retract it by a maker of the product.

"These don't work. They don't achieve the goal of reducing litter or reducing wild waste," said Ehrlich. "Litter is not a product issue, it is a behavior issue."

Ehrlich said that Styrofoam should not be blamed for problems with litter because people don't dispose of their waste properly.

"Disposables go on with us to say that is our culture now." He said once you accept that, then you look at the product from a life cycle approach, from energy usage to recovery and

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The Secaucus Reporter

Styrofoam ban sticks

Adriana Rambay Fernandez
Staff Writer

Secaucus Upcoming Events

April 22nd
Psychic Fair—12:00 – 6:00 pm
Secaucus Senior Center

April 27th
Arbor Day Celebration – 9:00 am
Secaucus High School

April 28th
Energization Exercises with April – 8:15 am
Secaucus Recreation Center—Meditation Garden

April 28th
Town Wide Garage Sale 9:00 am-3:00 pm
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May 5th- Fishing Derby - Registration begins
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Duck Pond—Metro Way

May 6th—Harmon Meadow Run for the Warriors
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May 19th—Memorial Day Parade 12:00 pm
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Bloomfield Life

School district saves \$260,000 in energy costs

Jeff Frankel

School district saves \$260,000 in energy costs

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

Thirteen months and \$260,000 in savings later, Scott Collins, shared 18 percent of its PSE&G

Bloomfield school district's operations supervisor, said using the Celsius-based Cerenergic has been an incredible success. The district

will be far. "I don't know why every district isn't doing this," he said. "You get the payback at first, but now everyone is coming onboard."

According to the company, the district has saved an equivalent of 999 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions, or about 179 cars off the road for a year.

Take out Cerenergic's monthly cost of \$14,000, and the district has saved \$76,000. In October 2011, the first month of operation, the district saved \$13,500, Collins said. The company was formally known as Energy Education.

"All costs of the Cerenergic program come from the system's existing utility budget, with savings projected to more than pay for the program," said Superintendent Janet King.

"The dollars we've saved in just the first few months is a significant amount. It's money we won't have to see from our budget," he added.

"BIGGEST LOSER"

Donnerstag School is the "biggest loser" when it comes to energy savings. As a member in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2012 Energy Star National Building Competition, the school is leading more than 1,500 buildings in energy reduction.

In months into the yearlong competition, Donnerstag has saved 47 percent of its energy use, saving nearly \$115,500. Nationwide, that's a savings of more than \$37 million on utility bills and reduced greenhouse gas emissions, equal to the electricity used by more than 18,000 homes annually, according to the EPA's website.

"The principal there was an ar-

All costs of the Cerenergic program come from the system's existing utility budget, with savings projected to more than pay for the program."

Jason King
Superintendent

is supporter of this idea," Collins said of Donnerstag's Principal Mary Tusharo.

Bloomfield Middle School, the Bridgus Academy at Forest Elms, and Fairview, Franklin and Wat-

soning elementary schools are in-

the top 15 buildings nationwide. Oakview and Carver schools are in the top 30. The competition ends in April.

FINO TUNING

Collins said Cerenergic helped to "fine tune" the district's energy usage. The times that vending machines are on has been cut nearly in half. They were once on 24-hours a day; it's since been cut back to 14 hours, between 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. The light bulbs in the machine's display screens have also been turned off.

The lights to empty classrooms are also turned off, even if it's only for an hour. There can be up to a \$25 savings per classroom, which can quickly add up to additional savings in the 11 schools, Collins said.

"It's a behavior change," he said.

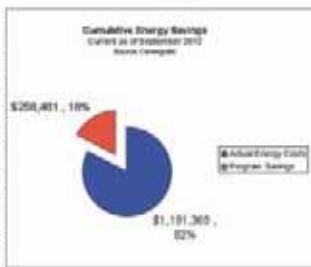
Heaters at Bloomfield Middle School were running at 19.5 degrees, which Collins described as a "blameworthy scenario" if it was 0 degrees for a week straight. When temperatures somewhere near that, custodians lowered it to 15.5 degrees.

"So every one degree is a percent savings in your gas bill," he said.

Collins noted that Bloomfield's older schools - some dating back from the late 1900s - are just as energy efficient as "newer" school buildings.

"They're built differently," he said of older schools.

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VERONA
\$21 million budget approved
By Veronika L. Sarno
VERONA — The annual budget for the Verona-Cedar Grove Township was approved by the township board on Monday night. The board voted 7-2 to approve the \$21 million budget for the fiscal year 2011-2012. The budget includes a 2.5 percent increase in the property tax rate, which will be levied at \$1.25 per \$100 of assessed value. The board also approved a 10 percent increase in the utility rates for the same period. The budget also includes a 5 percent increase in the police department's budget, a 3 percent increase in the fire department's budget, and a 2 percent increase in the public works department's budget. The board also approved a 10 percent increase in the township's administrative budget. The budget was presented to the board by the township administrator, Joseph Marcinkiewicz. The board will meet again on Monday night to discuss the budget.

Step right up
Caroline Garcia, 16, smiles about her game of bean-bag toss during the Forest Avenue School Carnival on Friday night. More than 75 volunteers staffed the carnival's 17 games, food tables, prize tables and activities, which served as a fundraiser for Forest's School Community Association. See the complete photo gallery at www.njpress.com.

CHILD HEALTH AWARENESS
Local boy contends with rare disease
By Veronika L. Sarno
A young boy is struggling to walk because of a rare disease that has caused him to lose his ability to walk. The boy, who is 10 years old, has been diagnosed with a condition called "cerebral palsy." The disease is caused by damage to the brain, which can occur during pregnancy, at birth, or in early childhood. The boy's condition is severe, and he has been unable to walk since he was 3 years old. His mother, Maria Karidis, says that she has seen her son struggle to walk every day. She says that she has seen him fall many times and that he has been unable to walk for several years. She says that she has seen him struggle to walk every day. She says that she has seen him fall many times and that he has been unable to walk for several years. She says that she has seen him struggle to walk every day. She says that she has seen him fall many times and that he has been unable to walk for several years.

COURT APPEARANCE
Fate of Cedar Grove mother uncertain
Marcinkiewicz has been charged with aggravated assault of her infant child
By Veronika L. Sarno
A woman who was charged with the aggravated assault of her infant child is facing a court appearance. The woman, who is 30 years old, was charged with the crime on Monday night. She is currently in custody at the Verona-Cedar Grove Township Jail. The woman's name is not being released. She is being held on a \$10,000 bond. She is scheduled to appear in court on Monday night. She is currently in custody at the Verona-Cedar Grove Township Jail. The woman's name is not being released. She is being held on a \$10,000 bond. She is scheduled to appear in court on Monday night.

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Cedar Grove softball team advances to knockout stage
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In search of sustainability

State initiative propels communities to put prosperity, planet and people first



BY TRUDY WALZ
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With reporting by Marsha Stoltz, Phillip DeVencentis and Jodi Weinberger

Franklin Lakes and Mahwah are going for the bronze. Oakland, Ramsey and Weehawken are going for the silver. We are not talking Summer Olympics here. We are talking about another kind of Olympics—green, grand, toward saving the Earth and one to which all models are green. Ideally, and everyone can be a winner.

Under a program called Sustainable Jersey that was launched in 2009, communities across the state have been undertaking initiatives to improve the environment, to lower both economic and health, while broadening their opportunities to get the money to do so. They've formed "green teams." They've expanded their lists of materials that can be recycled. They've restricted idling by cars and trucks. They've organized more exercise programs. They've opened their doors to local farmers and artisans, providing new retail outlets for their goods and services. And for each step they take and document, they earn so-called "credits" that elevate their "priority

score and satisfaction" of funding opportunities to further their efforts—150 are necessary to achieve the bronze level, while 300 are necessary to achieve silver status.

For many, however, the program is far less about the town's ultimate designation than about what the future will hold. "I'm not so much worried about getting to the next level as I am about protecting my lungs and my kids' lungs," said Richard Kozak, a member of the Oakland Environmental Commission and chairman of the town's green team. "Every action we take means we're one step closer to creating a cleaner, healthier and a clearer world to live in."

Making a world of difference
Sustainable Jersey is a voluntary municipal certification program in which towns receive points for participating in environmentally friendly activities and programs.

The goal is to promote recognition of the interrelated components of sustainability: prosperity (support the local economy and use responsibly sourced, planet and people friendly products); planet (responsible environmental management and conservation); and people (social equity and human

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Cancer picked the 'wrong girl to mess with'

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DUMONT

Cancer picked the 'wrong girl to mess with'

Young woman undeterred by diagnosis

BY ERIN PATRICIA GLYNN
Assistant Editor

For 19-year-old Allison Ebert, the jump from a birth diagnosis of a solid to leukemia within just days could not have been a greater shock.

Allison, who was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in September, has been chronicling her battle with cancer through a blog that was voted one of the top 10 most powerful cancer stories of 2011.

Although a shocking diagnosis that has resulted in a lost year of studies for the sophomore college student at the University of Rochester, Allison is a force to be reckoned with it comes to fighting cancer.

"For those of you just tuning in, I was 'diagnosed' with acute myeloid leukemia in September," she writes in the backlog for her blog. "However, it picked the wrong girl to mess with."

Having been to her college health clinic several times with a

scary threat that was only becoming increasingly painful, the final visit she made when she was told the traces of leukemia found in her blood was something she never could have anticipated.

"They called me in the morning

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PHOTO COURTESY OF NEW MILFORD SCHOOLS

New Milford High School Principal Eric Scheninger has been honored with a Digital Principals Award, one of three recipients in the country, at the National Association of Secondary School Principals Breaking Ranks Conference in Florida.

NEW MILFORD

Scheninger earns Digital Principals Award

New Milford High School Principal Eric Scheninger has been honored with a Digital Principals Award.

He was one of three principals across the country honored at the recent National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP) Breaking Ranks Conference in Tampa, Fla.

The NAASP said the Digital Principals Award "honors principals who exhibit bold, creative leadership in their drive to harness the potential of new technologies to further learning goals."

Over the past few years, Scheninger has emerged as an educational leader in introducing new instructional technologies to the high school and integrating their use into daily classroom routines.

"This award," Scheninger said, "is a testament to the innovative culture in the New Milford school district.

"The embrace of digital tools, combined with sound pedagogy, enhances the learning experience for New Milford students while focusing on essential skills such as creativity, communication, collaboration, media literacy, technological proficiency, global awareness, and critical thinking problem solving."

DUMONT

Mayor, council briefed about red light cameras

BY MONICA BAKER PENA
Contributor

Dumont officials are still considering adding red light cameras at certain borough intersections.

Charles Calleri, a representative of American Traffic Solutions (ATS), the largest red light camera vendor in the state, made a presentation to the council at its meeting March 6.

According to Calleri, 25 communities in New Jersey currently participate in the red light camera program.

There are 35 municipalities on a list waiting for the New Jersey Department of Transportation to expand the program, he said.

The fee for a red light violation is \$85, Calleri said, with that \$40 going to the municipality, \$27.50 to the county (if the county opts into the program) and \$11.50 to the state.

The vendor installs and maintains the camera program, so there is no start-up costs to the town for the program, he said.

The borough does have to pay for a police officer to review the tapes, Calleri said, and only a police officer can write the summons.

He added that some communities hire special police officers, at an estimated cost of \$3,000 to \$40,000 a year, to review the tapes and write the summonses to people running the red light.

In terms of revenue generated from issuing the red light violations, some municipalities are bringing in \$400,000 a year, according to Calleri.

ATS red light cameras pick up movement of approaching cars and trigger a camera mounted about 100 feet from each level at an intersection to take pictures, said Calleri.

The red light cameras get an "A" shot, which is a picture of all four of a car's tires behind the stop line, Calleri said. Also taken is a "B" shot when the car is driving through the intersection, and a short video, as well as a close-up of the car's license plate.

All of the information is sent through a wireless system to an office in Atlanta. The license plate number is keyed in and ATS gets the record book, according to Calleri.

The police department receives the information through a web-based software program.

"If a red light violation is captured on the first of the month, it would be in the police department on the seventh of the month," said Calleri.

No decision was reached by the governing body as to whether it will install the red light monitoring system or if it would choose ATS as the vendor for such if it did.

Once DOT approves a town to get red light cameras, it takes 45 to 60 days for ATS to get everything into operation," said Calleri.

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In the March 15 issue of Twin-Boro News, "Council votes against hiring DPW employee full time," the change in salary should have taken the employee from \$15 an hour with no benefits to \$20.33 per hour or \$42,292 per year.

Twin-Boro News regrets the error.



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Path to Goodwill Found in Tennessee

Southern Rams Charge to Remote Area Medical

By MICHAEL MOLINARO

Ten Southern Regional teachers and an All Saints Regional Catholic School nurse shared themselves, piloted a small plane they could only describe as "a bus with wings," alongside a pilot and two Indian monks that they were told could not speak to women as they set out for Chattanooga.

For many, the ideal spring break involves taking a pilot to an exotic location for some good old American fun in the sun. Instead, for others, such as nurse Jean Ellen Fisher and teachers Susan Kattar and Adele Barwell, it meant changing their way to Bristol, Tenn. to provide for the pleasure of working at the latter Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic April 12-13.

"The funny is that probably 90 percent of the people that want there for medical care have never given there to see a car race," Barwell said of the linear largest sports venue in America, and the eighth largest in the world. "Here these people are making this work to provide, but the people they're going to be not the source of revenue, it's the source of basic common sense that we take for granted every day."

Rather than make its investment 140,000 people over the weekend, the racing course would see just over 2,000 people, from men and fat, head to Appalachia to argue head of remote medical care, for which RAM has become a pioneer. The 100 percent publicly funded nonprofit – meaning no funding from the federal government – has conducted over 100 health care clinics worldwide, with 40 percent now taking place in the United States.

Fisher worked as a RAM clinic in a separate hospital in 1998. She set her mind to returning to help this year at the Bristol clinic. Kattar was there because Fisher, her student, asked her to go and because she "had nothing better to do." Upon hearing of the opportunity through Susan, Barwell traveled a "six thousand" miles on RAM in 2008 due to the time had brought her to learn, recalling a forgotten domain to do missionary work after college before that leg in the trip.

Fisher maintains a shared school nursing position at All Saints Regional Catholic School in Manchester. During a recent press service, she was surprised when the student council came her off with a donation and a blessing. "The head of student council stood up and said, 'Many Ram has been taking care of us a long time now, and now she's going to Appalachia to take care of people there,'" said Fisher, who was then given a check for \$300 to give to RAM.

Barwell and Kattar volunteered to begin circulating donations, some in the form of money but most in the form of community support that he granted. "The initial mission was to bring as many health-care items with us as possible. We'd pick up (each) medicine, supplies and dental kit, but we'd have to be on our own, and we'd be in the clinic earlier this month. (Left) 1,771 health-care items donated.

some mailed to them from other states. It was easy," said Barwell. The women then studied three volumes full of the 1,771 health-care items they were able to assemble to take to RAM. "It goes over like a piece of what we normally had, which was really nice. To think of a health-care as a luxury item really kicks people in the stomach around here," said Barwell.

In Tennessee they piloted over 700 volunteers from around the country: registered nurses from as far as New England and Seattle; doctors, physician assistants and medical students; college students in pre-med; nurse practitioners; a sports medicine specialist; and other unpaid helpers.

"About 87 percent of the patients sought dental care in the form of cleanings, fillings, or extractions; or vision care in the form of

new eye exams and eyeglasses. The clinic also covered general medical care from hearing screenings to x-rays, as well as women's health, pediatrics and mental health referrals. Hugs of gratitude were given out in addition to meals received during a patient's visit. Even some veterinary services were offered for pets.

After what was a five-minute orientation, Kattar and Barwell spent most of their weekend helping patients who needed help finding the right pair of eye glasses.

"They kind of wanted to know and I said we were young and hip enough and could help pick out glasses, or we had good styles or something. We both laughed," said Barwell.

They took five breaks throughout the weekend, even for going to the bathroom. "We were

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Southern Rams Charge to Remote Area Medical

Michael Molinaro

Staff Writer

Local Students Honored As Winners of NSDAR's Annual Essay Contest

With help from Historical Society Kitty Knight and former President Andrew Jackson, Long Beach Island Grade School fifth-grader Zoe Marie Deadyne and Englewood Elementary School sixth-grader Tristen Culp each won first place in the state in this year's National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's American History Essay Contest.

"The Daughters members for the NSDAR, both Zoe and Tristen read their entire essays at the awards luncheon in Princeton" last Friday, said Peggy Horan, from the Great Lake Marion chapter of the organization. "They were awarded a certificate, a silver medal and a monetary award, presented to them by Tristen Hicks, the state vice chairman of the American History Essay Contest, and Diane Clark Higgins, the state sponsor."

As was announced at the luncheon, Deadyne's essay also recently took first in the NSDAR Eastern Regional competition – which includes Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and parts of West Virginia, and is one of seven to be judged for



NSDAR-NOTICE: (Above) Three state winners of the DAR American History Essay Contest Tristen Hicks (right) and state sponsor Diane Clark, present (left) competitor Zoe Marie Deadyne. (Left) Tristen Culp displays his first place certificate.

best women's service organizations dedicated to promoting patriotism, education and the preservation of American history.

Each year, the organization holds an American History Essay Contest in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. This year students were challenged to present their own views during that time, and that they had a friend who became famous in history because he or she stood up for America.

"After hearing the essays, Deadyne and Culp were the winners," said Higgins.

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BY NEREA LABRIO

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BY ANTHONY VILLALBA

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BY ANTHONY VILLALBA

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Verizon hangs up on borough in tax dispute

By Joanne Degnan
Managing Editor

Blooming business

The flower garden centers on Route 102 in Marltonville are a full of colorful varieties that are expected to provide local advantage of the growing spring season as word for Santa Lucia, Abaco, Lagoon, and Marltonville, and a host of other local growers in the area.

Staff photos by Phil Scaville

Local taxes to rise an average \$86 in Upper Freehold

The 2014 municipal tax is proposed to rise by 2.5 percent to \$100.00 in 2014, which means that the 2014 municipal tax will be \$102.50, up from \$100.00 in 2013. The 2014 municipal tax will be \$102.50, up from \$100.00 in 2013. The 2014 municipal tax will be \$102.50, up from \$100.00 in 2013.

Plumsted zoning change opens door to medical marijuana

The zoning change in Plumsted will allow for the cultivation and distribution of medical marijuana. This change is expected to be implemented in the near future.

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Chief for a day

Chief Joe Kinnaszewski of the Edgewater Police Department, with Porus C. Pawl, T. Pawl was chosen to be police chief for a day as part of a county-wide program for kids with chronic illnesses. SEE FULL STORY PAGE 10.

GOVERNMENT

Daibes awarded \$500,000 for housing project

Winterburn Gardens plan moving forward with money

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff writer

EDGEWATER — Prominent local developer Fred Daibes is slated to receive \$500,000 from the borough's affordable housing trust fund to build Winterburn Gardens, a four-story building with 21 affordable housing units near the Elmore Van Dusen School.

The allocation is contingent upon the spending plan approval from the Department of Community Affairs, which looks over affordable housing regulating duties from the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) last year.

If approved, a further \$400,000 will go to the Edgewater Housing Authority for kitchen improvements in an existing tenor center.

The council unanimously approved the two affordable housing resolutions on May 21, committing about 60 percent of its \$1,461,296 trust fund to the projects.

On July 17, municipalities

across the state will be required to hand over money left in their funds back to Trenton. The deadline arrives four years after former Gov. Jon Corzine signed the arrangement into law — the first of its kind for the affordable housing policy since its creation in 1983.

Based on a series of New Jersey Supreme Court rulings known as Mount Laurel, the mandate requires municipalities to provide a certain number of affordable housing units for low- and middle-income households. Trust funds allow towns to collect fees from developers (known to forego the requirements and use them to acquire affordable housing through other means instead).

Edgewater announced its trust money from nearly 50 developers over the past 20 years and has credited some of those funds to Affordable Housing of Metropolitan Edgewater (AHOME), a nonprofit that recently converted

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NJTV and Montclair: Perfect together

State's public television network bursts with township talent

BY DIANE HERBST

Montclair, N.J. — Michael Adams, a 30-year-old Montclair resident, is a local television news anchor, reporter and on-air personality. Adams' first broadcast job was at WNET-TV in Newark. The job was a significant one, and Adams, a self-proclaimed "nerd," was the only person in the newsroom who had never worked for a television station before. Adams, who graduated from Montclair State University in 1994, has worked for WNET-TV for the past 10 years. He has been a news anchor, reporter, and producer. Adams is currently a news anchor and reporter for NJTV's Montclair office. Adams is a graduate of Montclair State University and has worked for WNET-TV for the past 10 years. Adams is currently a news anchor and reporter for NJTV's Montclair office.



Michael Adams, news anchor and reporter for NJTV's Montclair office, is seen in the control room during a live broadcast.

'The staff we have are made up of seasoned professionals and they are news-people. I feel like we are working at a first-class station.'

— John Adabala



John Adabala and Gen. Chris Christie at a press conference during the launch of NJTV's Montclair office.

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Keyport businesses band together

Storm impacts 26 businesses; loss of tax ratables expected to impact local economy

BY KEITH HEUMILLER
and more

A hard road lies ahead for the many Monmouth County towns devastated by superstorm Sandy, a road that will be especially difficult for small towns like Keyport as they struggle to cope with the loss of not only property, but large swaths of their local business community.

At the first meeting of the Keyport Regional Business Cooperative (KRBC) since the storm, the borough's district management corporation opened the floor to representatives of the dozens of local businesses destroyed, damaged or disrupted by Sandy's high winds, flooding and the resultant power outages.

Chif Moore, president of both the KRBC and the Northern Monmouth Chamber of Commerce, and owner of the Keyport Diner, opened the meeting by asking the nearly two dozen businesspeople in attendance to provide input or ask questions relating to the challenges they currently face as they attempt to rebuild.

"This is a major, major thing for the local economy that's going on here," he said. "It's not just getting your businesses up; it's people's lives."

Many of the attendees and their businesses went without power for nearly two weeks in the wake of the storm, while others, like Drew's Bayshore Biscuits owner Drew Aronoff, had essentially lost their buildings.

In all, 26 local businesses face long-term closure as a result of Sandy, along with dozens of homes and borough properties rendered uninhabitable due to storm damage. A town of only 7,200, Keyport's economy could be significantly impacted by the loss of commercial and residential tax revenue in the months ahead.

Stuart Kaperewski, executive director of the KRBC, acknowledged that some trends that may be good for property owners right now may have a negative effect on the towns and counties they reside in.

"One issue, which the governing body probably doesn't want to discuss much, not only locally here but all over the state, is the impact of your taxes and the assessments that you are currently going through," said

Let the holiday season begin!
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From model train shows and traditional stage productions to winter parades and menorah lightings, local communities will be aglow with holiday festivities through the end of the year.

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GOVERNMENT
Budget vote
 Tenafly officials will hold a final vote on the municipal budget at the April 24 council meeting. See **COUNCIL**, Page 1

EDUCATION
Election results
 Tuesday night's board of education election results for Englewood and Englewood Cliffs are in this week's paper. Coverage starts on Page 4

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Some Tenafly business owners who are part of the Business Improvement District raised several concerns they have with its operation.

GOVERNMENT
BID feeling pressure from some
Business owners sight concerns with improvement agency

BY STEPHANIE NODA
 Staff Writer

TENAFLY — Feeling that the Tenafly Business Improvement District (BID) was not meeting their needs, approximately 11 business owners came to the April 11 borough council meeting to express their concerns.

"The Business Improvement District was originally portrayed as a local group that would bring in diverse new businesses and address the main problem of parking within downtown Tenafly," said Rubin Odalash Brown, a partner from Kern Realty & Management, who represented the business owners at the meeting.

"Almost two years and two outside directors, and nothing of substance has actually been accomplished."

Among the concerns highlighted was the rumor that \$150,000 was being allocated to the BID's proposed streetscape project, which they felt was excessive and a misguided effort. The BID recently awarded a \$15,000 contract to New York-based Russell Design to survey Tenafly.

Brown left the project could be done on a more local basis and at a cheaper cost. Obtaining a proposal from a local sign manufacturer, Brown presented her own

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Talking the talks:
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Marsha Stoltz

RAMSEY SUBURBAN NEWS

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MUNICIPAL BUDGET

\$35 average tax hike anticipated

BY REBECCA GREENE
Correspondent

RAMSEY – The Borough Council will hold a public hearing on April 25 on a proposed municipal budget of \$23.7 million.

Under the tentative spending plan of \$23,707,241, which was introduced March 14, borough officials are anticipating technological upgrades and more equipment purchases, but according to Councilman Bruce Vuach, "Allocation of these line items will be proposed later in the year by the Finance Committee."

The proposed budget calls for a tax levy of \$38,233,163, including a \$1,276,894 appropriation for the library, which is listed separately per a new state law. The levy reflects a 1.83 percent increase in taxpayer-supported spending.

According to the cover of a letter presented at the borough average of \$411,502 will see an increase of \$31 in the municipal portion of their tax bill.

Vuach, who is filling in as borough administrator until a replacement is found, said general line items in the budget for equipment purchases total \$250,000 and for capital improvements, \$350,000.

Vuach said the borough and its various employees have not settled contracts that expired at the end of 2011, but for budget purposes, it is being assumed they will be under cap.



'Curtains' rise

The Ramsey High School Drama Club is presenting "Curtains" as its annual spring production, a musical comedy whodunit based on the book by Rupert Holmes, beginning at 8 tonight at the high school. Additional performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24.

MARSHA STOLTZ
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



SCHOOL BOARD

Talking the talks Confidentiality no longer guaranteed

BY MARSHA STOLTZ
Managing Editor

RAMSEY – Statements yet again after three years of almost continual contract negotiations, representatives of the Board of Education and the Ramsey Teachers Association are now scheduled to meet with a fact-finder on May 22.

The delay leaves in limbo the fourth year of the district's 2007-2011 contract, the last year of which the Commissioner of Education ruled was illegal and thus voided, an action that is currently the subject of an appeal by the teachers' union. The parties are trying to rectify the salary guide of that fourth year, for 2010-2011, and roll it into a new three-year contract.

Meanwhile, both parties are getting their perspectives of the negotiating process out to the public, for better or for worse.

Most notably, a full-page ad appeared in the Suburban News edition on Feb. 2, which stated it was paid for by eight of the nine

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School choice: Is it right for your district?

Local superintendents outline their views on the state program

BY NICOLE ALLIEGRO
Education writer

With the school choice program in its second year, the state Department of Education is asking local superintendents to share their views on the program. The program, which allows parents to send their children to a school outside their district, has been a topic of debate for many years. Local superintendents are now being asked to provide their input on the program.

“Whether you like me or you don’t like me, is there anyone in this room who doesn’t agree that New Jersey is a very different place than if we had re-elected Jon Corzine?”

CHRISTIE ROCKS
Governor of New Jersey



Gov. Chris Christie addressed the assembly at a recent town meeting in Readington’s second school district, June 22. The governor addressed Democratic legislators before taking questions about covered schooling fees and the implementation of vouchers.

Christie rocks Readington

Blasting Democrats, governor draws crowd of 500 to town hall

BY CORBELL HERRICK
Local

Readington’s second school district was the site of a town meeting on Tuesday, June 22, where Governor Chris Christie addressed the assembly. The governor, who is running for re-election, drew a crowd of about 500 people to the town hall. He spent the evening blasting Democrats and outlining his vision for New Jersey.

Residents spar over proposed drug treatment center in Lebanon Twp.

BY CAMILLA SOMERS
Local

Lebanon Township residents are sparring over a proposed drug treatment center. The center, which would be located on a vacant lot in the township, has been the subject of a heated debate. Residents are concerned about the potential impact on the community and the environment.

PEDALING FOR PROGRESS

High Bridge-based non-profit Pedaling for Progress (PFP) will hold a bike ride on Tuesday, June 29, along high bridge section and BP section on State Road 100. Proceeds from the ride will go to support the organization's efforts to help people with disabilities.

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The issue of July 4 will be our special graduation issue. It will feature profiles of graduates from local schools and their achievements. The issue will also include information about the graduation process and the role of the community.

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ENVIRONMENT

Borough looks to protect aged trees

RAESHILLE MIDDLETON
Correspondent

LEONIA – Town officials are considering ordinances to protect mature trees that may have suffered damage in the severe storms that hit the area in the last year.

Some of the trees, officials are concerned, may have suffered irreversible damage.

"A lot of the mature trees that belong to the Borough are in bad shape," said Jane Wilson of the Leonia Shade and Tree Commission. "Many were damaged in the severe storms that we had last fall, when we lost over 100 trees. Others, particularly on Broad Avenue, have been severely pruned away from the utility wires by PSE&G."

The aftermath of late October 2011 caused Bergen County an estimated 4.5 million dollars worth of damage. As a result, many trees lost large branches that started at the trunk. Trees throughout the county brought down power lines, and many people lost power in their homes for days at a time.

"This is a safety requirement of the utility company but it means that Leonia loses the beautiful shady canopy over the streets," said Wilson. "Leonias has a very large number of Norway Maple trees which were planted extensively in the town 50 or more years ago, which are now reaching the end of their short lifespan."

Councilman Peter Knott said that he would be in favor of an ordinance that focused on the issue of mature trees, because trees are an essential part in enhancing the local environment.

"They improve the quality of our air by absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen during photosynthesis. They lower the temperature in the hot summer months and significantly decrease flooding problems," said Knott. "In winter, the tree roots can draw significant quantities of water away from buildings, reducing water problems in basements and reducing soil erosion on steep gradients."

It is important for homeowners to pay careful attention to their own trees and make sure that the trees on their property are not one of the severely damaged, officials said. Damaged mature trees have been known to unexpectedly break, causing damage to houses or cars beneath them. In order to avoid such a tragedy from occurring, officials said, homeowners should have the defected tree immediately removed and replaced.

The other issue with mature trees concerns those trees that are not Borough-owned but are on private property. Wilson said, "At present, Leonia has no ordinance in place that regulates removal of these trees and many Leonia residents have been distressed to see large, healthy trees being removed by property owners."

It is also important for property owners to know the environmental benefits of trees and that it is important that they do not take down healthy trees while there are so many already damaged, Wilson said, adding the town plans to address the situation by planting trees in the late fall. The Shade Tree Commission expects to plant 50+ new trees with a new budget.



Mary Elizabeth Cass of the Pediatric Department at Holy Name Medical Center shows Leonia High School intern Sandy Yung how to use a computer program for her internship. Yung is doing the internship as part of the school's Science Academy.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Students to get hands-on experience at Academies

Science, culinary programs to start for high school students next year

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

LEONIA – Students with an interest in the sciences or the art of cooking will be able to hone their talents in two small learning communities coming to the Leonia High School next year.

The school's signature Science Academy will return in fall 2013 after a three-year absence at the school, while the Academy for the Culinary Arts is due to make its debut.

The Board of Education approved both academies last month.

"We need to provide every opportunity for our students to

specialize," said Superintendent Jeanne Megaw, whose support of a more career-focused curriculum allowed the academy concept to take off again.

Former Superintendent Bernard Jacobberg dismantled the Science Academy after a study showed its students were performing at a level equal to or lower than the top 10 percent of non-academy students in the high school.

He also expressed concern that the program was not giving participants enough of an edge on competitive college admissions.

Principal Edward Bertolini, who has led the high school for 14 years, declined to discuss the

details behind Jacobberg's decision but said he is "thrilled" the Science Academy is making a comeback.

"It's been very successful and I don't know why it ever left," he said.

Since its founding in 2003, the program has graduated more than 100 students who later went on to pharmacy school, law school and numerous Ivy League universities, including Princeton, Cornell, Columbia and Brown.

Many had at least ten Advanced Placement classes under their belts.

"It's a tough program," said Bertolini. "We have very high standards. We expect students to leave [in the course of it] because it's too challenging."

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GARFIELD

Boys & Girls Club to manage rink

BY STEPHANIE NODA
North Jersey Community Newspapers

The Englewood City Council finalized the lease for the John T. Wright Arena at Mackay Park on Sept. 29, about two months after the non-profit Boys & Girls Club of Garfield was chosen to run the ice rink.

"I promised to expand and improve recreational programming in Englewood. With the arrival of the Boys & Girls Club, the children of Englewood will have a fun and safe skating rink along with the kinds of recreational programs that build confidence and character," said Englewood Mayor Frank Huttie III in a statement, adding the agreement was "historic" and a "unique and creative partnership."

The facility is targeted to open sometime in mid-October, said Huttie, and Englewood residents will be able to benefit from discounted private rental times and guaranteed discount of \$1 off charges at public skating sessions under the terms of the lease agreement.

The non-profit will also offer residents a free skating session each month, provide for various after school programs for children and provide access for the Englewood Public School District.

"This agreement provides a great opportunity for the Englewood Recreational Department to plan and organize events, and also makes the arena available to our school children for activities," said Huttie.

Despite the two-month period between choosing the Boys & Girls Club and finalizing the contract, local ice hockey coaches did not cancel plans to use the rink for practice during the winter season.

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FIRE SAFETY



Parents and their children learned about fire safety during a program the Wallington Fire Department held on Oct. 3 at the VFW.

GARFIELD

EPA tells parents that students are safe

BY KRISTIE CATTAFI
Staff Writer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and local officials assured parents of Roosevelt School 7 at a special meeting held on Oct. 2 that their children are safe and will not need to be evacuated during the demolition of the E.C. Electroplating plant, the cause of a chromium spill almost 50 years ago.

About 40 residents attended the meeting, most of them parents of students who attend school in the Superfund site.

The demolition, expected to start on Oct. 8, was not conducted during the summer because the EPA was still removing hazardous material from the building, EPA Public Affairs Specialist Pat Seppi said. The EPA doesn't want to prohibit the project because it doesn't want to lose \$4 million in funding for the project.

The EPA said it has tested School 7 as recently as Oct. 2 and will continue to test it throughout and after the demolition project.

The EPA said the building itself on the street level is not contaminated and from the slab down is where the contamination is. There will be air monitoring and dust control systems set up in the area, including one at School 7. The contamination is underneath the slab of the building.

Norelli, the EPA's on-scene coordinator for Garfield, said the monitoring systems are set to send out an alert at a "trigger level," which is lower than the typical high levels. Testing is set out immediately with the results coming back in 24 hours. Norelli explained that the alarm levels are set to the lowest numbers that are not dangerous to the public, to account for the testing time. He said once an alarm goes off the demolition will be stopped immediately until they can find the cause.

Norelli told the residents that this is a "pick it apart" controlled demolition, there will be no wrecking ball and the building will be forced off to the curb. The first phase of the street level of the building is expected to take four weeks to complete.

Norelli said the building will be washed again before the demolition takes place. He referred to the demolition of the building as any other building in town and said that it's like a neighbor adding a

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EPA tells parents that students are safe
Plant demolition completed near elementary school

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Bergen County lights Menorah

Rabbi Mordechai Kamensky, right, and Rabbi Berei Zaltzman, both from Biris Avrohom Congregation, light a Menorah together during the Bergen County's Menorah-lighting ceremony at the lobby of the Bergen County Administration Building, One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, on Dec. 10.

EDUCATION

School presents NJASK results

BY JENNIFER VAZQUEZ
News Editor

HACKENSACK – New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge exam scores for Hackensack Middle School are an improvement with much scores being overall consistent—with a margin difference of a few points for the mean mark. However, the scores for the Language Arts portion of the statewide exam have a slight decline overall.

Middle School Principal David Petrella presented The Board of Education with the statistics of the Hackensack Middle School's test grades, and a three year comparison total at the Dec. 10 meeting.

According to his presentation, the total math proficiency of students at the grade 5 level reached 70.5 for the 2011-2012 school year, with 22.6 being advanced proficient. While the number of students scoring advanced proficient declined, the total of students scoring proficient and advanced proficient was up from 74.1 the previous school year and from

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School lunch headaches

Ocean City High School is sorting out issues with longer, larger lunch period

By MARY RUDLOFF
Ocean City — The lunch period at Ocean City High School is a time of stress, confusion and frustration for students, staff members and parents alike.

The problem is not the food, but the time. The lunch period is now 45 minutes long, a significant increase from the 30-minute period it was once. This change has led to a variety of issues, including students rushing to get to class, staff members struggling to manage the increased volume of students, and parents expressing concern about their children's health and safety.

Students are often seen rushing to get to class, with some skipping lunch altogether. Staff members are overwhelmed with the increased volume of students, and parents are expressing concern about their children's health and safety. The school is currently working to address these issues by implementing a staggered lunch schedule and providing additional staff members to manage the increased volume of students.



Walk to Defeat ALS
More than 200 walkers joined the Saturday, Sept. 22, for the 11th annual Ocean City Boardwalk to Defeat ALS. The walk raised more than \$200,000 for ALS research. Photo by Mary Rudloff.

NJTA talks plans for GSP bridge between U.T., S.P.

By MARY RUDLOFF
The Garden State Parkway (GSP) bridge between the University of Tennessee (U.T.) and the State of Pennsylvania (S.P.) is a project that has been in the works for several years. The New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTA) is currently in the process of negotiating with the U.T. and S.P. to build a new bridge that will improve traffic flow and safety in the area.

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Separate lunch headache: USDA requirements mean foods, portions meet healthier, not tastier standards

By MARY RUDLOFF
The USDA's new nutrition standards for school lunches are a double-edged sword. While the new requirements mean that school lunches will be healthier, they also mean that the food will be less tasty. This is a significant issue for students and staff members alike, as it may lead to a decrease in the amount of food that is eaten, which could result in students not getting the nutrients they need.

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How To Make Those Pumpkin Mummies

Mark Zeigler
Artist

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how to make these Pumpkin Mummies

By Mark Zeigler

Last Halloween, you learned how to make those haunting, fun, funny, but sometimes scary spiders. This year's Halloween craft instruction is for those... pumpkin mummies. Very simple! All you need are a few small pumpkins and some materials and you'll have... yourself... for your Halloween or weekend sill at a much less costly expense than an actual equine in the Valley of the Kings.



WRAP PARTY: Mason and Andrew Santiago, Enzo Calho and Marco Jovic of Hudson Township make pumpkin mummies at a neighborhood party left along with Emma and Sophia (Sisters of Collegeness), right.

In short, but give the ghouly eyes to some the lack of

Don't stick yourself! Two per pumpkin. There are some for most mummies. Hold

the pumpkin by the stem or arm's length and spray with spray adhesive (the part is

best done outdoors, and ALWAYS from any angle, if you happen to be in a cramped situation for regular pumpkin mummies, not flaming pumpkin mummies.) Next, press the stem into the pumpkin to create the face holes. Some mummy-makers choose to use Sharpie markers to draw the face right on their pumpkins, completely ignoring the directions

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PUMPKIN MUMMY SUPPLIES:

- small pumpkins
- strips of cheesecloth
- spray adhesive
- googly eyes
- flat sticks
- hot glue gun
- Sharpie marker
- scissors



Photo by Mark Zeigler

Weeds B Gone at Saddler's

ALBANY GLEANER: Over a hundred volunteers got down on the their knees and got dirty at last Saturday's Saddler's Month Fall Clean-up Day. They pulled weeds, cut down invasive species and cleaned up the creek. Volunteers also planted a variety of new trees supplied by the Saddler's Month Conservation Team.

Profiles in Retrospect

Toni DiPietropolo Carves Career in New York City Musical Theater Circles



with Ron Roberts

In New York musical theater circles, she uses the name that appears on her birth certificate: Antonette DiPietropolo. But to her family and many friends in Hudson Township, she'll always be called "Toni."

By whichever name, she is in increasing demand as a director, choreographer, dance actress and singer via and off Broadway.

She got her start as a dance captain in the Broadway National Tour of "Annie" and now she can be seen in the same capacity while performing in the role of "Mama Mia" in Hudson Township's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."



While DiPietropolo was touring with "Annie," she was getting her ticket punched for her next role through studies with the Actor's Equity Association and Screen Actors Guild. As a union member, she has had acting roles in "The Matrix," "The Matrix Reloaded," "The Matrix Revolutions," "The Exorcist," "My One and Only," "My Life as a Dog," "The Exorcist," "The Exorcist Part 2," and "The Exorcist Part 3."

She is in, and doesn't kick a day over 15, as she can handle both adult and youth roles. Toni has worked roles of New York to serve as dance captain and to the musicals for "Annie" in California and Massachusetts, and while in Massachusetts she had the thrill of being opening actor in a Shubert Opera house.

She also performed in a top offers to participate in films and TV along with doing voiceovers. Toni is now established enough to have produced an episode in Big Apple.

She is the daughter of Charles and Lynn DiPietropolo. Her father served many years on the Hudson Township Board of Education and Township Commissioner, while her mother is employed by the College-bound and Hudson Township School District.

"I just can't keep up with her," Lynn said. Toni has a star and budding actor. Toni was a model in her youth.

She is a professional dancer for a Broadway show at Radio City Music Hall. "Bernadette Peters is an icon of the musical theater and I get to see her perform live a few times a year right in the wings," she said. "That's an experience I'll never forget."



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Colls Cash Primes LumberYard Restart

Multiple groups have begun to come together to put the LumberYard project back into motion. A key new building partner of Cherry Hill will take over the undeveloped portion of the project.

Before negotiations and Collingswood officials met privately, though, a number of deals and deals must move along.

In that end, last week, Collingswood borrowed \$5.1 million in temporary financing to enable the completion of 15 unfinished units at the LumberYard. According to Mayor Ben Malyk, close to \$47 million of that borrowing will purchase the units from LumberYard Redevelopment LLC, the entity the borough and Camden Borough initially set up to build the LumberYard.

Those proceeds will then be used to help pay about the over \$6.5 million owed by LumberYard Redevelopment LLC to TRCK, a consortium of local banks that financed the project. That pay down

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Start of Good Things

ACTIVISTS AND SOCIETIES Haddonfield Mayor Tim Collins led the effort at a grand opening for Tanager St. last Friday morning. The event acknowledged business owners and residents who put up with months of construction along the busy street.

12-Minute Miracles at Oaklyn's Spring Fling

By Barbara Wilcox

Twelve miracles. Twelve miracles. Ben Mueller of Oaklyn says that's all it will take out of water also on Saturday to "get a chance to give someone a second chance" at life.



From 12:00 to 2 p.m. at Oaklyn's Spring Fling this Saturday (PA Local 29) will sponsor a registry drive for the March Foundation, the leading homelessness registry in the United States.

Mueller's passion for the organization was ignited recently after his own experience as a homelessness donor.

Following back surgery in 1998, Mueller said Mueller if he would register for the homelessness registry.

He didn't think much of it until he read an article in 2010. Mueller received a call notifying him that he was a possible match for someone and asking if he would



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Indoor, Outdoor Issues Nixed Mex Eatery

By Mark Brennan

It's been over a year since the Cambria Lane restaurant closed its doors at 301 White Horse Pike in Camden.

The borough government, for its part, long ago approved the transfer of a liquor license to a new company that had expected to set up a Mexican restaurant at the site. The Mexican restaurant was expected to have the property from the current owners.

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The Chai Center has fulfilled its obligation and profits in the application recently before the zoning board.
Edward H. Menn
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Learn the language of technology

At this week's Board of Education meeting, Superintendent James Chisabel presented his case for budgeting about \$2.8 million for technology improvements in the school district.

The network last year—that is providing our students with what they need to acquire and have 21st century skills," he said.

We're not surprised if someone were to do such technology in schools in the the secular computer talks about it and nobody else anything about it.

The speakers on technology in the district seem to have to do with the education of someone in a change in the given amount.

We should pay particular interest technology demand who depend on 2003 in an age class of professionals with administrators and the board. It was followed by a quality tech director who upgraded systems, but left the district two years later. After that, the assistant superintendent (technology) for two years before resigning. The district had no one to handle technology on an interim basis until a new tech coordinator was hired. The latter held the post for a year. Technology is currently being run by an interim coordinator.

Obviously, it is essential to get someone to step on a permanent basis. We need the same person to ensure implementation of technology year after year. In his presentation, the superintendent made the point money budgeted for technology in the past was often not spent or was squandered by other projects or the campus. The costs of upgrading technology will be addressed eventually. To end.

"It's not that hard if it's a steady hand. But what you need is to be someone, it's a budgeter's life." Chisabel said.

The district does technology courses around the state that has the application for a Chinese language immersion in a charter school in the area was turned down.

When it comes to the financial health of our district, we can't afford that. At one, the state that to charter school could afford public school lunch has been started.

Professors commenting on board meetings and university professors often have questioned the necessity of any substantial investment in such things as way things progress. That may be a separate debate to start. The fact remains that the world is being more tightly connected by technology in general, and teaching the language of technology must be a priority if our students are to compete in that world.

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Support for fundraiser was gratifying

I am pleased to be part of a community that is so generous and supportive. The support from the community was gratifying. It shows that we are a caring and supportive community.

DKR story headline was misleading

The headline about DKR was misleading. It gave a false impression of the situation. The story should have been more balanced and fair. It is important to report the facts accurately.

Joe Menna
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Good-bye, Barbara!

They screwed it up again?

Harry Trumbore

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Residents don't want 7-Eleven to be 24/7

BY KELLY MCKENNA
Staff Writer

Local and State state residents are thinking the proposal to build a 24-hour 7-Eleven at the intersection of Route 17 South and Broad Street in Rutherford is a bad idea.

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BY KEVIN ANDERSON
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Cost per pupil on the rise in most districts

BY KELLY MCKENNA
Staff Writer

The 2011-2012 fiscal year saw a significant increase in the cost per pupil in most districts. The increase was due to a variety of factors, including rising salaries, increased pension costs, and higher utility bills.

Towns could save thousands opting for state plan

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2012 was defined locally by a number of events that resonated with residents of these three South Bergen communities. While the year was a busy one, it was also a year of reflection and growth. As the year drew to a close, neighbors gathered to share their thoughts and experiences. The following are some of the highlights from the year.

JANUARY

The year began with a bang as the community gathered for the annual New Year's Eve celebration. The event was held at the local park and was a great success. The community also held a number of other events throughout the month, including a charity walk and a community meeting.



APRIL

The month of April was a busy one for the community. The local school district held a number of events, including a field trip and a community meeting. The community also held a number of other events, including a charity walk and a community meeting.



JULY

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OCTOBER

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SCHOOL BOARD

Meetings snag contract talks

BY MARSHA STOLTZ
Managing Editor

MAHWAH — Tempers flared over who would control the content of after-school faculty meetings during the Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, March 21.

Control of meeting content has emerged as a sticking point in a contractual dispute between representatives of the school board and the Mahwah Education Association. The teachers' union has been working under terms of a contract that expired in July 2010.

Bill Howe, who teaches at Joyce Kilmer School, suggested during the public comment portion of the meeting last week that trustees wanted control of the four meetings held each month because two district schools — Joyce Kilmer and Ramapo Ridge — had not met the state's Adequate Yearly Progress standards.

Board president Patricia Shada took immediate exception to his remarks.

"I have never, ever been that disrespectful to the staff," Shada responded. "I appreciate our staff and have never, ever blamed a

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BALLPARK FIGURES

Mahwah High School softball player Rachel Ravettina, a senior.

Mahwah High School baseball player C.J. Mysumeci, a junior.

Let the games begin

Players at high schools across North Jersey will be hearing the cry "Play ball!" next week as their baseball and softball seasons get underway.

What can fans of the boys and girls of spring 2012 expect to see?

Some familiar faces and some new ones, too, as sports writers Greg Tartaglia and Ron Fox report in a high school-by-high school roundup that begins on **Page 4L**.

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A SWEET DEAL

Above, from left, Adam Evans and Robert Ness IV, both 5, and David Ness, 2, enjoy some beautiful fall weather, and prepare to fill their candy collection containers at Hurrell Field on Friday. At right, Lily DiCicco, 5, as a green fairy, carries a pillowcase with enough room to collect her weight in candy. Glen Ridge hosted a Trunk-or-Treat event at Hurrell to make up for the fact that door-to-door trick-or-treating in the borough had been postponed twice, and then canceled, because of Hurricane Sandy. The event saw a turnout of at least 1,500 trick-or-treaters and parents, according to borough officials. See more photos, page 3.

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Short fuses

Long-running outages try town's patience after storm

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

One day turned into two. Then three. The numbers on the PSE&G outage map kept going down, then up.

And by last Thursday, much of Glen Ridge had had enough.

A large section of the borough — as much as 75 percent, or 1,352 homes, at one point — remained without power as of Nov. 7, just over a week after Hurricane Sandy blasted through the tri-state area.

The outages weren't helped by a nor'easter that dropped four to six inches of snow on the region on the night of Nov. 7.

By Monday, nearly all of the outages had been fixed. But on Nov. 6, Mayor Peter Hughes blasted PSE&G for their apparent lack of progress.

"Initially, we were told that power would be restored by the end of the day, today, Monday, Nov. 5. Now we are told that we will not have complete restoration of power before the end of the week or later," Hughes wrote in a

letter sent to residents over the town email system.

That day, which coincided with Election Day, crews shut off power to a circuit in the area of Washington Street and Linden Avenue, so repairs could be made to Linden Avenue School's heating system.

"Along with providing them an update on all of the areas without power in the borough, I addressed that specific area with PSE&G this morning in our conference call and asked why one of the few areas that had power was more off line. I did not get an immediate answer," Hughes wrote in a follow-up message sent out on Wednesday.

PSE&G has posted daily work-force schedules on its website, with town-by-town estimates on when and how outages would be restored. A number of North Jersey mayors and administrators, however, have criticized the estimates as being inaccurate.

On Thursday, a line of utility trucks, mostly from out-of-area

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Two of the Millburn High School girls track team prepare to throw the javelin May 11 during the Super Open Conference, Liberty Division championship meet. The Millburn girls team earned fourth in three events, totaling a combined record in winning the state and placed first in the district and took 10th place in the overall, taking Millburn High its first conference championship meet victory since 1992. See Page C1 for story, more photos.

—GOLF PHOTO BY ANDREW HUGHES

Subcommittee change raises tensions on BOE

By Andrew Hughes

After the BOE meeting on the committee, the Millburn Board of Education (BOE) met on Tuesday to discuss the proposed changes to the BOE. The BOE members expressed their concerns about the proposed changes, particularly regarding the role of the BOE in the school district. The BOE members also discussed the proposed changes to the BOE's structure and the role of the BOE in the school district. The BOE members expressed their concerns about the proposed changes, particularly regarding the role of the BOE in the school district. The BOE members also discussed the proposed changes to the BOE's structure and the role of the BOE in the school district.

TMO APARTMENT COMPLEX Residents ask about traffic, erosion

By Lindsey Webster

Residents of the TMO Apartment Complex in Millburn are asking questions about traffic and erosion. The residents are concerned about the impact of the complex on the surrounding area, particularly regarding traffic and erosion. The residents are asking the town to address these concerns and to take steps to mitigate the impact of the complex on the surrounding area.

HARTSHORN ARBORETUM Bees bug out after exterminator's snafu

By Harry Danko



The Hartshorn Arboretum in Millburn is facing a bee problem after an exterminator's snafu. The bees have been swarming the building and surrounding areas, causing a significant nuisance for the residents. The town is working to address the problem and to ensure the safety of the residents.

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Bill Slossar
Editor



• COMMENTARY •
*Be rude,
not a victim*

It's better to be rude than be a victim. That's good advice from police who deal with victims of fire-flare scams on a regular basis.

Police give this advice to elderly residents who don't want to be rude to unexpected visitors and allow them into their homes at their own peril.

Police say elderly residents are very trusting, so when someone shows up at their door claiming to be from the water company, they don't ask for identification or proof that they work for the utility company, even though they did not initiate the visit.

There are ways for people to keep themselves from becoming victims.

- Ask for identification and if they don't have they don't give access to your home.
- If you didn't call them, they most likely don't belong in your home.
- Make sure if they say they are from the water company, gas company, etc., that there is a work vehicle with the logo from the company outside. The local water company does not dispatch workers to homes without phone contact first.
- Don't allow construction you have not contacted into your home. If someone shows up telling you they are doing work for a neighbor and giving discounts – say no. Call your own contractor after properly researching him or her.
- If there is any doubt, call the company the visitor says he or she represents, better to be a nuisance early.
- If there is any doubt, call 911, police are happy to stop by and check the visitor out, again, better to be safe than sorry.
- Police are right, it's better to be rude than be a victim. Don't let strangers into your home.

• SOUNDING OFF •
Books are gifts that keep giving

DEAR EDITOR:

The Friends of the Bergenfield Library wish to thank those who participated in our first annual Holiday Giving Tree program in December and January.

A total of 42 books were "gifted" to three departments of the Library. The Children's Department did especially well.

These books are truly the gifts that keep on giving.

Thank you.

Linda C. Mohr,
President,
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Dumont children special to seniors

DEAR EDITOR:

On Valentine's Day, Dumont's seniors were treated to an afternoon of eating and dancing at the Dumont Senior Center.

More than 70 seniors had a great luncheon, planned by Dumont, the center's director.

From a homemade soup to great rice and cookies were served, with Dumont Mayor Jim Kelly and Councilwoman Ellen Zavers handsy assisting.

All the ladies received a flower, supplied by one of the men.

But everyone received a Valentine's Day card drawn by our grammar school children. Each card had its own caring message and a chocolate Kiss attached.

Thank you, kids, and also to your teachers and parents.

At Christmas time, Dumont Girl Scouts had made dozens of beaded bracelets and cards for the center's ladies.

Dumont's children are special. Thanks.

Jean and Tom Throckmorton

Going for brokered? Can Chris Christie still get the GOP nod?

As a political junkie, I can't help but hope that the Republican battle for the party's presidential nomination winds up with a brokered convention. It would be a lot of fun to watch, sort of like the Super Bowl of politics.

But first, maybe I should define both terms.

A "political junkie" is someone who will stay up until 1 o'clock in the morning to find out who won the Colorado caucus, the same way a sports fanatic stays up watching the New Jersey Nets and Toronto battle it out in a meaningless NBA game.

A "brokered convention" is one in which no candidate has accumulated enough delegates in the primaries to win nomination on the first ballot and, as a result, the convention continues, but not after ballot, until a candidate is finally selected.

Recently, with no candidate seemingly able to establish himself as a clear-cut leader in the race to pick a Republican standard bearer to challenge President Obama this fall, speculation concerning a possible brokered convention has increased.

But the possibility remains remote.

For one thing, the rules have changed, making it difficult, if not impossible, for party leaders – they used to be called "bosses" – to meet in a powerful "smoke-filled room" to handpick a candidate.

For another, the history of brokered conventions is a checkered one since they invariably lead to defeat for the party in November.

Probably the most extreme example of a brokered convention was the Democratic caucus in 1924 when Al Smith and William McAdoo received doublets for 100 ballots, while delegates in the waning half were literally dropping in the aisles from heat prostration.

Finally, both men agreed to withdraw, clearing the way for John Davis to be nominated on the 101st ballot.

Davis lost the general election to Calvin Coolidge in a landslide.

The last two brokered conventions were in 1948 when Thomas Dewey won the Republican nomination on the third ballot in a crowded field of candidates that included Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio, then-leader of the conservative movement, and in 1952 when Adlai Stevenson won the



PHOTO COURTESY OF ED FLYNN
Estes Kefauver, at left wearing eyeglasses, makes a campaign stop in Hackensack during the 1952 Democratic primary season. At center is D. Louis Ford, executive director of New Jersey Highway Authority. Next to him, at right, is our columnist Ed Flynn.

Democratic nomination, also on the third ballot, despite the fact that Estes Kefauver was clearly the front-runner when the convention began.

Buffy "Smoker" candidates ran in the general election. Downey to Harry Truman and Stevenson to Dwight Eisenhower.

I happened to have a personal involvement in that 1952 Democratic Convention – albeit a minor one – as the public information director for Kefauver's campaign in New Jersey.

It turned out to be a lesson in how hard-ball politics can be played.

Kefauver, who had won national recognition as chairman of a Senate committee investigating organized crime, refused that race for the nomination when President Truman decided not to seek re-election.

He became the favorite of grass-roots Democrats, winning 11 of the 13 primaries held that year, including New Jersey, and more than 70 percent of the total vote cast in those primaries.

At the time, I was still young and naive; and, when that convention began, I couldn't help but

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Groups will share the use of house

BY GAIL BOTTONE
Correspondent

The use of the Edmond Little House on Pleasant Valley Road was a discussion item at the Montville Township Committee Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 10. It was decided that the use of the building will be administered by the Montville Township Recreation Department.

In August 2011, letters and questionnaires were sent to 21 organizations and civic groups in the township to assess interest in the property. Four groups responded. They are the Montville Township Recreation Department, the Montville Police Explorers, the Montville Kiwanis Club, and Pathways for Exceptional Children.

Currently the Recreation Department coordinates the use of other township facilities such as the Activities Barn and Camp Dawson. Township Interim Administrator Adam Brewer recommended that the Recreation Department add the Edmond Little House to this list. Brewer had spoken to the Recreation Department, and they are willing to do this.

The Montville Township Committee agreed to this plan of asking all four groups to share the property, coordinating use through the Recreation Department.

The Montville Police Explorers were willing to make renovations to the building if they were

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MUNICIPAL

Concerns for Plausha project and surpluses

BY GAIL BOTTONE
Correspondent

Members of the Montville Township Committee debated about what to do with the excessive water and sewer surplus at their meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Deputy Mayor Don Konitz reported that as of Dec. 31, 2010, the combined water and sewer surplus was over \$3 million.

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LIFE SCIENCE

In a garden of eating

BY LISA KENTISE
Staff Writer



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Life science teacher Matthew Myers has been doing more than just talking to his seventh grade students about the connection food has with the environment, science and really, all aspects of life. He has also been giving them hands on knowledge by having them work on a thriving vegetable garden.

The recent award of an \$800 grant from the Slow Food chapter of Northern New Jersey will allow for an even richer learning experience. The possible improvements to the outdoor classroom at Robert R. Lazar Middle School could be in the form of increased growing areas and the development of a green house for year round vegetable harvesting.

At present, Myers and his students use the hoop house technique, which he explained "is basically covering our raised beds with greenhouse grade plastic to create a heated daytime environment. Aided by the 'warmer' winter, students were able to harvest organic lettuce, radish, arugula, carrots, and spinach to make a true locavore (a person interested in eating food that is produced locally) salad."

According to its website, the main goal for Slow Food Northern New Jersey are "to foster such stewardship through the development of school gardens in New Jersey and to support food justice programs in the under-served communities of the Garden State. Slow Food Northern NJ is also dedicated to spreading awareness and nurturing appreciation of slowing down in enjoy

healthy, locally grown food by connecting New Jersey residents with earth friendly farmers, chefs, and food makers.

As for its educational parents, the organization wants youngsters to understand "where their food comes from, how it's grown, and how enjoyable healthy food can be," noting that this "fosters a deep connection that will last a lifetime."

If all this, Slow Food Northern NJ supports school vegetable gardens, which provide a unique, up-close experience for children, and enhance the cul-

ture in subjects such as science, mathematics, art, and home economics. The experience also fosters healthy choices in the lunchroom, and at home."

This is precisely the lesson Myers has been offering for several years. As he said of the outdoor classroom and organic garden, it allows him "to show students firsthand how the life science curriculum is alive and very much a part of our everyday lives."

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HOPPER AVENUE

Accidents renew safety concerns

BY JODI WEINBERGER
Staff Writer

WALDWICK • Police are again urging drivers to proceed with caution at the intersection of Hopper Avenue and West Prospect Street in response to an increase in motor vehicle crashes at the site.

According to Police Chief Mark Messner, the borough "marked the heck out of" the intersection a few years ago when police first noticed an increase in traffic, believed to be largely related to commercial development in the area.

"We were getting the same types of crashes" at that time, Messner said in an email March 21. "People, ignoring the stop sign and being hit by cars on West Prospect."

The four-way intersection has yellow "stop ahead" signs on both sides of Hopper Avenue, two stop signs facing south and one stop sign facing north on Hopper, along with the word "stop" written on the asphalt on

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BALLPARK FIGURES



Waldwick High School softball player Ali Eakin, a junior

Waldwick High School baseball player John Simone, a senior

FILE PHOTOS

Let the games begin

Players at high schools across North Jersey will be hearing the cry "Play ball!" next week as their baseball and softball seasons get underway.

What can fans of the boys and girls of spring 2012 expect to see?

Some familiar faces and some new ones, too, as sports writers Greg Tartaglia and Ron Fox report in a high school-by-high school roundup that begins on Page 4L.

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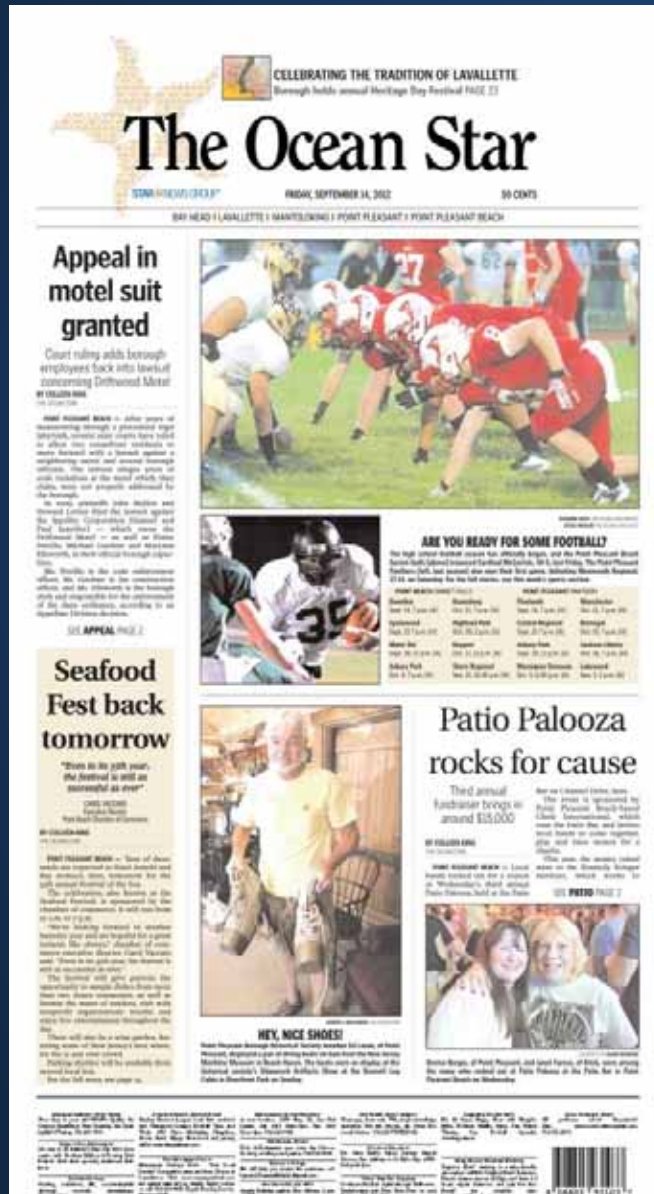
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GOT YOUR BACK

Zauren Robertson, 9, is surprised and refreshed, as one of 10-year-old Amir Brown's water balloons finds its mark, Recreation Station, Bloomfield's summer camp for kindergarten to seventh grade, is in session at Demarest School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 973-743-9034.

FATALITY

Bus strikes student, 22, going to job

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

Deshon Johnson of Morris last week walked 20 minutes from Montclair to Bloomfield to take a two-week bus ride to his Home Depot job, a friend told Bloomfield Life.

Acting Essex County Prosecutor Carolyn A. Murray last

Thursday identified Johnson as the man struck and killed Wednesday July 18, by a bus at the Bloomfield intersection of Broad Street and Bay Avenue.

The Essex County Prosecutor's Office and Bloomfield police are investigating the incident. The preliminary suspicion is that Johnson was rushing to catch Bus 704 to get to his job when he was hit, according to authorities. He was pronounced dead at 10:34 a.m.

No charges have been filed at this time, and the investigation is ongoing, authorities added.

The prosecutor's office stated Johnson was an Essex County Community College student.

"Deshon was only 22, and he did not want to die," said his friend

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Deshon Johnson

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TONY'S KITCHEN
Cedar Grove couple rides for hunger

By HELEN A. BROWN
Cedar Grove

It's a beautiful day in the Sunbelt Regional Market, and the two riders are smiling. They are Tony and Mary, a Cedar Grove couple who ride their bikes to raise money for the Cedar Grove Food Bank. They are riding for the Cedar Grove Food Bank, which is a non-profit organization that provides food to the needy in the Cedar Grove area. Tony and Mary have been riding their bikes for several years, and they have raised a significant amount of money for the food bank. They are riding their bikes to raise money for the Cedar Grove Food Bank, which is a non-profit organization that provides food to the needy in the Cedar Grove area.

FIRST IN THE STATE
Discount prescription drug program open to all

Pharmacies have questions, though

By HELEN A. BROWN
Cedar Grove

The program, which is the first of its kind in the state, will allow anyone who is on Medicaid to get a discount on their prescription drugs. The program is being implemented by the state's Department of Human Services. The program is being implemented by the state's Department of Human Services. The program is being implemented by the state's Department of Human Services.

VERONA FIELDS
Residents still concerned about pesticide use

By HELEN A. BROWN
Cedar Grove

The voices of all are important to me, but if you listen only to the advocates and activists, the outcome isn't as it should be.

JOHN BROWN
Cedar Grove

The residents of Cedar Grove are still concerned about the use of pesticides in their area. They are concerned about the health of their children and the environment. They are concerned about the health of their children and the environment. They are concerned about the health of their children and the environment.

PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE
Historic flag maker bleeds red, white and blue

By HELEN A. BROWN
Cedar Grove

Many people have been asked to pledge their allegiance to the United States flag. The flag maker is a historic business that has been in the Cedar Grove area for many years. The flag maker is a historic business that has been in the Cedar Grove area for many years. The flag maker is a historic business that has been in the Cedar Grove area for many years.

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SUPERIOR COURT

Ravi receives 30-day sentence

Prosecutor says judge's ruling was 'insufficient'

By David Davis Staff Writer

"You had to put something in the paper for me, so you were an accomplice, and you helped it," a former husband told his wife.

The judge said Judge Dennis Ryan gave the 30-day sentence to Ravi because he was a repeat offender, killing his wife in a 2006 murder case. The charge against him was aggravated manslaughter.

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Letting his wife know that he was still in love with her was the last thing Ravi did before he was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

"I was just trying to let her know that I was still in love with her," Ravi said.

The judge said Ravi's defense was "insufficient" because he did not provide any evidence to support his claim that he was innocent.

Ravi's lawyer said that his client is innocent and that the judge's ruling was a miscarriage of justice.

"I'm not saying that I'm innocent," Ravi said. "I'm just saying that I'm not guilty of the crime that I was charged with."

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MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Increase decreases 3.7 percent

By David Davis Staff Writer

Officials here called a 2012 budget that would increase the town's operating budget by 3.7 percent, or \$1.1 million, over the 2011 budget.

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RIDGEWOOD WATER LAWSUIT

Attorney: Claims are outrageous

By David Davis Staff Writer

Ridgewood officials say they were caught off guard by a lawsuit filed by a former resident who claims that the town's water supply is contaminated.

The lawsuit claims that the town's water supply is contaminated and that the town is responsible for the contamination.

MEMORIAL DAY

Flags mark the sacrifice of veterans

As the nation marks Memorial Day, a group of volunteers in Ridgewood are working to ensure that every veteran's grave is marked with an American flag.

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Service planned

A Memorial Day service, sponsored by the American Legion Post 12, will be held at Memorial Park in Ridgewood at 10 a.m. on May 28.

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incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying in N.J. in 2011

Area schools teach the new three R's

Respect, responsibility, relationships are the mainstays of Bullying Prevention Month

By KEITH HUMMELER
Staff Writer

October is a bad month for bullies. It's National Bullying Prevention Month, and schools across the state are staging programs and initiatives to tackle a problem that affects more than half of their students during their academic careers.

Students and teachers are collaborating to break down walls and open up lines of communication; to empower students; and to foster a climate of understanding and respect.

According to data released by the state on Oct. 2, there were more than 12,000 confirmed incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying in New Jersey school districts in the 2011-12 school year — the first year the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABBR) mandates were in effect.

Overall, more than 35,000 incidents were reported.

Under ABBRA, every public school in the state is required to have designated anti-bullying personnel, conduct specific training programs and events, and follow new reporting guidelines.

"It's about changing the culture," said Red Bank Regional High School Principal Rosa Clay, "and that takes a lot of time and a lot of effort. The goal is to get kids to understand that it's OK to talk, that there are discussions that need to be had, that this is a safe place to discuss those things, and that also we don't tolerate this kind of behavior."

ABBR is an extension of the state's original anti-bullying law first enacted in 2002. Passed in 2010 and signed into law Jan. 5, 2011, the mandate came on the heels of the highly publicized suicide of Rutgers University student Tyler Clemente, who jumped off the George Washington Bridge.

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121 Rhana (l-r), Isabella Diagona, Aya Abdelaziz and Tiana Cronin, of the Project Girl Performance Collective, act out a bullying scenario on Oct. 2 during an empowerment program presented as part of the Week of Respect at Red Bank Regional High School in Little Silver.

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NORTH JERSEY

Region's cleaning up Sandy's mess

Much of town still in dark
BY DAVID H. JEWETT
Staff Writer

WEST MILFORD—A handful of 18th-century mansions in West Milford were left in darkness as a result of the storm, but the town's power was restored by Tuesday afternoon. The town's power was restored by Tuesday afternoon.

The Monday night storm on the western shore of Longmeadow Lake caused the biggest, as the storm had the most impact on the town's power. The storm caused the power to go out in the town's power plant on Saturday night, as well as in the town's power plant on Saturday night, as well as in the town's power plant on Saturday night.

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Photograph by David Papp, surrounded by a giant pine tree as he cuts it up with his chainsaw on Schuyler Avenue this past Thursday.

One third still without power on Friday
BY STEPHEN WILSON
Staff Writer

SOPHISTOPHORIZED—Although power was restored to a substantial amount of western Longmeadow on Friday, one-third of the households still did not have power. The town's power was restored by Tuesday afternoon.

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PEDDIANOCK

Power slowly returning to township

Officials, residents remain frustrated with JCP&L's communication efforts
BY DAVID H. JEWETT
Staff Writer

PEDDIANOCK—Power is slowly returning to the township, but officials and residents remain frustrated with the communication efforts of the local utility company, JCP&L.

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This fallen oak tree in Peddiannock was uprooted by the storm's winds that fell over during the night of Hurricane Sandy's arrival on Monday night. A number of trees in that area of town toppled during the super storm, and several could be seen lying on electrical wires.

PEDDIANOCK

Felling stations moved to PFHS

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Cardinale on Kwon's rejection

TO THE EDITOR:
The lid has been blown off. After the hearing held March 22, it can no longer be claimed that the N.J. Supreme Court might be independent of politics.

For many years it has, in fact, been a bastion of left-of-center activists. Since 1847, Democrats have dominated the Court for 32 out of 65 years. Until the last seven years, even all of the Republican justices have been from the far left spectrum of our party.

The Court's decisions have ordered government to be larger and more powerful, property and income taxes to escalate, and life in suburban New Jersey to become increasingly less affordable.

Last week's hearing has pierced that theory. The Democratic members of the Judiciary Committee, for the first time in history, rejected a gubernatorial appointee not because of his qualifications, but because they suspected he might be a closet Republican.

The committee was inundated with material from special interests who openly expressed fear that Governor Christie's nominees might disturb the political balance on our highest

court and which might result in a changed predisposition. These special interests feared that advantages they achieved as a result of our left-leaning Supreme Court might be reversed should the pendulum swing a bit to the right.

They feared the court might actually begin to serve the public interest, not theirs. The special interests and their legislative co-conspirators, the Democratic senators on the Judiciary Committee, broke all traditions. They have nullified the people's choice in our last gubernatorial election. They are desperate to hold on to power.

They insist that the governor only appoints justices who they are sure will toe their line, who will not make fair decisions, but only decisions that preserve the power of Democratic politicians and their interest groups to continue violating the hard-working people of New Jersey.

The New Jersey Senate, as an institution, lost credibility last Thursday. It will be a long uphill struggle to get it back.

State Sen. Gerald Cardinale
R-13 Senate Judiciary Committee
The writer is a Republican representing New Jersey's 35th district.

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I wonder what the Tooth Fairy is paying out now

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Residents don hoodies and march for Trayvon Martin

Anger at the tragic shooting of a Florida teenager came to Bergen County back on Sunday. SEE PASSOW, PAGE 6

-OUR VIEW-

Pink slime labels needed on beef

THE ISSUE Ground beef packages don't say if they had ammonia-treated meat.

OUR VIEW Consumers deserve more information on what they're buying.

Sen. Robert Menendez is right to push for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to require more detailed supermarket package labels so consumers can know if they're buying pure ground beef or a mixture containing ammonia-treated beef filler, also known as "pink slime."

Menendez urged the USDA to reconsider its plan to purchase seven million pounds of ammonia-treated ground beef for the federally-funded school lunch program, and it's encouraging that schools may now opt out of getting the pink slime.

Gerald Zinsstein, a former USDA microbiologist, said in a television interview that pink slime is made by grinding beef scraps and connective tissue together and "washing" it with ammonia hydroxide to kill bacteria such as E. coli and salmonella. It's then blended into ground beef and served to students through the National School Lunch Program.

ABC News recently reported that 70 percent of ground beef sold in supermarkets contains the pink slime, but because the ammonia is part of a treatment and not an ingredient, it's not listed on package labels.

SPEAK OUT

How do you feel about the "pink slime" sold in supermarkets and school cafeterias? Email your thoughts to leonialife@northjersey.com

There are varying reports about how harmful the pink slime actually is. Some experts say it's no worse than eating a hot dog or other processed meat, like cold cuts.

The main issue we have with this is that shop parents and parents don't know if they and their kids are eating this processed meat or the more nutritious available options.

Kids go to school to learn academic subjects and how to make smart decisions in life. Choosing healthier dining options is an important lesson that today's children should learn.

Having questionable meat forced on them isn't right. Misleading consumers into thinking they're buying "100 percent pure beef," which is really just ammonia-treated connective tissue is also wrong. We hope the USDA continues its recent efforts to ensure people know what they're really buying and eating.

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The student debt crisis

With the ringing of the first school bell of the year, Verona and Cedar Grove activists are not only thinking about the first classes in their high school careers, but they're probably also wondering what's going to happen after it ends.

In the next couple of months, they'll be receiving their college catalogs (if they haven't already done so), preparing essays, handling job applications and searching for scholarship opportunities.

Unfortunately, the higher education climate isn't what it used to be and students here are seeing difficult decisions ahead. Some are probably torn about whether a college education is worth it, especially with the lack of jobs and the steadily climbing student debt rate. Why spend four or five years in college studying up a massive amount of money when a job isn't guaranteed?

Numbers don't lie: The U.S. — which now exceeds \$1 trillion in unpaid student debt — it's not, but too.

And now, more and more businesses are defaulting on their student loans as tuition increases and the cost of living has skyrocketed, while good-paying jobs have disappeared. That's not to mention the fact that many of the jobs that are available are in the service sector, which means lower pay and less job security.

What's the solution? It's not as simple as it seems. But one idea is to look at the way we finance higher education. Some are calling for a "student debt moratorium" — a temporary halt on new student debt — while others are calling for a "student debt forgiveness" program, which would allow students to have their debt forgiven after a certain period of time.

It's a complex issue, but one that we hope to see more discussion on in the coming weeks.

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Often getting 'the word' wrong

Writing is not one of my most reliable personal assets. I should have known that when I was asked to write an opinion piece for the Verona-Cedar Grove Times, I would be in for a rough ride. I'm not a writer, and I'm not a professional. I'm just a mom who likes to share her thoughts on things that matter to her.

I'm not alone. I've seen so many people who are passionate about their causes but who struggle to express their thoughts in a clear and concise way. It's not that they lack ideas or passion. It's just that they lack the skills to communicate effectively.

One of the biggest reasons for this is that we live in a world where everyone has an opinion. We're constantly bombarded with information from all directions, and it's easy to get lost in the noise. We're also living in a world where everyone has a voice, and it's easy to get carried away by emotions.

So, how do we communicate effectively? The answer is simple: We need to learn to listen. We need to learn to understand the other person's perspective. We need to learn to communicate in a way that is respectful and constructive.

Writing is a skill that can be learned. It's not an innate talent. It's a craft that requires practice and patience. If you want to improve your writing skills, you need to read, you need to write, and you need to seek feedback.

So, the next time you're asked to write an opinion piece, don't be discouraged. Take a deep breath, take a moment to think about what you really want to say, and then write it. You'll be surprised at how much better you'll do than you think you will.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Petition supports deer culling in reservations

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you regarding the petition to support deer culling in reservations. I am a resident of the reservation and I have seen the impact of the deer population on the land and the people. The deer are causing damage to the crops and the infrastructure, and they are also a health hazard. I believe that culling the deer is a necessary and humane way to manage the population.

I have signed the petition and I encourage you to do the same. We need your support to make a difference. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,
[Name]

Hello readers! Welcome to the Verona Cedar Grove Times

All hands on deck! The Veronians and Cedarians are excited to announce a new addition to our news family. The Veronians and Cedarians are pleased to announce the launch of the Veronians and Cedarians Times. We are excited to have you as a part of our news family. We are excited to have you as a part of our news family. We are excited to have you as a part of our news family.

Editorial Board: Lillian Ortiz, Maria Garcia, Andrew Lopez, Joshua Johnson, Carlos Perez.

Update, add your listing to local directory

Businesses in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times are currently working on the local directory. We are currently working on the local directory. We are currently working on the local directory. We are currently working on the local directory.

Meet with the editor of the Times

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THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS FINAL, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

OPINION

In May 1963, the new library at Ridgewood High School (PHOTO) featured a "learning center" with chairs where students could sit and read books and magazines in a small room for conferences or classes, and a large room for professional meetings and reference work.

Updating the outdated New library would meet modern-day demands

Almost 50 years ago, the library at Ridgewood High School (RHS) was a place of quiet study. Students researched books to help them research term papers. To stay up to date with current events, they read newspapers and magazines. All library, classroom book clubs in hand, and they read completely furnished from the main floor.

Fast forward to the present library at RHS, where many books have not touched the ground in favor of computer use for that 1963 infrastructure meant for research. The room that is largely untouched from 1963, the last time a major renovation of the RHS library was done.

This year, a group of RHS administrators and parents are pushing to transform the library into a "Learning Classroom" — a place better suited for new technologies and teaching methods of today.

A new RHS Learning Classroom would feature video conference rooms, computer use with printers and scanning options, small group work spaces with white boards, TV monitors for watching news stories, movable bookshelves to facilitate the reading

WHERE IN THE VILLAGE?

Had you? You can see the newest thing in the village. If you think you have the screen, a tablet or a smartphone, you can see the newest thing in the village. The phone is larger, wider, and completely different from the old.

Jacque Weiss: A real resource

Jacque Weiss is a village resident for 23 years, practices a program called the "gold field" program, which helps...

...the most difficult part of my job is understanding the role of the community of the village. It's not just about the people who live there, but about the people who work there, the people who are involved in the village's future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reminder of deadlines for casting votes

The Council of the Village of Ridgewood is reminding voters who are registered to vote in the upcoming election. The deadline for casting your ballot is on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. The deadline for casting your ballot is on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. The deadline for casting your ballot is on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Group celebrates its first year of helping neighbors

The Village of Ridgewood Chapter of the National Hispanic Leadership Conference (NHLC) is celebrating its first year of helping neighbors. The group has been successful in many ways, including providing food and clothing to those in need, and organizing community events.

Want to write a Letter to the Editor?

Letters to the editor may be published, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the editor. Letters should be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the paper, and should include a return address. Letters should be submitted to the editor at least two weeks before the publication date. The editor reserves the right to edit letters for clarity and brevity.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Back-to-school errands

I suppose if you shop around you can still find an old-fashioned pencil box in one of the stores today but I couldn't find one in any of the back-to-school ads in last Sunday's papers. There were ads for pencils for crayons and highlight pens...for notebooks and backpacks, cell-phones and computers and even cell-phones, which are probably not allowed in most classrooms.

But no pencil boxes. At least not like the one my dad used to bring home for me each year from New York City.



AFTER THOUGHTS
BY
MARSHA STOLTZ

Like so many other things, of course, the back-to-school ritual has changed since those days before World War II when I was in elementary school.

For one thing, the Sunday newspapers weren't clogged with those slick, colorful "back-to-school" advertising billboards the way they are now. In fact, the Bergen Evening Record as it was then called didn't even have a Sunday edition. The only Sunday papers with their colorful comic sections came out of New York City or Newark.

And there was no Walmart or Target, no K&M Hairy or K&M or other big chain stores to run the ads, no malls with suburban branches of the city's department stores. The only real department store in Bergen County was the Sears Roebuck in Hackensack. As a result, most people shopped at local stores in their hometowns where having a Washburn's five and dime store, like we did on Washington Avenue in Hengerville, was considered big time.

The only back-to-school promotion I remember was that Mr. Klein, the local printer, sold ads to the merchants which he printed on heavy weight paper, like the kind of paper used for grocery bags, to make covers for our school books. The ads were generally low key with simple messages like "Good Luck to



APRIL MAGEE/ISTOCK/GETTY IMAGES

Our students from Holtzman's Moss and Bog's Shop" or "Best wishes for Success from Pop's Palace Theater." The covers were then distributed by through the local stores.

For me, the back-to-school routine generally began a week or so before school opened with a run to Holtzman's. More would drag me there for a new pair of lockers, for a couple of white shirts and a new sweater which she'd pull over my head to be sure it fit.

"Stop the spinning," she'd command.

The next stop was the Hunter Brown shoe store where I was fitted with a new pair of shoes. That, after a summer of running around in old beat-up sneakers, felt so stiff as the laces came in.

"Don't worry," the clerk would always say, "they'll feel better when you break them in," which somehow seemed to contradict Mrs. Kanton to be confident not to scuff them.

Dad's assignment was to take me to Bossy's Barber Shop for a haircut. I didn't mind going there because it was a family place where every regular customer like my dad had his own shaving mug standing on the shelf. Mr. Bossy himself would cut my hair, part it in the middle and plaster it down with some kind of gel. When I left I looked like Alvin in the "Oo-

Close encounters of the doggie kind

Having been a dog owner, I get that dog like to stick their noses in inappropriate places. Of course, what's inappropriate to you and me is considerably different from what's inappropriate to a dog. Their sense of smell is their most sensitive sense and they use it to sniff out the world around them, even and especially if that part of the world happens to be someplace you that you'd rather not have sniffed.



LOST IN SUBURBIA
BY
MARSHA STOLTZ

I've also determined that the size of the sniff tends to mirror the size of the dog. Small dogs tend to give small sniffs and big dogs tend to really go for the gusto. Although I'm not generally a fan of small dogs, I have to admit, in this case even, I tend to favor the small dog sniffs over the large dog sniffs.

Our dearly departed dog, Riley was a big dog who truly excelled at the inappropriate sniff. While other dogs didn't seem to mind his aggressive sniffing, the same can't be said for the humans who



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found themselves on the receiving end of one of his inquisitive snorts. Although we would try to instruct him before he could move in for the grand sniff, often he would snuffle our groups and before we could stop him, he'd content a muzzling nose violation. We would explain to the sniff that this was a "dog thing" and hoped they would understand, but I tend to think our lack of visitors over the years might have had something to do with the fact that our dog was a repeat sniff offender.

Since your own dog doesn't need to sniff you, I was fortunate not to be on the receiving end of Riley's sniffs. But once he was gone, I suddenly needed to be prime sniff bait for every other dog out there. At first I didn't realize this had become a trend. But I soon noticed that, for some reason, I had become incredibly appealing to a variety of dogs. I tried to take this as a compliment, but there is just as much inappropriate sniffing a girl can take before she has to draw the line.

Then one day as I was taking a walk, I saw a trend coming toward me who was walking her dog. This dog was also a repeat sniff offender and had recently completed a 12-step sniff program. Because of this, I was optimistic we would have a more subdued meeting. But as they approached me, the dog suddenly pulled away from my friend and ran toward me. I assumed my hands and braided for the sniff, but instead the dog lunged up and tackled me to the ground. He obliterated across my face and when I opened my mouth to complain, his tongue ran mine and we exchanged a full on doggie kiss.

"Oh, look, looker kissed you!" exclaimed the owner. "Isn't that sweet?"

I wiped my mouth in disgust. "Actually, I'd rather be sniffed."

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Resident endorses Independent candidate

TO THE EDITOR:

Our family has known Jim for several years during our involvement with the Boy Scout Troop 108. Jim is a man of integrity and good character.

He has always been a very dedicated and hard-working volunteer that served for over three years at the Committee chairperson. He has always cared about the Scouts, and was always there helping for each of the Eagle Scout projects.

Every summer he organizes very successful charity fundraisers. He helped care of the Scouts complete his Eagle Scout project by raising donations to get the required building materials.

Our town needs Jim to represent the residents of Hillsdale.

Fernando Porras
Hillsdale

District widens search for superintendent

TO THE EDITOR:

Montvale's school district starts the new school year with a prominent superintendent, so it has widened its desperate search to the Internet.

A Sept. 7 ad in the "Jobs" section of *The Record* announces that "Applications can be completed on line." The ad emphasizes that the annual school budget is approximately \$14 million underscoring the fact that it wasn't a high-fired board that drove away the previous search terms incumbent.

Just his dissatisfaction with the state salary cap that would reduce his take from the district.

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Watching the elderly shuffle by

Have you ever noticed how many of the people you see these days in the malls or at the local supermarket are among the elderly? I don't mean the "over 60 crowd," those who like to proudly refer to themselves as senior citizens.

I'm talking about the group that the U.S. government's Department on Aging defines as "the oldest of the old," those in their late 70s and 80s and, increasingly, in their 90s.

They pass by in slow motion: white-haired ladies, shoulders hunched over from osteoporosis, arthritic old men shuffling along with their walkers.

I've been thinking a lot about the elderly lately, not just because I'll be 90 myself this month, but because I find myself wondering if I really treated the elderly in my own life properly.

One of my own grandparents, as well as my parents, made it to that status, but none to the age I've now reached myself. My Grandmother Flynn loved the longest of any of them, dying in her late 80s, when I was in my 20s.

Grandma Flynn, I recall, did not do me, probably because I was her only grandson. She couldn't do enough for me.

When I graduated from Dumont High School, she paid for my first year's tuition at Bergen Junior College in Teaneck.

AFTER THOUGHTS

ED FLYNN



Most of all, now as I watch the elderly shuffle by and I realize I am one of them, I remember the many times I could have done more for mom and dad in their old age.

neck. I think it came to \$500.

When my wife and I were married, she gave us a piano. It had our names inscribed on it: "To Dokora and Eddie." After my wife's death, when I moved into an apartment, I gave the piano to my two young grandsons. But I still play it occasionally when I visit them.

When I do, I think of her and how much she loved me.

And I loved her, too. But did I ever tell her?

My Grandfather Fleming, on the German side of the family, was a different breed. While Grandma Flynn was gentle, he was rough around the edges.

He lived with us in Ridgefield for a number of years while I was growing up, and he and my mom always seemed to be fighting about something. For one thing, he would never put his false teeth in, probably because they hurt. He was also hard of hearing and, whenever mom told him to do something, he'd say, "Eh?"

But, I recall the time once, when grandma had left the moon and moon said to dad, "I don't know what we're going to do with him."

He came rushing back into the room shouting, "I heard that!"

We kids all loved him, we thought he was a lot of fun. And, when he was well into his 70s, he would sit on our front porch looking like Pop-ops, with his hollow cheeks and a corncob pipe clenched in his mouth, and tell us about the days when he had been a sea-man aboard a coal-burning ship on the Atlantic. The dirt while I was in the Pacific, so I never did get to say goodbye.

As for my own parents, while my childhood memories always include Oes, I have trouble remembering how they looked when they were young. I always visualize mom as an old lady, when she had gained too much weight and had difficulty walking.

And, while I know dad had once been a dapper young man — a Damon Runyon-like character who hung out with ticket scalpers and bookies in New York's Hell's Kitchen — I remember when he needed oxygen at home for his failing heart. And I remember the day

he died at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck.

"I'm dead," he said to me, "I don't want to die."

I wish he hadn't said that because I didn't know what to say to him.

Most of all, now as I watch the elderly shuffle by and I realize I am one of them, I remember the many times I could have done more for mom and dad in their old age.

It wasn't that I was a bad son, at least I don't think so. After all, I had my own problems, a career to pursue, two teenage girls to raise, a mortgage to pay.

I try to remember that rare when, like so many of the other elderly people here at the retirement community where I live, I'm waiting for one of my own children to call.

It's not that we had sorry for ourselves. It's just that we like people to remember that we're still here.

EDITORIAL

We will always remember

It is a day etched in the mind of every person who was alive when it happened.

A defining moment in history. A defining moment of a generation.

It was a defining moment for those whose lives were saved, those left standing and those left behind. For those who perished, it was the end of moments.

This week we marked the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks against America.

As each day, each month, each year passes since the events of

Sept. 11, 2001, every one of us alive who witnessed the terror has pledged to never forget.

We remember the crash. We remember the towers. We remember the plumes of smoke hanging over the skyline, the Pentagon, a Pennsylvania field.

We remember the heroes, the rescuers, the leaders, the fighters. We remember those who ran into the fire. We remember those inside who desperately tried, but failed to crawl their way out.

We remember the aid. We remember the hushed silence

dashed with screams for survivors amid the rubble. We remember the collapse.

We remember the snarl of death that lingered in the air for months. We remember the faces, the flaps begging for the missing to be returned.

We remember the mothers who mourned new fathers who lost daughters and brothers their sisters.

We remember unborn children in the wombs of the widowed.

We remember the taste of salt

on the cheeks we kissed, wet droplets from the cinders we lit, the empty seats at the dinner table.

Eleven years later, we still remember. As part of the America who survived that day, how could we ever forget?

Those that will never be forgotten. Those who perished, those who gave everything that day, will forever remain in our hearts and minds.

As the years continue to pass, many a memory fades. But we will always remember.

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R (not) in R-1
 Much ado about ADU
 It's a subtle name game, "secretly driving us" that continues the town's intransigence.
 An ADU is a new residence created within an existing house or over it, on the same piece of property.
 The Montclair Planning Council has a pending ordinance that would essentially amend the municipal Zoning Plan, creating ADUs to be created in areas of town that are zoned for single family residential.
 The argument for creating additional ADUs? Montclair desperately needs low cost affordable housing, especially as aging parents need to be accommodated in an affordable living space built as an expansion of an existing home's footprint, or in a converted garage.
 Many people who own single family homes located in our town's R-1 zones struggle to pay Montclair's staggeringly high property tax. An ADU would enable these homeowners to bring up their revenue into what represents what generally speaking most of their income for housing.
 Before council members approve this ordinance, they have indicated Planning Board members to provide some insight. People with vision, insight and foresight created Montclair's residential and commercial zones. As developer/purveyors of the municipal planning and zoning boards and municipal council have revised the rules or proposed applicants from the rules, either strategically or actively. Some of these actions have made sense. Some are questionable.
 Clearly every large new development created or proposed in Montclair gets scrutinized like the parking mandates that Montclair places over a church's parking lot.
 Planning property, some homeowners have created various setbacks there to substitute their geographic and common additional housing on their previously single family lots. Behind some of these interesting homeowners have various plans of exactly where the setbacks go back to lot developments and then, after Montclair has been notified neighbors, asking their original losses and enjoying them.
 Many people coming to town are attracted by Montclair's attractive residential aesthetic that both the above mentioned have been protected for a century or more. Allowing additional family residences to single family neighborhoods creates a key element of the U.S. zoning – neighborhoods with single family homes.
 It's a comparative measure of the zoning standards.
PHOTOGRAPHY
 ■ Parking is convenient for residents on certain streets, where carpool lanes have no driveway and apartment buildings have storage or no parking areas.
 ■ What happens when single family homes on these streets become multi-family residences? Where will the additional cars park?
 ■ The logic of ADU is to create town with new residents, while the ADU may produce more property tax revenue, will the town benefit from more zoned ADU or affect the public cost of collecting on additional ADU in the Montclair School District?
 ■ The Home Fair encourage converting higher density housing near Montclair town, business districts – primarily near the Center Business District, where parking stands to save resources. See State and Municipal Avenue, surrounding residences with businesses and transportation. ADU's allowed in R-1 zones would require this street, carefully monitoring nearby developments throughout Montclair.
 ■ A wide-area group could be contacted over an "acoustically driving unit" from neighbors' a neighborhood. Your neighbor's backyard has become an acoustically driving unit.
ADU'S ARE
 Proponents of ADU in the desire to improve residents to stay in their Montclair homes despite the ever increasing property tax, which is forecast to come even increasing the next Census Decennial.
 Adding rental property sites to their homes by ADU's would generate more income to ... afford to pay the property tax.
 ■ Rather than additional, Montclair's zoning, there's no alternative.
 ■ Key taking Montclair's property tax every year.



VISUAL VIEWPOINT

HAVE YOUR SAY
Steven 'Old Glory'
 On the morning of June 6, 2012, I discovered that in the hours of 4:30 PM, I had also happened to see the Old Glory flag flying in the wind. I was on my way home to my house.
 The Old Glory flag is the symbol of the United States. It is a symbol of the American people and the American way of life. It is a symbol of the American dream and the American spirit. It is a symbol of the American people's love of freedom and democracy.
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CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT

Students blast into the past

BY ANDREW WALZON
Staff Writer

It was history on a small scale at Cedar Grove's National Middle School (NMS) last Thursday. The scene could have taken place in a classroom, but it was not. Instead, it was a re-enactment of the Civil War. Students dressed in period clothing and uniforms, some in blue and some in gray, were seen in the school's courtyard. The re-enactment was a highlight of the school's annual history festival. Students and teachers alike were seen in period clothing, some in blue and some in gray. The re-enactment was a highlight of the school's annual history festival. Students and teachers alike were seen in period clothing, some in blue and some in gray.



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SAFING GOOBYE

Looking back on a 50-year career

BY ANDREW WALZON
Staff Writer

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A person in a white protective suit, possibly a scientist or researcher, is seen in a laboratory or office setting. The person is wearing a full-body white suit with a hood and mask, suggesting a high level of biohazard or chemical protection. The background shows a laboratory or office environment with various pieces of equipment and a desk.

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

Middle-schooler spurs initiative

BY ANDREW WALZON
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There are 100 people here today for a purpose. They are here to support a cause that is important to the future of our planet. They are here to support a cause that is important to the future of our planet. They are here to support a cause that is important to the future of our planet.



A person is sitting at a desk in an office or classroom setting. The person is wearing a suit and is looking towards the camera. The desk has some papers and a computer monitor on it. The background shows a typical office or classroom environment.

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Vincent Giacalone and Joseph Calabrese Day

During the Emerson town council meeting on April 24, Mayor Carlos Collina read and presented a proclamation declaring Wednesday, May 2 as Vincent Giacalone and Joseph Calabrese Day in Emerson. Both Giacalone and Calabrese earned Boy Scouts' highest honor, that of Eagle Scout, during a ceremony in Emerson. Giacalone's Eagle Scout project involved the beautification of Emerson's Memorial School courtyard. His project transformed this once unused area into a functional and aesthetically appealing outdoor classroom, complete with shrubs, irrigation system, tables, a sitting wall and reading area, science patio and planting garden. Calabrese's Eagle Scout project involved collecting used baseball equipment. These items were refurbished and donated to an organization called "Pitch In For Baseball." The equipment was then distributed to organizations that do not have enough money for equipment and to programs affected by natural disasters, such as those in Japan Missouri, so young boys and girls may continue to play baseball.



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HILLSDALE

Cub Scout Pack celebrates 50 years

Cub Scouts Pack 531 celebrated 50 years of service to the community in the Borough of Hillsdale on earlier this year at its Blue and Gold Awards Banquet at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Hillsdale. The event started with an outdoor Wabeco Bridging Ceremony honoring the four arrows of light recipients: Brian Macchiore, Daniel Oliver, Brian Hill, and Anthony Lee for commitment to Cub scouting and bridging to Boy Scout Troop 108. Matthew Wofmann was also recognized for graduating Cub Scouts. Pack 531's former Wabeco Den Leader Rita Hill for four years of volunteerism and leadership.

American Legion Representative, George Krutler assisted Pack 531's Chairman, Jacob Warden in the ceremony sending off the

Wabeco across the bridge marking the completion of their career in cub scouting. Troop 108 Commissioner chair, Robert Baglioni, with Senior Patrol, Brian McKenna, Fernando Stagliano and Jake Boyke welcomed the Wabeco as they crossed over the bridge. Boy Scouts Unit Commissioner Rich Curran also assisted in welcoming the boys as they joined their new Troop. The bridging ceremony was followed by the Blue and Gold Awards Banquet in St. John's Parish Hall.

Mayor Max Aronowitz attended the bridging ceremony and banquet, addressing the cub scouts and their families, recognizing the accomplishments of all the boys and the importance of scouting to our community.

Boys received recognition for their many achievements and

advancements. In addition, The RSA Vantage Crew 1444 Order of the Arrow Dance Team presented traditional Native American dances in full regalia. Hillsdale's Cub Scout Pack 531 is sponsored by the American Legion Post 162 and meets at Ann Blanche South School in Hillsdale where most of the Cub Scouts attend school. New members in first through fifth grades are welcomed throughout the year. For more information on Pack 531 or to join contact Jacob Warden at jacq@pac531.com.

Pack 531 gives special thanks to Rent for contributions in caring for the denure and support the Blue and Gold and allowing Pack 531 to present a window display honoring its 50th year. Pack 531 also thanks sponsor ShopRite, Stop & Shop and A&F for their support.



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Cub Scouts Pack 231, pictured with Hillsdale Mayor Max Aronowitz, recently celebrated 50 years of service to the community in the borough at its Blue and Gold Awards Banquet.

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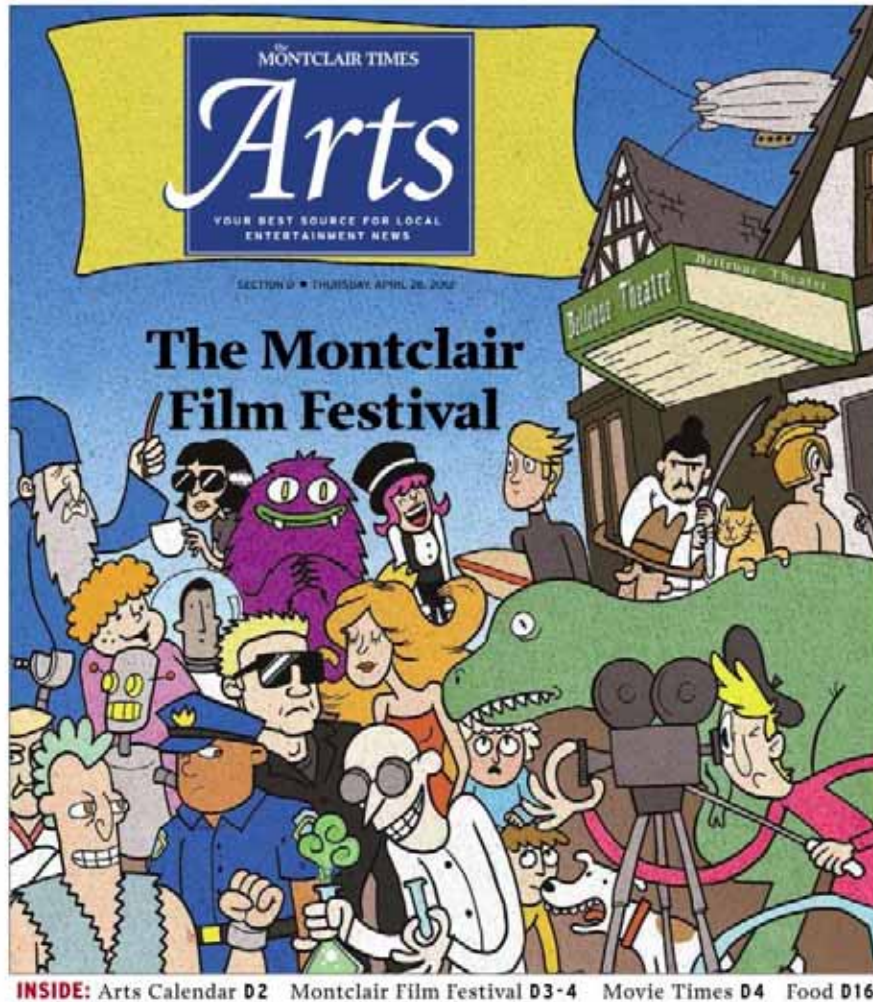
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Local members enjoy 'social, friendly and very uplifting' dancing in Tenafly



Instructor Lit Burns shows the class a turning routine during a Scottish Country dancing lesson held in Tenafly. See story, photos Page 37.

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In celebration of the band's 25th anniversary, the Police Pipes and Drums of Bergen County will go where no other pipe band has gone in New Jersey.
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Not much in this play makes a great deal of sense, including one character who jumps off a cliff only to return a few minutes later with no explanation.
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RHS enjoys record run at Penn Relays

Maroon girls set Bergen mark in distance medley

BY GREG TARGATLIA
Assistant Sports Editor

The distance medley relay has been a signature event for the Maroon girls' track and field team since its inception in 2008. Under the guidance of coach Brian Farrell, the team has consistently placed in the top three at the Penn Relays, a premier track and field competition held in Philadelphia, Pa. This year, the team set a new Bergen County record in the 4x1,000-meter relay, finishing in 12:58.10, a mark that will stand for some time.

The team's success was due to a combination of factors, including a strong start by sophomore Miajela McFadden, who led the team to the lead with a 3:12.10 split. The team then held off a challenge from the host team, the University of Pennsylvania, to win the relay with a final time of 12:58.10.

The team's performance was a testament to their hard work and dedication throughout the season. They have set several other records, including the 4x400-meter relay and the 4x800-meter relay. The team is looking forward to competing at the Penn Relays again next year and hopes to continue their success.

Boys' team posts 'solid' showings in 4x100, 4x400

BY GREG TARGATLIA
Assistant Sports Editor

The Ridgewood High School boys' track and field team had a successful weekend at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa. The team posted solid showings in the 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relays, finishing in 1:28.10 and 3:45.10, respectively.

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BOYS LACROSSE

Maroons back on track heading into Counties

BY ANDREW LACROIX
Contributor

After a disappointing start to the season, the Ridgewood High School boys' lacrosse team has turned things around, winning their opening game in a dominant fashion. The team is looking to continue their success as they head into the County Championships.

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The Ridgewood High School boys' lacrosse team, along with head coach Mike Piro, left, and assistant coach Dick Smith, right, celebrated their 17 victories in the program following last Sunday's 14-0 Senior Day win over Northern Highlands.

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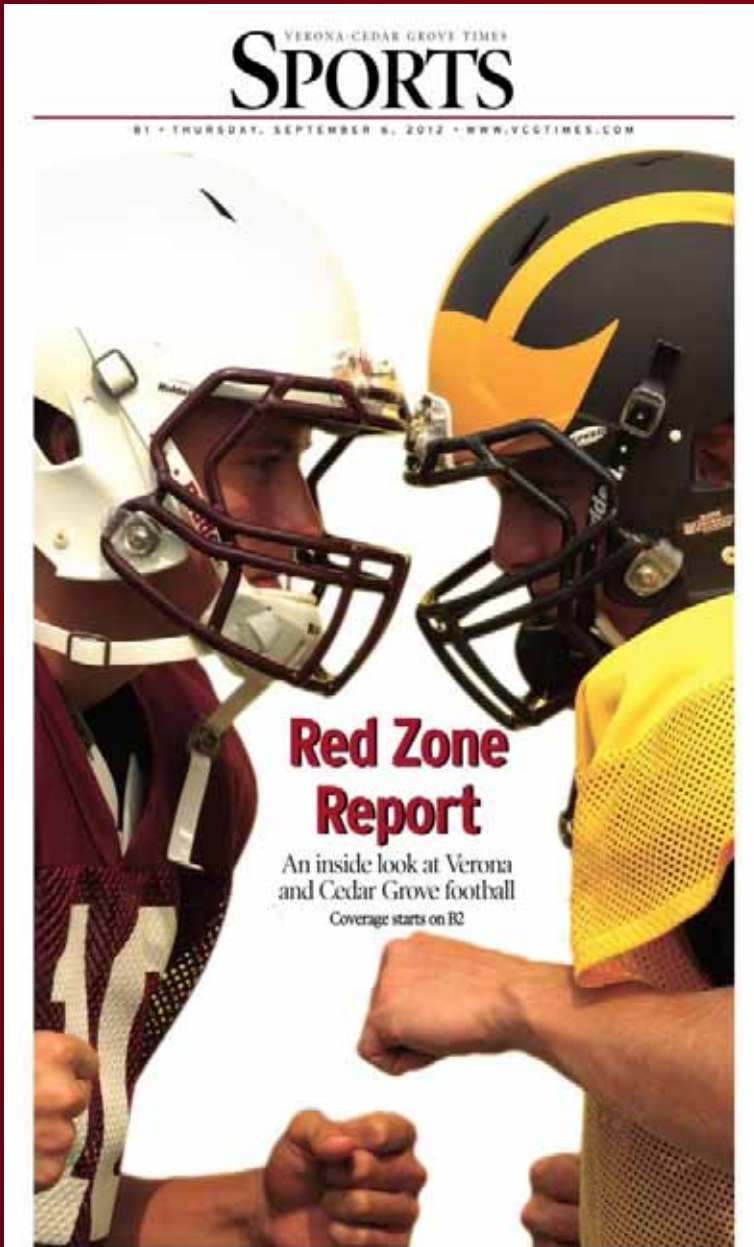
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Bringing on the noise

Point Beach routs Cardinal McCarrick in home opener

POINT BEACH HS FOOTBALL **CARDINAL MCCARRICK 6**

Garrett Gullis came out on top in first game of season

BY GREG DOMORSKI

POINT BEACH HS — It wasn't until the first half of the home opener that Point Beach football fans knew they were in for a special game. The first half of the game was a defensive struggle, with both teams trying to establish a rhythm. The second half was a great example of Point Beach's offensive prowess.


Garrett Gullis came out on top in the first game of the season, leading the Point Beach offense to a 35-0 victory over Cardinal McCarrick. Gullis threw for 200 yards and two touchdowns, while running back Matty Hernandez ran for 100 yards and two touchdowns.

The game was a defensive struggle in the first half, but Point Beach took control in the second half. The offense, led by Gullis, moved the ball down the field with ease, while the defense held McCarrick to a few punts.

Point Beach coach Steve Gorman said his team was "very confident" and "very excited" to start the season. He praised Gullis for his leadership and Hernandez for his hard work.

The game was a great start for Point Beach, and the fans were very supportive. The team will look to continue their success in the weeks ahead.

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Local wins 10K

Steve Gorman of Point Beach counts on his tough, hilly course


BY GREG DOMORSKI

10K — It started like a regular day during the Point Beach and Challenge races, but when the sun came out, the runners knew they were in for a tough race. The 10K course was hilly and challenging, and the runners knew they were in for a tough race.

The race was held on a hilly course, and the runners knew they were in for a tough race. The weather was perfect, and the course was beautiful. The runners were very competitive, and the race was very exciting.

The Point Beach team won the race, and the runners were very happy. The race was a great success, and the runners were very proud of their achievement.

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Liantonio shutout leads Panthers past Bengals

Senior Catcher Matt scores a goal with two outs against Birmingham

BY GREG DOMORSKI

10K — It was a shutout performance by Liantonio that led the Panthers to a 10-0 victory over the Bengals. Liantonio pitched a perfect game, allowing no hits and no runs. The Panthers' offense was led by Matt, who scored a goal with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

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The game was a great success for the Panthers, and Liantonio was named the game's MVP. The Panthers will look to continue their success in the weeks ahead.

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New home brings big win



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The new and improved Nash Park boasts new fences, dugouts and grass.

Mustangs best Don Bosco 6-2 at Nash Park

By Chris Woods
Sports Editor

For years the Clifton varsity baseball team played at Woodrow Wilson Middle School and for its spectators, it was a tough place to watch a game.

From the hopeless pile blocking views on the Clifton side to the somewhat unexpected and obstructed visitors side, parents and fans are happy to be taking their seats at the newly renovated Nash Park field on Lakeview Avenue.

The field, which is run by the Clifton Recreation Department, now has two dugouts, a working scoreboard and new fences.

"It is such a great place to watch a game," said Clifton head coach Joe Rivers. "At Woodrow you couldn't really get a good view of the game. Here at Nash there really isn't a bad seat and you can see the entire field. Plus you can fit a great deal of people in the stands."

Entering his fourth season as head coach, Rivers is confident in the mix of returning and underclassmen will secure a winning record and propel them into the Passaic County and State Tournaments.

"The County, as always, will be tough this season," said Rivers. "We already played Wayne Hills and lost to them but should have won. Both Wayne schools are tough and so is Lakeland."

In its five games played so far this season, Clifton was 3-2 with games on Wednesday and today. One of the team's most recent wins came on Tuesday when it defeated Don Bosco Prep 6-2 at Nash.

One of the top ranked teams in the area, Bosco won held scoreless after a two-run first inning by sophomore pitcher Luis Ramos. Ramos, who also earned a 9-1 win against Eastside, allowed five hits and went seven strong innings against the Trojans.

"Luis hits his spots and has a great changeup," remarked Rivers. "For him to come out against a team like Bosco is a great start."

The Mustangs are hopeful that

Clifton wins five in a row after opening day blanking

By Tom Stricker
Correspondent

After a 19-0 opening day loss to Immaculate Heart Academy, things could have gotten ugly, quick & far from the ballpark for coach Don Anzalone and Clifton softball.

But in the week following the lopsided defeat, the Mustangs proved why they've been among the most consistently successful softball programs in North Jersey over the years, winning five games in a row and outscoring their opponents 45-20.

The winning streak began with a win over Passaic County and Big North Liberty rival Passaic, as senior pitcher Amanda Marakovic had a sparkling outing at the plate and on the mound.

Offensively, she went 2 for 3 with an RBI and a stolen base; defensively, she produced a two-hit, three-run performance that frustrated Passaic hitters all afternoon.

The Indians could never quite get into a groove, and at one point sent 12 batters without a hit. The closest they'd come to scoring was when 3B Desiree Rodriguez reached third on a stolen base the 5th inning.

North Corley had a chance to drive in two runs (as Emily Lechner was also in scoring position), but she was struck out looking by Marakovic, maintaining the shutout.

Clifton got on the board in the 2nd on a bittersweet Meggin's single that brought Renee Koczynski home, and went up 2-0 at the end of the inning when Marakovic reached home on a Passaic error.

The Mustangs continued to heat up the next day, beating up on Eastside, 13-0.

The momentum carried over to Saturday, when they defeated Hawthorne, 6-1, in the morning, and won a 10-9 affair at Watkiss Valley in the afternoon. Clifton's hot bats carried them into this week, as they defeated Wayne Hills, 11-10 in nine innings on Monday.

The Mustangs traveled to Paterson to meet Kesteven on Wednesday, and to Cedar Grove to take on the Panthers Thursday, both in games that did not make press. They'll host Passaic County Tech this morning at 10 at Clifton Stadium.



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A Clifton batter gets in some practice hits before his game against Don Bosco earlier this week.

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DePaul tops Paramus in 2012 kickoff

BY CHRISTOPHER LAWLER
Contributor

PARAMUS — Marley Clark didn't drink up the victory. Yes, this was truly a different kind of win for DePaul Catholic's junior wrestling back last Friday.

Clark, who transferred from Paramus County Tech, had accumulated roughly as DePaul's 33-0 headlining of Paramus before nearly 2,000 on an unannounced head night at Hodgkins Stadium. The girls were nearly as wide as the boys he faced and shot through all evening.

"Playing here feels like a family," said Clark, a West Milford resident. "It's great to be here and I did our thing tonight."

Clark and senior headlining mainstay Joe Moreno are becoming fast friends.

"Marley came to DePaul with a chip on his shoulder, he didn't get the playing time and here he's going to bring fresh legs to our offense. He's an athlete who needs to be on the field."

Clark's Big Green debut was a smashing success. Though Moreno remains the feature back at DePaul's spread offense, Clark contributed 124 yards on nine carries, including a 41-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter when DePaul extended a lead. 20-point half-time lead to 27-0.

"Marley and Joe complement one another," DePaul head coach John McKenna said.

Moreno was, well, Moreno, the First Team All-County performer. He picked up right where he left off as a junior when he ran for 1,500 yards. Against Paramus, Moreno dominated for 223 yards and four touchdowns, giving DePaul a two-headed tailback monster that will give defensive coordinators an eyelid.

"We'll be able to rotate our backs; it gives us different looks and both backs will get breaks," McKenna said. "As the season goes along we'll start putting in more pieces of our offense. But tonight, we took a 14-0 lead and struck with what was working best for us."

Big Green will need the latest version of "Thunder and Lightning" — a.k.a. Moreno and Clark — when it hosts Paramus Catholic

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NEUTRAL GROUND

While fans revel in showdown, Miello declares loyalty

BY DOUG SCANCARELLA
Contributor

WAYNE — When the Wayne Valley and Wayne Hills football teams share the field for Friday night's tussle at Wayne Valley High School, a horde of cheers are sure to rain down from both sets of bleachers.

Fans on the home side, most likely, will be drilled out in Valley blue, which fans on the away side, will be drilled in Hillsmanian.

The game annually attracts thousands of attendees. At least one of those attendees/tensuous will be neutral — clad in neither Valley-blue nor Hillsmanian.

"I guess I'll have to hang out at the refreshment stand," said Mike Miello, Wayne Township's new district-wide athletic director.

The Wayne Board of Education created the position as part of a reorganizing of the district's administrative structure. In this role, Miello oversees both in-town schools' athletic programs.

"I guess just about everybody else will have a rooting interest," he said. "It's just rooting for a good game. For me, this will be one of those situations where it's unfortunate that one team has to lose. They had two really close games recently (a 7-0 Hills win in 2009 and a 21-16 Hills win in 2010). I'm hoping it's like this year."

Miello is a well-known coach within the North Jersey football community. He played at Hackensack High School during the Corero's glory days, graduating in 1962. He went on to play tight end for the University of Rhode Island, graduating in 1966.

A few years after graduating



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK GANTAIFFIS

NEW ROLE — Wayne Township's new district-wide athletic director Mike Miello has enjoyed a storied forty-plus year coaching and administrative career and is looking forward to this Friday night's cross-town football matchup between rivals Wayne Hills and Wayne Valley.

he returned to his alma mater to coach at Hackensack (1970 to 1975) before taking over at Ramapo (1978 to 2005). In total, Miello has won five state titles, graduating in 1966.

A few years after graduating

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Hills' opening win proves costly

BY NICK GANTAIFFIS
Staff Writer

WAYNE — The Wayne Hills football team's dominating season-opening night victory over Northern Highlands last Friday came at a significant cost after All-American quarterback Kevin Olsen suffered a broken foot on the first play of the third quarter.

Olsen, a University of Miami recruit, broke a bone in the right foot after cutting across the field where his foot appeared to get caught on the turf, according to his father and Wayne Hills head coach Chris Olsen.

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Primerano lifts Valley in opener

BY DOUG SCANCARELLA
Contributor

WEST MILFORD — Can opening day ever be labeled a "road win" in high school football?

It seems like a stretch, especially in New Jersey, where more than half the teams nowadays qualify for the playoffs.

Still, the Wayne Valley football team felt like its opening day game with West Milford was as close to "road win" as it gets.

Throughout the summer workout sessions, head coach Brian O'Connor and his players referred to the team's 2011 3-7 season as "embarrassing."

The players don't want to be associated with 3-7, he said last month. "But you can't call a season embarrassing and then come out the next year and lose the opener."

A loss to West Milford would have put Wayne Valley in a hole. They had typically strung Wayne Hills on Friday night. The Indians are 1-4 all-time vs. Wayne Hills, with their only win coming in the 1991 State Sectional Championship.

Since then, Wayne Hills has won every meeting. Wayne Valley occasionally keeps it close against its cross-town rivals, losing 5-0 in 2009 and 21-16 in 2010. But in the last two meetings, Wayne Valley lost handily to Wayne Hills (48-0 on the 2010 playoffs and 41-0 in 2011). With that said, a loss to WM may have meant an 0-2 start for the Indians.

Wayne Valley fans need not worry, as the Indians outscored West Milford, 24-12 last Friday night.

"There were enough positives to build on," O'Connor said. "But there were also a few negatives. We had a few costly penalties and had turnovers. We won't get away from that against Hills."

On its first possession, Wayne Valley drove 62 yards on a workman-like drive. It culminated with Luke Primerano scoring on a one-

yard touchdown pass to tight end Matt DeGroot.

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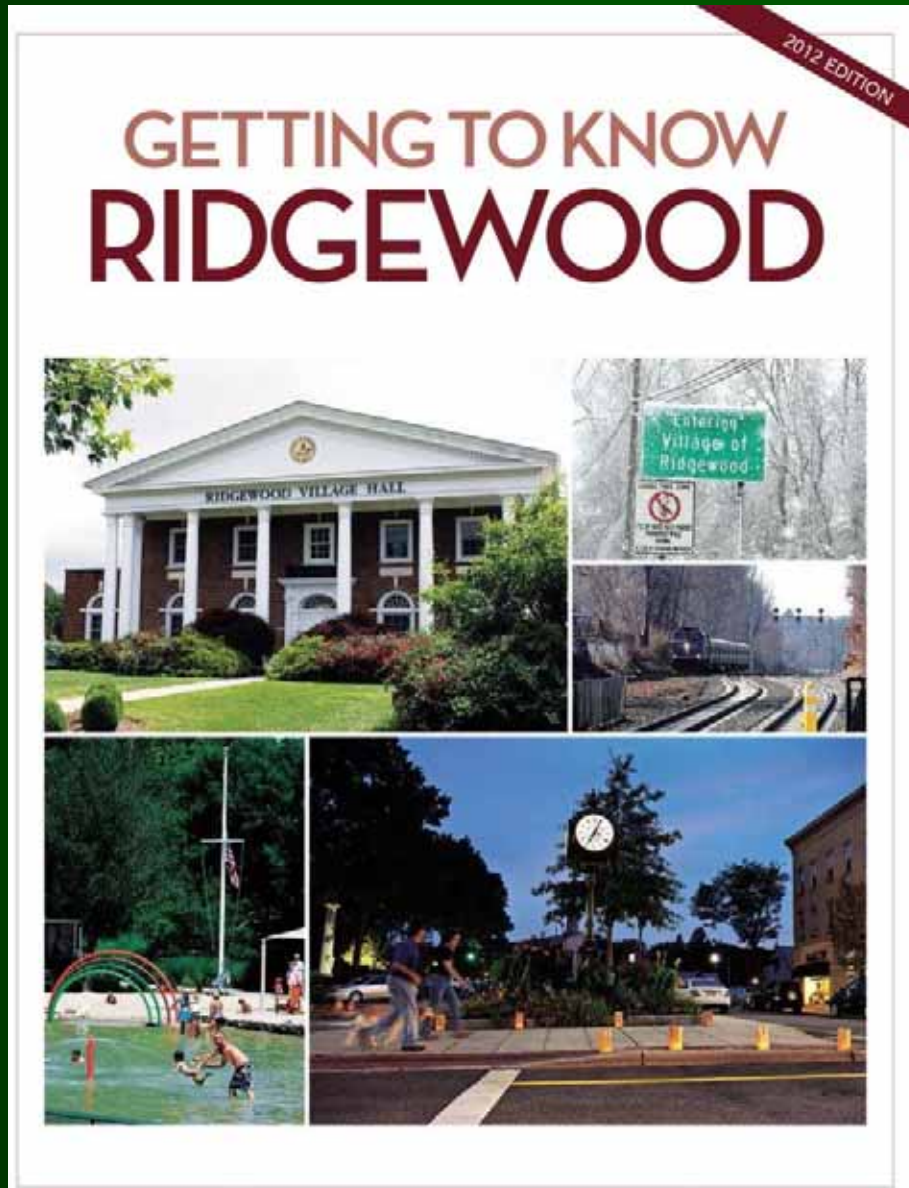
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Mantoloking split by ocean

Dozens of homes reduced to rubble

BY GUYTON KOLENBERGER
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MANTOLOKING — The small seaside town, long known for its scenic views, was hit hard by Hurricane Sandy. In some areas, homes have been destroyed, and the town is now a sea of rubble. The town is now a sea of rubble. The town is now a sea of rubble. The town is now a sea of rubble.



The beachfront in Point Pleasant Beach saw severe damage in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

Point Beach takes beating

BY COLLEEN KING
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POINT PLEASANT BEACH — The beachfront here, long known for its scenic views, was hit hard by Hurricane Sandy. In some areas, homes have been destroyed, and the town is now a sea of rubble. The town is now a sea of rubble. The town is now a sea of rubble.



The ocean beachfront in Mantoloking is in two locations on Monday (left), showing what Hurricane Sandy did to the town. The town is now a sea of rubble. The town is now a sea of rubble. The town is now a sea of rubble.

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Devastation

Sandy shocks Shore

The cleanup has begun

BY DALEY BEINE
 HURRICANE Sandy blasted into the Jersey Shore on Monday with winds tearing out roofs. The storm hit in its wake a devastated beachfront area, including in Monmouth County. The storm's destroyed houses and businesses and left hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses without power. The White House has promised much aid to New Jersey, with the president saying the best way to get the power back on... (Complete coverage of Hurricane Sandy and its aftermath is inside.)



New Jersey State Troopers were getting people off Ocean Avenue as the town sought help to clear the road and debris left from Hurricane Sandy. The state police also offered additional security to local departments up and down the coast.



Christie visits Belmar

BY DALEY BEINE
 President Obama and Governor Christie visited Belmar yesterday to review damage which was through the Northeast after the storm. The governor and his wife were joined by officials including former mayor Steve Dubowitz, several township council members, Assemblyman David Blithe (D-10) and Assemblyman Thomas Aronin, as well as dozens of township residents. Gov. Christie, Lt. Gov. Washington and Mayor Gagliardi walked along Ocean Avenue, beginning at 31st Street and heading north.

Belmar Mayor Matt Duberle (left) escorted Gov. Chris Christie and Gov. Jon Corzine through the town to show them the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy.



The Belmar boardwalk was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy, which hit at a small building and left it in the middle of Ocean Avenue.

Power may be out for 15 days

BY ANANDA COOKE
 As of Tuesday afternoon, there were more than 100,000 customers without power as a result of the hurricane, according to NJPWPA. To help remedy the problem as soon as possible, the company has more than 1,000 crew and machines responding to the thousands of calls. Tuesday and Wednesday were being used as days to assess the damage, according to NJPWPA. Once the assessments are complete, crews will begin repairing the power across the state. To help assess the damage, NJPWPA has a team of 200... (SEE NJPWA PAGE 3)



Lake Como deals with pump failure

BY DALEY BEINE
 Lake Como residents dealing with a pump failure at the station. Residents are urged to conserve water... (SEE PUMP PAGE 2)

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