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CEDAR GROVE REAL ESTATE

Did your property tax assessment change in 2013?

BY NARAILA K. LEBRON
 HomeLife Elite

Although the economy has essentially been on a slight upswing since 2011, the average Cedar Grove home assessment has gone down about \$1,000 since then, according to records from the town.

The town's average assessment has dropped from \$266,200 in 2011 to \$265,200 in 2012. There were 3,813 residential properties in Cedar Grove last year, according to 2012 records.

Real estate agents in Cedar Grove, Tax Assessor Richard Heston, is not sure the 2013 assessment will be any different.

DWINDLING ATTENDANCE

Veteran organizations could be in danger

BY NARAILA K. LEBRON
 HomeLife Elite

When can local veterans or their family members be "at risk?"

Last month, the Verona-Cedar Grove Board held the start of Veterans Month. It was a time to honor those who served in the military.

But, according to the board, the number of veterans in the town is declining.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR TOWNS
National intrigue triggers local questions



Gun permits, applications increase in 2012

BY ANDREW SEGEDIN
 NJPA Staff

Gun permits, for better or worse, have increased in our nation's collective consciousness — driven by incidents and fueled by violence that takes place in American streets everyday.

Questions about firearms — how many are out there and who owns them — seem to be on everyone's lips.

Answers to these questions are, at best, inconclusive at the local level.

In an interview provided to the Times by the Cedar Grove Police Department, the town's chief of police said that there has been a local gun in 2012 as compared to 77 last year.

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REFLECTIONS OF A PLACE THAT ONCE WAS

Poor farm town was 'altogether different'
 Resident of 86 years recalls life before the highway and condos

BY NARAILA K. LEBRON
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Michael Accetta, 86, describes riding the train through his farm town from Jersey City to Caldwell and back, carrying passengers and freight on the Erie Railroad, over the Pompton Avenue trestle.

In the spotlight
 Verona, Cedar Grove wrestling teams battle under the lights
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CEDAR GROVE FOOTBALL

Five coaches put on administrative leave

Cedar Grove coach Al Weston at left, looks down the sideline during a game against Ferris in Jersey City on Sept. 11. Absent from the sideline was Head Coach Ed Sadowski, along with assistant coaches Brian Douglas, Dave Sinar and Mike Weston. No reason was given for these coaches not being in attendance.



BY CHRIS LYVERN
 Sports Editor

The Cedar Grove Board of Education placed five football coaches on administrative leave on Sept. 11, following an investigation that began in late August. Based on an incident that was investigated at the high school, we have placed, in varying degrees of duration, five football coaches on administrative leave. Cedar Grove Superintendent of Schools Michael Perfortman told the Times on Sept. 13 neither he nor Board of Education President Frank Weston could disclose what triggered the coaches' actions.

Weston said Perfortman, vice coach and one team for the season, one to be seen until Oct. 1, one was on leave for the first game, and one to be seen for the second and third games. The superintendent could not disclose which coaches were placed on leave. He did, however, say that none of the coaches are returning, who were treated no differently than the past year. "I think you remember any investigation process with liability, whether they get a volunteer or a paid appointment," Perfortman said. "Again, most importantly to the safety and well-being of the student, that is the primary goal of the investigation." Perfortman said the board discussed the issue to an executive session that began at 9 p.m. on the night of Sept. 10 and went past midnight into the following evening. The superintendent could be

HOCHSIMON AND MARTIN

Case dismissed

After mediation, township manager publically apologizes

BY BRINCA BONGIACCA
 Managing Editor

Livingston Judge William Williams ended a protracted case trying to fix the harassment case against Verona Township Manager Joseph Martin with the word "satisfy," ending the case after a mediation session.



Joseph Martin



Michael Hochsimson

PUBLIC HEALTH

Could smoking ban expand to parks?

BY BRINCA BONGIACCA
 Managing Editor

While smoking ban in restaurants and public buildings is 10 times to start smoking a ban in Cedar Grove's parks?

Last week, the Cedar Grove Advisory Health Council—a voluntary panel of health care workers recommended that the township start such a ban. Under their proposal Dunwoody Park/Verona Park/Parade grounds in Cedar Grove's parks would be encouraged to bring cigarette, their respective parks.

The initiative hasn't been crafted into an ordinance, but as far as it is a ban on the Township Council, the proposal would only be a sign to local residents. There would be little cost to the township, according to the initial proposal, as compliance would be self-enforced. The New Jersey Department of Health requires fire codes for fire extinguishers that allow "all persons outside fire" public areas.

"In many of these communities, we're encouraging as long as there are signs present," Hochsimson said. "It's not a ban, it's a sign that says, 'This area is a no-smoking zone.'"

The idea has not yet been formally proposed to the township council. If the council is supportive

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Second person arrested

Four months later, man charged in relation to Subway robbery

BY BRINCA BONGIACCA
 Managing Editor

FBI special agents arrested a Newark man on Thursday in connection with a robbery of a Verona Subway station, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Arrested Thursday, 27, was arrested in Newark on Thursday, Sept. 15, and charged with two counts of committing a theft by receiving and one count of using a firearm during a crime of violence, the release stated. The FBI also arrested Yarbrough in the subway of a Keanwood Food Store in West Orange in April.

The arrest of Yarbrough became the second in a series of arrests at the Verona Subway on Elmwood Avenue. James Dunphy, 26, was arrested in June on multiple counts, as previously reported in the Times. Dunphy made his initial court appearance on June 21 and "remained in detention," according to U.S. Attorney's Office Public Affairs Officer Richard L. Caronich. But the charges against him remain pending.

When these arrests unfolded in the Woodbridge and Verona subways in the West Orange and Verona subways, Caronich said, and at each location, an employee was confronted with the robbery. The employee, Caronich said, was not injured. Two people said to be the witnesses of the robbery, Caronich said.

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 Verona and Cedar Grove lose in county tournament.
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COUNCIL Concerns postpone vote on merit pay

BY DARIUS AMOS
Staff Writer

An attempt to control wages earned by village management and non-union employees drew a series of financial and administrative concerns, prompting the Village Council to postpone its vote on two resolutions that would have approved a 3.5 percent salary increase but allowed lower-based raises.

Council members identified their specific concerns with the two resolutions, which generally dealt with salary structure and performance evaluation. During Wednesday night's discussion, also being held in the hands of council members were fiscal resolutions approved in a 10-page report recently filed by Ridgewood's Tiger Team, a volunteer financial committee.

The resolutions eventually passed a vote of 5-2, but the council members had the potential to raise as much as a 1.8 percent increase following performance-based raises.

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Tiger Team's report
Ridgewood's Tiger Team, a volunteer finance committee formed with examining the village's expenses and spending plan, presented preliminary findings to the council last week. Residents can now view the full 66-page report through a link on the village website, ridgewoodnj.com. For details on a presentation to the Village Council, check last week's *The Ridgewood News*.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT Planner: Schools, traffic impact minimal

BY DARIUS AMOS
Staff Writer

The impact that a 37,000-square-foot four-story mixed-use development of Franklin Avenue and Central Business District (CBD) would have on the village's schools and already crowded Ridgewood schools is minimal, according to reports filed by project developer Thele Development.

Continuing for the proposed Ridgewood Station development began this week, as planners and traffic engineers stated their case for the 118 new luxury apartment building. The complex, which would be located at the former Sun Health Mall site and in the shadow of the 76 Transit connector railway, also features more than 2,000 square feet for retail and 100 parking spaces.

Showing the project as a transit-oriented development (TOD), Hudson-based project Paul Phillipps suggested that the school district has been a strength at all times.

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'Overlay zone' draws questions

BY DARIUS AMOS
Staff Writer

Overlays are pending for the 15th Ridgewood residents opinion in the Village Board in writing of rules. In general, an overlay zone is a zoning change that also set up an existing zone. The newly formed overlay zone takes the standards of the previously approved

Underlining the need for an "overlay zone" in Ridgewood's Central Business District has been a strength at all times.

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'You have to be a little louder'

Vigil held in support of tougher gun laws

BY LAURA HERTZ
Staff Writer

A group of students and adults, more than 30 in total, gathered in Van Ness Square on Tuesday evening to honor the lives lost in the Sandy Hook Elementary school shooting and voice their support for action.

These Ridgewood residents organized the event with the intent to urge government support for real and meaningful and practical actions to reduce gun violence.

Some attendees also criticized Congressman Scott Lujan's agreement with the National Rifle Association (NRA).

"Scott Lujan's gun agreement on Jan. 16 — not just the NRA's gun law," said...

"It's unfortunate that Congressman Scott Lujan's agreement with the NRA did not require to require for Congress on or past time."

An attendee, organizer had written a letter to the editor, "A time comes when silence is broken." Many signs proclaimed "No gun for good" and "Enough is enough."

Organizers supplied attendees with information about ways to take to action, petitions and campaigns against gun violence, as well as contact results to Congress, Sen. Frank Lautenberg and the White House. Among the listed websites were gunowners.com for the Million Moms 4 Gun Control, which is holding a march on Washington on Jan. 20, and a petition at rightto.org and Change.org.

"We all feel that you can't sit around your TVs here and not want to your family... or you can click and sign and forward, but if you want to be heard by..."

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Ridgewood High School senior Emily Fisher participates in the candlelight vigil at Van Ness Square on Tuesday.

GOVERNMENT 'Dangerous' dogs face higher fee

BY DARIUS AMOS
Staff Writer

The fee for owning a "dangerous" dog in Ridgewood is a fee that necessary cost, according to village management and legal officials.

The Village Council will consider an ordinance, mandating a \$700 fee for residents who license a potentially dangerous dog. The fee dog breeds are not included in the language of the proposal, which will be voted on at the Feb. 22 council meeting.

In comments, residents are assessed a \$14.00 fee to license a potential dog will cost owners \$22.00.

"It's a hefty cost," Village Manager Kate Goffman said. "But the amount of time that's required to keep track of these dogs for the sake of the residents is tremendous."

According to New Jersey State Statute, a municipality's court department issued a mandatory order whether to classify a dog as...

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HEALTH Flu season makes its way through village

Flu Shots in Stock

At your area pharmacy

A sign at an area pharmacy advertises the availability of the shots.

It will intensify over the country. The season has come to Ridgewood, and villages are being urged to local health-care providers to get the shots and warn their family, neighbors or others the spread of infection. They should also actively keep going to the hospital if they think they have the flu, unless their symptoms align with New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA) recommendations.

Although students and teachers appear to be being well for the most part, Valley Hospital's emergency room experienced a higher-than-normal number of people seeking treatment this past week. The hospital added extra emergency medical services units to consider respiratory patients, otherwise. The above status, which lasted several hours, was filed Tuesday.

Marlene Carter Elmwood, Valley's communications specialist, said it is unusual that in most cases, people should not go to the hospital if they think they have the flu.

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‘Til death do us part

LocalSource takes a look at the statistics behind male-dominated domestic violence

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

It is called a "crime of passion" when a man murders their spouse or intimate partner. But regardless why a person ends up "snapping" and taking the life of someone they are supposed to love, the result is the same. Someone is stabbed, bludgeoned, shot, or strangled.

Why do men murder? Authorities are the first to admit they rarely have a clue into the psychological reasons behind this troubling and brutal scenario, but there are signs that point to who might be more likely to commit a crime of passion.

Just a few short weeks ago a dazed Michael Ballister III, 43, of Union, stood in an Elizabeth courtroom and was arraigned on murder charges. It was just hours after autopsy results confirmed the dismembered body found in five construction-grade black plastic bags in a deserted area of Newark was his girlfriend, April Wyckoff, 43, of Cranford.

Ballister pled not guilty to the charge and remains incarcerated at the county jail on more than \$5 million in bail. What happened inside his Mercer Avenue home the night of Oct. 29 that led up to the slaying of Wyckoff remains a mystery. But police are certain a murder took place at the home and they say they have plenty of evidence to prove it.

A week after being arraigned, Ballister told jail guards he wanted to speak with authorities. He said he did not want to be perceived as a "monster," and missed his girlfriend, April Wyckoff. This story, though, is just one of many that happen each year, in Union County, New Jersey and across the country. Each tells the story of how deadly a relationship can end at the hands of an intimate partner.

Staggering national statistics backup this real story of why men kill and according to Union County and Union police authorities, the numbers stay about the same, and the story usually follows a pattern.

- According to the U.S. Surgeon General, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in the United States.
- The American Medical Association estimates male partners assault 2 million women each year, while the U.S. Department of Justice estimated in 2012 that 95 percent of domestic violence victims are indeed women.
- In a report to the nation on Crime and Justice last year, the U.S. Department of Justice reported a woman is beaten every 15 seconds in the United States.
- At some point during their lifetime, 36 percent of women – or approximately 42.4 million women – were victims of rape, physical violence and stalking by an intimate partner.

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Top administrator fired for plagiarism at Kean

Some faculty members are noticing similarities to president's past scandal which resulted in no penalty

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

The employment of one of Kean University's top administrators ended abruptly last week after being accused of "plagiarism on a massive scale" by the teachers union.

According to a complaint filed with Kean University President Dawood Farabi Nov. 13 by James Castiglione who is an Associate Professor of Physics and President of the Kean Federation of Teachers union, it was evident Kean's associate vice president of academic affairs, Katerina Andriotis copied the majority of a 15-page campus enrollment report from documents authored by the University of Tennessee and Center for Study of College Student Retention.

Still unclear is whether the associate vice president of academic affairs was fired by the university or quit when the plagiarism accusation came to light last week. Efforts to uncover what actually took place hit a dead end when calls to the university administrator-
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Are we there yet?

Mental Health Association of Essex County nears completion of permanent housing facilities - but stigma remains the greatest barrier to care

BY KELLY EBBELS
COMMUNITY

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a series, "The Year Ahead," which will address issues that are likely to impact the community in the coming year. The "Year Ahead" will explore different points of mental illness, from anxiety disorders to schizophrenia, along with different professionals, including children and adolescents, women, veterans, and family members of those with mental illness. It will further explore community resources, including faith pharmacists and new pharmacists.

The Year Ahead will include more issues in its series. If you find you have something to contribute or suggest, please contact Kelly Ebbels at Ebbels@montclairtimes.com. For more information, it is not required that you associate your name on the second with an institution.

Finished a mental health of care, and even to be utilized with families, including parents, care and homecare. The two new apartment buildings at 294 Orange Road, currently housing completion, represent a step forward for local mental health advocates. The buildings, which each have six single-bedroom apartments,



Robert Davison, executive director of the Mental Health Association of Essex County, shows the Montclair Times the new permanent housing developments at 294 Orange Road, which are being built for those individuals who are chronically homeless and who suffer from severe and persistent mental illness. Davison said that the housing will help the area's population of individuals with mental illness in need of permanent housing, but that it would "not meet the need."

will, by October, house 12 individuals from Essex County who have severe and persistent mental illness and who have been chronically homeless.

"This is critical. This is one of the things that we need to do," said Robert Davison, executive director of the Mental Health Association (MHA) of Essex County, which has built the facility, as he provided a tour of the construction site to The Montclair Times. Davison points out where the ball court basketball court would be built. Around the apartment building will be a walking track and to the side, a "workshop garden with

both sides.

The individuals who lived in the existing complex will continue a percentage of their earnings - between 30 and 40 percent, according to Rose Crumrine, the MHA's Essex County director of supportive housing services - toward their cost of living.

"We will receive care, including psychiatric, psychological and job training, as an on-site service," Crumrine said.

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not fully funded by Essex County or Essex County residents.

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Summer solstice to burn bright

BY GWYN OWEN
COMMUNITY

If summer isn't your favorite time of year, you're in luck: The sun is nearly over. Tomorrow, June 21, is the summer solstice. The sun is at its highest point in the sky in the Northern Hemisphere. The day will last 15 hours, five minutes and 42 seconds, according to timeanddate.com, and the sun will go down at 8:31 p.m. And it means summer has begun.

The Wisconsin and other pages, featuring the solstice is a part of their religion. Many ancient sites, including Stonehenge in England, are aligned with the solstice. In Mexico, the Mayan people in Yucatan have ancient calendars to the solstice. For example, the solstice season is held in many parts of the agricultural world, it means the long season has begun.

Wisconsin can mark the day by raising a flag about burning or attending a women's dance in June tonight, being summer time. The Wisconsin Historical Society is holding an event at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison, or by attending a Summer Solstice Celebration, including a performance and a parade, in Milwaukee on Friday night.

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Nancy Adison will hold a summer solstice woman's shamanic healing circle in her Whitewater home tonight, using drums, rattles sticks and Tibetan bowls to help people enter into a trance state.

about global warming. Powell said, "Although it's a time of year for farmers, it's also a time of year for the solstice, which brings a feeling of possibility." "Summer" also can be the feeling of a new year. It's a feeling of a new year. It's a feeling of a new year.

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the most of those on Saturday by making a solstice that "will bring me the best energy and support." It is a time to consider what the harvest of the year will be, and begin working on those things, he said.

When Powell speaks of the solstice, he doesn't use the daily-observed energy of summer, but also a ritual time, the said Crumrine, both said they use the goal (June through a year) during a time of divine presence that would bring the goal into the world. The said Crumrine that she had her job and worked down to open the goal (June through a year) during a time of divine presence that would bring the goal into the world.

Both said, and her dream job was through within a year, she said.

SOLSTICE MEANS HEALING
Solstice is also a time to heal, because the best time to heal, according to Powell, is when you are in a trance state.

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CHEERING THEM ON



Rick Silver of the Silver Family Foundation of Montclair, principal sponsor of Valerie Fund Walk and JAG Physical Therapy 5K Run around Verona Park on Saturday, June 15, cheers on the teams participating in the annual event. More than 3,000 people participated in raising nearly \$1 million to support the care for 4,500 children with cancer and blood disorders.

The Montclair Times wants your Summer Snaps. For all the summer adventures ahead, we say: Picture, please. The Montclair Times is now accepting submissions for a "Summer Snap" contest. We're looking for the best photos of people enjoying the season. The snap is just "Summer Snap" in the subject line. Submit your photographs in the form along with a brief description of who it is the photo captures and where it was taken. E-mail photos to: Ebbels@montclairtimes.com. The snap is just "Summer Snap" in the subject line.

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'Agreement is near' for Dream mall

BY KELLY NICHOLAS
 Staff Writer

The developer of American Dream and the city and the state have reached a tentative agreement on a deal to build over the remains of the project and develop parking garages, according to the local media.

EAST RUTHERFORD of the state's largest mall project has reached a tentative agreement with the state and the city of East Rutherford to build over the remains of the project and develop parking garages, according to the local media.

The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) is set to hold a public hearing on the deal on Jan. 27. The deal would allow the state to acquire the property and build a parking garage over the remains of the project. The deal would also allow the state to build a parking garage over the remains of the project.



The Meadowlands Chamber president contends a compromise has been reached just before the start of construction on the abandoned mall in the Meadowlands.

Some campaigns funded by the newly hired

BY COREY KLEIN
 Staff Writer

Can you get a job in health care? Not if you're a newly hired professional, according to a new report from the National Health Care Workforce Commission.

The report says that newly hired professionals are being used to fund political campaigns, which is a violation of the law. The report also says that newly hired professionals are being used to fund political campaigns, which is a violation of the law.

Voters decide \$3.3M Rip Collins field upgrade

BY COREY KLEIN
 Staff Writer

North Arlington residents will have a few more choices to make in their upcoming, community decision regarding the \$3.3 million upgrade to Rip Collins Park.

The town board will hold a public hearing on the upgrade on March 12. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. at the town hall.



Field notes: What: \$3.3 million upgrade to soccer, football, track and baseball field, new buildings and structures. When: Voters will decide on March 12. Goal: To improve the field and provide a better experience for fans. Price: Field will be built higher and new drainage system will be built. No other land available in town.

Leaky Green School fix could turn ugly

BY COREY KLEIN
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Training teachers, not arming them, is key

The "Active Shooter Presentation" at Belleville High School last week made the potential shooter scenario in Belleville hit even closer to home. Police told educators in the district to ready for the possibility of a shooting, and gave them tips on what to look for in students who could potentially be the ones carrying out the shooting. The police officers also told teachers ways they can fight back, utilizing anything available, whether it be pens or scissors, or throwing books at the suspect. There are some politicians out there who have sought to put guns in the hands of teachers to better protect themselves and their students if confronted by an active shooter situation. But is

that a realistic solution? What the local police presented last week, while it may not be the quickest way to disarm a person on a rampage, is much more practical. Are we going to pay for teachers to go to target practice? Are the taxpayers going to fund the purchase of guns, which could potentially end up in the wrong hands? It doesn't make sense, especially for something that could potentially backfire, no pun intended. Who's to say a disgruntled teacher or administrator – or student for that matter – wouldn't use it for their benefit? What teachers do we arm and which ones do

we not? Arming staff just creates a higher potential for more unsafe school environments. It's hard to imagine what a situation is like until we're actually in one. But usually the gut reaction in a chaotic situation is to run and/or hide. It takes much courage to fight back. We can try and arm our teachers to the fullest extent and hope for the best. But like law enforcement officials did last week, the most pertinent step to take now is to educate district staff on how to spot potential shooters amongst their own student body and do the best they can to stop a possible threat from escalating.

Humanitarian of the month and double 'checking' the freezer

Get well wishes go out to our Silver Lake merry mailman, Eugene Romano, who is the best mail carrier in the land. He is quite the man and a humanitarian (defined as gentle, compassionate, caring, kind and very charitable). If you need a helping hand, you can always count on him. I guess you are all asking what charitable things he does. Well, for starters, he helps run the St. Anthony's Feast each year for three days and nights. He is an asset in arranging all of the vendors at our Just a Party event held on Franklin Avenue. During that time all you can hear is "Where is Eugene?" As a member of the Belleville Political Club, he and the members donate Thanksgiving baskets to the needy, as well as scholarships to our Belleville High School graduates. So Mr. Eugene



LIFE IN SILVER LAKE
MARGE STRIMOLDI-NURKE

Romano, it is fitting to christen you...The Humanitarian of the Month...and keep up the good work. Happy 89th birthday to "my girl" Elaine Smith and Thomas Edson. She will hit the 89th plateau on Feb. 11. Do you know that Elaine shares her birthday with Thomas Alva Edison and lived across the street from the Edison Plant in Belleville on Belmont Avenue, and still does? Ella was 7 years old when Edison passed in 1931. Ella's love is to write poetry, and she surely does

a good job. She is Silver Lake's poet laureate, defined as deserving, honor and distinction. Her beautiful prose and her inspiring messages are a shining light within our area. Silver Lake sends out a very happy 89th birthday to Elaine Smith and Thomas Edson, both giants in our community. I have a story called "Four People named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody." There was an important job to do and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody, when Nobody did what Anybody could have. Now

if you can figure that one out, good for all of you, or shall I say Everybody. Again, I have a cute story to tell. My tenant came to my door to pay her rent. I put the check on the table. That was my first mistake. As I was clearing off the table, the check fell on the floor and I put it back on the table. My next chore was to freeze my chignon. I then went back to get the check and there was no check. I searched and searched and went through every piece of paper on my table, but to no avail. I then tried to backtrack what I was doing when the check went missing, and remembered the meat I had frozen. I opened the freezer and went through several packages... again no check. I thought and thought and decided to turn each package over as I went through them and bingo,

the check appeared. I laughed a bit and realized that I had frozen the meat and check together, but lately I am doing one crazy thing after another. But it does keep life very interesting. Don't forget to save the date of Friday, May 10, where the SLCA will honor our Silver Lake Deputy Police Chief, Mark Minichini. The entertainment will be super with the Cameos and Ray Cerebi. The price is \$60 and don't forget to bring along your dancing shoes. It's almost time for the Super Bowl to start. I am busily preparing some tasty food for the event. I know it's after the fact, but hopefully next year if you have nowhere to go, keep in mind, my door is always open and my refrigerator is always full. And Remember, We Love Silver Lake and Belleville, Too!!

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Thanks to police

TO THE EDITOR:
On behalf of the Caridda and DeLusario family I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Belleville

and Bloomfield Police Departments for their escort services during the funeral procession of Beniamino DeLusario on Monday, Jan. 28. Your outstanding service to the family on that day shall not go unnoticed. We

deeply appreciate your support during this time and we thank you.

Bridget Caridda
Belleville

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Council is splitting hairs over barbershop hours

Understandably, there is a health oversight for barbershops and salons. But what is the purpose of limiting their hours?

The Bloomfield Township Council on Monday debated barbershop hours.

Councilmen Carlos Hernandez, Michael Verreola and Elias Chalot argued many of these establishments are "hangouts." They want to keep the hour limits, required by law. Bloomfield barbershops can only operate between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., except Saturdays and days preceding legal holidays, when they can remain open until 9 p.m. They also cannot open on Sundays and most legal holidays.

Some council members propose permitting 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and allowing extended weekend hours, including Sundays. Mayor Raymond McCarthy and Councilman Bernard Hamilton support more flexible hours, except when state law prohibits.

Truth be told, the current law isn't really enforced. The mayor said he had an 8 p.m. appointment this past Tuesday. That would mean the business even violates the proposed amendment.

What harm is done? What do the opposing councilmen mean by "hangout"? Are they suggesting the establishment or its customers are up to no good,

perhaps participating in illegal activity? Bloomfield Police Chief Christopher Gosal said his department has not had many problems with barbershops or salons.

From a consumer point of view, Americans expect more convenience today. Many businesses, including doctor's offices and banks, now offer flexible hours. Customers want hours that do not interfere with their work and family schedules. And these days, those schedules could be all over the map.

As state laws permit, barbershops and salons should be able to offer flexible hours for its customers, just like most other businesses.

'Gone Girl' takes the reader on a wild ride of twists and turns

I used to love roller coasters. In the summer of 1976, my new husband and I tried the "Giant Coaster" at Paragon Park in Nantuxet Beach. He was clutching the bars of the ride before we started moving. Somehow, his fear transferred itself to me. I haven't been able to ride one since.

"Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn is a literary roller coaster about a marriage. On the morning of their fifth wedding anniversary, Nick and Amy Dunne eat crepes for breakfast. Then Nick leaves the house. When he returns, Amy is gone. There is blood on the floor. The police suspect foul play.

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Principal Librarian

Alternating chapters present Nick's and Amy's stories. In Amy's first diary entry, dated Jan. 8, 2015, she describes meeting a special young man. By Sept. 14, she knows she is in love. She writes, "It's so far beyond love that you know you can never go back to five. That last. You think. Oh, here is the rest of my life. It's finally arrived."

Nick was a journalist who

wrote about books, movies and TV. He grew up poor with an angry, misogynistic father and a doting mother. Nick's mother and his twin sister Margo always loved him unconditionally.

Amy wrote personality quizzes for women's magazines. She had a privileged childhood, with private schools and parents who always took her side. Amy's parents got rich by writing a popular series of children's books with a main character named after their daughter. They called her "amazing" and convinced her that she was.

Nick and Amy lived a charmed life until the internet made their jobs obsolete. Out of

weak, they move to North Carthage, Mo., to help deal with Nick's mother's cancer and his father's Alzheimer's. They use the last of Amy's trust fund to buy a bar that Nick runs with Margo.

Amy hates Missouri. She is bored and lonely. Growing up with money, she never learned how to budget or share. What people bring her casseroles to welcome her to the neighborhood, she doesn't know she should wash and return the dishes. Ironically, Nick's demented father is the only one to see the truth about his daughter-in-law. "She doesn't belong here."

The detectives, who investigate Amy's disappearance, come to

suspect Nick has murdered his wife. Why does he have such a hard time figuring out the clues in Amy's anniversary treasure hunt? Why did he go to the beach that morning when everyone knows he isn't a "beach person?" Why did he claim to have dinner reservations when he hadn't made any plans for their anniversary? Why did Amy try to buy a gun?

"Gone Girl" twists and turns and shocks like a roller coaster. It is romantic, sad, witty and, ultimately, horrifying.

This book should be required reading for engaged couples. The ending is like a buried land mine.

FROM OUR READERS

Thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

Hirefield leads to Bloomfield Mayor Raymond McCarthy and Pastor Joel Daniel Hubbard of Park United Methodist Church, who was showing my pastor, Pastor Vardner of First Baptist, the article about my book that you graciously printed in your Feb. 14 edition. We were looking at my photo on page 3, and his eye caught a photo of his neighbor, Pastor Hubbard, and Mayor McCarthy on the opposite page.

First, thank you so much to Mayor McCarthy for honoring Pastor Hubbard as he did. His proclamation to Park United Methodist Church for their "reaction to Hurricane Sandy, offering people a temporary shelter and warming center," was very much appreciated.

Then, to Pastor Hubbard, I congratulate him for not, as Scripture says, "growing weary in well doing." Though there was someone who recently criticized him for allegedly not helping them enough in a time of crisis,

Park United Methodist Church "offered similar services during last week's snowstorm."

Chet Jirinski
Bloomfield

Vote 'em out

TO THE EDITOR:

Bloomfield Board of Education President Mary Shaughey writes a statement to Bloomfield Life regarding the state's funding of our schools. This statement

was made to set the scene for the tax increase that the board will soon vote for. Shaughey along with the other board members will continue to blame residential and blame the state for their incompetence.

Back in 2007, Superintendent Digenere, along with the board, was giving the same sound bites to the public about the state's underfunding, and how the state owes us money according to its own "funding formula." It is now 2013, and Bloomfield will never see that "so called" money. It is

important to note, at that time, the board was also operating with a deficit.

Beginning in 2008, the board had three years of responsible leadership creating a \$1.5 million surplus, reduced classroom size and a renovated Foley Field. This was accomplished while millions of dollars were cut from state aid to Bloomfield schools. Now, that surplus is gone, losses increased and so did classroom size.

Since Shaughey has been

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Town council infringing on our rights

The Bloomfield mayor and council should have read the First Amendment before voting to approve a new ordinance prohibiting cell phone use and severely curtailing photography/videography during meetings.

The intended ban on Bloomfield Township Council members from texting each other during meetings. It turned into so much more than what was first proposed. While Bloomfield Life has supported the ban on council members con-

ducting township business in secret – in person or electronically – it never supported the draconian restrictions placed on the public.

The new law prevents the audience from using cell phones quietly during meetings and it tacks on unnecessary restrictions on recording and photographing meetings. The ordinance also bans people from "moving around" to photograph the meeting (except during ceremonial proceedings). There were never any problems of

this in the past.

Additionally, there is no valid reason the township clerk needs 30 minutes advance notice if a person plans to photograph or record the meeting. This shouldn't stand up in the courts.

How does the town council plan to enforce the new rules? Not surprisingly, immediately after the new law was voted on, people in the audience were still seen on their cell phones and iPads.

A new program to encourage restaurants to go 'green'

Restaurants play a role in climate change. They have a major impact on the environment. For instance, they use five times more energy per square foot than other commercial buildings. Moreover, in the retail sector they use the most electricity, create more CO2 emissions, consume more water and create more garbage.

For these reasons, the Essex-Passaic Greens have initiated a program to encourage restaurants to become greener. We have created a striking decal which we will award to any restaurant which meets some minimal green requirements. This decal may be placed on the restaurant window, and the restaurant may use the fact of having achieved this award in any advertising it chooses

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Experience has shown that being overly green saves the restaurant money, instills greater loyalty in old customers, and attracts new ones.

In order to obtain this decal, a restaurateur must fill out a simple questionnaire which we then evaluate. If the restaurant, according to our point system, earns 25 percent or more of the possible number of points, a decal is awarded with the understanding that to have it updated each year, the restaurant must

improve its green practices during that time.

Here are the areas which comprise the questionnaire:

Water efficiency: We ask about energy-saving appliances, known as Energy Star Appliances in the trade, such as dishwashers, steamers, etc. Does the restaurant use low-spray valves, high efficiency toilets or waterless urinals?

Conservation: We ask about recycling of paper, glass and aluminum. Does the restaurant recycle cardboard? Does it channel its grease to bio-diesel or other like purposes? Does it do paperless billing and have two-sided printed invoices? Does it have no bottled water on premises (other than imported glass bottles)? Is its take-out packaging recycle-

able? Does it have re-usable napkins and washroom towels?

Sustainability: We ask if foods on the menu are organic and local. Do the meals use cage-free eggs, avoid GMO's (genetically modified organisms) and use grass-fed or wild-caught meat and fish? Are they strictly vegan or vegetarian, hormone-free, antibiotic-free, and seasonal?

Energy efficiency: We ask if there is a programmable thermostat, Energy Star heating/cooling elements and Energy Star qualified windows. Do they have window film to block solar heat in the summer, barriers between outside and inside air, such as curtains or double doors and high efficiency lighting.

All in all we look into about 25 different ways in which restau-

rants can be eco-conscious and green. Perhaps some of these items and categories might be new to you. They were to me before I got involved in the project – which is a small story in itself.

About three years ago, I was in Philly to hear the Philadelphia Orchestra. On the way from the train station to the Kimmel Center, we passed a small pizza place which had a prominent billboard outside which read "We are a green-certified restaurant." Being curious, I went inside and discovered that this restaurant had been through a process similar to the one I describe above. As a result, it was approved for green status, a decal and advertising privileges.

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In reply

TO THE EDITOR:

Although I didn't want to get into a spitting contest with James Wolfner regarding his letter to the editor in the April 11 edition, clarification must be made.

Fact: I was the first to take out and file their petition. Check with the town clerk.

Fact: The Republican Club was made aware of my challenge to them before the screening. Check with the Essex County Republican Chairman, who I called twice explaining my intentions.

Fact: I informed him and you we were going to have a primary battle.

Fact: Yes Wolfner, I told you I would support your candidate, only if he won the primary.

Once a board of education member, it's a matter of pride. Yes, there are members on this board who are democrats, republicans and independents, which is acceptable. It's not acceptable when people are put up by political clubs to try and control the board for political positioning. Our school district is the largest asset we have and we can't afford to have politics destroy it.

I don't fear any politicians or their clubs, but I am deeply concerned about our school system. Recently we dodged a bullet with the saving of our teachers and sports programs for our children. This was accomplished by moving numbers around. Will we be this lucky again next year? I hope we will, but we should keep in mind what almost happened.

Wolfner, you were in attendance at the board meetings along with your republican candidates. I was obligated to speak in support of our teachers, parents and children, while you and your hand-picked candidates were not, and that Wolfner is also a fact.

Richard J. Gallo Sr.
Mayor candidate
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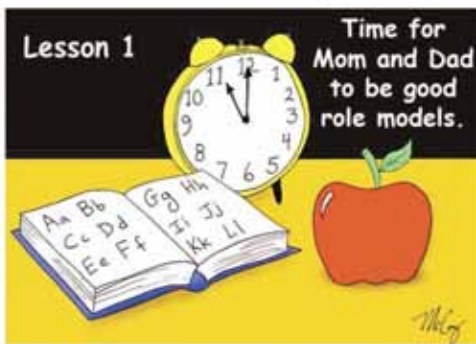
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Parents need anti-bully lessons too

We were appalled at recent news about two seventh-grade girls from Paterson's School 27 who allegedly posted a video to YouTube.com in which they threaten to kill classmates. About a dozen students were named as the targets in the video, which has been taken down.

The pair recently pleaded not guilty in court to a total of 18 counts of terroristic threats. Their computer and cell phone use has been limited and both are forbidden to return to School 27, and will be home schooled until further notice.

One of the defense attorneys for the case said we need to "step back and realize we're dealing with 13-year-olds here." Yes, but 13-year-olds that regularly get anti-bullying curriculum in school. In a part of the implementation of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act. This H.I.B. legislation



(harassment, bullying and intimidation) that went into effect in this state in January of 2011 has acted as a tolerance for bullying and stringent timelines for reporting and investigating inci-

dents and notifying parents. The law strengthens and expands the role and responsibilities of schools in dealing with bullying, intimidation and harassment. It

requires districts to intervene in incidents that happen outside of school or online, if they disrupt or interfere with the operation of the school or the rights of students.

Even before children learn to speak, they watch and learn through example. Many children imitate the attitudes of the adults around them. What the issue could be in this case, and likely many cases, is that kids just do not have good role models to imitate. It is not OK for teenagers to go around threatening to kill other kids. Now we have a dozen victims who are afraid to go out, afraid to go to school and afraid to go about their life.

Unfortunately not all children, despite the lessons drilled out in school, get that same support and example at home.

Perhaps the state curriculum needs to include some educational sessions for parents as well.

A day in May in the USA – for moms

Most holidays are observed because they're linked to a specific event. We rarely move them around, except to create convenient three-day winter weekends to which we assign an always-three-day weekend. "Presidents' Day" (some of us can remember Washington's and Lincoln's birthday as separate events) and Martin Luther King Day – were moved from actual birthdays to become three-day getaway times – as well as to honor the memory of notable historic figures and actual events.

We can't move July 4th for obvious reasons, but we did push a date once known as Armistice Day, 11/11, to become Veterans' Day, an expanded weekend salute to all military personnel from all wars. We still honor and



Nancy Rubenstein
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appreciate our veterans; we just move their remembrance to a more convenient date.

Christmas will always be Dec. 25th and New Year's Day is as impossible to slide around as is July 4th.

We do know that Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May, but few know that in some other countries, Mother's Day falls on other dates. Norway, for example, marks Mother's Day as the second Sunday in March and Russia's is the last Sunday of November. I'd skip all the other off-dates in other lands, but since Arma-

larvis campaigned for and won President Woodrow Wilson's official declaration of Mother's Day as the second Sunday in May for the USA, here we are. Are we ready?

Mother's Day doesn't have many of the fun trappings associated with other holidays. There are no parades, no fireworks, no decorated trees, colored lights and traditional stuffed turkeys or baked hams. We don't wear costumes, carve pumpkins or decorate trees, although commercially, it is a huge day for flowers and chocolate vendors. It had also been quite a major occasion for greeting card companies until we all learned to text, type and Skype our messages.

We do, however, honor our mothers with visits and gifts. We

take them to overcrowded restaurants (ostensibly popular on Mother's Day while fathers get to barbecue on their own calendar observance). And while we're all different – have different incomes, occupations, beliefs and different numbers of people populating our families, we all have, or have had, a mother. That's the very essence of our being – our mothers gave birth to each of us; the stark didn't drop us off.

On Sunday, we'll all celebrate Mother's Day in our own way, at least here in the USA. Enjoy the memories you've shared and honor the person who has brought you to this day, this week, this year. Look back in love. That's just one of the things my mother taught me. It works. Mothers are usually right.

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Opinion

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• COMMENTARY •

A 'clear' case of life or death

The recent blizzard had righ on every one of us involved, one way or another, in snow clearing — shovels on walkways, snow blowers in driveways and plows down the streets. But we find some- what disturbing the scene captured in the photo at right — a firefighter digging out a fire hydrant during an actual fire call.

That should not have to happen.

Given the hundreds of hydrants scattered throughout the Twin-Boro Area, it would be a most daunting task for firefighters — especially at the time of an alarm — to shovel their way to a vital source of water with which to battle a blaze.

Ordinances requiring

property owners to clear snow from fire hydrants on their land have been enacted in some communities; others rely on owners using common sense and taking it upon themselves to clear hydrants.

In any of these situations, the bottom line is that firefighters should have clear access to hydrants. The time it takes for a firefighter to shovel a hydrant clear could mean the difference between life and death.

A clear hydrant is a no-brainer — whether the task is done under the provisions of local law, or just the applica-



PHOTO BY SHELLEY M. DEARDEN

New Milford probationary firefighter Matt Pterski clears snow from a fire hydrant during an actual fire in the wake of the recent blizzard.

tion of a little common sense. We should not have

to see photos like this one.

• SOUNDING OFF •

Firefighters' caring deeply appreciated

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Florio family, we would like to thank our friends in the Bergenfield Volunteer Fire Department for their sympathy and support during the passing of our father, Frank Florio.

One of the values that our father passed on to us was "volunteer your time."

The years he spent in the fire department allowed him to make many good and dear friends.

We sincerely appreciate all of their thoughts and prayers, along with their endless help. Their kindness through this difficult time will always be remembered.

Sincerely,

Dan Florio
Sonship of Washington

N.M. lawyer lawsuit can be avoided

DEAR EDITOR:

How disconcerting to read the debate involving the appointment of Marc Liebman as the New Milford borough attorney.

Certain facts jump out: • There is still an unanswered question regarding whether Councilman Ashley paid Liebman for his services when he represented Ashley at the Zoning Board hearings.

• Why didn't Mayor Subrin ask for full disclosure of Liebman's previous before casting the deciding vote to appoint Liebman?

• Even if Liebman was paid by Ashley, the appearance of impropriety alone should have been evident and reason enough for the council to realize that this was not a good choice for this appointment (NJ Statute 32:13C-12).

I don't want to spend taxpayer dollars defending this lawsuit.

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TV news outlets come up short in credibility ratings

'Edward R. Morrow...turning over in his grave'

If you're a Democrat, you will probably be tempted to say "I'm not surprised" on reading that Fox News received the most negative rating for credibility among eight news outlets surveyed in a Public Policy poll.

According to that poll, released last week, 46 percent of Americans don't trust Fox, while only 41 percent do, and 13 percent are not sure.

But, if you're a Republican, however, you can point to the fact that MSNBC didn't fare much better, with 44 percent of those surveyed saying they don't trust it, and only 33 percent saying they do.

And CNN, which tries to be impartial, didn't find anything to crow about in the poll either, with 43 percent expressing distrust in its presentation of the news and only 38 percent trusting it.

Even the traditional broadcast networks — NBC, CBS, and ABC — came in with more people distrusting their news reports than trusting them.

In fact, there was only one network — PBS — that can boast of a positive rating in the poll, with 52 percent trusting its news reports, only 29 percent distrusting them, and 19 percent saying they are "not sure."

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Edward R. Morrow was the man who set the standard for morality in TV journalism.



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Bill Slossar

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Our View

We are 'We the people'

Don't blame the Tea Party. As much as we disagree with the so-called "tea-bagging" resulting in the federal government's shutdown, the blame rests on one front that is our representational mechanism.

OK, many of these elected representatives are in governmental districts, but by literally hundreds of years we've allowed this to happen. Every 10 years the seats are reapportioned, and we literally drag and drop the members. They're done it again, as if they aren't actually "we."

Let me ask you how these wide open in the middle of the night and someone walked in and started banging on our door, and we opened it just to find out the next morning, there was no one there?

The next question is, "What can we do?"

We can demand a constitutional amendment on campaign finance reform. There's even a constitutional method that allows the states to convene and have a constitutional amendment without even meeting in Washington, D.C. The same goes for reapportioning.

We can also stop re-elected publicly. Former Speaker of House Tip O'Neill once observed, "All politics is local," meaning that the process of public choice is probably best in how well they understand their constituents, as well as their ability to influence them.

If they want to stay in office, politicians have to listen to the vocal concerns of the people who voted them in there.

But if we were spending local enough about reworking political issues to be heard above the lobbyist considerations in D.C., where the money talkers are re-elected and going to listen to?

MYSTERY PHOTO



There's more than a chance to be patriotic; it's an invite for readers to share the author's mystery photo challenge. The answer lies at the bottom of the next page, but no peeking, please.

Other Views

OCT. 5, 2008

Bits and Pieces celebrates 40 years

An Italian-American Jewish marks 40 years serving the North Jersey community. His old column is celebrating a 40th birthday.

It seems like yesterday that Maxine French came down from the mountains to get some of the old news. I had but only had bits and pieces of stuff on my desk and the word, "I'll take bits and pieces," and the column was born. For lack of a better idea, Maxine sat at the headline Bits and Pieces and the rest is history.

What a wonderful life this has been for me. I know exactly where and the issues we live in. I love the history of our area. When I was just a small boy in seventh grade, George Platt gave me a long line of history and the last of North Jersey. For 40 years I have been reading late great humans to chat about stuff. Today I sit at the computer in the home my grandpa built in 1940 and reread the days when George Platt first published the Bits and Pieces.



HOWARD LEE BALL

did not have recognition for the busy activities. Many of these people have gone on to larger and better positions (and better pay). I had taught David Stone at West Hilliard High and when he moved to the west coast, I had him. He had thought I was late - here was a long-haired hippie with a blue length Army coat. Underneath it, all I saw a brilliant intellect. I was correct. Before he died, there was creative editor of Chicago Newspapers and was in charge of all of their newspapers across the nation, but eventually moved to one from the Boston Times Herald.

One day I got a call from a woman in Oakland who would like to meet me. I had her on the phone, and she offered me a job. I had her on the phone, and she offered me a job. I had her on the phone, and she offered me a job.

Another fine mess we're in

On Tuesday, I woke up at 5 AM, made the coffee, read my Bible, shaved, showered, and breakfast with the family. Some thought to school, inspired by TED's idea for a 1000-year-old stone dome and a coffee, and then arrived at the office early. The light turned on and the computer. The coffee was good and I was feeling good.

Oh yeah, the government had shut down operations. I hardly noticed.

And apparently neither did Paul Brown as all of the houses were up and the inkjet copiers miraculously began to print. The budget shenanigans in Washington are just another chapter in the latest and finest Obama Congress re-write act that has come out since the war.

Maybe the Little Man should be the best opportunity of the group of 500-out of 100,000 that is more than enough to find that majority community. It's a 1000-year-old stone dome.



GREG ROBERTS

the people who claimed for the Obama Care only seem to have that they are going to be in the line of beneficiaries. I give the president credit for getting the right stuff that was passed by Congress. I have to say, and it seemed a relief to see the Supreme Court all the things that had a not passed by means of numerous back-door, side deals, with-out Republican vote, and with-out knowing what was in the actual bill. We have to pass it in order to know what's in it. Nancy Pelosi, then Speaker of the House.

It's made the point to this, since before that we get the government we discover it's a reflection of who we are largely and unfortunately that's not necessarily a bad thing. It's a reflection of who we are largely and unfortunately that's not necessarily a bad thing. It's a reflection of who we are largely and unfortunately that's not necessarily a bad thing.

Letters to the Editor

Nat'l health care carries hidden danger to America

Dear Mr. Bennett, the chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Resources of the U.S. Senate, and the author of the bill that would create a national health care system, I am writing to you to express my concern about the hidden dangers of your proposal.

As you know, the U.S. has the highest life expectancy in the world, and the lowest infant mortality rate. This is due to a combination of factors, including a strong tradition of individual responsibility, a high level of education, and a strong economy. These factors are what have made the U.S. a world leader in health care.

However, your proposal to create a national health care system would fundamentally change the way we do things. It would require a massive increase in government spending, and it would require a massive increase in government control over the health care industry. This would be a step towards a socialist health care system, and it would be a step towards the kind of government control that we have seen in other countries.

Letters to the Editor

It is the intention of all universal health care. It gives government the right to decide life and death for entire classes of people, as opposed to individual cases. This is why I have been concerned for some time about the proposal to create a national health care system. It is not a matter of government control over the health care industry, but a matter of government control over the lives of individual citizens.

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125 TO 150 KIDS

Parent arrested after party disputes charge



Susan Collett

BY DAN ROSENBLUM
 of Times

A Cedar Grove homeowner was arrested last weekend for allowing underage kids to drink on her property, according to the local police department. Her partner, who told the Times she only allowed a small, private party, and she was the one who called police.

Susan E. Collett, 35, was arrested and charged with disorderly persons after officers

responded to reports of a large party on Brentwood Drive, according to police. At the home, about 125 to 150 underage youth were found at the party, according to Cedar Grove Police Chief Richard Vandenberg.

Collett said she allowed her husband's daughter, a cheerleader at Cedar Grove High School, to have a "house party" and there were 30 kids from the town who knew each other. But someone brought the date's newspaper around. Collett said there is no house and she called 911 when they came.

"I absolutely did not allow anyone to drink and I absolutely had no idea alcohol was here," she said to the Times Wednesday. "And as far as I got a whiff of it on all these kids, I called the police."

Three officers, Sgt. Richard Hefner and patrol officers John Longhazy and Raymond Campbell responded, according to police.

Collett said she welcomed the officers and told one, who is a retirement benefits coach, that almost his whole team was there and that the most intoxicated participants wanted to be

from out of town. She said she was "shocked" when she was arrested.

A police report provided by Collett said she "accidentally" allowed a few kids to drink alcohol, but she disputes the charge.

"The party started at 6:30. It was over by 8:00," she said. "There's now quickly word spread, and they're being invited to the party and then out of town."

Collett said she has been verbally berated

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Addressing 1,800 yearly calls, rescue squad is a family unit

This is the first in a series of articles about the Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad.

BY DAN ROSENBLUM
 of Times

They spend time together, work on homework with one another and attend each other's graduations. They're always looking out for their own. Such attributes typically describe a family unit, but the actions also portray the atmosphere of the Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad (CGARS).

The tight-knit group of local volunteers spend their free time providing care for those in need, and through the process, they've formed a special bond with each other.

Many of those who've joined the 50-member crew can remember the original nation's earlier years. Now, the facility celebrates its 75th anniversary, a milestone that has allowed many on the crew to reflect on the squad's impact.

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CONTESTED MATTER
Former Verona DPW employee continues lawsuit

BY DAN ROSENBLUM
 of Times

A four-year legal saga continues for a former Verona Township employee, who will receive some resolution regarding his case against the town, according to court documents.

Kevin Kingma was let go from his position with the Verona Department of Public Works in 2008 following an agreement with an ex-wife, but a series of court decisions ruled in his favor, according to the lawsuit filed by Kingma's attorney. The New Jersey Civil Service Commission ordered the reversal of Kingma's dismissal, during a Feb. 1 hearing, and that he be awarded back pay, seniority, benefits and control fees following an updated review of the case.

Despite the mandate, an issue remains, but a series of court decisions ruled in his favor, according to the lawsuit. Kingma's initial dismissal came after the agreement with the colleague resulted in both never granting each other to the other, and according to the lawsuit. The motion was dismissed, but Kingma was dismissed because the township had no "prerequisite" to perform the job duties as a failure with the DPW, the lawsuit stated.

The suit also claims for 23 years and had never been filed.

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COMMUNITY CENTER?
Library asks for \$200k for expansion project

BY DAN ROSENBLUM
 of Times



Peter Havel

Cedar Grove's library is asking for \$200,000 to build a community center next to the current building. The town is also asking for \$200,000 to build a new building.

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The town could be pulled in two directions for a community center. Library Manager Thomas Havel said a community center would be an excellent addition to the town. He said the town would need to have money to pay for other things, but he said it seemed unlikely both projects would be built.

"They'll probably decide to use one another," he said. "Or none."

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VFW talks building's future

BY DAN ROSENBLUM
 of Times



Colleen DeB...

The VFW Hall was recently dark. Tuesday afternoon, the town is looking for the light of the glass door.

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Family bonding: Fighting fires

Firefighting families in Verona

Father/son
Morie (inactive) and Larry Burnett

Bill and Mike
Harrington (both inactive)

Rob and Nick
Laietta (both inactive)

Richard and Steven
Neale

Paul and Nick
Politano

Ed and Colin
Pope

Paul (inactive) and Jeff
Koenig

Steve and Brian
Stutzler (social member VFA, active member VFA, Arlington)

Father/daughter
Bill and Laura DeWitt

Brothers
Andrew and Alex Burde

Tribe
Brothers Glenn and Kevin (inactive) Gifford and Gene's son Matt

— Information provided by firefighter Steven Neale

By MARIA KARIDIS
Times Staff Writer

Like pretty much everything else in Verona, joining the firehouse department is a family affair. Teacher local business community has at least two members each in the firefighting.

"I've responded to look at the department as a family, and with people outside being family. It's not like the usual," said Giuseppe Lombardini, C.T. Maggitt is a former member of the Verona Fire Department (VFD). His father, Charlie Maggitt, who has been married with the VFD for 33 years, is an active member and two-time chief.

Fireman Steven Neale, who joined the department five years ago, responded to the same. He offered to follow members as he learned and worked, "and again, family, some of us are," he added. Richard Neale, his brother, has been an active Verona firefighter for the past 22 years.

Chief Joe VFD's 200 years anniversary, according to Verona Firefighters, there have been 100 families involved — 40 firefighters of which are from Verona.

He and his father, Mike Burnett, are among the 40. Burnett, who is a retired VFD firefighter, was 40 years of age when he joined the firehouse. A former chief, he was married a "big number" in 1986 and will celebrate his 40th anniversary. Larry is a member of the firefighting family, and he is a firefighter.

"It's definitely great," C.T. Maggitt said of his family with the firehouse. "It's really the community, the fire department, and the fact that we're all in it together."

Charlie Maggitt recently joined the firehouse, and he is a firefighter. He said he joined the firehouse when he was 10, and he has been a firefighter for 33 years.

"I'm really glad to see it," he said. "It's a great thing to see a family like this. It's a great thing to see a family like this. It's a great thing to see a family like this."

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Matthew Richard Fiederer

Mark and Suzanne Fiederer of Verona announce the birth of their son, Matthew Richard Fiederer, on Wednesday, March 13. Matthew was born at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston at 8 pounds, 8 ounces and 23 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Richard and Charlene Fiederer of Verona and the paternal grandparents are Jack Fiederer of Cedar Grove.

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The father-son team of Charlie Maggitt, a former fire chief and Lt. C.T. Maggitt respond to an alarm at 600 Hill Street in Verona last week.



Verona volunteer firefighters and former department chiefs, Larry and Mike Harrington don their uniforms during a Memorial Day Parade in 2008.

"We're almost never probably than when he was pregnant," Charlie Maggitt said.

In a separate interview, C.T. Maggitt agreed. "My dad was kind of quiet when I was young, but he was a pretty strong man," he added.

When asked which call he remembers most, Charlie described responding to a three-story house that was on fire.

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VILLAGE COUNCIL Advisers to comb through finances

BY DANIEL ARNT
Staff Writer

The Ridgewood Council has formally established a volunteer board whose sole responsibility is to provide municipal officials with financial advice and insight into what the governing body faces in the start of a series of annual and biennial budget changes.

A resolution passed Wednesday night officially created the Financial Advisory Committee, a nine-person responsibility will be filled likely at mid-year during the village's reorganization period.

According to the resolution, approved by a 4-1 vote, the 10-member council will appoint appropriate members to the committee, which is designated to advise the council and the Finance Department will also sit on the board. The council will appoint the committee chairman, while the vice chair and secretary positions will be named by committee members.

The seven appointed members should have a background that includes finance, accounting, government and/or business, training, according to the resolution.

Councilman Tom Butler can be the only appointing vote without a conflict. Elected justice administrator, Lawrence J. DeLoe expressed concern that the council might be selecting too much authority, and asked where the appointed committee members, by additional to existing advisory and recommendations to the council, the committee will also have an annual report to advise the village on it progress the

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Affluence is deceptive word for those trying to get by

Stereotype that all residents are wealthy does little to ease woes of people in need

BY LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

The town in Ridgewood, her children play lacrosse and other sports, and every month, contributions to them and her neighbors, the give food bags of donated groceries and supermarket vouchers from Ridgewood's social services organization.

She also asks for reasons for most requests for help. "I don't want to hear that you're poor because you live in Ridgewood, even though," she insisted and speaking in *The Ridgewood News* on the condition of anonymity.

The husband has been unemployed an and off for the past few years, and the couple does not have health insurance. "I wish to help, but these children are growing."

But as facts may dictate, so do stereotypes about Ridgewood's affluence. Not everyone in Ridgewood is wealthy or even comfortable. "People don't expect this type of need to exist in places like Ridgewood and its surrounding areas like Inwood," said resident Barbara O'Brien. "It was difficult for me to realize that such a large number of people in their homes, many with children in school, are struggling just to get by."

O'Brien is president of the volunteer board for the Senior Service Association of Ridgewood and Vauxhall City, a 501(c)(3), established in 1980 and based at the Ridgewood train station, providing qualified local residents with groceries, holiday packages and bank

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Laura Herzog is executive director of Social Service Association of Ridgewood and Vauxhall City, which helps clients who are struggling to cover with financial stresses.

There if you need them: Village residents have places to turn to if they require assistance

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- Social Service Association of Ridgewood and Vauxhall City, 201-444-7963, ssak.org
- Coast at Ridgewood Library, 201-470-4803, ridgewoodlibrary.org
- Bergen County Board of Social Services, 201-369-4305, bcbsa.com
- College Club of Ridgewood for college grants and interned free loans, collegeclub@ridgewood.org
- Bergen County Community Action Partnership, Inc. for Home Energy Assistance, 201-969-0200 ext. 7536, bcpnyc.org

SCHOOL ELECTIONS Apathy to blame for low turnout?

About 12 percent of voters cast ballots

BY LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

Ridgewood school officials and residents discussed possible reasons for the particularly low voter turnout at last week's Board of Education (BOE) elections and budget vote.

Many questions were raised at the week's BOE meeting, among them why did so few voters show up to cast ballots this year, and if so, why?

According to Village Clerk Heather Mahanick, about 12 percent of voters cast ballots, about 1,000 people. This is the district's lowest voter turnout in recent years.

BOE President Sheila Bryan, who was first elected to the board in 1990 and retained her position after Monday's BOE reorganization meeting, told *The Ridgewood News* she had wished that the turnout was "the lowest" that she had ever seen in her time on the board.

"As long as I can remember, we've always been higher than the town average, which was about 14 percent," Bryan said. "This year, even with a low turnout, Ridgewood is still above average in local voting."

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High schools

The Ridgewood school district was rated above average in most aspects of the New Jersey Department of Education's School Performance Report. To read the full story, see page A4.

'STAND UP FOR GUN SANITY'

Speakers make push to toughen laws



Congressman Bill Pascrell speaks during the "Stand Up For Gun Sanity" rally in Ridgewood on Sunday.

BY LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

In Ridgewood's Church Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, about 200 people from around Bergen County attended the four event.

Worship and Pascrell were among several speakers at the event. In addition to other attendees, he was also in a town hall before he was shot to death, a former police officer who is now president of Bergen County's N-FACT chapter, and the president of a technology company promising to make schools safer. She speaks at the organization, which was

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Part of Wonder Bread factory to become condos

Some artists and businesses leaving structures on Clinton Street

By Amanda Palasciano
Reporter

The interconnected former factory buildings that occupy an entire city block between Seventh and Eighth streets, from Clinton to Grand streets, have long been a place of wonderment. Maybe that's because the Continental Baking Corporation, makers of Wonder Bread, once operated in the northern part. After that, the buildings have become home to small businesses and artists.

But some of those artists and businesses have been asked to leave.

At least one of the three interconnected parcels has been sold to a developer. Another is rumored to be under contract. The third lot is staying the same, and the businesses there do not have to leave.

Moving trucks have been hauling away the unfinished furniture of Mike's Unfinished Furniture at 713 Grand St. Mike's has moved his workshop to Passaic under the new name Mike's Cabinet Shop due to the sale of the parcel he's in. Developer Gary Singala and his partners are set to build a 13-unit residential structure, the Continental, in its place.

Meanwhile, some tenants of the adjoining property that

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OLD BREAD, NEW BREAD – The complex of buildings occupying nearly a city block between Clinton and Grand, Seventh and Eighth streets, is about to make way for new residential buildings.

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Who's running for Hoboken mayor?

By Dean DeChiara
Reporter

Romano undecided, still only Zimmer vs. Ramos for November

Chairman of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders and former Hoboken Police Captain Anthony Romano insisted this past week that he has still not made a decision about whether to run for mayor in November, leaving the number of candidates at two – Mayor Dawn Zimmer and Assemblyman Ruben Ramos. Romano, who expressed interest in running when he told POLITICO last month that he “hadn't ruled it out,” said in an interview on Wednesday that he was still considering many factors and will not decide immediately.

“There are lots of things to look at,” he said. “The mayor is very popular. I'm not sure if I want to do the combination of things I would have to do if I was mayor, and there are no more runoff in Hoboken.”



HEAD TO HEAD – Mayor Dawn Zimmer and Assemblyman Ruben Ramos (D-33th Dist.) are the only politicians who have declared their candidacy for mayor in the Nov. 5 Hoboken election, though Freeholder Anthony Romano says he is also weighing a run.

Last year, Hoboken residents voted to eliminate runoff elections, meaning that the person with the most votes this November will win, even if he or she does not amass more than 50 percent of the votes.

Romano also said he has been working “around the clock” on the county budget fairly, since voters including Hoboken face a massive tax increase.

A third ticket with Romano at its head would throw an interesting twist into the fall election season, as his support would likely be drawn from the same pool as Ramos. Both are native Hobokenites.

“Obviously my support would come from Old Hoboken, a lot of business people, senior citizens, longtime residents,” said Romano. “But I would have to get the support of some key people before I decided to run. I'm not going to run if I can't win.”

Romano, for his part, declined to accept the old versus new designation, saying he is running for the benefit of all Hoboken residents. In the past, he has served as a city councilman.

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A special place for pregnant women

Christ Hospital and HUMC offer new OB emergency room

By Al Sullivan
Reporter

When an ambulance pulls up to Hoboken University Medical Center or Christ Hospital in Jersey City with a pregnant woman inside, the patient is rushed into a new emergency suite, where doctors and staff specializing in obstetric care immediately go to work.

In the past, a pregnant woman with any kind of urgent health issue had to

come to the regular emergency room for care at those hospitals.

A pregnant woman and her unborn child are at risk for possible airborne illnesses that could put her pregnancy at risk if she is required to share the same rooms and waiting areas as others. In addition, emergency rooms often are not equipped with doctors specializing in birth-related issues.

So sometimes, previous mistakes are



WHAT'S UP DOCT – Dr. George McQuilkin said a new emergency department for pregnant women saves time and possibly lives.

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Part of Wonder Bread Factory to Become Condos

Amanda Palasciano

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Hurricane Sandy: An overview one year later

Emergency preparedness helped, especially for those who didn't know '62 storm

Editor's note: This is the first of a multi-week series on the limited coverage that Hurricane Sandy's aftermath, which was rapid, ultimately, what was expected, and just-below-expected.

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN
Sentinel staff

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David Mahon (3/27/14)

The morning after the storm, the view from the south and back front from the house was courtesy of the water and what tipped through.

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After Irene, Sam Lavner thought it would be safe to stay for Hurricane Sandy

By KRISTEN KELLEHER
Sentinel staff

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Sam Lavner (10/27/14)

This was the view from Sam Lavner's home during the first high tide. The view of Pleasant Avenue and 15th Street. He regretted staying during Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

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Police chief, captain chase, catch suspect

By Abina Sportelli
Staff Writer

CLIFTON - Years of experience told Clifton's Police Chief Gary Giardina and Capt. Mark Centurione that something was amiss with the man jiggling on Crooka Avenue on Friday afternoon.

While out of the office on Friday, the chief and captain decided to look around and hoped to find a burglar the department has been trying to apprehend, said police spokesman detective Sgt. Robert Bracken. While riding around on Crooka Avenue in an unmarked police car, the chief and captain saw a man running and something about it didn't seem right, Bracken said. They asked runner stop, but rather than stop, he ran off, Bracken said. Giardina and Centurione exited the vehicle and chased the suspect on foot into Paterson where they caught up with him a few blocks away on Knickerbocker Avenue. Once the suspect was turned over to Paterson police officers, the chief and captain returned to Crooka Avenue to inspect the area and try to figure out why the suspect fled. At the scene Giardina and Centurione found a car on Crooka Avenue with its windows smashed and a GPS stolen, Bracken said. The GPS was found on the suspect, identified as Kenny Gayda, 41, of Clifton, who was charged with burglary, theft and obstruction for running away from the scene.

Bracken said the chief and captain spotted the suspect right after he had broken into the car and was running away from the scene.

"No matter the rank and job title, they are still police officers," Bracken said of the chief and captain's involvement. Chief Giardina began his police career in 1978.

Slain officer's family gets closure

Memorial honors police officer killed in 1958



PHOTO COURTESY OF JPD
Robert Strone

By Tony Gicas
Staff Writer

CLIFTON - More than half a century after a local police officer was shot and killed in the line of duty, his surviving family will witness the scene of the crime transformed into a memorial park dedicated in his honor.

The details of what occurred on the night of May 28, 1958 are still not entirely clear, but the day will forever haunt the Clifton family. Although he was not scheduled to work a shift that night, 27-year-old rookie Passaic patrolman Robert Strone, wearing a be-

rowed uniform, gladly filled in for his fellow police officer and walked a trash boat near Dundee Island Park. He called headquarters to report in at around 11:15 p.m. and, according to family members, called his wife, Grace, to tell her how much he loved her and to kiss the couple's two infant daughters for him.

"I was just on the phone with him," Grace said. "He always called me before I went to bed to make sure I was alright and the girls were alright. I always felt if I had kept him on the phone longer it never would have happened. Less than a half hour after that

phone conversation, Strone spotted two men, Paul and Eugene Platinmons, sitting in the back seat of a black car, which authorities later learned had been stolen and used as a getaway car after robbing a nearby candy store. Strone's grandson, Stephen Dotto, who spent years researching that night's events, said the brave officer approached the brothers and ordered them out of the car after observing the suspects forging money orders they'd stolen from the shop.

The two men claimed to be SEE OFFICER, PAGE 5

CHS students honored



PHOTO/URBAN HESTER



Clifton High School held its annual scholarship awards presentation on May 29 in the school's auditorium. Students were honored for their accomplishments and awarded scholarships to be used toward their continuing education. More photos will be published in the Clifton Journal Class of 2013 special on July 12. (See information on Page 27).

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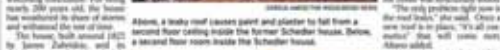
The village recently received funds from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund to help pay for upgrades at Maple Field.

RECREATION Funds secured for fixes at two fields

County and girls will pay for needed field improvements at both Maple Park Field and the new Hudson Park Field. The Ridgewood Council for Woodstock accepted a \$20,000 grant from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund to offset portion of the cost in addition to the cost of Maple Field. The total price tag hovers over \$40,000. "We were surprised at the amount of the total cost for the two fields," Village Manager Ken Gilbert said. "The initial number 'didn't' bode well in recent years and the fact we had no budget for it, creating great playing conditions. Money always appropriated by the village. In addition to...

SCHEDLER PROPERTY Group says home worth saving

A group of curious minds heard about conditions under the month and returned inside the house, former home of the Schudler family, meaning the home of the building that has been the scene of an ongoing debate. While inside, many found that the structure is in fair state of repair - a point last reported off from village and water stains caused when water rose a hole calling - but there was an overwhelming consensus: For being nearly 200 years old, the house had withstood the test of time and retained the rest of it.



Below, a hole in the ceiling and debris on the floor in the Schudler house. Below, a second floor room inside the Schudler house.

The house, built around 1815 by James Schudler, and its attached garage have West Wallis floor plan and were last acquired by the village when the Ridgewood Council for Woodstock purchased the property in 2008. The entire part of land, which is mostly empty, almost entirely by trees and brush, has since been targeted for potential development into playing fields and passive park space.

Let the Ridgewood Open Space Committee recommended that the site, which also included the recently purchased Hudson Park property, would be best utilized if converted into a 90-foot baseball field with a multi-purpose field in the middle area. The committee's recommendation, which was adopted following a series of informal public meetings, also called for additional work for park recreation.

Though the main issue concerns environmental concerns of the former Schudler house in its recommendations, it suggested that additional work in preserving the house "would be in the village interest." The village Council a joint effort program for the house, including funding. To date, a concrete plan has been an individual or group has yet to emerge, though funding...

locks, bathroom and granite kitchen and living areas, including a large space with fireplace. Old-fashioned air conditioning units were still installed in bedrooms.

A nearly empty attic contained the first and second floor, when bedrooms and other living areas and bathroom were located. One room, perhaps the largest of the dining room, had considerable water damage from the hole roof. The house was built with a basement, and evidence was visible that the original roof had been altered to allow additional attic space. Restoration and second floor, including plumbing, heating and electrical work, have been reported in using the house. Regardless of what state the building is in, it's worth saving. "It's just so important to the village," she said.

"The house has several large holes in the roof currently covered. The main roof featured a full hole in the roof currently covered."

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Group Says Home Worth Saving Plans for Open Space Still to Be Determined Council: Plans Still Up for Discussion Future Use Will Require Balancing Act Groups Fighting to Save House

Darius Amos



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SCHOOLS

Former administrator being paid

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

The Bloomfield school system will pay former Business Administrator Michael Derderian at least \$61,603 through the end of the school year, according to district documents.

A mutual release agreement provides five \$12,320 monthly payments between February and June, when Derderian's contract ends, according to Bloomfield Board of Education attorney Nicholas Dotoli and information obtained via Open Public Records Act requests. Derderian also continues to receive his health benefits during the duration of his contract, according to Dotoli.

Additionally, there is an amended settlement that addresses Derderian's January pay. Dotoli said, Bloomfield Life was unable to obtain the amendment before press time.

Superintendent James Bing approved Derderian for a paid leave of absence on Dec. 21, 2012, his last day of work. Dotoli previously told reporters, Bloomfield Life requested Derderian's leave of absence records, but there was no mention of the leave in the newspaper's requested paperwork.

The district deposited \$1,562 into Derderian's bank account for

the Jan. 15 pay period, Bloomfield Life previously reported. It is unclear what that money was for.

According to his last contract, effective July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, Derderian was to earn an annual base salary of \$147,849. He started with the district in October 2002.

TAXES

The district is not taking a tax deduction on Derderian's payments. The board will report his payments to the federal government on Form 1099, not a W-2, according to his release documents. The IRS classifies Form 1099 as miscellaneous income.

Larry Frankel (no relation to reporter), a New Jersey certified public accountant, told Bloomfield Life that severance payments are subject to tax deductions on a W-2 form.

"The general rule is that severance payments are considered wages and are subject to withholdings, similar to any other payments to an employee," said Frankel. "At the end of the year, employees receive a W-2. That appears to be an error, and the error could subject [the district] to penalties."

Dotoli said that the payments do not classify as severance, and Derderian would need to report the money on his own tax returns.

SETTLEMENT

The release agreement is not an admission of wrongdoing by Derderian. Both parties also agreed to a non-disparagement clause and will not sue each other, according to the release.

Derderian was also permitted to keep his district issued laptop and cell phone. He paid the district the value of the two devices, but documents provided by the district do not indicate how much.

The board of education approved Derderian's release and resignation at its Feb. 12 meeting. Board member Robert De Martino abstained. He did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Derderian's attorney, Paul E. Griegs, declined comment Monday about Derderian's departure. Board members have said little publicly about Derderian's resignation.

FISCAL PROBLEMS

No reason has been given for Derderian's leave of absence or resignation. However, upon his departure, the district is facing a \$6.6 million budget deficit that will result in teacher layoffs. As of this writing, the proposal would eliminate 54 teaching positions, down from a high of 56 last week.

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UTILITY POLES

Frustrations mount following public forum

BY LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

In addition, it was a "white and orange" inch. It is a representative of PSE&G, it was an "orange" inch to power residential questions.

Village residents' participation of PSE&G's "community workshop" on Wednesday night to answer their 20 PSE&G requests addressed several of the issues to answer questions on an individual rather than group basis - did nothing to improve the utility's relationship. Residents gathered by the dozens in Village Hall for the meeting, expecting PSE&G to address concerns about the installation of new larger utility poles in a traditional meeting format.

Many residents who attended the house line on Hope Street and Spring Avenue, where larger utility poles are being installed.

"We're not going to be a 'one-and-done' thing. There's a lot of people that you just have to follow, and you have to follow it," said Village Board member David Steinberg at the start of the forum.

"None of your [utility] are even under the table," said Robert Cook, who represents Village Council. "You should be [addressing] in a formal manner with someone you can talk to."

VALLEY HOSPITAL

Benefits to village questioned

BY DANIEL ARNOLD
Staff Writer

Residents heard the impression given by The Valley Hospital's chief executive officer, but many had questions about the hospital's financial health and its impact on the village.



Village Planner Brian Brancatone, Valley Hospital planner Joseph Burgos and Valley attorney Jonathan Dril listen to resident's comments during a Planning Board meeting on Tuesday.

Testimony from CRR is up next

BY DANIEL ARNOLD
Staff Writer

The Council President of Ridgewood (CRR) will begin testimony in the Village Planning Board on Tuesday night.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

Vote on manager's post set for Aug. 14

Governing body begins discussion about transition

BY DANIEL ARNOLD
Staff Writer



The employment line of Ridgewood's Village Council will be up for a vote on Aug. 14, a council meeting, a date that could potentially make the relationship between the municipality and its administrator and its governing body.

GRAYDON SWIM TEAM

Technicality bans team from meet



The Graydon swim team will not be allowed to participate in a championship meet next week. Above, swimmers participate in a meet last week.

Parents petition for reinstatement

BY DANIEL ARNOLD
Staff Writer

The Graydon swim team has been banned from competing in next week's Bergen County Championship because of a technicality surrounding attendance at a mandatory budget meeting.

Championship eligibility rule that requires participation in a representative meet that includes at least 10 out of 15 NJPSA member meetings between March and July to complete the championship.

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Astronomical Charles Liu of The Hayden Planetarium visits Montclair Middle School students through a video conference. Why black holes "suck" back, during a visit on Tuesday, April 2.

FAILURE TO LAUNCH Aldrin, Liu sound off on NASA cuts

BY ANDREW SEGEDIN
PHOTO BY JEFFREY

Having as a flight commander over 30 years ago, flying Saturn V, lunar lander Gemini, Mission Specialist Aldrin happened across a video here last week.

"I'd like to see the video," Aldrin said in a recent interview with The Times. "I would like to see the video in order to see the decisions in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to see all the advanced programs by NASA."

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Get a taste of everything

Restaurant Week tempts the town

BY CRYSTEN CHASE

When John Lombardi first moved to Montclair during the 1970s, he said, there was "nothing to eat. There was a Chinese restaurant, a Upper Meriden with a salad bar and a pizza place. Other than Chinese and pizza places, there was nothing."



Red Eye Cafe chef Anthony Britton brings a box of tomatoes into the kitchen of his eatery on Walnut Street. Red Eye Cafe is participating in A Taste of Montclair this Monday evening, April 8.

Pleas made

Alleged pair in shooting: 'not guilty'

BY DIANE HERRBY

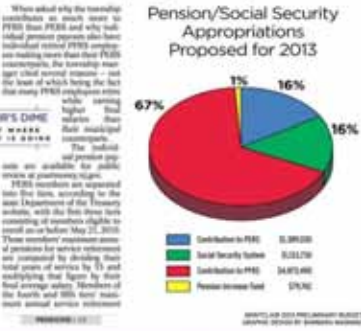
The two men who were charged with the shooting of a woman in a parking garage in Essex Township last month are going to be charged with the murder of her teenage son. Brian, 16, was shot last week in a parking garage last July in Essex Township.

Township to spend \$6.3M on pensions

BY ANDREW SEGEDIN

Montclair's proposed 2013 municipal budget to check full of appropriations for current needs. Future projects and people on the ground.

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MONTCLAIR SCHOOLS

District, MEA reach contract agreement

BY GEORGE WISY

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CURRENTS

LBI Garden Club Gives Out Grants

Public Invited to 'Art in Bloom Show'

A group of organizations are the beneficiaries of an annual fundraiser for The Garden Club of Long Beach Island last December. The club recently awarded \$4,000 in funds donated from the ticket proceeds of its 48th annual Holiday House Tour, a two-day tour that was canceled in December due to Superstorm Sandy. The funds were given to local organizations that were impacted by the disaster, including Alliance for a Living Ocean, the Long Beach Township Recycling Department, Terrace Nesting Project, Marine Mammal Stranding Center, Clean Ocean Action and Conservo Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey. Donations were also given to first responders in Stafford Township and on Long Beach Island.

"We tried to give to people that were cleaning up the ocean, cleaning up the bay, cleaning up the beach, helping the teenagers, the wildlife and doing grass plantings," said Beverly Rattigan, garden club president. "We tried to hit every section of the Island so that we didn't just concentrate on the township. We tried to give something that would be across the board. We also wanted to give something to Manhattan because they were so devastated. We just tried to spread it around so that everybody got a little something."

The Garden Club's annual "Art in Bloom Show," which showcases members' artwork with corresponding flower arrangements using natural plants, will be open to the public at the Harvey Cedars Bible Conference, between 2 and 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 9. The event is usually open only to club members, but will act as a "thank you" to the community for allowing the club such generosity in the wake of the storm.

"It's really to give something back to the community," said Rattigan. "After the storm a lot of people opened up their homes for us to use for our meetings; they donated tickets to help us fundraise. Everybody in the community has been so helpful to us. We met at the Holy Innocents Church, the Board Beach Vacht Club and the Foundation. A lot of the florists and other vendors supporting people gave us advice for us to put in our newsletters that we pass on to our members."

"It's just a gesture to get people out to see flowers, to see springtime, to see something nice instead of gloom and doom. It's just for people to have an enjoyable afternoon, like a walk through the garden," she added.

For more information about the club, visit thegardenclublbi.com.

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SANDFALL: Following Sandy overwash, protected wetlands in Holgate have been listed for sale for \$2.2 million with the hope that permits could be gained.

ALO, Resident Fight to Keep Acreage Protected

Sandy Overwash Puts Wetlands on Market

By MICHAEL MOLINARO

A landowner is looking to profit off the sale of protected wetlands in Holgate that were partially covered in sand during Superstorm Sandy.

The 24 acres of bayfront land between Rosemont Avenue and Buck Avenue in Holgate are currently listed for \$2.2 million.

One ad reads: "The property has historically been wetlands, however, after Hurricane Sandy a substantial portion of the land has been filled in. Approvals needed through CATRA Coastal Area Facility Review Act for development. There is a potential for 8-12, 5000-sq-ft, single-family building lots."

The other ad states: "The property owners have had an informal discussion with two former NJDEP (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection) officials who indicated that development of their naturally accreted property would be allowed. There is a potential for 4-9, 6000 sq. ft. single-family building lots."

Inquiries as to the ownership of the land, made to the Long Beach Township Tax Assessors Office using Open Public Records Act forms, were not returned by press time. Calls to Barbara Sante, Anderson-Ellis, mentioned in one of the ads, were also not returned by press time.

The DEP confirmed that the coastal wetlands remain protected by the 1970 Wetlands Act. "We're currently discussing this case and the situation," said Larry Hajna, a DEP spokesman. "It's still on our maps as a wetlands. Most development would be prohibited that would reflect those topographical changes, but we would have to look at all the circumstances."

As of now, no one has applied for permits with the DEP to develop

the land and no timetable exists for a DEP ruling on whether permits would be granted.

The scenario is certainly a rare one for the DEP. "It's happened (before), it hasn't happened in quite some time — though we haven't had a storm like Sandy in some time," said Hajna. "There were some lesser storms in the early '80s but it didn't create any situations like this."

Some Holgate residents and the Alliance for a Living Ocean have been up in arms this week in an attempt to block DEP permits needed by anyone looking to buy the land. The ALO first found out about the property after looking into permits made on a Holgate Update Facebook group page depicting the quick, post-Sandy development in the nearby acreage between Rosemont Avenue and Joshua Avenue that has seen sand dumping for a new road over top of where wetlands once were.

It turns out plans to develop that land have been in the works for at least two years, with permits for development granted last year, explained Hajna. "That site did receive permits for a residential subdivision. File #1517-16-0001.1. The applicant is Mark Therien. We issued a CATRA individual permit, 1506-0101 wetlands general permit 08 (isolated wetland fill), transition area and water reduction and letter of interpretation on January 20, 2012. There is only an isolated wetland on the interior of the lot."

Both residents and the ALO remained concerned that the larger wetlands acreage between Rosemont Avenue and Buck Avenue just to the north will be the next to have sand cover it and be developed.

In an email correspondence between ALO Executive Director Chris Hack and Larry Baier of the

DEP, Baier said that a DEP inspector from the organization's Teaneck River office had been to the \$2.2 million site and did not observe any evidence of dumping or filling of the property.

Baier acknowledged that a large overwash fan of sand had been transported by Sandy from the dunes across Long Beach Island Boulevard but said, "Unless the DEP promulgates a change to those maps, the area is still regulated, whether the actual wetlands exist or not. For now, the site remains regulated."

Hack worries the DEP might grant permits to a buyer of the wetlands between Rosemont Avenue and Buck Avenue due to what he described as a general trend he has witnessed throughout the state. "In the aftermath of Sandy, the governor's office has fast-tracked any work and loosened environmental standards," said Hack. "Those wetlands are incredibly valuable, especially considering the fact that we have one of the most developing barrier islands in the world," said Hack.

Hack argues that the overwash fan of sand covering a portion of the protected wetlands site would make the wetlands even more valuable due to it being a favorite nesting place for certain species of shore birds. "Even if the sand was left there, the natural progression of the ecosystem would take over."

Besides a plethora of plants and animals cited as benefiting from the wetlands, Hack emphasized their importance in absorbing energy and water during floods. "The hard surface of pavement and patios is not going to absorb the water. The more dune-like structures you have in your town, the better. A lot of the people that live on the border of that marsh pointed to its

existence as having absorbed a lot of the water that would have flooded their homes."

Larry Neel of Holgate is one of those people. Since 2002 she has lived on Joshua Avenue next to the small acreage of former wetlands that are currently being developed. "All the grass stuff is gone. There's no more marsh, there's nothing left. It's just dirt. It's horrible," said Neel.

In the early '80s, Neel said she fought to stop wetlands development of a smaller piece of property in Voorhees, where she was residing. Now this controversy over possible wetlands development in Holgate is re-igniting her passion for environmental action.

Upon inquiring about the acreage of former wetlands now being developed between Rosemont Avenue and Joshua Avenue, just north of the larger lot to the north that remains protected, Neel was told by the DEP she had the ability to voice her concerns, which she felt "fell on deaf ears."

"There were lots of species that were in there: turtles, fox, gray fox, ducks," Neel said. "It seems crazy that we're going to put houses there. Joshua Avenue tends to flood with heavy rain. And when water is high, that marsh acted as a sponge. We need a space for that water to go, and that's what it did. If we don't have that sponge to absorb it, it ends up in the houses and on the roads, creating floods, creating drainage."

"Because I have experience with this — I know the developers, the assessors, the process that be, they're all going to make money on it... I've seen it happen before in my own life experience. And I'd just hate to see it happen, especially there, because of the reasons to protect that land." ♦
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Residents in Linden may pay for garbage pickup to offset a budget shortfall.

'Indecisive' Linden still looking for budget answers

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

LINDEN — Long after employees have left for the day and the parking lot empties out, the lights in the mayor's office continue to burn. It's budget time and that is never an easy time for municipalities. Especially Linden.

Last week it appeared that even though the city took drastic measures to reduce the budget down from the \$5.4 million more than the state imposed 2-percent cap, it was nowhere near enough.

Being discussed now is charging taxpayers for garbage service, which could bring in \$3.2 million in revenue. Not an easy decision, the mayor said, but just about the only one left on the table that will provide the millions the city needs to balance the budget.

This has not been an easy time for a mayor who has little power over a budget that is \$5.4 million in the red. It is time to pay the piper and the frustration over what that will mean, not only for taxpayers but also employees, has been a bitter pill to swallow.

As a former cop who spent years on the force, it is especially painful for Mayor Rich Gerbosonka to realize the six new police recruits now in the police academy will never put on a Linden police department uniform.

Even though the city has been paying each of the recruits \$45,000 each while they are in training, none will have a job to go to when they get out.

"What we need is more concessions from the police," Gerbosonka said, explaining.

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Former freeholder to face off against Scutari

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

After fighting off a residency challenge by a member of the Union County Regular Democratic party in court Monday, former Union County Freeholder Nancy Ward received the go ahead Tuesday to run off the line in the primary against state Senator Democrat Nick Scutari who has held the position since 2004.

"This is not only a victory for me but also the 22nd district voters who now have the opportunity to vote for the candidate of their choice," said Ward late yesterday afternoon, after receiving the news from her attorney. Ward explained that Scutari, as far as she knew, never had anyone challenge him in a primary.

As for the Democrats making an issue of her residency in an effort to knock her off the primary ballot, Ward said she was confident from the start that she could prove that she lived in Linden.

"I walked into court confident, knowing I had my evidence in order and a witness that would testify on my behalf," she added.

The primary candidate was pleased there was not a challenge to any of the 143 petition names she collected, pointing out that she walked the 30th, 4th and 8th wards herself to collect the names. One hundred names are required to file a petition to run in the primary.

The hearing, held in Mercerville, resulted in Administrative Law Judge Joseph Martone dismissing the case shortly after 3 p.m. Tuesday.

"This is one of the biggest accomplishments I have made," said a jubilant Ward in a telephone interview Tuesday.

It took Regular Democratic Party members by surprise when Ward threw her hat in the ring for the Democratic primary in the 22nd legislative district. Especially since she went against her own political party.

Union County Freeholder Chris Hudak, a member of the Regular Democratic party, challenged Ward's petition to run in the 22nd district, questioning her Linden residency.

Charlotte DeFlippo, Chairman of the See WARD, Page 13

Residents finally get help, raise questions about zoning officials

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

ROSELLE PARK — Residents living in the area of West Clay Avenue are exercising their right of free speech after a business that clearly is not in compliance with zoning laws continues to operate.

Finding a parking space in the evening on West Clay Avenue, Russell Street or other streets in the area has become quite a chore since Easy Fitness with Jeannie, 203 West Clay Ave., opened up in November.

Residents said even though the owner applied for a certificate of occupancy for a business that offered "health, nutrition counseling and services," it actually has Zumba and other fitness classes, which is not permitted in that particular zone.

Prior to Easy Fitness with Jeannie moving in, the site was leased by a state agency. See RP, Page 12

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VERONA TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Police report filed against manager
Councilman alleges Martin made a threatening phone call

BY JENNIFER KINGMA
Times Staff

Members of the Verona Township Council have asked to a divide within the ranks, philosophically opposing, but a large rift may have been opened up.

Councilman Michael Neuhouser has filed a police report against Township Manager Joseph Martin late last month for allegedly making a threatening phone call to him in May. Neuhouser said he waited five weeks to file the report — long enough to reflect and not discussing the information with the editor — to give Martin an opportunity to respond.

The alleged phone conversation came after Neuhouser distributed copies of Martin's contract, which expires in August, to other members of the council for review.

"I gave all the councilmen (except after this agreement) information and an opportunity to make a decision on the phone call to 'watch yourself,' 'good luck,' and 'I intend to run on 'Healthy Tax,'" Neuhouser said.

A representative from the office of Neuhouser's attorney, the Times received a copy of the report to the Times.

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Fearsome teeth, terrifying claws and a lot of air



Bill Luskas, who performs as "Glowman," demonstrates white-tie diva at the Cedar Grove Library on July 15. See more photos on our Facebook page Friday afternoon.

SUPERSTORM SANDY

More money pledged for local recovery

BY DAN BENEDETTI

The federal government will help to raise more money for local recovery to pay for the impact of Superstorm Sandy. The increase in funds was pledged in late June by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist in the recovery of local governments and businesses.

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FIRST DEGREE MURDER

'An exchange that went terribly wrong'



Brian Topoleski

Cedar Grove grad stabbed to death

BY DAN BENEDETTI

Though the community is still in shock after the murder of 18-year-old Brian Topoleski, who was stabbed to death early Monday morning, the reality is beginning to sink in. A funeral has been scheduled for later this week and victims have passed into eternal rest and another memorial.

A wake will be held this afternoon from 4 to 8 p.m. at St. Charles of Mount Carmel Church, 100 Franklin Ave. Topoleski was killed Monday morning in Little Falls after a case of manslaughter, according to representatives from the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office. Police have charged a 20-year-old Newark resident with the stabbing death of Topoleski.

When approached Monday, residents at Topoleski's home on Little Falls Road did not wish to comment to the Times. But his girlfriend, Alexandra Wynn, said she feared that Topoleski did not initially realize he had been stabbed. She said, "He thought it was his life being taken. I tried to help him get away from the situation."

Topoleski graduated from Cedar Grove High School last month and was planning to go to Montclair State University in the fall. Speaking to the Times Monday, Superintendent of Schools Richard Principal Michael Feltenbaum said he was "speechless" after hearing of Topoleski's death.

"It's a great loss," Feltenbaum said, adding that Topoleski was someone who played hard often. The district held a great evening for many of his friends on Tuesday at the school's media center. Topoleski, who was often heard on the high school's radio, was planning to study business when he is in his third year, Feltenbaum said.

In connection to the Monday evening incident, Joseph LaBianca was charged with first degree murder of a victim for an unlawful possession of a weapon, according to Passaic County Prosecutor Joseph M. Valdes.

According to The Press, LaBianca was a 2011 graduate of Passaic Valley High School and a member of the first team for non-sport-related activities. According to court records obtained by the newspaper, LaBianca was scheduled to appear in Passaic Municipal Court to be a criminal charge after the murder.

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Police lines surrounded a Little Falls home where Brian Topoleski, 18, was stabbed.

MEMORIES

Remembering Brian

BY DAN BENEDETTI

He was a ball-buck who made other students laugh and whose death shocked all a community. Brian Topoleski was a 18-year-old student who was stabbed to death early Monday morning, as he was on his way home from Topoleski's work.

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COPING WITH LOSS

Experts: How to deal with trauma

BY DAN BENEDETTI

When a traumatic event happens in a small, tight-knit community like Cedar Grove, many people feel directly impacted, whether they knew the victim or not. Survivors often feel grief, anger and fear, and these emotions can be overwhelming.

Two professionals — Stephanie Mulligan, LICSW, a senior coordinator of Life Center

Tributes

There have been many tributes for Brian Topoleski on various social media sites. Go to <http://bit.ly/TopoleskiTimes> to read more.

"Never did we think that something would happen like this to our son," said Caroline Mills, a friend and classmate who knew Topoleski since fourth grade. "We always thought we were going to grow up, we're going to see who does what. He had such big dreams and he was going to be able to follow them. It's heartbreaking."

"This one would never have a problem with me," said 18-year-old Charly (Dorris, who is known as "Charly") to read more.

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Bocce in the park

NFL tight end Fasano hosts annual fundraiser to benefit Sandy victims.

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Rooftop burglary

Anthony Franco's on Pompton Avenue entered, cash taken.

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Beloved quarterback dies

Tripucka never forgot alma mater, Bloomfield High School

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

The Denver Broncos' first quarterback, who remained faithful to his alma mater Bloomfield High School, died of congestive heart failure last Thursday at his Woodland Park home.

CBS-TV made note of Frank Tripucka's death during the broadcast of the Giants/Broncos game on Sunday at MetLife Stadium. When quarterback Peyton Manning joined the Broncos, Tripucka gave Manning the blessing to wear his retired No. 18. According to the network, Manning visited his family on Saturday in New Jersey. A picture aired of Manning posing with Tripucka's sons Mark, T.K. and Kelly.

Tripucka, 85, was a 1945 BHHS graduate.

BHHS had a moment of silence prior to the 7 p.m. Friday kickoff of its home football opener against Irvington, said Steve Jenkins, the school district's athletic director. Planned for the next game, players will honor Tripucka with helmet stickers.

"Mr. Tripucka had a profound impact on BHHS as, first, a three-sport athlete - one of the finest in our school's history," Jenkins said. "Later, he was a dedicated member of the BHHS Quarter Club, helping to establish and perpetuate the Foley Scholarship that grants scholarships to BHHS students to this day."



JEFF FRANKEL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Denver Broncos' first quarterback Frank Tripucka, 85, died last Thursday in Woodland Park. He was a Bloomfield native.

"He attended Bengal athletic contests as long as his health allowed. He was a vocal supporter of all Bengals," Jenkins added.

BENGAL PRIDE
Tripucka's son Chris told Bloomfield Life his father always

talked about three things - Bloomfield, Notre Dame and the Broncos. He got his start on the Bloomfield gridiron, now known as Foley Field, where he was a high school standout.

"He grew up in Foley Field," Chris Tripucka said during a phone call from his home in

Texas. "I can't think of a better place, growing up there myself, even though I didn't go to the high school."

In 2009, Frank Tripucka donated \$10,000 to kick off private fundraising to replace Foley

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Close calls for locals at marathon bombing

Recount experiences at chaotic scene

BY DEBORAH WALSH

Staff Writer

BY GARY ANGLIS

Contributor

A number of local runners Thursday had either finished or just approached the finish line when the bombs went off. At least one runner caught fire, and several others were injured.

The bombs went off on the finish line of the 26-mile marathon at the end of the race. The runners were mostly casual, and many were celebrating.

One runner was injured when he was struck by a car. The car was stuck in traffic, and the runner was unable to get out. He was taken to the hospital and is recovering.

Other runners were also injured, and some were taken to the hospital. The police are investigating the incident.

Police officers were on hand to help runners who were injured. They were able to get them to the hospital quickly.

The police are still looking for the person who planted the bombs. They are asking anyone who has information to call the police.

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Debra and Joe Bellarini of Kinnelon are reunited after the bomb attack at the Boston Marathon.

BLOOMINGDALE

SRD's possible closing to get BOE's scrutiny

BY DEBORAH WALSH

Staff Writer

As suggested when the 2012-13 school budget was being discussed, the school board will have another look at the feasibility of closing down the Belmont Jr. High and School (SRD).

Board members Heather Stone and John Pflanz are spearheading the formation of a committee to study the matter. Pflanz said they are attempting to attract the most of committee members that will work at the board objectively.

They have attempted to find people, Stone said, who represent a good cross-section of the community and residents who have an opinion on different issues. The idea is to put together a committee that will take a balanced approach to looking at the possible school closure.

Stone added that the committee will be looking into the administrative costs. Initially, there will be a budget meeting and then the administrative costs will meet on their own to begin the information-gathering process. Citing an example of administrative costs, Stone said one group will investigate the matter later in the year.

Stone said the committee must determine if the closure of the SRD will create space will have to be added to the Walter T. Braggs School (WTS).

"This is a straight numbers issue. We will determine what it will cost and what it will save," said Stone. "It's not a personal decision, but a numbers decision."

When asked if there will be an announcement of whether it is being considered for an addition, Pflanz said the committee will not make a decision.

Although, Stone agreed that all alternatives will be considered, he said the public might be more positive of expanding the WTS, which is currently situated and housed off a county road. The SRD is located in a neighborhood and traffic problems already exist at the school, he said.

Stone said he has three would-be line community members to an address at the WTS.

"Without community support, we'll be reading our lips," said Cheryl Mullin, SRD principal, and she found it interesting that she heard several committee members would be looking at the SRD.

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BLOOMINGDALE'S BASS MASTERS



People lined the banks of Bogus Pond in Bloomingdale on Saturday, April 13 during the Bogus Pond Fishing Derby with the hopes of catching that big fish.

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School Choice found to be Hobson's Choice

BY STEVE ANGLIS

Staff Writer

When the Board of Education agreed to a school choice program, it was intended to be a way for parents to choose the school for their children. However, the program has been found to be a Hobson's choice.

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Murder-for-hire plot foiled



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New Jersey State Attorney General Jeff Chiesa during Wednesday's press conference where he announced the arrest of Georgios Spyropoulos, the manager of the Tick Tock Diner who was charged with attempting to hire a gunman to kill his uncle, the co-owner of the landmark eatery on Route 3.

Tick Tock Diner manager wanted owner killed, say police

By Tony Gicas
 Staff Writer

CLIFTON • A swift undercover operation conducted by New Jersey State Police revealed the manager of the Tick Tock Diner arranged a murder-for-hire plot which aimed to rob and knock off his uncle, a co-owner of the landmark eatery.

On Tuesday afternoon, plain clothes detectives from the New Jersey State Police's Organized Crime Division arrested Georgios Spyropoulos, 45, of Clifton, at the Route 3 diner while he was greeting customers. He was charged with conspiracy to commit murder,

attempted murder and unlawful possession of a weapon and is currently being held in Passaic County Jail on a \$1 million cash bail.

Spyropoulos' intended victim was his 57-year-old uncle, Alexandros Sgourdos, a Clifton resident who manages the Tick Tock Diner's Manhattan location and co-owns both restaurants, according to information released during a press conference on Wednesday.

State police detectives learned of the murder plot through a confidential informant who told authorities that Spyropoulos was searching for an individual he could hire to carry out the murder

of his uncle. The state police were able to utilize the information to ultimately introduce Spyropoulos to an undercover detective who posed as the would-be hitman and secretly recorded their conversation, said New Jersey Attorney General Jeff Chiesa during the press conference.

On April 2, Spyropoulos met with the would-be assassin in the diner's parking lot and provided the undercover cop with an unregistered handgun, a photo of the intended target along with his address as well as a down payment of \$3,000 for the hit, Chiesa said.

Spyropoulos provided the undercover state detective with a

map of his uncle's Clifton neighborhood along with his schedule, how to disable his security cameras and a plan to abduct him from his home, Chiesa said. Spyropoulos even provided the undercover officer with details about how his uncle parks his car, according to state police information.

Chiesa said during the meeting, Spyropoulos told the undercover cop to kill Sgourdos' wife, his aunt, if she witnessed or learned anything about the alleged murder plot.

"That is how cold-blooded they



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Feb. 15 Deadline to Remove Homes

LBI Trailer Park, Hard-Hit By Sandy, Will Not Reopen

By JULIET KASZAS-HOCH
 Tenants of the Long Beach Island Trailer Park in Holgate were saddened to learn this past weekend that the seasonal park will not reopen and, further, that all structures and possessions must be removed from the property by Feb. 15.

As trailer park owner Bob Maroff writes to former temporary residents in a letter dated Jan. 13, "It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you that after giving careful consideration to the devastating impact of the flooding and wind damage caused by Hurricane Sandy we will not be reopening the Long Beach Island Trailer Park. This decision is primarily related to the fact that given the significant destruction to the infrastructure at the vacation trailer park, including but not limited to the electrical system, water distribution system and sewerage systems, the property has been totally destroyed."

He added, "We were all family here throughout the years, and I am sad and happy campers. After Sandy this all changed."

The announcement of the closing spread quickly throughout LBI and beyond, and reactions sprung up online in social media outlets such as Facebook, especially in a closed group dedicated to Holgate and the trailer park. While most everyone was disappointed by the news, a few individuals

defended Maroff's decision and felt sympathy for him and his family as well as for the residents. A greater number of individuals expressed shock and resentment.

"We are devastated by the park
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A COMMUNITY ON THE SOUTH END: (Clockwise from top left) A sign for the Long Beach Island Trailer Park in Holgate still stands despite the wrath of Superstorm Sandy in late October. The homes, however, did not fare as well, as many were torn and toppled by flooding and wind. The park is not reopening, owner Bob Maroff said in a letter to the former tenants. An aerial shot of the trailer park after Sandy shows the damage. Other signs survived the storm.

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Mayor John DeSimone, center, meets with concerned residents during a public open forum with council members Peter Knott and Gil Hawkins.

COMMUNITY

Mayor talks business and burglaries in public forum

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

LEONIA – Business and burglaries dominated the conversation at the mayor's forum on May 9, with residents jumping at the chance to air their grievances

and concerns in a town hall setting.

It was the first such event for Mayor John DeSimone since taking office in January. Council President Peter Knott and Police Commissioner and Councilman Gil Hawkins joined the mayor

and nearly 200 residents in the cafeteria of the Anna C. Scott School for about an hour and a half of spirited discussion.

Hawkins presented a report from Police Chief Jay Ziegler detailing the significant spike in borough crimes in recent years.

Overall crime almost doubled in 2011, increasing to 103 incidents compared to 56 in 2010. Burglaries rose from 19 in 2010 to 43 in 2011. In the last six months, Leonia had 22 residential, commercial and motor vehicle burglaries and three

attempts.

"There are people in the community who have actually used the word 'wige' – they think we're at siege," said a business owner on Bond Avenue, which

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Dynamite in Short Hills? Neighbors protest

Attorney hired to handle federal questions about Bogomilsky property; 2013 budget is approved

By Harry Trumbore

Staff

"Yes to the hills" is what one resident is wary of as regarding the May 6 meeting.

"Township residents opposed to a contractor's plans to use dynamite for a residential construction on Clinton Drive would meet just that much meaning if the meeting is approved."

A handful of Clinton Drive and Clinton Terrace residents attending the May 7 Township Committee meeting heard a lawyer for the municipality explain that the

township's bank are still under a court order regarding the construction of a residential home.

The site is owned by a three-acre lot at 50 Clinton Drive. According to the township, the property is currently owned by local ordinance or resolution regarding explosives. "The act covers the use, possession, storage and transfer of explosives," he explained, and is enforced by the state's Department of Labor and the Department of Community Affairs.

The only local input comes from a municipality's law depart-

ment. However, Trumbore noted that if the ordinance is enforced with all state regulations, the law department will have no choice but to issue the permit.

All the meeting, residents of the neighborhood raised deep concerns that any blasting would be allowed.

Sarah Weissman, who lives close to the building site, told the Committee that before the Department of Labor representative who will monitor the proposed blasting, she already met with residents and was anything

to ensure every fee for a contractor to dig holes in the ground and drop dynamite in them that is for a resident to build a house.

Christopher Falcon

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"He said the blasting will shake the hill down. Our great will crack," Trumbore said. When she said the blasting would shake the hill down, Trumbore said that the building site above the South Mountain Reservation and there are other houses on nearby hills. "We got no warning," he said. "It's not our responsibility that he lost? What if something goes wrong?"

Other residents noted that Justice said that if they used for storage in their homes because of

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STOP & SHOP

Engineer updates traffic data

By Lindsay Kelleher

Staff

A follow-up traffic study was presented during the May 6 meeting of the Millburn Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The study, conducted by the Township of Millburn, is a follow-up to a study conducted by the Township of Millburn in 2008. The study was conducted by the Township of Millburn in 2008.

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Landscape Engineering and Environmental Services, conducted earlier this year as required by the zoning board.

The zoning board requested ABC Engineering to complete an additional evaluation of pedestrian counts and traffic conditions during a working morning peak hour.

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During a meeting on Tuesday evening and Tuesday morning peak hour, according to Trumbore.

According to Trumbore, ABC Engineering did not come on-site during an October meeting. The engineer provided a supplemental traffic information with the additional information. The board requested and notified about it this past Monday night.

The additional study analyzed traffic at the intersections of Mill-

burn and Millburn and Millburn Avenue and Millburn and Millburn Avenue intersections. Presently, the applicant conducted a traffic study of the proposed driveway intersection with Millburn



Township resident Rick Sachs of the grassroots group Residents For Traffic Safety addresses the Zoning Board at the May 6 meeting.

A DAY FOR BIRDS AND BARBECUE

Melisa Westfall Kwong, left, and her sister Laitha visit with "Peep" the cockatiel during the annual "Arb-E-Qwe" May 4 at the Cum

Hardwood Arboretum. Visitors chowed down on barbecue, saw a show with a variety of birds of prey and had their photos taken with Peep. For additional photos of a sunny Saturday around town, see Pages A8 and A9.



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FABER FIELD
Views on turf offered

BY RICHARD DE SANTA
Staff Writer

The scores of Glen Rock residents at the July 24 public forum on a synthetic turf project at Lower Faber Field heard a plethora of opinions pro and con – and a couple of facts.

One is that the Borough Council is nowhere close to a decision on whether or not to proceed. The other is that Game On Glen Rock! – the independent, private fundraising committee originally behind the project – aims to press forward whether or not the borough assumes any role in financing an installation.

Mayor John van Kesteren referred to recent, misleading “indications and messages” (by turf supporters) through various electronic media that we are on the verge of making a decision about an artificial turf field, and that this public meeting tonight is the forum that will lead to a decision. Those messages were not generated by the borough, and they weren’t supported by the borough. There are a lot of open questions remaining, having to do with design, and certainly financing, and whether we should do it at all.

Over the next two hours, nearly

ONOMACHI EXCHANGE PROGRAM
Sister city welcomed back

BY RICHARD DE SANTA
Staff Writer

For the 20th time since 1992, Glen Rock welcomed middle school students and their chaperones from Onomachi, Japan.

Officials and host families greeted the visiting contingent at the Municipal Annex at a Monday night reception and dinner.

As is customary, the affair included greetings and a gift exchange with Glen Rock Mayor John van Kesteren, although a lengthy processing delay on arrival at Newark International Airport put dinner first on Monday night’s agenda, in deference to the late-arriving and hungry travelers.

Borough resident and Onomachi Exchange director Katsunori O'Brien noted this week that the visits have taken place every year since the program’s establishment, with the exception of 2009, when it was cancelled for health and safety reasons due to H1N1 flu advisories in Japan.

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Bergenfield police are searching for the person who kicked and broke a sign last month at Edwin Grube Park.

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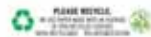
Police headquarters deemed inadequate

Officials in New Milford are working toward possible expansion of the borough's station, connected to the borough hall.

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WINTRY HUSH



A wintry hush settles over Reichert Road in New Milford on Saturday as snow blankets the area. Despite accumulations of about a foot, the area was spared the full brunt of the storm. Also see Page 3.

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NEW MILFORD

Suit challenges attorney's appointment

BY PHILIP DEVENCENTIS
 Assistant Editor

Controversy over the appointment of New Milford's borough attorney has spread to state Superior Court in Hackensack. Borough Councilwoman Holly Grant is suing Councilwoman Anita Ashley, Mayor Ann Sobritza and the borough itself for what she insists is a "disqualifying conflict of interest" due to Borough Attorney Marc Leifman's former private representation of Ashley. The suit also alleges Ashley's vote to appoint Leifman violates local and state ethics codes. The eight-page, two-count complaint was filed in court on

Jan. 31. Leifman was appointed by a vote of 4-3 - with Sobritza breaking a tie - at the council's annual reorganization meeting on Jan. 7. He used to represent Ashley as objecting counsel at Zoning Board of Adjustment hearings for a mixed-use development proposed for the 14-acre tract owned by United Water. When Leifman was appointed, he resigned as Ashley's attorney. Still, at a council work session on Jan. 14, Grant motioned to rescind Leifman's appointment and asked Ashley to abstain from voting. The motion failed by a 4-3 vote, with Ashley refusing to abstain

and with Sobritza breaking another tie. Grant is requesting invalidation of the council's vote on Jan. 7; judgment that Ashley had a conflict of interest requiring his attention; and an award of attorney's fees and court costs. The complaint also seeks to enjoin Ashley from "further participation in matters involving a conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety." Judge Mercedes Tisdler early last week ordered Ashley, Sobritza and the borough to respond to the complaint by Feb. 22. As of last last week, however, officials were uncertain who would represent the defendants.

Leifman can't because he is tied to the case. The complaint was expected to be discussed during a closed executive session of the council on Feb. 11, after press time. Leifman, who has said no conflict of interest exists, did not return a call last week seeking comment about the complaint. When reached by phone on Feb. 7, Sobritza said she sought legal advice and declined to comment otherwise. Ashley, meanwhile, released a two-page statement on Feb. 7 in response to Grant's charges. In it, he alleges the complaint is pedd-

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Bayshore flood protection stalled for yrs. before Sandy

Levee, sea walls proposed before 2000 might finally be funded by aid bill

BY KEITH HEUMILLER
Staff Writer

Projects that could have prevented significant storm damage to Bayshore towns were delayed for more than a decade by bureaucracy and a lack of funding, according to local and federal officials.

Two Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) projects proposed prior to 2000, for example, called for levees, floodwalls and other mitigation infrastructure in Union Beach and the Port Monmouth section of Middletown. Neither of those projects had reached the point of construction when substantial flooding from superstorm Sandy affected both towns.

Middletown officials have been actively pushing for flood controls for more than a decade, according to Township Administrator Anthony Mercantante. But the process has been a frustrating one, he said, because projected costs keep growing.

"Every few years, the price would go up dramatically. It started out at something like a \$10 million project for the whole thing. Now it's up to \$90 million," Mercantante said during a March 4 interview.

"So anytime Congress would authorize some money, they were losing ground," he added.

Designs and costs for such flood control projects are primarily determined by the ACE, he added.

Nearly a month after the Jan. 28 passage of the \$50.5 billion Congressional Sandy aid bill, Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-6th District) said he expects a substantial amount of federal funds to be pumped into pending ACE projects throughout the area.

"The Shore sustained such severe damage from Sandy, which, if unaddressed, would continue to wash away our beaches and make much of the region uninhabitable," he said in a Feb. 26 statement.

According to Mercantante, the Congressional Sandy aid bill states that any ACE mitigation project that was previously "initiated" — or received designated funds for construction — will now be fully funded. But the wording of the legislation and the

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While football receives the most attention for concussions, they are sustained in every sport — at a rate of approximately 300,000 per year in the U.S. Recent attention has resulted in greater efforts to protect young athletes from head injuries.

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Faella remains optimistic despite tax increase

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

The good news about the 2013 county budget is this year no employees will be laid off. However, taxes will be going up approximately \$100 for the average homeowner.

County Manager Al Faella released his 2013 executive budget Monday and although he stressed the county is at the beginning of the second year in a "multi-year budgetary turnaround," it appears taxpayers will be paying higher taxes until things turn around completely. When that will be, though, is not clear.

"Overall the county appears to have stemmed the tide of eroding revenue collections in line with the national recovery, while taking long term steps to create new revenue streams and implement proactive measures controlling our cost for future budgets," Faella said in a written statement on the annual voluminous budgetary analysis.

The county manager said new revenue sources are desperately needed, because overall revenue sources were nearly flat in 2012. In fact, in 2011 the county saw a \$9.2

County Manager Al Faella released his 2013 executive budget Monday and although he stressed the county is at the beginning of the second year in a 'multi-year budgetary turnaround,' it appears taxpayers will be paying higher taxes until things turn around completely.

million drop. Faella blamed this on a reduction of state and federal reimbursements, as well as increased state mandated costs. This included a \$5.8 million increase in contractual salary costs, health insurance, pensions and the \$1 million unexpected expense of Superstorm Sandy.

On the bright side, Faella said, revenue collections at the county clerk's office jumped 20 percent, or a \$1.1 million increase. Although this is still down substantially from several years ago when there were record highs, the county manager felt it was a "noteworthy jump."

The county manager also mentioned that through

aggressive pursuit of funding the county was able to collect an additional \$3.2 million in welfare reimbursements owed by the state.

But if taxpayers see a dismal outlook, Faella sees the situation differently.

"Overall Union County continues to maintain a strong fiscal profile, with among the highest bond ratings attainable from the three major ratings agencies," he said, adding that a recent report from one bond rating company showed the county's low debt levels.

The county manager said in 2013 attention was focused on working towards completing several areas in need of reform, specifically Runnells Specialized Hospital, the Union County Jail and Watching Stables. All three had studies completed on their financial picture or are in the process.

Last year the county completed privatization of dietary and housekeeping services at Runnells in order to maximize cost savings, but it may not be enough.

See FAELLA, Page 6

Scanlon hired by county one month after retiring

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Former Freeholder Deborah Scanlon was only out of office for a month before the county created a position for her in the Human Services department.

According to information obtained using the Open Public Records Act, the position was crafted for Scanlon, a resident of Union, who will be paid \$74,900 for the administrative position in the welfare division of the county. Scanlon decided last March not to seek another term on the board and retire.

According to Union County Communications Director Sebastian D'Elia, the creation of the new position came at the recommendation of Social Services Director Charles Gillen, who said there was a need to create a managerial position with administrative duties.

D'Elia said Scanlon, who previously worked for a legal firm in Short Hills, had 30 years experience and was considered at the top of the list because of her extensive history as a paralegal. Scanlon will be assuming duties as a paralegal in the newly created position, which the communications director pointed out was an asset to the county.

"The choice was based on qualifica-

tions," D'Elia stressed, noting it was an unclassified position, or not civil service.

"Regardless of her former freeholder role, her experience speaks for itself," the communications director said, adding that this department was in the process of consolidation.

"They were moving 70 people to a different location and this was an opportunity to create a position that will handle many different issues involving welfare fraud, among other things."

Confusing is that D'Elia said the position was created for Scanlon, but information obtained through OPRA indicated the position the former freeholder stepped into was to "replace a vacancy" made when assistant county counsel Brian Trivette left in October.

Regardless, the hiring of Scanlon comes less than a year after the county vacated as many as 148 positions due to retirements and layoffs.

As an assistant county counsel, Trivette earned \$98,000 annually, but the proposed position information for his replacement changed to "confidential assistant." The salary range for Scanlon's position ranges from \$54,680 to \$81,120.

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ONE WAY OUT -- In Union, on the corner of Vauxhall Road and Adams Avenue, a one way sign is dashed against a broken utility pole. The aftermath of Superstorm Sandy is still evident around many neighborhoods as officials struggle to cleanup following the devastating late-October storm.

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SELLING PUMPKINS FOR CHARITY



Four-year-olds Aiden Mathewski, left, and Jackson Magnus enjoy a crisp autumn day on a hayrack Oct. 21 at Wyoming Presbyterian Church's Annual Pumpkin Patch. Proceeds from the pumpkins sold will go toward the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, based out of Elizabeth, and Livestock Matters for the World, based out of Tennessee. North Carolina-based "The Pumpkin Patch" supplies pumpkins to the church. The pumpkins are grown on land leased from and in partnership with the Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, N.M.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Student issues stir two forums

By Andrea Hughes

Student issues came to the forefront at recent Board of Education candidates forums sponsored by the Board 2012 Association last week, and a broader discussion was held by the Millburn PTO last month.

Cheryl Hartman, a Millburn High School senior, is the president of the Board of Education candidates forum, and she was joined by other candidates for a one-year year on the board to fill the remainder of a six-year term.

During the forum, which was held at the Millburn High School, candidates discussed their views on student stress, school safety, and other issues. The forum was held on Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Millburn High School.

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THE THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM



Golden Taylor (16) of Millburn High School and Mike Holt (25) of Seton Hall Preparatory School serve their attention on the ball Oct. 20 during the Essex County Boys Soccer Tournament semifinals at Millburn High School's Drake North A. Hanger Field. All 161 in Millburn's Evan Wagner (22). The fourth-ranked Millers, following a pair of regular season losses to the top-seeded Panthers, prevailed on penalty kicks to earn a spot at a second consecutive county title. See story, more photos on Page C2.

BUSINESSES

New tastes on tap downtown

By Lindsey Kelleher

Shun loquax. The menu, however, wasn't the only thing the restaurant's new menu is all about.

Bagel Chai was the first of its kind in the area, and it was the first of its kind in the area.

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Social groups are gearing up for fall events. A2



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VILLAGE COUNCIL

In 3-2 vote, manager removed from post

Gabbert says politics at play in decision

By DANIEL AMOS Staff Writer

Ridgewood's governing body has removed Village Manager Ken Gabbert from the municipal office's top administrative post, a move that takes effect Aug. 17.

Final resolution of removal is expected for the body to become official. The Ridgewood Village Code says that Gabbert, who has held the position for nearly five years, can appeal the council's decision, and that process would involve a public hearing. Gabbert, speaking after the meeting, said it was his intent to file to sue whether he plans to appeal the decision.

According to the resolution, the council's majority "had confidence in Gabbert's ability to serve in the capacity of village manager and advised it to the town council of the Village of Ridgewood that Gabbert be removed from office."



The Ridgewood Council voted 3-2 to start the process of removing Village Manager Ken Gabbert from his position. Gabbert said he has not decided whether he will appeal the decision.

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TRICKS OF THE TRADE



Workers on utility poles at a camp held at the village Skating Rink.

Interactive Expo Living gave a young resident some hands-on experience at a camp held at the village Skating Rink. The camp was sponsored by the Ridgewood Parks and Recreation Department. Participants learned to ride, perform basic stunts and maintain their boards. The camp was co-sponsored by Ridgewood Skating of Ridgewood.

UTILITY POLES

Village asks agency for hearing

By LAURA MERZIO Staff Writer

The Village Council plans to bring its ongoing resistance about the planned utility pole project to the state Board of Public Utilities (BPU).



Village residents applaud comments by David Drobner regarding the installation of utility poles on Hope Street and Spring Avenue.

The council decided last night that it will file a petition with the BPU, effectively asking for a review of the hearing. It is expected that the BPU will continue the discussion through the process.

He is within, the BPU is described as a "regulatory agency whose responsibilities include oversight of the telecommunications industry in New Jersey."

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PARKING

Funds to fix broken meters budgeted



A man pulls coins from a parking meter on Walnut Street.

By DANIEL AMOS Staff Writer

It didn't matter to Sarah Pitarone that Ridgewood is scheduled to purchase nearly \$10,000 worth of new electronic parking meter equipment this summer. Monday morning, she said the meter equipment isn't working because the South Walnut Street meter 'jar' had gone bad.

According to the particular meter in fact, had better use of coins for most five one cent. The Ridgewood Police Officer said the South Walnut lot, and several of the neighborhood's employees, have witnessed an increasing number of their own plain-old coin-working meters to sound broken. Pitarone's had been won't the first broken at the lot, and that parking will mean it's only one with a broken meter - almost an hour earlier, a village employee removed a broken "West Street" meter from a lot.

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Recycling logo and contact information for recycling services.

Severe Wind Flyer Awards NIPA logo.

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In 3-2 Vote, Manager Removed from Post

Gabbert Criticizes Council Majority Walsh to Run for Freeholder

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Dr. Gene Polak

SCHOOLS
Super takes medical leave

BY DAN ROSENBLUM
 Staff Writer

There was an empty black chair and a temporary desk at the regular Board of Education meeting when for the first time in eight years, Cedar Grove schools were without a superintendent.

Two months before he was set to retire, Superintendent Richard DeCaro filed with a medical leave of absence, effective Monday, April 29. Though there's an official date for the leave, school board officials said it was unclear if he would return.

"The board was made aware last week that Dr. Polak will be on an medical leave probably for the remainder of the year, so he probably will not be returning," Board President Frank Havelka said.

Members declined to discuss participation of the superintendent's position. "The only thing we're allowed to say is that it's a medical leave and it's a leave," Havelka said.

The board approved Cedar Grove High School Principal Michael Feltman as acting superintendent beginning May 1. He will receive a \$123,500 salary for the 2013-2014 school year and will prepare and implement plans for the remainder of the school year.

"It's going to be a lean year for us," Feltman said. Polak would have worked his eighth year as superintendent at Cedar Grove.

Since he began in 2005, Cedar Grove schools saw record rates of the best districts in the state, according to the state's annual report on school performance. Polak announced during a February board meeting that he would retire at the end of June.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Small cards, big accusations

BY RENEE BONGIACCA AND DAN ROSENBLUM
 Managing Editor and Staff Writer

Disputing Town Council members' candidacies for a seat on the Verona Township Council used three very crude allegations involving the distribution of campaign materials in local businesses.

Several officials and council members

allegedly referenced on April 26 email from Councilman Michael Marchione that indicated a card — which urged residents to "Vote 127" in the May 14 election — was distributed at a town facility by a person who was affiliated with the township. The email was sent to all open Township Council candidates.

Verona Mayor Frank Soprano and township attorney Scott the Area Editor & Editor, which represents

Verona to the town, which was obtained by the Times. Marchione said that he was given the cards last Tuesday, but he did not specify where he received the cards or who provided them. In the email, the township said he was writing additional information from town officials regarding the alleged incident: "I think it's highly unlikely that the Verona attorney that distributes would be handing out voter cards," he said to the Times Wednesday. "And to think you

will likely vote for a candidate's law number or ballot number without a voter ID submission attached, I think it's unfair to all the candidates who are running in this election to be involved in this incident. It is very disappointing that this practice is occurring in Verona."

The council on the card comment by ballot position of the alleged by lawmakers. Both Soprano and Dan

SEX CHARGE
No prison time
 Verona alum will be subject to parole supervision

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A former "Teacher of the Year" who admitted having sex with a 13-year-old student was spared prison time Monday on probation after pleading guilty to sexual health

and other offenses. The 35-year-old teacher, who was charged last year with

aggravated sexual assault and would have faced up to 10 years in prison if charged with sexual assault. Under terms of his plea agreement, he will receive a three-year suspended sentence and probation. The 35-year-old was not seen to have had teaching credentials and appear to be an affiliate.

"I had nothing, but someone for my actions," a teacher told the judge after pleading guilty to the charge. Judge Peter Flieri said in a brief statement: "I'm glad to hear you were helped or directly affected by my conduct."

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Arbor Day fun



During a tree-planting event on April 26, Danielle Montemagno, 8, puts her foot on a shovel as Jacob Pini, 8, gives dirt around the roots of a pear tree at George Street Park in Cedar Grove. See more photos on our Facebook page Friday afternoon. Find us at www.facebook.com/VeronaCedarGroveTimes.

VERONA
More electives coming down the pike for high school seniors

BY RENEE BONGIACCA
 Managing Editor

Clear of the goals of Verona's strategic plan to make some more local, innovative for its reporting students, and adding more choices because our way to go.

The addition of course offerings is one of the key points of discussion at a meeting for the 2013-2014 school committee, as discussed by several members of the district's staff at Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting.

Elizabeth Jewett, director of instructional studies, explained many of the additions made to the local schools, including new courses for students such as math, science, social studies, education, history, economics and foreign languages.

"We are looking at all sort of creative ways so senior year doesn't become just wanting to be done with high school."

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YOUR STORM STORIES... ONE YEAR LATER
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Candidates face the toughest questions

Meet your future mayor
Occhipinti, Ramos, and Zimmer compete in Nov. 5 election

By Dean DeChiaro
Reporter staff writer

There are several major differences among the three candidates running to become mayor of Hoboken in the Nov. 5 election. Assemblyman Ruben Ramos Jr. has lived in Hoboken his entire life, while 4th Ward Councilman Tim Occhipinti moved here 10 years ago and incumbent Mayor Dawn Zimmer moved here in 2002. They differ on how to address the parking crunch, whether to change the city's near-central laws, and even on which day of the week to hold the city's traditional St. Patrick's Day Parade.

In interviews and debates, each has spoken about the need

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On eve of election, Bhalla defends integrity

Gives answers regarding negotiations with city vendor

By Dean DeChiaro
Reporter staff writer

Hoboken Councilman-Large Ravi Bhalla, who is running for reelection on Nov. 5 on a ticket with Mayor Dawn Zimmer, defended himself

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Same-sex marriage comes to Hoboken

First couple to tie the knot: 'Come on in; the water's great'

By Dean DeChiaro
Reporter staff writer

The story of Peter Angerle and Stewart Fishbein, who last week became the first same-sex couple to be married in Hoboken, reads like a history of the gay rights movement. In the 20 years that they've been together, Angerle and Fishbein have

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Dean DeChiaro



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LYNHURST

Fundraisers for LHS auditorium upgrade this weekend

A series of fundraising and celebration events are scheduled this weekend to raise money for one of the most prestigious institutions for the Lynhurst High School students. Events are sponsored by the LHS Music Association... On Friday, May 17, a Live Auction will be held in the High School gym from 7 pm to 9 pm...

Campaign contributions released by candidates

BY MEGHAN GRANT

Elector's race: Election Coverage and by the May 21 edition of the South Bergenite, on the results were announced after the race was over.

LYNHURST

Board of Candidates for County Executive: Candidates for the County Executive position are to be announced on May 14. Under ELEC, candidates are required to file campaign finance forms by a date on or after 10 AM on May 9 and June 9.

Carlini Battles to Lynhurst Committee Candidates

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LYNHURST

Hearing on river dredging scheduled for June 5

Members of the Lower Passaic Cooperative Planning Council (CPCPC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be on hand to answer questions and present details of the upcoming dredging of the Passaic River... The hearing will be held at the Passaic County Courthouse...

NORTH ARLINGTON

NAPD requests residents join NEXLE

North Arlington is requesting that every resident sign up for NEXLE at this time... NEXLE allows the resident to get information to help and improve emergency response times...

AREA

Hazardous waste collection this weekend

The Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) will conduct a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, May 18, 9 am - 3 pm in Mahwah... The event is free and open to the public...

VERBATIM

Quote of the week

"We all know that when they play Manassah, you know what the voters are going to do."

Local business works with farm to get produce to your door

BY MEGHAN GRANT

If you want to eat a good meal... "When the fruits and vegetables come from the ground... The workers are hardworking and they are providing a great service to the community..."



Jersey Fresh... "Our local growers are producing a lot of great produce... We are working to get that produce to your door... It is a great service to the community..."

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Water case ends for borough

BY JAMES R. HICKS

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'Agreement is near' for Dream mall

BY KELLY WICKLADES
Staff Writer

The developer of American Dream and the job and the County have reached a compromise on a battle over the location of the project and zoning approval, according to the local news outlet.

EAST RUTHERFORD of East Rutherford, N.J., has reached a compromise with the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) for the location of their project in the 11 NJSEA zoning, for the agency avoids the zoning commission between the County and American Dream and the developer before signing of an American Dream-Madison Avenue lease.



The Meadowlands Chamber president contends a compromise has been reached over American Dream and avoiding construction to move forward on the abandoned mall in the meadows.

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Some campaigns funded by the newly hired

BY COREY KLEIN
Staff Writer

Can you get a job in the "old and new" world? "Inside" the new and old world. The new and old world. The new and old world.

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Voters decide \$33.3M Rip Collins field upgrade

BY COREY KLEIN
Staff Writer

North Arlington residents will have a vote on whether to raise their property taxes to fund a \$33.3 million upgrade to Rip Collins Field, according to the Board of Education.

Field notes
What: \$33.3 million upgrade to soccer, football, track and baseball field, new buildings and bleachers.
When: Voters will decide on March 17
Cost to taxpayer: \$33.3 million annually
Location of field: Along Poplar River means flooding
Price: Rate will be built higher and new drainage system will be built. No other land available in town.



RIP COLLINS FIELD



Students eagerly awaited the opening of the Carlisle Green School in 2006. The school has been plagued with leaks since its opening in 2007. The district has embarked on an investigation that could lead to a lawsuit against the architect and contractor.

Leaky Green School fix could turn ugly

BY COREY KLEIN
Staff Writer

The Carlisle Board of Education is set to vote on a \$1 million proposal to fix the leaky Carlisle Green School. The school has been plagued with leaks since its opening in 2007. The district has embarked on an investigation that could lead to a lawsuit against the architect and contractor.

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Town, motel lawsuit gets a court date

Mullen, Levine suit against Driftwood Motel, born set for courtroom on April 15

BY BRENNER WOOD

POINT PLEASANT BEACH — A years-long legal battle between some beachfront residents, a neighboring beachfront motel and township employees is expected to see its day in court this month.

The lawsuit alleges years of oral violations at the motel which, the plaintiffs allege, were not properly addressed by the township.

Plaintiffs John Mullen and Howard Levine filed the lawsuit to seek against the Superior Commission (Town and Trust Appraisal) — which owns the Driftwood Motel — as well as State Council Michael Gardner and Maryann Elmendorf, in their official township capacities.

Ms. Perkins is the vice-administrative officer, Mr. Gardner is the commission officer and Mr. Elmendorf is the township clerk and responsible for the administrative of the town.

SEE MOTEL PAGE 8

Primary candidates announced

BY BRENNER WOOD

DRIFTWOOD BEACH — The deadline for Democrats and Republicans is now in their respective party's favor as primary elections near a p.m. this Monday.

Both democrats and republicans are out in their party's primaries across the area and throughout the state, in the hopes of securing their party's backing to run in November during the general election.

For full details on the upcoming primaries in each town and in state-wide, look on the cover page of this issue of The Ocean Star.



The trial begins

Anthony DiStasio is on trial in Superior County Superior Court today on a charge of homicide and two counts of assault by means of a 2009 boating accident that took the life of one man and injured another.

Lawyers make strong opening remarks in trial to decide if death of Robert Post on the Metedeconk River four years ago was vehicular homicide or a tragic accident

BY BRENNER WOOD

LAVALLETTE — A large crowd gathered in Superior Court in Trenton today for the day two of the trial of Anthony DiStasio, 36, of Brick Township, in a second of homicide homicide and two counts of assault by means of a boating accident which occurred in 2009, resulting in the death of Robert Post, 40, of Brick Township, and his wife had a non-fatal consultation in Point Pleasant.

Mr. DiStasio was driving his 27-foot Newport powerboat on the Metedeconk River in Brick Township in the early morning hours on Aug. 1, 2009, when he lost control and ran over the top of Mr. Post's 17-foot Boston Whaler at approximately 10 a.m. Mr. Post was appearing in court.

Mr. Post was disoriented and killed himself.

There were three passengers aboard the vessel, including Mr. Post's wife, Bernice, 53, and John Thomas, 31.

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SENATOR WILLIAM BURKE



GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE

"[Hurricane] Sandy pushed us around, but we're showing her back."

BY BRENNER WOOD

Normal is getting closer

Close to one-half of Lavallette businesses open, or close to opening, after finishing Hurricane Sandy repairs.

BY BRENNER WOOD

LAVALLETTE — Over the past few months, the business district in town has gotten to a point where residents and visitors that no amount of water can wash away Lavallette's spirit.

When Hurricane Sandy hit the barrier island last October, the business district in town was shut down.

Since then, business owners have been cleaning up and getting ready to open their doors again, with a renewed sense of optimism and unbridled sense of determination. Some are already open to business again.

Mark Spadaro, owner of B&B Inspection Services and president of the Lavallette Business Association (LBA), said, as of Tuesday of the approximately 20 brick-and-mortar businesses have reopened in town.

The estimates another seven brick-and-mortar businesses are "all but ready" to open and are expected to bring their business back up by the end of the year.

Additionally, two regional home-based businesses in town — J&K Inspection and Maintenance Electric — are open.

Ronnie LTD Builders, Children's Softball's Builders, and Three Tiers Studios were all expected to reopen by Lavallette this week, while businesses like Mr. Henry's Tavern, Thang's Lavallette Wine and Liquor, Shasta Grill and Rich Department Store are hard at work on repairing their buildings.

With every business that has opened, he said, the town's morale is given another boost. "Everyone's very optimistic," Mr. Spadaro said.

However, just over a week after the storm struck, Lavallette's business and beachfront will have financially this summer season. "Some people think it's going to be a good



MAYOR ROBERT GOFF, owner of the Beach Blue Group for Ocean Shores on Grand Central Avenue, speaks on color details with partner George Hernandez on Wednesday afternoon. The Beach Blue is one of dozens of businesses set to reopen the town in Lavallette by Memorial Day weekend.

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Burglar beats woman during home invasion

MILLBURN police are seeking the identity of a woman who was home-invaded by a burglar during the invasion of her home.

Reports of a burglary were filed for a 40-year-old woman who was home-invaded at her home on June 25. According to reports, police officers responded to the home and arrested the burglar who was working on the roof of the home. The burglar was arrested on charges of first-degree home invasion, first-degree assault and possession of a firearm without a license. The burglar was taken to the Millburn Police Station for arraignment.

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These photos of an arrested woman's neighbor during the evening of June 25 were taken by a "nanny cam" in the living room. Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the man, who allegedly attacked the female homeowner.

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CRIME

Man shot, killed during carjacking at mall

Police find SUV in Newark; seek two suspects

By Harry Trumbore and Lindsey Kelleher
of the Item



Security officers at The Mall at Short Hills report a parking deck area Monday after investigators finished examining the scene of a carjacking and fatal shooting that took place last night.

A holiday shopping trip turned tragically for one man when a store was shot and later that store was searched following an apparent carjacking the morning of Dec. 17 at The Mall at Short Hills.

Police officers on duty at the time of the shooting were alerted by a store employee who saw a man in a white SUV parked in the lot. The man was shot and killed. The SUV was later found in Newark.

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Mall tries to recover from shooting incident

By Lindsey Kelleher
of the Item

Business is getting back to normal at The Mall at Short Hills after a shooting incident which resulted in the fatal shooting of a 30-year-old Millburn resident Monday.

Security officers at the mall have been advised to be on high alert for the next few days. The mall has increased security and has a plan to increase security in the future.

SCHOOLS

Chapman goes out swinging

Defends call for re-registration

By Andrea Nepler
Newspaper Editor

In her last meeting as a member of the Millburn Board of Education, Lynn Chapman defended her call for re-registration of students.

STUDENTS SING OUT WITH HOLIDAY SPIRIT



Chapman School kindergarteners, with their teddy bears, perform at the school's annual holiday concert this past Friday. The concert featured performances of holiday favorite songs and poetry reading.

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An Englewood police officers canvasses a crime scene on Jan. 10 near West Englewood Avenue and Lafayette Place. A 53-year-old city resident was beaten with a pipe and stabbed multiple times, police said.

CRIME
Man beaten, stabbed multiple times
Police have suspect in custody after incident

BY STEPHANIE NODA
Staff Writer

crime since the new year began. "Unfortunately it is a continuation of what we've been witnessing," said Police Chief Arthur O'Keefe.

The altercation began around 4:30 p.m. at the intersection of Englewood Avenue and Lafayette Place.

The Englewood Police Department received multiple 911 calls of a serious physical altercation, where the suspect, 53-year-old Derrick Stone, allegedly struck the 53-year-old victim with a metal pipe found at a nearby fence after a verbal confrontation had erupted into violence. As the victim was

defending himself, Stone allegedly produced a hunting knife and stabbed the victim twice in the throat and once in the face.

Officers responding to the scene saw the victim stumble personally away from Stone and collapse on

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Pascack Valley Community Life

HILLSDALE Officer compiles history of the police department from 1898 through 1979

By JAMES H. HARRIS

It was three years ago that Officer William B. Barry, Hillside, began compiling a history of the Hillside Police Department from 1898 through 1979. Barry, 45, is a sergeant and a member of the Hillside Police Department.

Early police history centers upon the department's first years as a force. High speed pursuits and public order problems, such as the burning of homes and the burning of the Hillside Police Department.

There are now a number of officers who are active in the Hillside Police Department. Barry is one of the officers who are active in the Hillside Police Department. Barry is one of the officers who are active in the Hillside Police Department.



Barry Barry

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Officer Barry standing next to a police car.

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As Montclair continues to recover from yet another violent incident... the Montclair Police Department...

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Mayhem on Mission Street
Police: Gunfire wounds 4 people
 BY DIANE HERBST



The scene of Mission Street Sunday, where three Montclair residents and a 17-year-old from Newark were shot early this morning by what police say was a targeted shooting.

MPD assigns more officers to neighborhood beats

Following an emergency meeting of the Montclair Township Council... The Montclair Police Department...

Police: Gunfire wounds 4 people

Three days ago, a violent gunfight erupted in local daylight as they were on their way... Police Chief Todd...

MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT
Charting a new course with new curriculum
 BY GEORGE WISE



Katherine Martinez, the Montclair School District's director of mathematics, reviews a draft of the new curriculum the district will use starting in September.

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Couple applies for same-sex marriage license

BY JENNIFER KINGMA
Times Staff Writer

After each time walking into Verona couple seemed little more hoping for a marriage license in the community.

Carm and Christina Ford made the longest trip Monday with their applications to enter into a same-sex marriage on the last day it became legal to do so in New Jersey. While Carm said it is a "hard day" for the last couple to apply, just the fact they were able to do so as all remained the same.

"That's the exciting part," Carm said from Madison, N.J. Oct. 23, one day before they plan to get married at their Verona home. They plan to hold a small and private ceremony with family and friends, but the implications will spread word of their love. The couple, who have been together for 11 years, entered into a civil union in Verona back in 2007. But Carm and Christina's union and Christina's wife being sensitive prevented news.

None of the local clergy that married people like for granted, like being, tears together or marriage coverage, become even and exciting for both.

Morgan's Farm Garden plan raises tension

BY JENNIFER KINGMA
Times Staff Writer

A plan to expand a vegetable garden at Morgan's Farm and Museum sparks further tension between members of the Cedar Grove Historical Society and the Cedar Grove Township Council.

Nancy Jones, society member John Channing and other members have said garden plan would be a newly established and add another set up near the house and the grounds, with the society leading the society. During the week's council meeting, Channing and society member, Joan Jager, defended their work while trying to advance a program of clean up area and add to the garden.

The garden plan would be an overall, two-acre garden, located adjacent to the site owned by August, Jones said why township officials would not consider to add the garden's expansion, "I wonder why this keeps getting put off month after month after month," she said.

The Cedar Grove Historical Society says the Morgan Farm and Museum is behind the garden, which would be on the land.

There has been tension over the property's use in the past. Last year, the council and historical society members wanted to require construction after architectural work was completed at the property, at that time, Channing was called for paying \$1,100 for attorney review out of his own pocket. This summer, the council ordered the society to stop selling milk and eggs from out-of-town vendors due to insurance coverage that could only cover products grown on the property.

Who do you favor?

Verona BOE candidates talk about the issues that have them running for office

2013 ELECTIONS

Over the past few months, the candidates for the Verona Board of Education election put themselves in the spotlight in various ways. Through lawn signs, websites, social media, short-furts and good old-fashioned door-to-door visits, the four residents hoping to fill two seats on the educational panel did what they could to make themselves known to the voting population.

While the solicitations and introductions help personalize the potential decision makers, much of the populace still places the most importance on the issues directly affecting local schools.

With the Nov. 5 election looming, who that they weeks away, the Times reached out to incumbents Glenn Elliott and Michael Lurie and challengers Jim Day and Judith DiNapoli to find their thoughts on the challenges facing Verona.

Interviews, which can be found at www.njtimes.com/verona-cedargrove, the Times asked the candidates to introduce themselves, if any particular event inspired them to take a hands-on approach to education in the township, a past issue they would have handled differently and thoughts on the upcoming referendum. DiNapoli was not available for a video interview.

In addition, the Times emailed questionnaires to each prospective board member for several inquiries for each person. The issues cover a broad background on each candidate and views on technology in schools, bullying, additional discussion of the referendum and more.

See page A3 to find out where each aspiring board of education member stands on the issues.

\$17 million referendum detailed

BY JENNIFER KINGMA
Times Staff Writer

With the clock ticking on a timeline to put together a \$17 million referendum, four officials on the Verona Board of Education to shed some light on what goes into creating the project.

A set of architects and engineers from Miller Architecture Group and ED Associates today proposed into three main categories Tuesday evening: security, trees in addition to the main area of the high school and improvements to the Thomas J. Bellini Field.

Scott Schmitt, the senior architect for Miller Architecture, spent through a preliminary in front of the audience that contained different improvements the company plans to make. Schmitt said Verona High School will receive most of the work compared to the other two public schools.

The currently closed football field will be surrounded by landscaping, or filling, underground holes and placing a top-over artificial turf of the field so it can be used by the public. Sub-Drain, engineer for ED Associates, said the other systems were to clear the ground entirely, which he was not sure would ever be allowed by the Department of Environmental Protection, or to dig everything out and ship it off site, which would prove expensive.

The potential field work will feature a turf field capable of being used for multiple sports, the new timeline on both sides of the field. The construction will continue with the addition of a 100-ton steel. The expansion would allow the entire arena to be used for events, compared to the current arena which only has enough space for four of the five matches to compete at a time. The parking lot would also see an increase of 10 more spots.

"As far as the security, steel doors will be replaced with new casing, and having metal doors. VHS will need 10 openings, which include single or double doors, the most of any school, with the middle and elementary buildings all requiring between four and eight."

None of the other security changes include replacing windows to provide a better view and potential for eye work, but some board members hoped to hear about that and technology aspects of the referendum. Board of Education



Plans for Thomas J. Bellini Field at Verona High School are posted in front of the crowd at a Tuesday, Oct. 22 Board of Education meeting.

James Quattrone and Scott Schmitt.

President John Quattrone requested to have a similar presentation from Thomas Engineering Services on that portion of the field, while the engineers and architects will also create an aerial rendering of the security improvements. Quattrone and Schmitt wanted the building to be a security improvement, such as if there would be alarm when a door is opened from the inside and how many cameras there would be. They hope to find additional details during future presentations.

Thomas Miller, the principal architect of the company that drew the plans, said the main goal of the security upgrades is to delay access to the buildings so anyone can be properly identified, rather than completely prevent entry. The engineer said a school would need to be redesigned to hear about that and technology aspects of the referendum. Board of Education

Preliminary breakdown

Building: \$12 million. Work includes additional to the HS main, roof, elevators, elevators and more.

Technology: \$2 million. The high school will become the Wi-Fi hub for the district.

Security: \$3 million. New doors, locks and cameras.

Field: \$2 million. Thomas J. Bellini Field will be renovated. Reports to tennis courts.

*Figures are still preliminary. Information provided by John Quattrone.

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LAUREL PLACE

House not sitting well with some neighbors

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

An ongoing renovation project at a Laurel Place home has been raising some eyebrows among residents on that street.

The house at 9 Laurel Place is owned by architect Eric Baker, who started the work on the house just over two years ago.

The project was to include a new front porch and a second-floor addition – which required front and side-yard setback variances from the board of adjustment.

Baker received the requested variances from the board of adjustment in 2010. The building permits for the construction were issued the following year.

Attempts to reach Baker before press time were not successful.

"Try as we may, there's not much we can do to force him to finish the project in an expeditious manner," Deputy Administrator Mike Zichelli said.

The reason for that, he said, is because of New Jersey's Permit Extension Act.

New Jersey passed the original act in 2008, as a response to the souring economy and the resulting downturn in the construction industry. The act is intended to extend the period of time that a construction permit is valid, so that contractors and builders do not have to apply as often for a renewal.

A construction permit that was set to expire between 2007 and 2014 is now good until 2015.

Zichelli also said that the house project had the required approval from the Historic Preservation Commission as well, in addition to the board of adjustment variances and construction permits.

The house's unfinished state has been a source of concern for some of the street's residents.

Elizabeth Marrell sent a letter to the council this month raising concerns about the property. She and her husband, Norman, live next door to the house.

"It's very close to our property line – he can look out of his window and down into our backyard," Marrell said on Friday. In addition, she said, the Marrells

have a vegetable garden, and she claimed that the house next door blocks out the sun for much of the day.

She added, "I've complained to the zoning several times, that it's unfinished state... what if we want to sell our house?"

The house has an assessed value of \$348,000, according to county tax records, down from \$370,000. It has an average yearly tax bill of \$11,288.70.

County tax records show that the property has one of the lowest assessed values out of the properties on that street. On average, a house in Glen Ridge has an assessed value of \$529,000, according to borough estimates. On Laurel Place, most of the houses are assessed mainly in the \$400,000 range.

Zichelli acknowledged that the borough does get complaints from residents about the property. "Every couple of months, we'll get one," he said.

"Unfortunately, there's not much we can do."

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ERIN ROLL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The house at 9 Laurel Place, seen here in late October, is undergoing a renovation project that started in 2010. Some of the neighbors on the street have raised concerns about the project and the length of time it is taking.

ELECTION

Results are in, so what's next? Borough reacts

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

It was an eventful 2013 Election Day in Glen Ridge, with the ballot containing everything from the governor's race to a contested one-year seat on the board of education.

The biggest issue on the polls for local voters was Glen Ridge's much-debated synthetic turf referendum, which failed to pass.

David Lefkowitz, who was elected to another term on the council this week, had this to say: "For me this is a time of reflection and discussion, to see where we as a council went wrong and where we go from here. It's clear to me that our fields collectively cannot stand up to the frequency and intensity with which we use them. The mayor and council need to work to build an informed consensus among the residents for a solution that earns citizen support – both political and financial."

Todd Travia, the president of the Glen Ridge Athletic Association, declined to comment on the outcome of the turf referendum. "Extremely disappointing – I'm not sure what direction we're heading in at this time," Parks and Recreation Director Jim Cowan said when asked about his reactions to Tuesday's vote.

He had spoken to some residents in town, he said, and a number of people suggested waiting a week before deciding what the parks and recreation office should do next.

"The bottom line is, I think the mayor and the council did the right thing by putting it to referendum," he said. "It is what it is," he added, saying that the focus is now on trying to do what is best for the borough's children.

Kit Schackner, who has been one of the most vocal critics of the referendum, had this to say on Thursday: "My thoughts are this: the proponents of artificial turf snatched their own defeat from the jaws of victory." She added, "Had (the referendum) been presented openly and honestly, with full prior participation of the community, had the concerns of the voters been taken to heart rather than dismissed, it might have passed."

Both turf questions were defeated by a margin of more than 200 votes each.

It is the second time in six years that a turf referendum has been put to Glen Ridge voters and been defeated. In 2007, a municipal bond referendum that included a turf project for Hurrell and Carteret fields was also voted down.

"We're back to square one," Mayor Peter Hughes said during Monday night's council meeting, the first meeting since the

election.

He said that the council was going to take a look at the election results and figure out where to go from there – which would include taking a look at various kinds of turf materials, he said.

"Of course I'm disappointed with the results of the vote, I'm a little surprised... but the voters have spoken," said Councilman Jeff Theodorou. He added, "We came out with what we thought was in the best interests of the town."

Board of Education and council

In the board of education race, Paul Romano won the contested one-year seat, carrying 960 votes to James Merriman's 285. For the three three-year terms, Board President Betsy Ginsburg earned 1,359 votes, Michael de Lencux earned 1,172 votes and Heather Yaros-Ramos, the newest member to join the board, earned 1,200 votes.

Romano and Ginsburg ran as independent candidates, while Merriman, de Lencux and Yaros-Ramos had the backing of the Glen Ridge Civic Conference Committee.

"I'm very pleased for the same reasons I ran for this position," Romano said during a phone interview on Wednesday. Romano said that he was interested in joining some of the

"The mayor and council need to work to build an informed consensus among the residents for a solution that earns citizen support – both political and financial."

Councilman David Lefkowitz

board's sub-committees, which he is now able to do as an elected member. He was appointed to the board last year to finish out the term for Kamalaksi DiShomon, who stepped down before her term was over.

The board will have its reorganization meeting in January. Earlier this fall, the board set out the goals that it planned to accomplish in the next year, and Romano said that there were two items he was particularly interested in: integrating technology into the classrooms, and working out a long-range plan for the school facilities.

Ginsburg said Wednesday that she was pleased to have been re-elected, even though she was running in an uncontested race. "It doesn't matter. It shows that people are pleased enough with me and my public service to vote for me again."

to welcome Romano back to the board, and was also pleased to welcome Yaros-Ramos, who has been a regular attendee at board meetings: "We're looking forward to seeing her on our side of the table." She added that she wished Merriman well.

"I congratulate Paul on his victory and his willingness to serve," Merriman said via email on Wednesday. "I will continue to look for opportunities to be of assistance to the board and our schools in any way I can."

This year was the first time that Glen Ridge held a BOE race in November. Up until this year, it had been customary for the district to hold its elections in April, separate from the fall general elections.

The date change also means that Glen Ridge will have a "lame duck" board for the first time, with the current board remaining in charge until the new members come in. "We've never had lame ducks before. Now we're just like the state legislature," Ginsburg said.

In the uncontested council race, Lefkowitz earned 1,023 votes, and Stuart Patrick earned 913.

"I'm happy and proud to look forward to serving my fellow residents of Glen Ridge for another three-year term," Lefkowitz said.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Two trustees resign at reorganization

BY REBECCA GREENE
Staff Writer

WYCKOFF — Dr. Jill Mortimer and Catherine Hargo announced their resignations at the Jan. 7 reorganization meeting when Kelly Bowers, John Carolan and Danielle Swenson were sworn to new terms on the Board of Education.

The resignations of Mortimer and Hargo make four seats on the five-member board that have turned over in the past year. Previous board members Elizabeth

DeGregorio and Raymond Hovey did not run for reelection in November.

Bowers and Carolan defeated Robert Baues and Christopher Della Pietra in November for the three-year seats.

Swenson was elected without challenge to the one-year unexpired term of Diane Sobin. Della Pietra had filled that seat until the election, but chose to run for the three-year seat instead.

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Wyckoff Board of Education members, Kathy Bowers, John Carolan and Danielle Swenson were sworn to new terms at their reorganization session Jan. 7.



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Michael Teegan and William Reade at the Wyckoff Police Department dispatch center.

The best number for help?

Officials debate fastest response to cellphone users

BY REBECCA GREENE AND
MARSHA STOLTZ

With reporting by Catherine Caruso, Matthew Birchenough and Lane Bruggeman

It's an emergency. You need the police. You grab your cellphone.

What number do you dial?

Instinct says 911.

But Wyckoff's Police Chief Benjamin Fox issued a press release Jan. 2 advising residents that emergency cellphone calls should be made to the depart-

ment's 10-digit main desk phone number, not just to 911, contending that response may be faster than calling 911.

Fox's advice was so provocative it was a subject of a Channel 12 report Jan. 3. However, Mahwah Police Chief James Biele's diagnosis as strenuously with Fox's advice he had filed protests with the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association, the New Jersey Office of Information Technology and Officer of Emergency Telecommunication Services.

"I could not disagree more with the opinion of Chief Fox and do not support it in any manner," said Biele in an email response. "His information is factually incorrect and could in certain situations jeopardize the life and safety of residents. The 911 system and 911 call centers are used nationwide and have proven themselves as an effective means to notify law enforcement authorities in the event of an emergency."

What's a cellphone user to do?

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Food stamps don't cut it

BY KELLY EBBELS
and ANDREW SEGEDIN

"Food stamps never get me through the month," says Kelly Ebbels, a Montclair resident, who has been visiting the Human Needs Food Pantry in Larchmont, N.J., for about a year. Ebbels, who would be 60 today, said she has \$12 a month in the name of federal assistance for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the food stamp program. She said she needs \$200 a month, but as of Nov. 1 she was receiving \$100, she said.

Even though Ebbels now has a home, a routine hard to maintain and a car that she says "I'd be lost without the food stamps," she said she still needs help. "I'd be lost without the food stamps," she said she still needs help. "I'd be lost without the food stamps," she said she still needs help.

Montclair resident Robert Pinsky, who has been helping the Human Needs Food Pantry for three years, said he has SNAP benefits that give him \$70, he said.

"At the end of the month, it's

hard making it," Pinsky, who has a car and a home, said.

While Ebbels, executive director of the Human Needs Food Pantry, gave a tour of the pantry, she said she is a state legislator who is coming to town to help more food stamps. She said she is a state legislator who is coming to town to help more food stamps.

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"I think it's going to be a rough winter," she said.

—Ann Morone, director, Food Bank of Montclair

Chief, said that many of the pantry's clients are employed, but their hours had been cut back in the past few months.

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Ideas are spreading in Montclair

BY KELLY EBBELS

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TEDxMontclair speaker Kelly Ebbels, executive director of the Human Needs Food Pantry, addresses the audience at the TEDxMontclair event on Saturday, Nov. 9.

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A refuge in the library

BY KELLY EBBELS

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Victor Christian, Braden and Jack driving an antique Ford at the Cultural Fair at Highland School in Midland Park. See story on Page 6.



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EARLY VOTING

Legislation would 'cause pure havoc'

BY REBECCA GREENE
Staff Writer

With reporting by Catherine Carrera, Matthew Birchenough and Lynn Bruggemann

Legislators ensuring every resident in the state the right to vote 15 days before certain elections awaits Governor Christie's signature, and municipal officials in northwest Bergen County are holding their collective breath.

"This is going to cause pure havoc," said Waldwick Borough

Clerk Paula Jaggie, who was initially concerned that every municipality would be required to provide polling locations. "We would have to reschedule meetings and juggle a lot of things around to make this work for that long a time period."

An amendment to the bill, which cleared its last legislative hurdle last week, instead would require seven polling locations in Basking, a figure based on its population. The county Board of Elections would be responsible for determining where the polling locations would be.

Even so, many are questioning the need for it at all.

"We already have it," said state Sen. Gerald Cardinale, R-Cresskill, who represents District 20, which includes Ramsey, Mahwah and Oakland. "We have early voting through vote by mail. This just creates a whole series of expenses, more government layers."

Wyckoff Township Clerk Joyce Santuzanni agrees.

"It is unnecessary, as we currently have a process — vote by mail — which permits voters every opportunity to vote and participate in the democratic process," she argues.

RECREATION

Full-time director sought to 'grow the department'

BY LYNN BRUGGEMANN
Correspondent

MIDLAND PARK — The Borough Council is considering a proposal by the recreation board to reinstate the position of full-time recreation coordinator after a two-year hiatus. Kathy LaMonte was hired as a part-time recreation coordinator in June 2011. She succeeded full-time director Lori Dent, who abruptly resigned in February 2011 after 10 years with the department, citing "hostile working conditions."

Borough Administrator/Clerk Adeline M.

Harna said that at the time, the council felt the position could be reduced to part time due in part to budgetary considerations and programming that was in place.

Now, borough officials say their view has changed.

"Our goal is to add more programs for residents and to build a relationship and better coordinate field and courts usage with the Board of Education, and these things take a full-time coordinator," said Recreation Board Chairman Bob Somay. "In my opinion there is not enough time with a part-time position to accomplish growing the department. This is

why we are proposing a full-time coordinator."

The proposed 2013 municipal budget reflects a tripling of salary and wages for recreation employees from \$21,625 in 2012 to \$64,500. LaMonte is paid \$25,000 for her part-time position. Dent's salary at the time of her departure was \$33,000.

At the same time, the recreation department's expense line is being reduced by \$8,225, or 19.5 percent, from 2012, to \$33,000. Somay said the department has

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Towns feel impact of vacant houses

By NICOLE ANTONUCCI &
GREG KENNELTY

In what has been dubbed a "perfect financial storm," many local towns are experiencing a negative impact caused by abandoned and vacant properties.

Municipalities have lost tax revenue as homeowners walked away from their properties during the economic downturn, and although the real estate market is on the mend, local officials are still struggling to fill the tax gap. The neglected homes can also become eyesores in neighborhoods, and many towns perform the property maintenance themselves to lessen the impact on surrounding homes.

"Ten or 11 [vacant] homes is a substantial amount of money in a small municipality," Matawan Mayor Paul Blacelluso said. Coupled with vacant commercial buildings in the borough, the tax burden on the residents is even higher, he said.

Many area municipalities have struggled to fill a tax gap brought about by abandoned homes while also allocating resources to maintain the properties.

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PHOTOS BY MATT DEWITT



Howell K-8 School District employee faces child porn charge

By ANDREW MARTINS

An information technology technician employed by the Howell K-8 School District was arrested on Sept. 26 following a two-month online investigation into child pornography.

According to the Ocean

County Prosecutor's Office, Matthew Wolny, 35, was arrested at his home in Jackson Township. Detectives from the Ocean County High Tech Crime Unit and officers from the Jackson Police Department executed a search warrant at Wolny's home.

Authorities said Wolny struggled with the officers in an at-

tempt to flee the house, but he was successfully apprehended.

Wolny was charged with one count of second-degree manufacturing of child pornography, second-degree distribution of child pornography and third-degree possession of child pornography.

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COMMUNITY



Anthony Vassallo, left, and Wayne Koby sit where Koby suffered a heart attack while refereeing a high school soccer game last year. Vassallo, the assistant boys varsity soccer coach, is also an emergency room physician and performed CPR as well as use the school's defibrillator to save Koby's life.

A heartfelt action saves a life

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

For Wayne Koby, the events of Sept. 28, 2012 can best be described as “an act of God.” For Anthony Vassallo, the man Koby credits with saving his life, the day owes more to luck than anything else. It was half-time at a Leonia High School vs. Queen of Peace High School girls varsity soccer game. Koby, one of the match’s two referees, had just sat down on a bench to rest.

He was about to do what he always does during the 15-minute break: go over the game, what players to watch out for, where to stand when the referees changed sides. And then all went black. When he awoke three weeks later, Koby learned he had collapsed to the ground, stopped breathing and turned blue. A heart attack had blown out his heart’s main pumping chamber, the left

ventricle, and left it operating at less than 12 percent capacity. As a Leonia resident later recalled, he had literally dropped dead. Help rushed in from every direction. Coaches from both sides began administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Vassallo, an assistant coach for Leonia High School’s varsity boys’ soccer team, happened to be holding practice in a field behind the soccer scene. He also

happened to work as an emergency room physician at Staten Island University Hospital.

Vassallo, knowing that forceful and aggressive CPR and early defibrillation meant the difference between life and death in an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, delivered two shocks of electricity to Koby’s chest with a portable defibrillator, restarting his heart.

The device belonged to Leonia High School’s athletic trainer, Gioie Milord, who urged the school to purchase two portable defibrillators specifically for use on the field several years ago.

As of September 2012, school districts are required by state law to have portable defibrillators in their buildings but there are no similar provisions for sporting events or other outside activities.

Steven Perrotta, Leonia High School’s athletic director, said the decision to purchase the devices, despite

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LEONIA LIFE AUGUST 16, 2013

SAFETY Edgewater makes road one-way for school

BY CAESAR DARIAS
Correspondent

EDGEWATER — The Borough Council passed an emergency resolution Aug. 12 that will turn Underhill Avenue into a southbound-only road at the beginning of each school day, a change that will require police overtime.

With students set to arrive for a new school year at George Washington School (GWS) on Sept. 6, the Council, with the support of Chief of Police William Skidmore, declared “an emergency situation requiring prompt attention.”

The declaration allowed the Council to introduce, discuss and approve the motion in one meeting.

Such motions are usually introduced during one meeting and voted on in a future meeting.

According to a New Jersey state statute cited by Borough Attorney Philip Boggia via email, the “special traffic regulation” will not last more than three months.

The time period will give the Council time to decide whether to maintain the one-way street after a trial period.

Under the new rules of the road, Underhill Avenue from Orchard Street to Route 5 will become a southbound-only road from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on school days.

Doors open at GWS, a pre-K to second grade school, no earlier than 7:55 a.m., according to the 2013-2014 Parent-Student Handbook. Classes begin at 8:15 a.m.

Lorraine Cella, the Superintendent of Schools, said she welcomed the improvements that alleviate the morning rush.

According to Cella, about 470 students attend GWS, 75 percent of whom use one of the four daily school buses that transport students.

“The new George Washington School this year is going to have close to 500 students,” said Skidmore during the Aug. 12 meeting. “And that includes pre-K. A lot of them are being bused. The busing, the way it’s set up, the safest and most practical way is the buses go up Orchard (Street), discharge and then continue south on Underhill Avenue and exit the borough via Route 5.”

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Svetlana Shkolnikova



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Theodor Seuss Geisel (better known as Dr. Seuss) was the creator of the "Quick, Henry, the Flit!" ads for Flit insecticide, one of which is shown here.



In the 1920s, the Benson Mill in Glen Ridge produced Flit insecticide spray guns, much like this one from the Glen Ridge Historical Society's collection.

A sign of Glen Ridge's industrial times Flit gun was among many products made in the borough's factories years ago

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

"Quick, Henry, the Flit!" Those four words were one of the most famous ad slogans of the early 20th century. In the 1920s, Standard Oil (now part of Exxon) had just started producing a new brand of insecticide called Flit. The company enlisted an up-and-coming writer and cartoonist named Theodor Seuss Geisel (the future Dr. Seuss) to create a series of Flit ads.

Geisel's ads - depicting people being dive-bombed or menaced by Scudman-looking mosquitoes - soon became very popular.

The ads would sometimes show Henry marching for the Flit sprayer close at hand. And many of those distinctive red-and-black sprayers with the marching soldier logo were made in Glen Ridge.

The sprayer guns were among the items made at Benson Mill, a sheet metal factory on Sherman and Belleville avenues - currently the site of Clay Field.

The gun is, in a way, a symbol of Glen Ridge's past as a light industry town, before it became a commuter suburb, says Borough Historian Sally Meyer.

"We sort of developed in reverse," Meyer said. In those days, she said, it was usually the pattern for a town to be a resi-

dential area before it became a place of industry, she said.

GLEN RIDGE'S MILLS

Samuel Benson had moved to Glen Ridge from Belleville in 1852, according to "Glen Ridge Heritage." He got into the sheet metal business, opening a series of mills in the area near Bloomfield Avenue in the mid-19th century.

Benson Mill was built in 1878. The mill specialized in producing sheet brass, as well as silver-plated copper - which was used to make reflectors in carriage lamps.

On Sundays, the mill was even used to hold Saturday school classes for the borough's children, in the years before the Glen Ridge Congregational Church was built.

Benson died in 1882, and his sons, Frank and Henry, took over the business.

The Bensons were hardly the only business that had mills in Glen Ridge during that time.

The Glen was a favorite site for mill owners to set up shop. Toney's Brook could generate up to 75 horsepower, enough to run a medium-sized mill. For many years, the Glen was home to mills dedicated to calico printing, harnesses, wood filling and a variety of other goods.

On Bloomfield Avenue, Hayden's Mill produced horse har-

nesses up until about 1912. Thomas Edison - who also had an ink factory on Midland Avenue - bought the property and used it as the site for his car battery factory until 1924. The borough purchased the factory, tore it down and turned the land into Harrell Field.

By the early 20th century, though, Glen Ridge's mills were on the decline.

Part of it was, Meyer said, was that Toney's Brook just wasn't powerful enough anymore to run a mill.

There hadn't been much development west of Glen Ridge prior to the 1900s. But as Glen Ridge itself built up, a lot of soil was dumped down into the Glen, creating retaining walls. The result was that the brook became narrower and narrower.

Another part of it was that changing business and technology made some of the goods made in Glen Ridge - like harnesses and horse harnesses - increasingly obsolete.

Besides, starting in the late nineteenth century, Glen Ridge had started to become very popular among New York families searching for a home in "the country," Meyer said. The railroad had arrived in Glen Ridge by that time, and disease and pollution in the cities prompted many families to move west.

"They were very happy to get

their families out of the city and into the country," she said. So the borough began transitioning from a farm and mill town to a suburban commuter town.

Flit guns were among the last items produced at Benson Mill before it was torn down in the early 1930s.

The board of education considered using the Benson Mill property as the site for a new high school. But the idea was abandoned, mainly because the property was too small. Instead, the borough turned the property into a small park with tennis courts.

But to this day, Meyer said, some of her friends living on Sherman Avenue tell her they still find some trinkets from the mill on their houses.

"A lot of times, people will me they find that only dust or only residue on their front porches," Meyer said.

One of her friends had to have his home power-washed a few years after he moved in.

Flit went out of production in the mid-1950s. And DDT, one of the insecticide's main ingredients for several years, declined in use before being banned for general use in 1972.

The historical society has one Flit gun in its collection.

Meyer found the sprayer at many families to move west. York in 1996. Whether that par-

Items made or processed at Glen Ridge's mills

- Asphalt
- Bicycle chains
- Calico
- Flit guns
- Hatboxes
- Horse harnesses
- Metal polish
- Sheet metal
- Wool

cular gun was produced at Benson Mill is unknown - it only says "Made in the USA" on the gun barrel. Besides, she said, there were likely a number of factories producing Flit guns in the 1920s.

The Flit gun is one of the items that Meyer brings with her when she does her "Grandmother's Trunk" shows at the schools. And it's one of the most popular items with the students, she says.

"They get a big kick out of knowing Dr. Seuss was the illustrator [for the ads]."

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Examining diversity through the years

Residents look back and to the future

By LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

In a time when Ridgewood is largely embracing its diversity, some people are looking back when the village was not so inclusive.

A former resident recalls the challenge of being the only black girl at Ridgewood High School in the 1970s. A wife of Ridgewood was named as the complainant when a sign named the village as "a Christian community."

"And Ridgewood recently had its first gay marriage when the couple waited many years for the legal right to get married in New Jersey. Their modifications, including second spouses where diversity is being recognized — and embraced — in Ridgewood. The Ridgewood Historical Society's latest exhibit at the Schoffhouse Museum explores the topic, including some of the challenges, including discrimination, Ridgewood's low public transit score — 10 on a 100-point scale — and the neighborhood's growth has exceeded its infrastructure and well within limits of the Schoffhouse Museum's content were initially limited to focus on exhibits focused on the subject of diversity, but a lot of strong negative feelings with respect about Ridgewood's history and past discrimination against African Americans, Asian Americans and East European Catholic communities. The displays include evidence of a small amount of negative bias by the local participation in the 1970s, as well as decades of anti and discriminatory housing practices — that for some Ridgewood residents, including those who were already gay, resulting from state or local discrimination — that is being explored.

That all agreed that history is just history.



Joe Wehner and Craig Barber are among several gay couples who have married recently in Ridgewood.



The African American community of Ridgewood is represented by many different artifacts on display as part of the Schoffhouse Museum's exhibit, "A Community's Journey: Our Place in New Jersey's History."

Difficult memories

Patrick Perry, a former 90-year-old Ridgewood resident, recalls being the only black girl at Ridgewood High School in the early 1970s. He only saw non-white students for a few hours.

Chris, at the Union House School, "I came home crying one day, because the white kids told me I had to go to 'school' and I was the only one who had to go to school."

Revolving justice

Ralph David Fine of Temple Street, who broke Ridgewood's curfew, "I was a member of the community working to get a new park in Ridgewood. The US flag (America's recent decision to allow the national flag to fly over the Washington Monument) was a symbol of the honor of our country during a recent crisis."

After Fine visited the United States Veterans Center, where he observed the Ridgewood Hall of Honor (1941 flag). "So being there was the kind of honor we have," including Jewish contributions among others, he recalled how many of his grandparents' generation lived on those streets called "Ridgewood" in Christian communities.

In Fine's opinion, reflection on Ridgewood's darker past is important, because it helps a community to improve.

Positive experiences

"Howard Fertin, who grew up in Ridgewood and now lives in Glen Rock, was initially worried about the museum exhibit's 'dark past.' The Ridgewood residents have positive experiences to share in a black man. But he praised the museum's display on the recent commission because it helps us see our own history, where we are and where we're going."

Perhaps locally photos are being used to help the black community see the work, Fertin, who also lived in Ridgewood for many years.

Both he and Fertin spoke largely about the past and not the very. Fertin's father was a former member of the United Negro College School's board of trustees. He said that it was a "great honor" to be a part of the school's history.

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Examining Diversity Through the Years

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SUMMER SWIM-A-THON



Nearly 80 swimmers took to the water at the Bernardsville Pool on Sunday, July 14, for the annual Karen J. Harwood St. Foundation Swim-A-Thon. The swimmers completed 100 miles and raised more than \$1,000 for the foundation, which provides educational scholarships for children who have lost a parent. The foundation was established in honor of the memory of Ms. Harwood, a Bedminster resident who was killed in the Jan. 11, 2005, terrorist attack in New York. Harwood, from 1971, served as the chair of the Board of Directors of Bernardsville, Karen's alma mater of Bedding Ridge and Mary Academy of Montclair, and was also a member of the Bernardsville Board of Directors. Harwood was a member of the Bernardsville Board of Directors, and was a member of the Bernardsville Board of Directors. Harwood was a member of the Bernardsville Board of Directors, and was a member of the Bernardsville Board of Directors.

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SOMERSET HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Field suit may face trial in fall

Judge rejects dismissal motion over litigation

By W. JACOB PERRO Staff writer

BERNARDSVILLE — A judge has rejected the Somerset Hills Regional School District's motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed by the Somerset Hills Regional School District against the Somerset Hills Regional School District. The lawsuit, filed in April, alleged that the Somerset Hills Regional School District violated the Freedom of Information Act by withholding certain records from the district. The lawsuit was filed by the Somerset Hills Regional School District against the Somerset Hills Regional School District. The lawsuit was filed by the Somerset Hills Regional School District against the Somerset Hills Regional School District.

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BERMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent resigns after one year in post

By W. JACOB PERRO Staff writer

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'The Shadows' returning to the limelight

Popular local band from the 1960s reunite for radio broadcast

By W. JACOB PERRO Staff writer

BERNARDSVILLE — The local band "The Shadows" is set to reunite for a radio broadcast. The band, which was active in the 1960s, is set to perform at a radio broadcast. The band, which was active in the 1960s, is set to perform at a radio broadcast. The band, which was active in the 1960s, is set to perform at a radio broadcast.

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The Shadows, a popular 1960s rock and roll band composed of students from Bedding Ridge and Bernards High schools, will reunite for the first time in more than 50 years for a radio broadcast on WJTV on Wednesday, July 24. Band members, gathered here in 1967, are, clockwise from lower left, Ed McElroy, Bill Labin, Mike Moran, Barry Jones and Billy Joe Sims.

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HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR MEMOIR

Piecing together a box of memories into a book

BY MEGAN BURROW
Managing Editor

While visiting her parents' Connecticut home on Thanksgiving in 2011, Prina Sepulowitz came across a box hidden away in a corner of the garage, packed with composition notebooks and hundreds of pieces of paper, each filled with her late grandmother's handwriting in Yiddish and Polish.

Sepulowitz, a Bergenfield resident, asked her father if she could take the box home, and hired someone to translate the writing. She described what she found as a "treasure," a priceless piece of family history.

The notebooks contained the journals, poetry and personal essays of her grandmother, or "Bobby," Helen Weisberg, a Holocaust survivor, and opened a window into hopes, dreams and

sorrows that Sepulowitz never knew of while her grandmother was alive.

Sepulowitz decided her grandmother's story must be told, and published it this year under the name "White Angel," with her brother, Rabbi Dr. Noah Weisberg.

First she had to piece together the puzzle jumbled together in the dusty box.

"There were hundreds of lined pieces of notebook paper, some brought from Europe, some from later in her life. They weren't even paper clipped together, but she numbered them, and you could tell by the pen color which went together," she said.

Sepulowitz described Weisberg as the "typical Holocaust survivor who saved everything," from her nursing certificate she received in Krakow, Poland in 1938, to her papers from when she immigrated to the United States on Thanksgiving Day, 1949.

"She didn't save it for as to see it, it was hidden away in a drawer that I never knew existed," Sepulowitz said.

After Weisberg died in 1997, the writings were packed up and brought to the garage in Connecticut, where they sat undisturbed for 14 years.

The book begins with a story, told in the first person, of Weisberg's birth. There are personal recollections of her time as a student, and other events written as if they were fictional stories, memories too painful for her to write as her own.

Just out of nursing school, Weisberg's life changed forever in September of 1938 when Soviet authorities took over her hometown of Krasnitsa, previously part of Poland.

By the end of the war, the town was virtually wiped out, Sepulowitz said. "Krasnitsa is just one of hundreds of towns that were destroyed during the war. It is a piece of the world that is no more. It's hard to imagine a town

like Teaneck left with just 14 survivors."

Weisberg was able to escape German occupied Poland, but was captured by the Soviets and sent to prison for 18 months, and was later sent to a Siberian labor camp.

It was a chance meeting on a crowded train escaping Siberia that brought her and her husband, Yaakov Weisberg, together.

The couple first met several years earlier, when he was treated for a hernia by a young nurse, then by the name of Helen Guss. They had a brief courtship, and married Jan. 1, 1942.

Although the couple went on to own a home in Brooklyn, N.Y., have children and grandchildren and live a middle class life, Weisberg never fully recovered from her experiences during the Holocaust, Sepulowitz said.

She suffered from severe bouts of depression, and after practicing as a nurse in New York for a few years, was unable to continue with her career.

Writing down her memories may have been a way to express the feelings held inside for so long, Sepulowitz said.

"There were times before she even began talking about the war she would start to cry and we would just change the subject. She had a really hard time talking about it. It's clear to me that everything she wrote was her therapy."

After discovering the journals, Sepulowitz said she feels a closeness with her grandmother she never experienced while she was alive.

"I was 18 years old when she passed away," she said. "I knew some things about her - I knew that she was really smart and would get every question right on Jeopardy, but I didn't know her story from the war. I didn't have an inside view for her as I have now. If she were still here I would tell her 'you're amazing and a



PHOTO COURTESY OF PRINA SEPULOWITZ

Prina Sepulowitz sits with her grandmother, or "Bobby," Helen Weisberg, a Holocaust survivor. Sepulowitz found a box filled with notebooks and journals written by her grandmother that she put together in a book, "White Angel."

hero for all you've endured." She had so much to share, and that's really the sadness of the whole thing."

A copy of the book was recently donated to the Education Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Teaneck High School.

Sepulowitz spoke of the importance of passing along the stories of those who lived through the Holocaust to the next generation.

"The last survivors are in their 80s and 90s. We need to preserve their voices. This is a way to educate children, and I think my grandmother would have appreciated that," she said. "Some people get an inheritance from their grandparents; they get money, or jewels. I didn't get much of that, but I got something far more valuable. What I received from her, it's priceless."

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RIDGEWOOD TURNS TOWN TEAL

Because the color of tall blue-green or teal again has the honor of Ridgewood in honor of "Ovarian Cancer Awareness" month. The town is full of trees and telephone poles, while signs are posted in new windows along Ridgewood Avenue placed there as a civic service project by the young civic leadership making organization, *Delighting The Elderly*. Chapter of the Inactive Ladies of Bergen County, located in Ridgewood, has requested this cause for several years. Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer death among women, and it is known as "the silent disease" as its symptoms are often vague and go unnoticed or an undiagnosed. During the month of September, the Town of Ridgewood organization is waging an all-out campaign to create awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms in order to inspire early detection. For more information, visit www.riidgewood.org.



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Blackberry picking reaps sweet rewards

For more than 20 years I have partaken on the tradition of berry picking, and this year was no exception. My annual trip to Living Farm in Red Hook, N.Y. had been long and I was looking forward to the trip.

This year I made an effort to have some friends join me but alas, no one was available and my children are grown and out of the house, along with my dog.

I volunteered. I brought my husband and I had a great time and most of my trip. It was so pleasurable. I had a great time.



PHOTO BY MARY

The night before, I put out all my supplies I thought I would need and I then and there, a few bushes, but, in order to save water, oil and other supplies, I had to bring my hands and money. I don't know what I was thinking at the time, but I had myself thinking on the night before. I was not so sure. When I got to the farm, I was not so sure. When I got to the farm, I was not so sure. When I got to the farm, I was not so sure.

BRANCHES & TWIGS

College Club's Book Fair collection will start Sept. 8, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., at the Princeton Public Library on Princeton Street, featuring a special speaker, Amy West, coordinator of Valley Home Care's Alzheimer's Program, part of their Alzheimer's Support and Support for Family Caregivers program. The program provides information and support for family caregivers. To become a member of the auxiliary contact: Susan Lane at 201-882-3333 or publicrelations@valleyhomecare.org. Also call jean@valleyhomecare.org.

Sand Lake's Health Fair highlights the health care industry. The annual fair is held at the Sand Lake High School. For more information, contact: Tom Haskins at 405-770-0000 or tomhaskins@valleyhomecare.org.

The Valley Hospital Auxiliary's Patient's Lunch is running.

ARRIVALS

Quinn Donald Fleming
Allen and Scott Fleming of Alexandria, Va announce the birth of their son, Quinn Donald Fleming, on June 23 in Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax, Va. Maternal grandparents are Foy and Thea Kender of Ridgewood. Paternal grandparents are Marjorie and Joe Fleming of Potomac, Ohio.



Caitlyn Mason Smith
Kathleen Smith and Allison Suberity of Ridgewood announce the birth of their son, Caitlyn Mason Smith, on Aug. 3 in St. Elizabeth's, Elmhurst, N.Y. Maternal grandparents are Kathleen and Joe Smith of Potomac, Ohio.



WEDDING

Jessica Kathleen Krejsa
weds
Christopher Steven Danik

Kathleen and Joseph Krejsa of Ridgewood announce the marriage of their daughter, Jessica Kathleen Krejsa, to Christopher Steven Danik. The wedding ceremony was held on June 1 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Ridgewood with a reception following at the Little Italy Inn in Ridgewood. The wedding party included: bridesmaids, Michelle Macrone, Sarah and Nicole; flower girls, Sarah and Nicole; ring bearer, Sarah and Nicole; and officiant, Rev. Fr. Michael J. McNamee. The bride is a 2009 graduate of Ridgewood High School and graduated from Yeshiva University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She currently works as a registered nurse at Mount Sinai Elmhurst Center in Flushing. The groom is a 2002 graduate of Yeshiva University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He currently works for Nissan North America. After a honeymoon in Florida, the couple will reside in Chesham.



Mrs. and Mr. Christopher Danik
-Miss Jessica Krejsa

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The *Ridgewood News* will publish engagement, wedding and birth announcements the last Friday of each month. To submit your announcement, please email Weddings@ridgewoodnews.com with information and photo attached. Announcement can also be submitted to: Social Editor, The Ridgewood News, 41 Oak Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07065.

my group so that we all were at a reasonable height. I heard my best friend, who is a white, and I looked for berries as a different height or staying my position so that my back was not strained.

The berries were small with thick skins. Most of the berries were dark red but some were green and some were yellow. I was really happy to see that.

My berries were black and some were green and some were yellow. I was really happy to see that.

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YVCA Bergen County is hosting the annual "Princess to Princess" program. For more information, contact: Amy West at 201-882-3333 or publicrelations@valleyhomecare.org.

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By Nancy B. Dinar

To the Editor: Where Will Students Go?

Dear Editor, I am writing to express my concern about the future of our school system...

I support the Board of Education's proposal to merge my school with...

As a resident of the town, I am pleased to see the Board's commitment to...

Congressman Responds To Letter to the Editor

Congressman Rodden responded to a recent letter to the editor by...

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An article in the Tribune recently noted that readers often call or stop by the office and tell us...

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Journal of the Environment is the new monthly for the Essex County Environmental Fund...

Opinion

Need to Be Wary

It is a sad fact that in this day and age we must be wary of everything we see and hear. We must check and re-check double check...

These criminals, who are exceedingly difficult to catch, have killed people out of money they can't afford to lose...

Local officials are taking the problem very seriously. Anyone who is called or contacted by these criminals needs to take action right away...

Deer Management

Both Livingston and Essex County have concluded their deer management programs for the year and the plans seem to be working...

Best of all, the deer that were most killed were used to feed the hungry. Livingston's carcasses were contributed to the FoodBank at Hillsdale and another foodbank in Paterson...

To the Editor: Better Way to Commute

Dear Editor, I have been taking the Connecticut Coach bus to work for the past eight years, and I would like to bring the Livingston-Franklin-Healdsburg to work to work for the past eight years...

What a difference my commute is now. Frankly, I'm not sure I can't live in the town of Livingston...

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SENIOR HARMONY CLUB

The Senior Harmony Club of North Arlington has scheduled a trip to Mt. Airy Lakes on Sunday, Oct. 8. The cost of the trip is \$25 with \$25 in cash plus \$150 travel checks. Call Patricia at 201-999-8713.

NA SENIORS

The North Arlington Seniors, Inc. have scheduled a trip to Rehoboth Beach and Diamond Casino. The 10th leaves from Borough Hall at 6:30 a.m. Trip to Rehoboth and on to the amusement park. Call Bob at 201-932-8983.

WOMEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

WOMAN'S CLUB OF LYNDHURST

The women's club of Lyndhurst is hosting a garage sale on Oct. 19, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. The group will be on Oct. 16 at the Center, 1-5 p.m. All funds raised go to help charity. Attendance and refreshments encouraged. Call Eileen at 201-932-8983 for the Lyndhurst Road Party.

WIC'S HOOPERS

The Ladies Auxiliary of Wic Hoopers, a recreational club, meets on the 1st Monday of the month at the Cardinal Line Center at 7 p.m. New members are welcome.

GARAGE SALE

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WOMAN'S CLUB OF LYNDHURST

The women's club of Lyndhurst is hosting a garage sale on Oct. 19, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. The group will be on Oct. 16 at the Center, 1-5 p.m. All funds raised go to help charity. Attendance and refreshments encouraged. Call Eileen at 201-932-8983 for the Lyndhurst Road Party.

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Frank Grant: The baseball great who remained in obscurity

BY ROD LEITH
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Remembering Kate Megargee

When Kate Megargee was a student at Holy Spirit High School in the early 1970s she wanted to experience things. She wanted to find out what life was all about.

The middle child of seven growing up in Ocean City, she attended St. Augustine School in grades one through eight, and after graduating from Holy Spirit went on to Montclair State College. Her curiosity and her talent led her into journalism.

Megargee worked in Atlantic City radio and was a reporter at WCAU Radio in Philadelphia and an anchor at KYW-Newsradio. She became a TV anchor in Pittsburgh and eventually began writing her columns in a series of programs and specials. She won eight local Emmy Awards.

The New Jersey Education Association plans to remember Megargee, who died on March 23 at age 58 in her Bernolton, Pa. home. An NIEA Frederick I. Hipp grant will be named in her honor for projects focusing on journalism, media production and writing. Contributions can be made by going to NJEA.org.

There was some thought about creating a scholarship in her name, but because she had produced dozens of stories featuring Hipp Grant projects, they felt this was extremely appropriate. When the first grant in her name is announced, her family will be invited to the ceremony, which is always held at the NIEA Convention.

Some impressive people

have strong memories of Kate Megargee.

Rich Renner is an award-winning producer who has worked at NJN Public Television and now is co-owner of his own media company.

"Kate and I worked closely together for 15 years," Renner recalled. "I met her in 1998 at the moment the Classroom Classroom team was assembled at NJN Public Television. She fit up the room with the kind of immediate clarity you might expect would require an entourage, but somehow Kate never rode on that ego train. Instead of domination, she got by on generosity and a gregarious nature. She was happy to share her television knowledge with services and vendors alike."

Renner admired her professionalism and said it was always a pleasure watching the end result of her work.

"I marveled every time she sat down to record narration," he said. "I could listen to her read all day. She was forever prepared and 3-2-1 ready to launch into a voiceover, rarely needing to read a second take. She was a true professional artist."

He said she knew how to make seemingly impenetrable information accessible to every viewer.

"I counted on her clear and precise scripts that were a joy to read, and, once in the edit room, translated into entertaining television that had the power to teach and inspire," he said.

They shared a love of

books, often trading opinions and synopses of their favorites.

"I valued those discussions," he said. "The October, we shot some interviews with local authors, intending to produce a piece for an author chat series. It was something I had wanted to do for years. And even though she was going through some very difficult days and nights caring for her ailing mother, somehow she found the time to read the authors' recent books in time to be prepared and excited about the program."

"We talked about personal projects a lot, and I looked forward to developing more with her. It was an opportunity for both of us to enrich the lives of viewers, as well as our own lives. I will miss her terribly, but will carry on, inspired by her work and her values."

Lois Kavlich grew up in Megargee and is an award-winning communications professional. She remembers when she first met Megargee.

"I met her in the summer of 1978. I had just graduated and was working for WOND Radio, and she was a stringer for The Philadelphia Bulletin," Kavlich said. "We were covering Team Fair at NAFEC. I was sitting with her in a trailer and we were asked if anyone wants to wing walk. After it was explained we would be attached to the wing of a plane while it was in flight, she shot her hands in the air. I told her she was crazy. Those were the first

words I said to my friend for life.

"We later worked together at WOND, waiting for what is now TV40 to become a reality, but we both got tired of waiting and moved on."

"There was nobody like her. We were very close. I have lost my best friend."

Sherry Hoffman is a former network correspondent and radio news anchor who is now president of her own public relations firm.

"Kate and I co-anchored the evening news on WFPQ Radio for five years in the late '70s," Hoffman said. "When you work that closely with someone in that stressful of a job, you see every side of them. Kate never lost her cool. That in itself is remarkable. She was one of the best people on the planet. We stayed close friends for the rest of her life. Our

filling trio — me, Kate and Lois Kavlich — was allowed to have spent a weekend together a few weeks ago. I am so thankful for that."

"What kept us so close for 40-some years? Kate."

Although Kate Megargee's life was much shorter than it should have been, it certainly was full.

Words to remember:

"The most important part of my job is telling the stories of people I meet. They are poor, rich and in-between; smart, uneducated, powerful and powerless; criminals and saints. It's been a privilege to meet some of them; mostly interesting to

AT LARGE with Tom Williams



Kate Megargee

in many classrooms, from elementary schools to university campuses.

"I believe my work helps people. Information is powerful and what I do is tell stories that inform. And entertain. And give hope. Sometimes, I make people laugh. And every day, there's a new story to tell."

This At Large column, along with previous editions, can be found online at www.portrepublic.com.

—Kate Megargee

An Orthodox Passover at the country club

By JOE WILKINS, Columnist

The week after Easter Sunday strikes me as a good time to talk about our favorite American pastime: the joyous sport of prejudice.

There is an elegant country club that has slipped gently downhill from a moneyed and purely WASP membership to democracy — or at least democracy as concerns race, creed and gender. You still need money, but just enough to pay for your meat, golf, or drinks in the lounge, and they no longer care whether it was you or your great-grandfather who earned the dough. The dress code is weaker, but survives. Golfers wearing jeans or collared shirts are not welcome. Casual dress is OK in the lounge and dining areas, but don't wear sleeveless undergarments or be frowned upon.

It was a private club in

the days when discrimination was the highest privilege of the elite. Jews, Catholics and blacks were barred not only from membership but from access. Members only meant white Anglo-Saxons Protestants only.

The very apex of the club's calendar was Easter Sunday, when the membership donned its finery and came out to celebrate its own preciousness at the annual Easter Sunday dinner, reservations only, beginning at noon and privacy as all get out.

The string local version of such prejudice was exemplified for me in the person of a rich old guy I'll call Peckloff, although don't know any Peckloffs. Peckloff basically owned the club. He was a bank-

er-lawyer so prejudiced that his bank wouldn't even loan money to Jewish businessmen. The result was fairly predictable: the Jews pushed their money and started their own country club, eventually, their own bank, both open to the public or at least to those who could afford golf or needed business loans.

But times change. The stifling rules of exclusivity crumbled with the rise of the civil rights movement, the leveling of the playing field and the fact that middle class and the economic facts of life that gradually showed exclusivity further up the food chain and moved it pretty far out of the game. Like Fisher Island in Florida, Peckloff's grip-tightness, and the elegant

club was sold to a publicly traded corporation, after which the vestiges of prejudice evaporated. The club's restaurants are set too bad, and I indulge myself from time to time in the biggest succumb.

Came the day when on a Friday before Palm Sunday, I stopped by for an afternoon sandwich and observed Jews in orthodoxy and Orthodox Jews in daily life. Their parents, with the men wearing side curls and phylacteries, kept a watchful eye on them but not so stern as to dampen their childhood glue.

A phylactery is a small leather box worn on the head that contains a bit of parchment bearing a holy text from the Torah. The scene was overwhelmingly, unmistakably Jewish, and

made me think I was back at the King David hotel in Jerusalem at sunset on the Sabbath.

"Sorry, sir, but they reserved the whole place for Passover," a longtime staffer told me, smiling one politely elsewhere for my sandwich. I couldn't restrain a laugh. Old Peckloff must have been sporting in his grave, the biggest burger. Here he'd spent his best years fighting to hold back the tide of American life, and his prized achievement had been reserved by Jews — the ultra-Orthodox Hasidic Jews!

They're done it every year since, and the crowd gets bigger and younger. The thickest lots are pushed around in strollers while their elder brothers and sisters are entertained on the same court by jugglers twirling fiery hoops and magicians fresh from the intervah parties. It is the sweetest sight you can see



as a day's drive, and a happy sentiment to today's America. And the irony is just plain delicious.

Shalom aleichem, Peckloff!

Joe Wilkins is an author, unsentimental lawyer and former municipal judge who lives in Southville. You can email him at williams001@comcast.net, see his website at www.joewilkins.com, or follow him on Twitter @joewilms001.

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ON THE RISE
Verona golf team ready for challenge

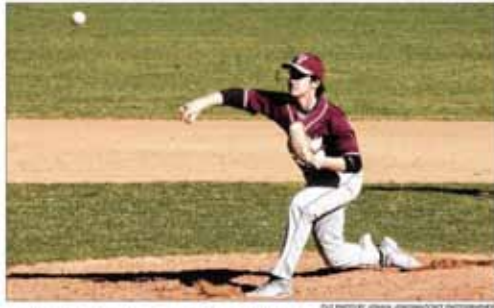
BY JIMMIE L. BISHARA
Staff Writer

Each of the past two years saw the Verona golf team make history and bring the team back to new heights. According to the current members of the squad, there's no reason to expect that trend to change in 2013.

The Hillbillies finished last season with a record of 18-1 and won the championship among the Essex County schools.

The golf team will move up to the American Showcase this spring. The only team from Verona to qualify for the Essex County's top group for this season is the team that won the championship in 2011.

Head coach Joe Cavillo said he expects 2013 to be one of the best years for the team. "We've got a lot of talent and we're going to roll into this year and let it continue to grow," Cavillo said. "We expect to win our state title and we expect our players to hit very significant goals and progress moving forward."



Joe Toth pitches for the Verona baseball team last season. Toth is one of three senior hurlers for this year's Hillbillies.

LIBERTY DIVISION

Veteran arms provide lift
Hillbillies set to rely on deep pitching staff for 2013

BY JIMMIE L. BISHARA
Staff Writer

Deep pitching staffs are the key to success for the Hillbillies, some fans say. For the past two seasons, the team's success has been largely due to the pitching staff. The team's pitching staff is one of the best in the state, and it is expected to continue to be one of the best in the state in 2013.

Head coach Joe Cavillo said the pitching staff will be one of the team's strengths in 2013. "We have a lot of talent and we're going to roll into this year and let it continue to grow," Cavillo said. "We expect to win our state title and we expect our players to hit very significant goals and progress moving forward."

Through the pitching staff was left alone from last season's 18-1 record, the team could not be expected to match that success. The Hillbillies will need a lot of help from their offense to succeed. The team's offense is one of the best in the state, and it is expected to continue to be one of the best in the state in 2013.

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REIGNING CHAMPIONS
New faces fill tennis contingent

BY JIMMIE L. BISHARA
Staff Writer

The past year saw the Verona tennis program dominate Group 1 competition with a pair of national titles.

The strong attack began with the boys' team's victory over Lakeland in the state finals last spring and continued with the girls' team's victory over Lakeland in the state finals last spring.

Head coach Patricia Schilling said the team's success was due to the team's depth and the team's ability to perform under pressure.

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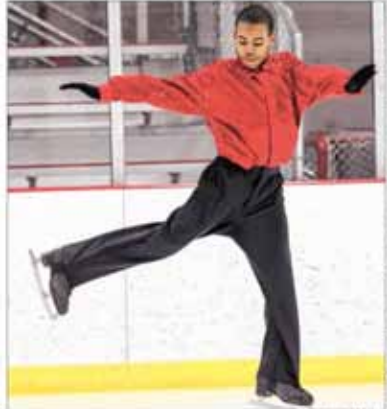
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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Stutts skates to pair of medals

BY JIMMIE L. BISHARA
Staff Writer

Three years ago when Nobby Stutts first stepped onto the ice at the Cedar Grove rink, he was just a young boy. Today, he is a champion figure skater. Stutts has won a pair of medals at the New Jersey Special Olympics in Mountain Creek last month.

Stutts, 14, was very proud of his accomplishment. "I've been working on this for a long time to do this," the Mountain Middle School student said.

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Cedar Grove resident Nobby Stutts skates during the Special Olympics in early February at Mountain Creek.



HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Van Caugherty home run gives RHS a walk-off win

By Brian Farrell
Sports Editor

RIDGEWOOD — Connor Van Caugherty looked up into the blue sky as Monday just saw the baseball he just hit was climbing. It is a heavenly situation, in a dark sense that would make the world of the Ridgewood High School team and his own personal world beautiful in one splitting and emotional moment.

With one dramatic swing, the senior finished a 3-1 tie with West Hurler in the bottom of the eighth inning and gave the Maroons a 4-3 victory. The ball hit his solid high over the left center field fence of "Yemen" and sailed into the maroons' coaches and how like a world of happiness.

The home run Van Caugherty hit was also a gift for his dad, Pete, whose birthday would have been the next day, May 7. Pete Caugherty died in August after a vicious battle with cancer. He was in the gutter last year, when the son accepted a nearby summer job right before and emerged as coach's top prospect for his senior year. He had three last year, when Ridgewood won its first state sectional championship in baseball since 1978.

And last Pete Caugherty would have loved to have been at the Monday when his son took his home run swing. The 19th graduate of Ridgewood Park High School had an outstanding baseball player named in his senior year. But he was, played football at night and was a catcher.

As it was, Van Caugherty's mother, Marisa Van Caillie, missed the baseball and gave it to her son.

"He had probably would have been the one getting the ball instead of my son," said Van Caugherty, acknowledging that his father was on his mind as he circled the bases, but with his dad had him every step of the way home.

The million wins by the Maroons started a big moment from their cheering, the previous week, when they take their first game in winning fashion. They on April 29, they won 4-1, led by Ridgewood junior Mike Vuorela who hit a home run in the 11th. Two days later, they dropped a 3-2 decision to Hurler. Then, before showing the world they were 1-2, Van Caugherty pitched a walk home run and down in three runs. But that Friday gave the most painful loss, when they saw an 8-4 lead in the top of the seventh inning against Paterson, which when the Maroons, helped by some errors, turned the game for a 13-0 victory.

"We've been looking for this moment to speak our names, the team is amazed and hopefully, this moment that we'll get on as a winning streak," said Van Caugherty of the 11th Maroons' lead on Friday. "I feel that I really feel my best down with my altered presence in, hopefully, this team-up for that, and, hopefully, we get a state out of this."

"This is definitely the greatest home run I ever hit," said the lead of Van Caugherty, who was the Maroons' first batter in the eighth. "It was a 3-1 ball hit high and right down the pipe. I feel like I hit home runs before, so I just had that same feeling going in."

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Ridgewood junior Connor Van Caugherty stood tall as Monday in a game against West Hurler when he circled a solo walk-off home run in the bottom of the eighth inning to give the Maroons a dramatic 4-3 victory.



The hustle of Nick Cappuccia, Ridgewood's third year starting catcher, was a huge part of the Maroons' seven-run seventh that enabled them to tie the Maroons' game with West Hurler and force extra innings and eventual triumph.

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Ridgewood junior Vladimir Zelenin is the No. 3 seed at second singles for this weekend's Bergen County boys tennis tournament.

BOYS TENNIS

Heightened challenges ahead for Ridgewood

By Anthony Liccione

RIDGEWOOD — Jason Linker and Greg Madala looked forward to a match with Golden Knights, who finished Ridgewood one of its team losses last month. "That has," he said.

The Ridgewood High School tennis team finished last year with a record of 1-10, but they were not just on the losing end of the TV record.

In this point in the season, we're really looking how to play better together," said Madala. "We're really, sticking as a team," added Linker who played 10 matches in 2010.

After starting the season 0-5 against Linker and Madala improved to 3-3 with a win in a match who lost Van Laren's loss. Linker and Madala were 1-1 in the season's North Jersey Fall 20 and even put with a 5-2 win in a Big North conference match. Ridgewood's No. 3 ranking the week, will lead an impressive 14-3 record.

In the 10th, Van Caugherty, who "It's the little things that when coming into the net and you're in there, you really can't control the game," said Linker, who was part of the Maroons' Bergen County championship over a record double last year. "That's the biggest part of it," getting in and being aggressive."

It took us half the season to figure out how Linker worked as both players.

Both players had mixed different results of the season. Madala finished a 10-11 with the Levin Club top and Linker however of 10-10 (D.E.A.).

"We usually were able to get into our groove," Madala said. "I really practiced and matches have showed the same to get in rhythm, because each other's game is a little more," he added.

Because Madala and Linker didn't play enough matches together, they were not needed in this weekend's Bergen County tournament but will earned a berth. Only the top four teams in each flight are needed for 12.

"It was our goal," Linker said. Madala and Linker will face Bergen Catholic's first doubles in the opening round. If the Maroons win, they will square-off

against Old Eggmont from Lincoln. Linker will be looking forward to a match with Golden Knights, who finished Ridgewood one of its team losses last month. "That has," he said.

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The match should end with a tight battle as third singles Ridgewood sophomore Steve Yeh, the No. 1 seed at his flight in the county, took his 5th set, 6-3, before Van Laren's better flight over a setpoint, 1-0 (D. Yeh, who won the third set, 6-1).

"The one given day you could beat the better team," said Maroons head coach Michael Rubin. "We could have been, I wasn't our day."

"That brings you one way, the other could have been 3-2 our way, on 1-1 our way."

The Ridgewood Fall Lawn match was really our three or another preparation day. While the boys do not play in the same division of the Big North, the Maroons (Pruders) and Cutler (Hudsonburg) have both played their division 6th, and both are in the North J. Group 4 championship final.

"It's good for us to get some good preparation and our good competition," Rubin said. "It makes us more prepared for them."

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Senior Adrian Rubin has helped the Ridgewood boys tennis team get off to a 5-3 start this spring.

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SPORTSMANSHIP
NJSIAA attacks bullying

BY CHRIS LEYDEN
Sports Editor

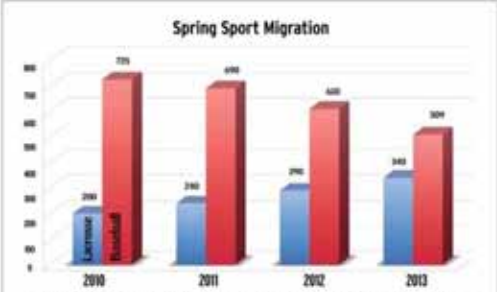
Athletes at Cedar Grove and Verona high schools will have to be careful about what they say on the field this coming year, after the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association implemented new anti-bullying sportsmanship standards.

Starting this fall, athletes will be required to report any bullying, conduct related to team growth, photos by athletes, social connections or video clips to the NJSIAA. The NJSIAA will notify the state of each incident, potentially involving the state attorney general's office and the New Jersey Division of Child Rights. While these new rules will have significant penalties for violators, the athletic directors at both schools said before the rule has to have a positive effect on the athletes and teams in the past.

"We've been very fortunate that our kids have a high level of sportsmanship," Cedar Grove Athletic Director David Collier said. "There is Cedar Grove, we really haven't had much of those situations but we've seen them arise in our sport."

For the Hillsdale athletic program, sportsmanship is an important part of the program. Hillsdale Athletic Director Gary Parfitt said the program has been recognized by the NJSIAA for its sportsmanship. Parfitt said the program has been recognized by the NJSIAA for its sportsmanship. Parfitt said the program has been recognized by the NJSIAA for its sportsmanship.

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Each year, more and more athletes in Verona are picking up a lacrosse stick instead of a baseball bat, as the up tempo sport has grown approximately 75 percent in the last four years. Meanwhile, the Verona Baseball and Softball League has seen a drop-off of about 30 percent, as players join travel teams or leave the sport altogether. Lacrosse figures are estimates.

VERONA
From fastball to fast break
Lacrosse sees rapid growth as baseball figures drop

BY CHRIS LEYDEN
Sports Editor

Baseball is widely referred to as "America's pastime," and in Verona there may soon be an emphasis on the word "past." While the Verona Baseball and Softball League will have 70 players this spring, that number is down 30 percent from 2010 when the league had 100 players registered. While the drop-off could be attributed in part to many things, travel teams, club and youth travel opportunities, a better clear that one definite reason is the increase in the growth of lacrosse in the town.

By the time last year's season that baseball had dropped, because an increase of about 75 percent. In fact, the league has nearly doubled its membership since 2008, going from 173 players in 2008 to 300 in 2012.

Whether recreational baseball players are going to travel teams or to become a more professional, though, as there is no question lacrosse is growing in Verona. The increase of lacrosse players in the town actually might be compared to the national level, where according to USA Lacrosse the number of youth lacrosse players has gone up by 62 percent over the past five years.

There are some in the growth, however, and the Verona Baseball and Softball League is looking for a youth lacrosse program. While those players who had been in the program previously were allowed to continue, due to a shortage of volunteer coaches on the team had to leave after just one or two seasons.

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CEDAR GROVE
Weather hinders Legion

BY CHRIS LEYDEN
Sports Editor

In what has become the story of the season for the Cedar Grove Football, American Legion team, another week passed by with the team struggling to get out on the diamond.

The team played in a single game last week, falling to 1-10 by a score of 10-0 on Friday. The team had its first game of the season scheduled for Saturday, but last week's game was canceled for the better reason. The American Legion team is still waiting for a game to be scheduled.

"It just that it is a game that you really need to be able to get out on the field and it is always the way we seeing the best," Cedar Grove Manager Jimmy Christie said. "We've had to cancel three games, two or three I don't want to say it's a waste, but it's frustrating."

The question for the American Legion team is when they will make it to the field. In the regular season, the team is scheduled to play 12 games. The American Legion team is still waiting for a game to be scheduled.

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FORMER KAHUNAS
CG swimmers look to make a Splash with new nickname in 2013



Cedar Grove swimmer Kevin Baum races in the 50 meter breaststroke during a meet against West Caldwell on June 21. Baum won the race for the Spartans.

Team grows after winless season

BY CHRIS LEYDEN
Sports Editor

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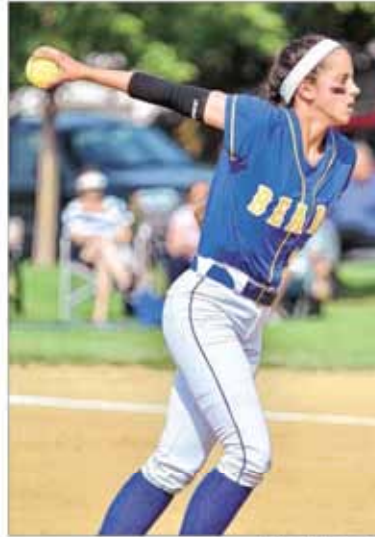
Lady Bulldogs, Bears top softball stars in 2013

BY EDWARD KENSIK

It was a battle for the ages on May 26 at Memorial Field in Rutherford. It was between the Group 2 South 2 outdoors Rutherford at home against the opponent Lymphhurst.

SOFTBALL

It was senior Aly Pasko of Rutherford who led the Lady Bulldogs to their first state title in 10 years. The Lady Bulldogs had been the state sectional champs the last three years with a come-from-behind victory.



Senior Aly Pasko of Rutherford was a first team All-County softball player this year.

Lymphhurst's Casey Ziback struck out 202 hitters this year on the way to winning All-County softball honors.

- All Bergen County Softball Team**
- First team: Aly Pasko, Rutherford, outfield
 - Second team: Casey Ziback, Lymphhurst, pitcher; Julie Sawicki, Rutherford, pitcher
 - Third team: Julie Schweinbach, Lymphurst, catcher; Kat Calabrese, Rutherford, senior, first base

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Bears continue league domination in boys track

BY EDWARD KENSIK

The Lymphhurst High School boys track and field team continue their mastery as they took home their third straight league title.

Despite a change in division the Golden Bears have gained the top Youth League State Championships.

It was a close race against the Lyndhurst team.



Lymphhurst's Anthony Giacchino will be returning to the boys track team next year.

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Catanesse stepping down as Lyndhurst softball coach

BY EDWARD KENSIK

It was a moment full of emotion for Elton Catanesse and her Lyndhurst High School team.

Behind the scenes, Catanesse had been coaching the team for 10 years.

She said that she never told her team about her program during the season or the state tournament.

"It did not seem it to be a distraction," said Catanesse. "While the team in Harmon Park was disappointing, Catanesse points to the previous years, the 3-1 victory over neighborhood rival Rutherford in the sectional tournament as one of the team's best played games."

about the win over Rutherford. "The pressure was on that day and we were on that day."

While the team did not win the program's first sectional title, Lyndhurst did complete four of five first games, according to Catanesse.

"I wanted to play on a level, have an over 200 record, win the division and win a county game," said Catanesse.

The Bears did all that including winning the first South Jersey Intermediate Conference Liberty Division title. The conference created the new division as they were in a four-division format.

Lyndhurst's 2013 season was the season's history's worst of pitcher Casey Ziback and catcher Julie Schweinbach.

Ziback was named to the All-Bergen County second team as a pitcher. Ziback pitched most of the game and had 202 strikeouts with a 1.23 team run average record and a 0.88 ERA in the league. She also struck out the home team with a 4.00 batting average.

"Casey has grown each year as a pitcher faster and stronger and better control over pitches," said Catanesse.

Lyndhurst was just one win away from Ziback and earned in the All-Bergen County third team. Schweinbach led the team to 828 with 24 RBIs while hitting .400.

"Julie is a true leader and the real star player here," said Catanesse. "Lyndhurst, both physically and emotionally," said Catanesse.

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FAREWELL

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
Correspondent

In its infinite wisdom, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association opted a few years back not to invite Chris Olsen into its lofty Hall of Fame. That certainly is their prerogative, based on whatever criteria the state's governing body for high school athletics holds when it comes to selecting the best coaches in the state to be a part of its fraternity. One would think, only the best of the best should gain entrance into anyone's Hall of Fame.

For just a moment, let's forget about Olsen's career head coaching mark of 263-94-6, which he put together in a 34 year career from 1978-2012. Put aside the eight NJSIAA championships over a 10 year period while at Wayne Hills from 2002-2011. Disregard the 232-53-2 mark at Wayne Hills from 1987-2012.

Don't even think about the 200 student-athletes at St. Cecilia, Bergenfield, Paterson Eastside and Wayne Hills, who went on to play football at 76 different colleges, including three Ivy League schools, the United States Military Academy and Naval Academy, Notre Dame and Rutgers to name a few.

Forget Olsen's 24 winning seasons in 26 years at Wayne Hills, which has produced numerous All County, All State and All American players, as well as four that made it to the National Football League. Ignore the miraculous 53-game winning streak from 2004-2009 and all those state championship games that Wayne Hills appeared in before winning its first title, a clear testament to resiliency.

Instead, let's talk about the influence this man has had on a myriad of athletes. Want a few examples?

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Post-Marathon Elation Yields to Anxiety, Sadness After Bombings

LBI Native Runs 'Range of Emotions' in Boston

By JULIET KASZAS-HOCH

Brendan Ackers gave up running LBI's long stretch of straight-shot streets, near his hometown of Great Beach south towards the lighthouse, or down to the wildlife refuge at the island's southern tip. Now most days he trains near his residence in Manassas, Pa., logging many miles in preparation for important races.

A few weeks prior to the Boston Marathon, Ackers, 29, talked with his friend and fellow competitor Lara Hawkes about their training progress, and told her he would run the race as hard as he could.

He did — and finished in 2:56:33, about an hour before the bombs went off.

By the time of the explosions, he and girlfriend Kelly Sewell had already congratulated Hawkes on her finish — about 20 minutes after Ackers — and were taking photos in Boston Commons, about four blocks from the finish line on Boylston Street.

"And then we heard it," said Ackers. "We had no idea what it was. The first thing in my mind was not 'that's a bomb,' and no one around us reacted." He figured they'd find a cannon for Patrick's Day, or set off fireworks in relation to the marathon or the Red Sox game.

Ackers and Sewell snapped a few more photos, then headed to a subway station to travel back to their hotel outside the city. The pair was waiting for the train when authorities came over the loudspeaker to announce they were evacuating the station. "Everyone out," they said, Ackers remembers. "They kept repeating it and repeating it and repeating it. "We got up to the street and there were police cars everywhere."

Members of Ackers' family — his dad, three of his five sisters, and one of his sisters — had watched him run the race from Housenick Hill, in between mile 20 and 21. They were driving out of the city when they heard the news of the bombings.

"We were almost in Connecticut when it came over the radio that there were two explosions near the finish line, and there were reports of people missing limbs," said Anne Ackers, 25. "Brendan had finished over an hour earlier so I figured he was away from the finish line. I immediately called him and asked if he had found Kelly and if they were still in downtown Boston. He said he was with Kelly and that they had been evacuated out of the subway, but didn't know why. I said how that happened and to get out of the city."

"Then it all came together," Brendan noted. "That's what that sound was. That's what happened."

At her home in New Jersey, oldest sister Katie Ackers-Shuck, 34, learned of the



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RACING TO, THEN AWAY, FROM THE FINISH: (Left) Brendan Ackers, originally from Great Beach, ran the streets of Boston during the April 15 marathon on his way to clocking 2:56:33. (Above) Ackers does his medal post the finish line, about an hour before two bombs exploded nearby.

bombings from a friend and a cousin who work in media. "My first reaction was panic. Utter panic. I know Brendan had finished and clocked a great time, but I didn't know if my family or his girlfriend had gone to the finish line, or if he was hanging out at the finish line, or was nearby."

"She quickly found out they were all OK, and then of course my thoughts turned to all the other people who were O.K."

Jenny Ackers, 27, was on her lunch break at work in Colorado when she missed a call from her sister Anne. "I figured she was calling to tell me Brendan had finished the marathon, and to give me his time. ... Then I got a text

from her saying everyone was out of the city and safe from the explosions. I hadn't heard anything about the bombings yet since I'm not allowed to use phones or Internet at work, so I was completely shocked and confused, but relieved" that her family was safe.

"I had been bragging about my brother missing the marathon earlier in the day," she continued, "so when everyone at work heard about the bombings, everyone was talking to me about it. People kept telling me there were bombs all around the city, and I started to get worried again. I thought maybe Brendan was still in danger. Maybe there was a bomb in the hotel he was staying for a text ... I imagined

that bombs were everywhere. "I called him immediately after work and he was out of the city and safe by then, and I felt better. That night, I thought about all the races my siblings and I have been involved in and how many times we've stood at finish lines cheering each other on. I'm just glad my sisters, niece and father didn't go to the finish line this time, and that my brother had left the immediate area by the time of the bombings. And just like anyone else, I feel for the people and families of those who were there."

After speaking with Brendan, Anne and her sisters took to their phones and Facebook.

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Ship Bottom Fire Co. at Full Strength After Farrell 9/11 Fund Donates Truck

The Terry Farrell firefighters fund recently donated a 1987 Pierce Fire Engine to the Ship Bottom Volunteer Fire Co., giving it the full complement of vehicles it had prior to Superstorm Sandy.

Deputy Fire Chief Rick Trout said representatives of the organization would visit the firehouse on Sunday, April 28 at 9 a.m. for a presentation and to meet fire company members.

The fund was established in memory of Terry Farrell, a decorated member Rescue 4 NYFD and former chief of the Dix Hills Volunteer Fire Co. on Long Island. He was one of 342 New York firefighters who died in the 9/11 attacks. The organization's website says it was formed to assist firefigh-

ters and their families with education, emotional and equipment needs.

"We support the firefighters who serve our communities," the site says. "We operate on a volunteer basis in order to give back to our firefighting community."

It has chapters in eight states, including New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

"They've been active in helping fire companies who got hit hard by the storm," Trout said. "We lost two trucks, a lot of equipment and had building damage."

Last year, a fire company in Manor Township, located near Pottsville, donated a fire truck to Ship Bottom.

"But it turned out to have too many mechanical issues so we had to send it back," said Trout.

He said the Ship Bottom company also has a ladder truck, a pumper and a military-style truck that is used to transport through heavily flooded areas. He said the pumper would be replaced by a new vehicle, which should arrive next year. Trout said the Rosenbauer pumper would cost nearly \$430,000.

"We've raised the money totally by ourselves," he said.

In addition, the fire company auxiliary is selling new T-shirts. The light blue shirts are available in sizes ranging from small to double extra large and cost \$20 each. Nicole DeRube, auxiliary president, said all proceeds

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Motorist Strikes Police Car, Charged With DWI

A Harngett woman was charged with driving while intoxicated after striking into a patrol car early April 13. Lt. Keith Germain said that at 1:30 a.m., Officer Robert Armstrong was conducting a motor vehicle stop on Barnegat Boulevard near West Day Avenue. He was outside his vehicle when it was struck from behind by a car driven by Samantha Pinto, 21, who was heading south on Barnegat Boulevard.

Armstrong's K-9 partner, Decker, was in the vehicle but was not injured. Germain said that Pinto, who was also unharmed, was processed and released on charges including DWI, reckless driving, failure to change lanes due to an emergency vehicle and use of a cellphone while operating a motor vehicle. Her vehicle was impounded in accordance with John's Law, which allows police to hold a DWI suspect's vehicle for at least 12 hours before the driver can retrieve the vehicle. —E.E.

will get to expanding the auxiliary and also for the Summer Sizzle, which held at the Brodowsky Saturday, July 6, from 2 to 10 p.m.

Volunteers and donations are needed for the event. For more information, call Decker at 609-448-3381 or email her at auxiliary466@gmail.com.

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Terry Quarrs, formerly known as Raymond Perry

2009 SLAYING, ROBBERIES

Judge rules for six trials

An appellate court judge last week denied a request to merge a string of robberies and a murder trial in the case of Terry Quarrs, who is accused of murdering Verona gun store attorney David Hochstadt and an ongoing part in six robberies, would be conducted separately.

2014 VOTE

Time is running out for BOE

Board has one meeting left to approve proposal for a March referendum

BY CAROL LENTEN

"I think that March is going to be a stretch," Verona Board of Education President James Zimmmerman told the Times after the board's meeting.

BOE member Joseph Bellone, who began the discussion about the building and Learning Commission report last month, said that much of the information the board needs to make a decision is available to them, in a just requested and requires further information.

Carving out a good time



Bob Johnson, of Decorative Fibers Inc., returns to carve another huge ice sculpture under the Christmas tree during Veron's annual Fair in the Square at the Civic Center on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 7. See more photos on page A3.

K. HOVNANIAN

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411-unit plan rejected

BY DAN BARNHURST

It's not very common for a governing body to veto its own authority.



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Scouts at the podium

Girl Scout Troop 1519 spoke at the Little Ferry Mayor and Council meeting on June 11 as part of receiving their bronze award, which is the highest award a girl scout can earn. They asked the governing body for help with their newest fundraising efforts.

BERNADETTE MARCISIAA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SPECIAL MEETING Officials look to minimize future flooding

BY MARK KRULISH
Staff Writer

The Little Ferry Mayor and Council held a special meeting last week after the remnants of Tropical Storm Andrea dropped more rain on the borough causing more localized flooding.

The purpose of the meeting was to outline the strategies and plans that the borough has submitted to the county and the state to help mitigate flooding in Little Ferry, as well as answer questions from the concerned citizens that saw their backyards and basements flood once again due to the storm.

"What happened was a lot of rain in a short period of time," said Borough Engineer Kenneth Job, explaining why the flooding occurred. "The rain fell at the same rate that it did during Hurricanes Floyd and Hurricane Irene, it just did not last as long. Localized flooding cannot be stopped during a storm like this, you simply have to get the water out as quickly as

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Veteran Reporter to Celebrate 74 Years in Print

Christie Rotondo

Veteran reporter to celebrate 74 years in print Jake Schaad looks back at a lifetime in journalism

As Jake Schaad sits at his lecture table in his quiet Del Haven home, he peers over photos and news clippings on a Friday afternoon and sees he remembers the sounds of press printing, shuffling typing, and copy boys making notes in city desks.

Those were the sounds he heard for 30 years at the Paterson Evening News, where he started his career in journalism 74 years ago. He has a simple set.

Now 91, Schaad is still writing. He contributes the weekly history column "In Another Time" to the Wildwood Leader and writes happenings at the Middle Township Parkersburg Area Center. Occasionally, he also offers his opinion on a news development, like when Wildwood sought implementing beach bars earlier this year.

He says that at his age, he may be the oldest working journalist in the United States.

"I don't say that to be boastful," he says. "I say that because I'm proud of it."



Jake Schaad, now 91, says he may be the oldest working reporter in the United States.

When asked why he never retired, his answer is simple: "Because I like what I'm doing."

Schaad says he fell in love with writing when he moved from the papers brought him as a University reporter for Christian. Father that year, his mother, a singer, had pushed him to sing at the church and play piano. Schaad says he wasn't very good at either.

"I was being smart," he said. "After the director of the church said I would turn the Presbyterian congregation Catholic, I sang."

Piano didn't work out well, either. His teacher said Schaad had "spiral" long fingers, but not when he wrote.

So, his mother signed Schaad up for a typing class. She instructed him to write for a letter each day, which he did, dutifully. But soon the letters became longer, and he started reading newspapers.

Throughout his teen years, he contributed to the "Sunset Page" of the Paterson Evening News, where he could submit their writing in hopes of winning movie tickets. He also became a kind of reporter at the New York Evening World, where Eugene Tuhov, who also wrote a number of books about dogs, Schaad wrote Tribune a fan letter, and still has to be wanted by a writer.

In a short time, Tribune told him to keep writing every day, and to read whatever he could. Schaad said he checked it, but a columnist he wrote for Tribune would ask to read reporters today, along with "the column."

Instead of going to college, Schaad started as a copy boy at the Paterson Evening News Sept. 2, 1939, the day after Hitler invaded Poland. The promise was simple, he remembers, a practice that is still common for new reporters. He would see finished stories from reporters to editors in the newsroom, manage the newspaper's "pages" (the layout and artwork) and write obituaries.

"When he got back, he would be out on assignment to get a photo or a quote from someone in a crowd during a political rally."

Eventually, Schaad was taken on the staff of the Paterson Evening News, where he would stay for 30 years. For a little over two years, though, he was drafted into the army during World War II, where he served at Puerto Rico, writing for the military.

"I left my kids in New York to fight the mosquitoes," he said.

After the war, he returned the news at Paterson for the Evening

"See, everything wasn't always better back then, especially with obits," Schaad said.

As newspapers like the Press of Atlantic City are sold, and print advertising declines, many question if the death of printed news is upon us. The Press Research Center cited that print advertising fell by a third consecutive year in 2012 and may be just a blip, it dropped 1.1 billion, or 0.3 percent, in a slowly improving economy. It also reports that advertising is continuing to rise despite news in cut rates.

Schaad says he doesn't know what the future holds for print journalism.

"I don't know whether or not it's dying, but it's definitely fading," he said. "It's not as profitable as it was."

But even in Schaad's prime, journalism was rarely selling as it has been in the past few years. "I wrote a couple," he says. "And I'll call it 'Wild Time to Rome.'"

White Schaad, like every reporter, didn't become a high-wood writer or Horton Thomas he says that the "hard-logs" of journalism the ones who quit first night at being paid meetings and covering their should be paid.

"This is what I'm made of, journalism of some sort," he says. Schaad will celebrate his 74th birthday Oct. 23, and says he will continue to keep writing as long as he can. A few years ago, he wrote about his experiences in a book called "No Time to Retire."

"I'll still around in five years. I wrote a couple," he says. "And I'll call it 'Wild Time to Rome.'"

Today, Schaad rarely sees the newsroom at the Gazette's reader. It is the only he is disappointed. There are no more reporters, and the photos are gone. The papers aren't printed him, either. Even on a Wednesday, when the staff makes up the papers to be sold, sometimes there is a strike as pagans in hand paper and editors read over copy.

Schaad reads from his home office that was converted from a bedroom, typing away on a computer. He admits that without the Internet, he probably wouldn't have been able to keep writing.

But, the technology isn't the only thing that has changed journalism, he says.

"There's no more competition," Schaad says when asked about the difference between then and now. "There aren't that many papers around, and a lot of stories aren't being covered."

He says that in sports, better competition makes the better teams, and that the same goes for journalism.

He remembers a time when the competition between the Paterson Evening News and the Paterson Morning Call was so fierce that he printed like every day at the street house's press room to catch a reporter he thought was making his stories.

The fake stories were ridiculous, a woman who was divorcing her husband because he was a Nazi and made her die a Nazi while each morning, the county firemen had decided to turn the jailhouse into an art park.

But he was right about the other reporter lying his stories, and the Call did it. He remembers his editor questioning at a party why the Paterson Evening News didn't have these stories, which Schaad knew were fake.



While Jake Schaad was in the Army, he helped create The Daily Press, a newspaper for soldiers to give them an update on what was in the newspapers. Here, he works on a typewriter.

In Another TIME

Local names honor those who fought in war to end all wars

George M. Cohan's World War I patriotic song "Over There" was meant to inspire American troops to fight "the war to end all wars," a description attributed to President Woodrow Wilson who spent some of his earlier days in Wildwood when he was New Jersey's governor and a presidential candidate.

Cohan's lyrics encouraged soldiers to "get your gun, get your gun, get your gun" and used the word that "the Yanks are coming, the Yanks are coming" and "we won't be back until we've won them."

Two of the Wildwood men who went "over there" during America's involvement in the war from 1916 to 1918 were Byron Pennington Coker and Bernard Walker Maxwell. Coker never made it back. He was killed in what some historians called "America's bloodiest battle" — a claim that might be disputed by those who fought in a later World War in the battle of Iwo Jima, and Guadalcanal and the invasion of Normandy.

Coker's demise occurred in the 1918 flu pandemic, the most-deadly, which lasted for more than 47 days and took the lives of 26,000 men among 1.2 million American troops. Tens of thousands of soldiers were wounded. The battle was not, as well as the war, on Nov. 11, subsequently known as Armistice Day. Some historians have criticized the American military leaders for sparing on the troops responsible to their deaths while peace negotiations were underway.

When the flu struck Coker was to be honored posthumously by the naming of Wildwood's American Legion Boys' Training Center (now Coker Park 184). One of its charter members was Bernard Walker Maxwell who also went "over there" but came back safely to Wildwood. Maxwell was to be named commander of that American Legion post in its early years.

Maxwell was a colorful figure in Wildwood's history. He would have been the mayor of the city and he turned that down. His nickname was "Red" and his real name quite quite unique that he accomplished so much in life that his real name required a plural spelling.

Maxwell was born in the town of Mott, Pa. in 1863 when Wildwood still was two years away from becoming an incorporated borough and was on the way to bigger things. The town of Mott was named after a man with the unusual first name of Mackley who was the son of John Mottin, signer of the Declaration of Independence and who was the delegate who carried the deciding vote for American independence. In today's election times it also is known as having been the birthplace of Mike Scavilla, the manager of the Los Angeles Angels baseball team.

When he was only a few months old the summer of 1867 Maxwell's parents, Sarah and William Maxwell, got sand in their shoes and moved with their family to Wildwood which was getting the word out through its long writing Major Frank E. Smith and the Landing Baker brothers that was a good place to bring your families to spend the year round. The Maxwells also worked on Glenwood Avenue, then moved to residential at 14th and New Jersey Avenue and finally to Park Avenue where it was still part of Holly Beach.

Maxwell, meanwhile, was benefiting from the new location made by driving a horse-drawn cartage from the railroad station to the beach. The cartage carried mail, baggage and it was out of the trade the business was called "mailing baggage" because at times the baggage wasn't returned to the owner as its original item.

The war came for America nine years later and Maxwell, then 23, was to go "over there" as a member of the mortar battalion, serving 11 months in Europe as he attained the rank of sergeant. He was a member of Battery D and he and other locals were said to have joined the group together. Maxwell was one of the lucky ones who returned to Wildwood. Military experts at the time were so sure that nothing in combat duty was so hard as the mail business was some duty which may have been Maxwell's sole reason.

Once married in Wildwood in 1919, Max became involved in civic affairs, especially among veterans. He was active in the American Legion, serving as president of the New Jersey American Legion Convention for several years, and he is said to have been the catalyst for bringing the Legion's state convention to Wildwood, an annual event that still prevails today.

Eventually, as it happened to many in Wildwood and Holly

Beach before him, Maxwell became a brewer and it was a stepping stone to his local and successful career in politics. He was admitted to membership in Wildwood Fire Company No. 1 on October 1, 1920, barely a year after he returned from the war, and four years later he became a captain. Near the end of the second World War in May of 1945, Maxwell, then 72 and too old to go "over there" again, became fire chief, a position he held for only a few months, until Christmas Eve when he resigned to accept the appointment of commissioner of the city of Wildwood, in charge of public works.

Politics was not new to Maxwell then. He had previously lost his election but for a commissioner's position by 34 votes, but after his appointment he was to make it on his own in municipal elections for 23 years. Then, as now, the voters elected the commissioner and the high vote getter was usually, although not always, chosen as mayor from among his fellow commissioners. The Republican Maxwell was said to have turned down the mayor's spot when offered to him because he wanted to be closer to the people as commissioner.

"It's the only job I know," he was to say of his elected position. It's a popularity, it was said, came from his generosity. Even before he assumed office Maxwell helped financially several people with money and when he became a commissioner he paid city trucks and employees to distribute milk to his constituents at Thanksgiving. When American Legion members couldn't afford to pay their dues he stepped in and came up with the money.

As he was preparing to seek another term, Maxwell died of a heart attack on Jan. 13, 1968 at the age of 74 some after hospitalization. His contributions to the community have been recognized by naming the Maxwell football field in his honor in Wildwood.

Maxwell was buried at Cold Spring Cemetery in Lower Township.

(Some of the information in this article was re-created at the George F. Boer Museum in Wildwood.)

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OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

\$3.2M renovation is 15-year work (still) in progress

Litigation hamstringing project, rendering its completion an elusive goal

BY MATTHEW BIRCHENOUGH
Staff Writer

OAKLAND • The story of the public library's renovation project is long and includes enough plot twists and turns to rival many of the stories in print on the building's book shelves. And although the tale is well known, it is not as well received. It has, after all, spanned 15 years and counting. And at a cost far beyond original expectations.

Attention is being refocused on being the story to a happy conclusion. This summer, officials say, exterior renovations to the original building, including repainting and repairs to the cupola, are scheduled to begin.

Library Board president Terrie Levin said she hopes the sight of such progress will lift residents' spirits.

"We wanted something visible so the community will get excited," she said. For others, though, the library's saga has soured any excitement they might have once felt.

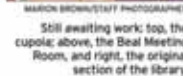
"It's not on anyone's radar," said Gina Steele, a 21-year resident who is running as a Democrat for Borough Council this year. "It just seems like years and years of waste."

Contractual disputes

Ever since voters approved a \$2.6 million referendum to expand the library in 1998, the project has been plagued by litigation.

The project included the renovation of the library's original building and an addition that

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Still awaiting work: top, the cupola; above, the Beal Meeting Room, and right, the original section of the library.

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RIVER EDGE Dedication intersects with borough pride

Portion of road in front of Cherry Hill is renamed 'Joe Maugeri Crossing'

BY STEPHANIE ALBERICO
Staff Writer

A section of Bogert Road in River Edge has a new name. Students, friends, family and borough officials gathered on the front lawn of Cherry Hill Elementary School on the sunny morning of June 5 for a special occasion. Joe Maugeri, a 47-year resident of River Edge and World War II veteran, received his very own street and crossing that town officials named in his honor.

"We're here today to dedicate a very special place to a very special person," said Mayor Sandy Muscatello. "Joe Maugeri Crossing is a special place because Joe Maugeri truly epitomizes the mot-

to of the school system: to take care of yourselves, to take care of each other, to take care of this place."

"Joe Maugeri Crossing" was unveiled in front of the school, where Maugeri has showed up nearly every morning, afternoon and evening for the past 15 years to shuttle children and their parents safely across the road. Maugeri has also served as commander of the local VFW for 23 years.

Residents attended not only to watch the ceremony, but also to gush about Maugeri's long history of serving others with grace and a permanent smile.

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The street sign in front of Cherry Hill School designating Bogert Road as "Joe Maugeri Crossing" was unveiled at a ceremony on June 5 honoring Maugeri's 15 years as a crossing guard.



From left, students Andrea Libano, ToniAnne Gagliostro and Julia Panchi got the ball rolling on the street name change in honor of Joe Maugeri, their crossing guard. Standing behind the students and Maugeri are members of the River Edge Police Honor Guard.

RIVER EDGE Plan may give boost to downtown

Entity would manage improvement district

BY STEPHANIE ALBERICO
Staff Writer

Consultants Donald Stuart and Mark Gordon appeared before the River Edge Council on June 5 to revisit the possibility of creating a special improvement district (SID) in the borough.

According to a memo, "An improvement district is a defined area, generally in the central business district of a downtown or a mixed-use corridor in a larger city, that is authorized by state law and created by an ordinance of the local government to collect a special assessment on the commercial properties and/or businesses in that area. That assessment is granted to a District Management Corporation."

The goal of the SID is to help business and property owners organize and raise money to improve the downtown and business sections to make those areas more appealing to customers and fellow business owners.

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THE DELIGHTS OF SUMMER



Above, a vendor for De Pickle scoops a container of gardeners, a vegetable medley, for township resident Enid Steinberg, left, and her daughter Lily. The two were shopping at the Millburn Farmers Market Aug. 2. Right, Ellie Zamora, 6, sniffs the basil her mom, Katie, bought at the Farmers Market.



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ENVIRONMENTAL INVENTORY

Taking a record of resources

By Harry Trambore

For the first time since 2005, the township is completing an assessment of its environmental health. An Environmental Resources Inventory is being conducted under the auspices of the Millburn Environmental Commission. Township Committee meeting for township's residents, Vic Boreas, said that the inventory is expected to be done every five years.

The inventory has a \$15,000 contract with King County Environmental Consultants, Inc., to complete the inventory. Boreas said the town of Millburn and Short Hills. The Environmental Commission has received a grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissioners (ANJEC) to cover half of the cost. The commission has been studying maps and other data pertaining to the area and will do field work for the inventory near the end of their study. "We're being looking forward to this for quite some time," Boreas said. According to ANJEC, a municipality's environmental inventory can provide "baseline documentation for monitoring and making resource protection issues as well as "helps take community concerns and values."

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PARKING

Deck opening delayed Officials cite issues with concrete, electricity

By Lindsey Kelleher

Staff Writer

Due to several maintenance issues, the parking deck in Millburn's Municipal Lot 2 - originally intended to open to the public - will not be ready until after Labor Day. One of the issues involved surveying and engineering state of deficient concrete in various areas of the deck. According to Millburn Township's construction code official Robert Jones, parts of the concrete were deemed deficient according to the results, because their strength and hardness did not meet the required level. There is no way of telling if the concrete will be right until it starts to harden, Jones explained. Millburn Township Council member Robert T. Brown, who is the Commission's finance chairman, said the parking deck project and the additional concrete for the maintenance issue and not a structural one. "The report about the concrete in the deck likely is to be outside and will create two maintenance," explained T. Brown. "The contractor for the project, Dimeo Inc. of Maple, N.J., should be placed above or below ground." Planning the work above ground would have been less expensive but would have required more than one year to be completed, an Essex County, according to Millburn Township's engineering consultant, Timothy Gordon. Township officials previously decided that when would go below ground because the contractor was able to install them in a cost-effective manner. The amount of steps in the deck's foundation were also a concern because they would create a problem, according to T. Brown. Township officials did not provide a final figure for the cost of the deck project when asked about possible increases. The deck is likely to cost \$7 million. The deck is likely to be finished after parking work will begin in August. Lot 2 is a municipal parking lot that was part of a larger project that was expected to start this summer. Parking work is scheduled to start in August. Lot 2 is a municipal parking lot that was part of a larger project that was expected to start this summer. Parking work is scheduled to start in August. Lot 2 is a municipal parking lot that was part of a larger project that was expected to start this summer. Parking work is scheduled to start in August.

MAKING A SPLASH



Funniest Swim Day Splash Contest champions, from left, Noah Bergan (8-10 year-old), Thomas Beacham (13 year-old), Kasey Cox (7 year-old), Sawyer MacIntosh (high school) and Tom Cheneault with the star. Photo by Harry Trambore for the New Jersey Press. Photo by Harry Trambore for the New Jersey Press. Photo by Harry Trambore for the New Jersey Press. Photo by Harry Trambore for the New Jersey Press.

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PIECING IT TOGETHER

Crossword Centennial

100 years ago, Cedar Grove man creates a national 'craze'

BY DAN ROSENBLUM

Surprisingly, Cedar Grove is not a town of about 10,000 people and the Census Bureau's 2010 population estimate for the town is 10,000. It was only when they put a bid on the house did they learn they were moving to the crossroads of crossword history.

December will mark 100 years since Arthur Wynne's creation — a crossword puzzle — ran in a New York newspaper. Since that time, the magazine puzzle has become a global, well-loved pastime and a source of entertainment for millions of people. And it all began with a British immigrant who lived in Cedar Grove.

'I think as human beings, we like to fill in empty spaces. We have a compulsion to do that with everything in life ...'

WYNE (1874-1945) was a crossword puzzle writer for the New York Times. He was born in England and moved to Cedar Grove in 1906. He was a crossword puzzle writer for the New York Times and the Washington Post.



Arthur Wynne's daughter presented a photo of her father to Phil Jagger.

Wynne's crossword puzzles were so popular that they were syndicated in newspapers across the country. He died in London in 1945.



The Essex County Hospital Center in Cedar Grove.

PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

Two managers replaced after inspection

BY ANNEKISTO-FRAN

Two top managers have been replaced following an inspection that criticized operations at Essex County's psychiatric hospital in Cedar Grove.

An independent company found patients at Essex County Hospital Center on Grove Avenue were not being monitored properly, including staff failed to properly monitor medical equipment.

A LOOK AT OUR TOWNS

Employment steady through recession

BY BIRDELA KONIAMA

The Great Recession cut many people's careers and forced millions of others to drive home after their phone and e-mails for work. Though the recession's effects were felt nationwide, conditions in Verona and Cedar Grove seem to have stayed relatively immune to the downturn.

According to a New Jersey Department of Labor and Professional Development report, Cedar Grove leads the district in having the lowest jobless rate in Essex County at 2.7 percent in 2012, according to the data.



Booker, Lonegan outpace competition

BY BIRDELA KONIAMA

Verona and Cedar Grove held a close race for the top of the state in support of Cory Booker and Steve Lonegan during Tuesday's special U.S. Senate primary election.

The duo garnered the most votes in New Jersey for their respective parties and did the same within the local jurisdiction, according to the results.



Republican U.S. Senate candidate Steve Lonegan is joined by his wife Lorraine as he enters to thank his victory speech after defeating Blaine Esch for the nomination in the special election primary in Verona.



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ENVIRONMENTAL LAWSUIT

\$75,000 later, Cedar Grove opts for settlement

BY NARADA K. KARIDIS
 Reporter

In Verona, the lawsuit was set for trial in October's second week. Cedar Grove, Millstone and BlueBell are among the towns that have settled a years-long legal battle over being accused of contaminating the Triens River with sewage. Litigation in each town has cost \$45,000 for cleanup, to be divided between low payments — \$10,000 for Cedar Grove and \$20,000 for the other two. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) launched suit in 2005 against Okonite/Chemical Corporation and its former parent, Chem-Lug, and its former parent, Chem-Lug. The suit, involving three of the towns, was filed in 2005 at the site of a now-defunct manufacturing plant in Newark. The plant, Chem-Lug's "Chemical Chemical Corp.," used the river as a dumping ground for various types of sewage — a highly toxic substance used for chemical wa-

Quick facts

The average home in Verona is valued at \$242,200 this year versus \$217,000 last year, according to the American Geographical Society. Based on the average value of homes in town, the proposed municipal budget would result in a 2.5 percent increase in \$2,753. Total in fiscal year 2013.

RETURNED FOR REVISION

Township Council: Cut municipal budget

BY NARADA K. KARIDIS
 Reporter

Verona's shared township Manager Joseph Martin's proposal for Monday's township council meeting, March 22, requires that \$11.2 million be cut from the 2013 budget. The budget increase to last year's \$14.8 million is not in line with the township's 2.5 percent increase in the average value of homes in town. The township's 2.5 percent increase in the average value of homes in town is not in line with the township's 2.5 percent increase in the average value of homes in town.

POMPTON AVENUE BUSINESSES

Traffic and parking woes pile up

BY TASHA BENDERLIN
 Staff Writer

The artery running through Cedar Grove is notorious for its identity crisis. In Pompton Avenue, the business district, it is a main thoroughfare. In the rest of the town, it is a residential street. The artery, running through Cedar Grove is notorious for its identity crisis. In Pompton Avenue, the business district, it is a main thoroughfare. In the rest of the town, it is a residential street. The artery, running through Cedar Grove is notorious for its identity crisis. In Pompton Avenue, the business district, it is a main thoroughfare. In the rest of the town, it is a residential street.



A pedestrian in the crosswalk in front of 3702 Pompton Ave. in Cedar Grove waits for motor vehicles to pass on Monday morning, April 1.

Raising awareness



The Cedar Grove Library served as the central location for an autism awareness event earlier this week. Among Sarah Margulies reads the autism-friendly picture book, "Since We're Friends," by Connie Safran. Read more about the event, and the final part in a series about parents and their experiences with autism, on page A3.

SAILING SPUDS

Police: potatoes used for 'criminal mischief'

BY TASHA BENDERLIN
 Staff Writer

While many people celebrate of the top up to Easter with egg hunts, a few verities West End residents have found themselves potatoes instead. There was no description of the suspect in article, though the police said there was a report of eggs being stolen shortly after the event. "We're never had an incident of this type before," said the police on March 11.

RIISING HEALTHCARE COSTS

Is Verona headed toward 'financial iceberg'?

Martin talks future of insurance and 'Obamacare'

BY NARADA K. KARIDIS
 Reporter

Health insurance costs are among the biggest issues in Verona township's future, Township Manager Joseph Martin said Monday in a colloquial, rambling a 12.1 percent increase in the average value of homes in town. "Obamacare" officially named the Affordable Care Act, he said, will only increase the financial burden on local government. Under President Barack Obama's new plan, which seeks to provide more affordable and accessible health coverage to all, Verona would face a range of \$65 per person through 2015 — that includes equipment and related expenses and 2015.



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WOOD-RIDGE

Emergency mold remediation at town hall

BY SUSAN JOY CLARK
Staff Writer

The Wood-Ridge Council has passed three resolutions concerning emergency mold remediation at borough hall.

On April 23, the council passed the resolutions that approve Slaco Construction, Inc. of Clifton on a quote of \$14,195 for the remediation of mold, \$7,950 for exterior facade waterproofing and \$17,900 for the restoration of the impacted area in borough offices.

The borough engineer obtained emergency service certification to remedy the situation.

The council acted on the combined recommendations of Niglia Engineering, Borough Administrator Chris Ebert and Borough Attorney Paul Barbire.

"(The mold) was in borough hall around all of the windows," said Ebert. "It was as a result of water infiltration from Hurricane Sandy."

The waterproofing was a preventive measure to protect against mold in the future. The restoration process involved waterproofing and new stucco.

"There were marble panels on the front of the building where the rain penetrated," said Ebert. "We removed the panels, waterproofed it and put stucco on the front of the building."

Borough hall in Wood-Ridge is located at 85 Hasbrouck St.

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SIGNING DAY



PHOTOGRAPH BY MESSINA

New York Giants offensive lineman Kevin Boothe signs autographs for students at the Rochelle Park D.A.R.E. graduation at Midland School on April 25. Boothe was the keynote speaker. For more pictures from the graduation, see page 3.

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

PBA files grievance over overtime assignments

BY KRISTIE CATTAFI
Staff Writer

Arbitration between the Police-union's Intervention Association (PBA) Local 102 and the chief of police is scheduled for this month over a grievance filed last year on the way overtime assignments were distributed.

The grievance to be arbitrated, which was obtained by an Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request, states Chief of Police Michael Colaneri violated the Memorandum of Agreement, the PBA's contract, by failing to distribute available overtime opportunities to qualified members of the police department in accordance with the contract's over-

time policy. The request for submission of a panel of arbitrators was submitted by Local PBA 102's attorney D. John McAsland on June 26, 2012. McAsland said the grievance is because the department was not being equalized.

"The (Chief Colaneri) wasn't living up to his obligation," McAsland said. "He was giving out overtime to certain members over others."

The arbitration is scheduled for May 8 (after press time) at borough hall. McAsland said he represents all members of PBA Local 102 but that this arbitration is in everyone's interest that the contract be followed.

"The union seeks restoration

of the policies applicable to overtime distribution as well as a make whole remedy for all unit members bypassed," the grievance states.

According to the police salary and overtime list from 2012, obtained by an OPRA request, Capt. John Cronin, who also administered and kept track of the overtime, received the most regular overtime with \$28,295.50. Cronin retired April 1 of this year.

Detective Michael Colaneri Jr., the chief's son, received the most total amount of trust and regular overtime pay, which totaled \$31,817.66.

Trust overtime is paid by outside contractors that reimburse the borough for police officers

directing traffic while regular overtime is paid by the town out of the budget and is not reimbursed in any way.

"As the representative of the department, I was afraid that the overtime totals would not be fair to every member in the department," PBA Local 102 Vice President Paul Bassett said. "The numbers don't lie and it's obvious what was done."

Bassett said the skewed amount of overtime hours is why the PBA filed an unfair labor practice.

"We felt what the chief ordered Capt. Cronin to do with overtime was unfair and the numbers prove

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Long cold walk to pre-school



Children's parents fed up with delays and lack of transportation

By Amanda Palasciano
Reporter staff writer

The old story "When I was 1 year old, I had to walk two miles to school uphill in the snow" has unfortunately become a reality for some parents and pre-schoolers in Hoboken. TGI Connors School was hit hard by Hurricane Sandy. The school suffered the loss of their cafeteria and their entire basement, which houses the ICFE's preschool program, a state-funded program.

Three months after the storm, the 3- and 4-year-olds who were attending pre-school at Connors on Second and Monroe streets are being taught in the Brandt School, 213 North St. Parents of these children feel they have been ill-informed of the program being made on Connors' basement and have been asking for a bus since December.

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Choosing Hoboken over the 'burbs

Why some families are staying longer than they used to

By Amanda Palasciano
Reporter staff writer

There are many reasons people move into Hoboken: taverns, restaurants, art, shops, festivals, waterfront parks, and 50,000 spirited neighbors. If that's not enough, Manhattan is just a 20-minute train ride away. The town practically sells itself. Yet, for new parents the age-old question rears its head: Should they give it all up to move to the 'burbs?

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"I was told by the administration that the only way to get a bus was if there was a medical condition."

- Adrienne Rawlins

CHEESY STORY

First 'Mutz Fest' a success

By Amanda Palasciano
Reporter staff writer

MAP Biancamano won the coveted title of "best mutz" at the first "Mutz Fest" competition held in Hoboken last Sunday. Meanwhile, Vito's Deli won a special award for "best sandwich."

The Italian delis in the mile-square city are known nationwide for their fresh, homemade mozzarella cheese, so the Hoboken Family Alliance decided to hold a contest for the best. Folks from as far away as Woodbriar and even Virginia came to the Elks Lodge to try some fresh mozzarella. A line accumulated.

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A 'legal' way to rein in spending

LocalSource uses the Open Public Records Act to investigate municipal spending on legal counsel

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Union County towns spend a considerable amount of taxpayer dollars on legal representation. In fact, the numbers are staggering in some municipalities, while in others, those costs are tightly controlled.

All municipalities have legal representation that is either salaried or a separate outside contract. These attorneys protect the interests of municipalities while providing routine legal services, including drafting ordinances and resolutions and ensuring that elected officials and employees operate within the letter of the law.

However, while the procurement of these services can be different, so can the contracts they use. That is where towns can either pull the reins in on legal costs by ensuring contracts with attorneys are not open ended or they

could find themselves paying dearly for services outside the contracted amount.

How a town handles their legal representation is critical to controlling the financial impact on the municipal budget and ultimately taxpayers. But while officials dissect many aspects of the municipal budget in order to pare costs, legal representation is usually not one of them.

The New Jersey Office of the Comptroller recognized this and provided guidelines for municipalities to follow. The guidelines, called "Best Practices for Engaging and Managing Legal Counsel," was specifically targeted at increasing legal transparency, achieving cost savings and improving contract management with legal firms.

Whether towns have applied these practices, which include developing strong policies and procedures, conducting competitive searches for legal representation and

using formal detailed contracts, is still in question. Some have, but the majority of towns in Union County have not used measures that protect over billing.

The state comptroller's office issued a report in June that looked at a number of towns to see what municipal attorneys actually earn, and the results were compelling. Not only were these municipalities not following the state's best practices guidelines, but in many cases towns were being charged for services they never received or should have been included as part of the legal contracts made with the attorneys representing their interests.

State Comptroller Matthew Boxer said unless towns get a handle on this expenditure, they could end up spending more than they should.

"What we found were repeated failures to review legal See BEST PRACTICES, Page 5

Kean's record shows school a long way from 'world class'

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

UNION — These past few years have been difficult years for Kean University. Falling enrollment, \$330 million in debt, a president that falsified his academic records, mismanaged federal aid, academic probation, NCAA suspensions, a lousy bond rating and a very costly satellite campus forged with China are all problems that have plagued the university. But all this turmoil has not prevented Kean from trying to create a "World Class Educational Community," as the school likes to call it.

But is it working out for the students and teachers, or just the contractors that benefit from the school's massive expansions and upgrades?

According to sources at Kean, enrollment for the fall semester continued the downward spiral that began last fall, with the number of registered students sinking to 14,700, compared to 15,300 in 2012 and 16,100 in 2011. The university did try to increase its freshmen enrollment, though, by accepting applicants rejected in the spring. Something one tenured professor said was "deplorable."

Declining enrollment, among other things, was the reason U.S. News and World Report did not even list Kean in their rankings this year. Last year the university was ranked 133, and faculty in the Kean Federation of Teachers union are more than concerned.

"That means we have been demoted," said KFT President James Castiglione last week. Other professors said they feared Kean's reputation took a hit from all the bad press that surfaced in 2011 and 2012 when it was discovered that Kean President Howard Farabi falsified his academic credentials.

Much of this information surfaced because the KFT investigated and disclosed that Farabi falsified his records, and these tenured employees do not deny the university would be far better without him. "We not only are losing our reputation as a university, we have become the laughing stock of the educational community," said a professor who has taught at Kean for 28 years. "Take a look around campus. It's deserted."

The decline in enrollment was quite visible on See KEAN, Page 4



Controversy continues to follow Kean University as the school plans a very costly dormitory expansion in the midst of declining enrollment.

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Sandy Castle's second attempt breaks Guinness World Record

At 38.17 feet, castle sets new world record on Point Beach shore

BY KIMBERLY MOLLO
of Garden

POINT PLEASANT BEACH — Beachgoers did better than the old adage true this week — "It's not your aunt's record, it's your age!" On the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Sandy in Tumbler, Oct. 29 — Guinness World Records, publisher Philip Johnson visited Mr. Jernett and his massive sand castle on Point Pleasant Beach to verify the new record.

Standing tall at 38 feet, the "Sandy Castle" sets the previous record by just a few inches, and has now entered the record books as the world's tallest sand castle.

Mr. Jernett accepted the record for his castle in front of dozens of spectators, who flocked around the giant sand structure during the chilly late afternoon to watch a prize piece of history unfold.

"Think now to everyone who stepped on these shores seven months and stuck with us when things were looking grim — you are all survivors and we are every strong," Mr. Jernett said.

As stated in his name, the "Sandy Castle" says "Second Edition" was not Mr. Jernett's first attempt to break the world record on the Jersey Shore.

Earlier this year, Mr. Jernett, of Haines and currently residing in Point Pleasant Beach and his friend, Alan Paine, of Point Pleasant Beach High School graduate and director of Island Heights, worked with a team of volunteers to reconstruct the first "Sandy Castle" in the city.

Mr. Jernett actually had an early build since the construction of a 37-foot, six-inch tall castle in Connecticut in 2009.

Seeking out to beat his own record, he and Johnson worked through the summer on Point Pleasant Beach. However, the first attempt went south and, ultimately, did not measure.

Beachgoers' construction work and other Hurricane Sandy-related construction projects broke the sand castle throughout its construction, causing half-life fractures within the structure of the beach, Mr. Jernett said. The fractures were caused by 60 tractors from work such as the driving of beachbreak pilings into the ground and ballast piling used on the beach.

The first Sandy Castle fell just three feet short of the



"Sandy Castle 2013, Second Edition" breaks the Guinness World Record for Tallest Sand Castle this week. Along with Jernett (left) and Alan Paine designed the project in close unity for Hurricane Sandy victims through the Jersey Shore, and have raised more than \$10,000 through the sale.

and castle that would make the record books. That included donating a set of completely hand-carved castles, without help of machinery. The castles also could not have been constructed on beaches to support it, and had to be sitting on level ground.

Just in time for the anniversary of the hurricane whose impact it is making sense, Mr. Jernett, with the help of numerous volunteers from the area, reached his goal and stood before an applauding crowd on Tuesday afternoon.

Behind him, "Sandy Castle" says "Second Edition" looked up to the sky as spectators, proud for patience as best of its with beach and family.

The second attempt is a 38-foot-tall sandcastle, featuring giant gargoyles surrounding it on the sand below. The castle is topped with a tall spire which helped to meet the record height.

According to the Guinness 4,000 volunteers, including 2,000 children, took his time to build this sand castle for charity. He was the first Guinness World Record for the Tallest Sandcastle to ever when his creation measured 37 feet, four inches tall in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

The record is also available to the public. Mr. Jernett, who has been back for over a month since then, he has been back for over a month since then.

For more information about Sandy Castle, visit www.sandycastle.org. Sandy Castle is also on Facebook (SandyCastle), and is registered (info@sandycastle.org). "Sandy Castle" says "Second Edition" will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Nov. 5.

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LAKE STREET

Bridge work is bad for business

BY CATHERINE CARRERA
Staff Writer

RAMSEY – Due to the closure of Lake Street, merchants on Main Street say they have taken a “40 to 50 percent” hit on projected holiday sales.

The closures are due to two projects which started in November at the Lake Street bridge over the Ramsey Brook between East Crescent Avenue and Franklin Turnpike by Garrison Park. The county is working on the bridge while the borough is tackling a water main replacement project in the same area.

“In general, both portions of the project are proceeding and are on schedule,” Business Administrator Bruce Vucich said on Friday, Dec. 20.

The borough’s \$600,000 portion of the project, which is being done by P.M. Construction, involves replacing a 100-year-old, 6-inch water pipe with a 12-inch pipe and is set to be completed the week of Jan. 20, Vucich said.

“Virtually the full length of the new main is in place,” but testing needs to be conducted, he said.

The county’s portion of the project involves replacing the

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Caroline Pennell performing on “The Voice.”

RAMSEY THEATRE

January’s show time

BY CATHERINE CARRERA
Staff Writer

RAMSEY – With the recent installation of digital projectors, the Ramsey Theatre has finally caught up with the times – but it won’t begin showing movies until mid-January.

“We’ve been working seven days a week, well into the night each day,” theater manager Laura Rose said in an interview last week about theater renovations that began in November.

The 86-year-old theater at 125 E. Main St. shut down August due to the retirement of the building’s owner, Peter Vivian Rose, her husband, Dave, and business partner Karen Emmert incorporated as Ramsey Theatre LLC, which took over the business. They also own Parrot Swirl next door.

The new owner of the building, Hala Alani, planned to expand her hair salon. However, in response to public protest and community interest, the trio raised more than \$125,000 in pledges to restore the theater via kickstarter.com.

The trio bought two new projectors, two new screens, new speakers, a point-of-sale (POS) system, an acoustic wall and carpeting, all of which have already been installed, Rose said. Upgrading the theater’s film projector

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‘THE VOICE’

Reality show experience is a career-changer for Ramsey senior

BY CATHERINE CARRERA
Staff Writer

RAMSEY – Hours after performing in the finale of NBC’s “The Voice,” Candice Pennell lost her.

“Last night was unforgettable,” the 17-year-old said in a raspy voice at odds with her trademark soft sound.

The Ramsey High School senior and Saddle River resident was sitting in her Marriott Hotel room in Los Angeles speaking by phone the day after the show’s fifth season finale Dec. 17 featuring superstars Lady Gaga

and Céline Dion.

Pennell said her favorite part of the evening was singing Queen’s “Bohemian Rhapsody” with her pals Jackie Lee, Matthew Schuder, Cole Vinsbury and James Wolpert.

“We were always attached at the hip,” she said.

She had made it to the top eight out of 20 contestants on the talent show, voted off the last week of November. So being back on stage for the final group performance “felt like I was back home,” she said.

“I made friends here that I’ll have for the rest of my life.”

In addition to those bonds, Pennell said, she gained confidence, insight into the music industry and motivation to pursue a career in it.

“I’m so much more willing to try pursuing a career in music now than I ever was before – actually, I never even thought of having a career as a musician before,” she said. “My life has completely shifted.”

Prior to auditioning for the show, she said, she had sent out college applications, although she wasn’t sure what she would study.

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BUSINESS

Belleville eatery featured on reality show

BY ROMAN J. USCHAK
Staff Writer

Don't believe absolutely everything you see on television. That adage could apply to Michael's Roscommon House, located on Jerusalem Street in Belleville. The restaurant/bar sports a large shantock on its exterior, and also appeared on the popular TV reality show "Restaurant Stakeout" in June.

"They portrayed us as an failing, and we're not," said Frank Dauksis, owner of the popular Belleville establishment that will celebrate its 51st anniversary in November. "A friend of mine works for the crew," said Dauksis of the show. "They asked me if we wouldn't mind being involved."

The "failure" route, with host Willie Degle coming in to "save" the bar, was creatively scripted. "Even the fake was fake," laughed Dauksis. "I really just did it for the publicity ... They changed the show around, (as) I didn't want us to be portrayed badly."

The major plotline cooked up was that the bar's biggest selling item was Jersey (Buffalo) Wings. The recipe had apparently sold by an unscrupulous cook — but six weeks later, the bar was "saved" by implementations suggested by Degle, who actually filmed his scenes on-site.

The six weeks, though, was only in TV time. "It was really two days later," said Dauksis of the actual time

frame. The show aired on June 19 on the Food Network, and he said there was a huge party held at the Michael's Roscommon House that evening. The gathering drew over 300 people, and also provided a lot of laughs.

"It was fun," recalled Dauksis, who was referred to as Frank Douglas on the show. "It was definitely an experience watching myself on TV."

Keeping the show a secret from the bar's regulars wasn't really much of, well, a secret.

"Everyone pretty much knew," smiled Dauksis. "It was tough to fool anyone that anything was happening here."

Dauksis' parents began running the Roscommon House 21 years ago, although it's been in the family since it first opened its doors back in 1982. He helped take over after his father passed away 11 years ago, while his mother retired in 2011.

"I knew I would take over one day," said Dauksis, who also went to Seton Hall University. "In the back of my mind, I always wanted to be in the family business."

Born and raised in Belleville, Dauksis actually grew up right around the corner from Michael's Roscommon House.

"Everyone complains about changes (in town), but I feel it's the same community," he said.

He added that the Valley portion of town may have changed a bit over the years, in terms of business that are no longer in oper-



Frank Dauksis, owner of Michael's Roscommon House, and a Belleville native, made his television debut in June when his Jerusalem Street establishment was featured on the popular "Restaurant Stakeout" show on the Food Network.

ation. "I pretty much know everyone in town," he said. "I still feel it's the same community, in the restaurant."

The bar's motto is actually "where you're a stranger only once."

Dauksis employs about 20 people in all, and is open for business 24/7, 365 days annually.

Even if "Restaurant Stakeout" wasn't 100 percent real, the attention it drew to Michael's Roscommon House immediately afterwards was.

"Business picked up the first month afterwards," recalled Dauksis. "We had new people coming from New York and pretty much a 30-mile radius, including Manhattan."

Now the restaurant heads into its busiest time of the year, with the National Football League ready to start its regular season this weekend. It's a time when Saturdays are "crazy," according to

Dauksis. Weeknights can get pretty busy as well.

"It's usually a 30-minute wait on Friday," he said.

The biggest time of year of all, of course, comes every mid-March. "St. Patrick's Day is our biggest time of year," beamed Dauksis. "We go through 1,200 pounds of corned beef."

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ROCHE

Council OKs redevelop plan

BY ROMAN J. USCHAK
Staff Writer

The Belleville Township Council voted 5-4-1 last Tuesday to adopt the Roche Diagnostic Area redevelopment plan.

First Ward Councilwoman Marie Strumolo Burke voted against the ordinance during the special council meeting.

Prior to the vote, Strumolo Burke said she supported developing the property at 11 Franklin Ave., adjacent to Clara Maass Medical Center, but not for such things as fast food restaurants. She thanked Roche, then asked the council to table the vote. Township Attorney Thomas Murphy and Mayor Kay Kimbelle told her that stage had passed.

Roche still owns the land, which no longer has buildings. The Belleville Planning Board

approved the redevelopment plan in July before sending it back to the council.

John Madden, who drafted the plan for Maaser Consulting, said it would be difficult for a new hospital to obtain a certificate of occupancy, given Clara Maass' close presence. He also said a provision was made if Clara Maass wanted to extend operations, but the hospital indicated it had no desire to expand.

The council had earlier decided not to use the site as an ambulance center since Clara Maass provided that function.

Murphy addressed talk of putting a medical helicopter pad on the property. "It's probably inappropriate for a residential area and for [future] occupants," said Murphy, to which Madden concurred.

Larry Feigenbaum, global operations counsel for Roche Molecular, also spoke at Tuesday's meeting.

Roche has been involved a number of years with the town," said Feigenbaum. "Part of the discussion was a redevelopment plan for the property. It's been a very positive experience working with Maaser and the town."

He said Roche supports the plan as the property's owner. "It can be a great catalyst for the town again," he said.

Feigenbaum noted that the specific title holder was Roche Diagnostic Corp., a sister company to Roche Molecular.

The next regular meeting of the council is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Town Hall.

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EVENTS

County to host annual 9/11 ceremony

Essex County will hold its annual September 11th Memorial on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 8 a.m. at the Essex County Eagle Rock Reservation, located on Eagle Rock Avenue in West Orange.

"After the attacks, people spontaneously came to Eagle Rock Reservation to view the tragedy unfold as the Twin Towers and lower levels, letters, photos and flowers in an impromptu memorial in honor of their loved ones. I knew immediately that this was the natural location for a memorial because of the public attraction to this site and the unparalleled view of the World Trade Center from the lookout area," said Essex County Executive Joe Driscoll.

"Our September 11th Memorial is a special place for people to come for solace and comfort because of its unique location and its powerful message of peace and hope."

The Essex County Eagle Rock September 11th Memorial was dedicated in October 2002. Its elements pay tribute to the men and women, police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who lost

their lives that day at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, in Pennsylvania, and aboard the four airplanes that crashed. A new monument was added to the Eagle Rock site in 2009 to honor the 33 flight crew members who lost their lives, and a 7,400-pound steel and concrete artifact from the World Trade Center's foundation came along in 2011 along with a plaque that honored 9/11 emergency medical technicians.

Plans for Belleville's remembrance were not definitive at press time, although past events have taken place at the township's 9/11 Memorial Park, located at the corner of Franklin and Chestnut Streets. Belleville residents lost on 9/11 include Antoinette Dager, Harry Barnes, and Harvey J. Gardner III.

Neighboring Nutley will also hold a remembrance ceremony for victims of the terrorist attacks at 10 a.m. Sept. 11 at the 9/11 monument in front of Town Hall. Nutley residents who lost their lives 12 years ago included Franco Lalamo, Dorota Kopiczko, and Lt. Hubert Ciri.

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Ramapough Chief Dwaine Perry, Mahwah Mayor William Laforet, and Mahwah schools Superintendent Dr. Lauren Schoen at a press conference last week.

'OUT OF THE FURNACE'

'Backwoods' portrayal decried

BY CATHERINE CARRERA
Staff Writer

MAHWAH • A New York Post article about the R-rated film "Out of the Furnace" published Nov. 30 struck a chord with community leaders who gathered "in solidarity" on Wednesday, Dec. 4, to denounce its "disgraceful" portrayal of the Ramapough Indians.

Mayor William Laforet, schools Superintendent Dr. C. Lauren Schoen and Ramapough Chief Dwaine Perry held a press conference at town hall in response to an article by Tom Donnelly, headlined "New movie lifts curtain on NJ's Ramapough Mountain people," in which the Ramapoughs are called "tough-as-nails New Jersey hillbillies."

According to Relativity Media, the film, directed by Scott Cooper, is a drama about brothers Russell

Bane, played by Christian Bale, and Rodney, played by Casey Affleck, who become involved with underground fighting rings in the Northeast. But for Laforet, who saw it that same night — two days before its nationwide release — it is "nothing more than a sensational attempt to generate money by denigrating and insulting part of our American culture," he said.

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UTILITIES AUTHORITY

\$13M budget OK'd; rates undetermined

BY REBECCA GREENE
Staff Writer

WALDWICK • The Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority on Tuesday, Dec. 5, approved its 2014 budget which calls for \$13 million in expenditures, reflecting a rate increase of 1.2 percent but a 10.8 percent rate decrease from last year's original budget before it was amended. The authority's Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the 2014 budget appropriating \$12,872,362, a

decrease of \$2,652,005 or 17 percent from the 2013 budget figure.

"Later this month, we will have the sewage flow numbers for the full 12 months of operation and we will inform the municipalities of their share of the \$11,999,925 service charges," Executive Director Howard Harwitz said.

The authority calendar year is Dec. 1 to Nov. 30. It is required to provide the rate information

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PLANNING BOARD

The end of testimony in hearings on major retail development gives residents their say before decision

BY CATHERINE CARRERA
Staff Writer

MAHWAH • Crossroads Developers' testimony on a proposed 600,000-square-foot town center ended last week, opening the door to members of the public, who will be able to comment on the application next month. The developer provided the

Planning Board with its final renderings of the so-called retail and "lifestyle center" and testimony on architectural and security plans for it on Monday, Dec. 2.

"Their case is closed," board attorney Peter Scardariato announced at the conclusion of preliminary site plan hearings on the application next month.

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Phil Wisner and his dummy Rusty know how to make people smile.

Ventriloquist can still make people smile

BY LISA SPEAR
Staff Writer

RIVER VALE • Thirty-five years after he put his ventriloquist's dummy down and stopped starring in candy commercials and mingling with celebrities, Phil Wisner still has it in him to make people smile.

Phil, a resident of the Jewish Home for Assisted Living in River Vale, is scintillatingly picking up his old talent to brighten the days of his peers by performing with his dummy Rusty.

"It was so wonderful to see him in his element. He just took that dummy and had a whole conversation with him... even had him singing English and Yiddish songs," said Batya Harris, activity professional at the Jewish Home for Assisted Living in River Vale. "It was adorable and wonderful."

His daughter Haryce Canell of Woodcliff Lake purchased Rusty, the new dummy, for her father after he stole the show from a guest ventriloquist at the assisted living home.

He named the dummy Rusty in honor of the original, which was crafted by the creator of Charlie McCarthy, a dummy wielded by the famous ventriloquist Edgar Bergen.

"You never know when your old talents may surface again," Haryce said. "What you did when you were 10-years-old you might be doing when you're 94."

During his shows, the residents are all laughing hysterically, said Haryce. The women are always hovering and asking him out. "Can we go on a date? That's a big question," she laughed.

Sometimes he sings songs in Yiddish, his native language, and sometimes he invites the audience to ask Rusty, his dummy questions.

Phil discovered his talents early. Born in 1919, he grew up in Williamsburg, where he spent time in the family music store and learned to play several instruments.

In his 20s, Phil toured America for 15 years with his original dummy in vaudeville shows. "He traveled by train, just like in the movies," said Haryce.

Vaudeville, a popular form of entertainment before the invention of television, was composed of acts by every type of performer from animal trainers to plate spinners. They lived transient lives,

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Power in prayer

Women share struggles through church program

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

The group of travelers, all women, has just arrived at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church on a recent Thursday morning. The group's van comes to a stop on Clark Street, and the passengers start to climb out.

The Rev. Cindy Reynolds is there at the door to offer some words of welcome as the women - 14 of them, some young, others closer to middle age and beyond - stream into the church's Blue Room.

From there, Reynolds guides everyone back to the church library, where chairs have been arranged around a conference table.

It's time for Bread for the Journey.

"How many of you have never been here before?" Reynolds asks. A few hands go up. "You're in for a treat."

The women come from a variety of religious and ethnic backgrounds. Some are Catholic, some are Muslim, some are Baptist, some are agnostic.

After everyone has introduced themselves, Reynolds moves on to a reading. But today's reading isn't from the Bible. It's "Oh, the Places You'll Go," by Dr. Seuss.

From there, she asks each woman to state what passages in the book really spoke to them. For some, it's the "waiting place," or getting into the slump while everyone else is getting ahead.

The women seated around the table are all from Integrity House - most of them clients, accompanied by a few staff members. Based in Newark and Secaucus, Integrity House provides treatment for people who are working to overcome substance abuse.

Over the next two hours, the women will share stories. Stories of their own struggles with substance abuse and recovery.

Some of these stories involve some additional sorrow: the loss of a loved one, or abuse, or family troubles. And for some of the women in the library that day, sharing those details is visibly painful for them. But the others

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OVER THE EDGE

A Ford sedan perches on the edge of the ravine leading down to the railroad bed of the Montclair-Boonton Line by the eastbound lanes of Bloomfield Avenue Friday. Six people were taken to the hospital after three cars and the No. 11 NJ Transit bus were involved in the accident at the Glen Ridge/Montclair border. Both lanes of Bloomfield Avenue were closed. See the story, page 2.



ERIN ROLL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hands are joined at the end of the Bread for the Journey session on Feb. 14 at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church, as the participants recite the Serenity Prayer. Bread for the Journey is a monthly discussion program that the church offers for women from Integrity House.

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Sea Bright's post office branch expected to be closed permanently

By John Barton

SEA BRIGHT — Another branch of the U.S. Postal Service is set to be closed, and Rumson is a good service location.

The general services will probably not be reopening in Rumson at 1000 Ocean Ave. The building was severely damaged during the late 1970s storm and remains boarded up.

Representatives from the postal agency, who have completed data and drafted a report looking at whether the branch should be reopened will be convening in the next few days at Rumson and the office headquarters in Washington, D.C. for a final decision.

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Creating the Shine for the High Holy Days in Rumson

By Judy O’Gorman Alvarez

MEMBERS — Just as women leaders, when the holidays come around and company is expected, people appear on the scene and bring out the good cheer to push.

A Congregation Ezer Tzabar of Rumson, a dedicated group, armed with chainsaws, shovels, hammers and other tools, gather to polish the decorative ornaments that adorn the Torah for the upcoming High Holy Days, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

The Torah, the book of laws, is held in the temple's ark — an ornate cabinet — located along the wall facing Jerusalem. To honor the Torah, the scrolls are adorned and protected by a cloth made of gold and silver threads and called — called — *mitenah*.

Members of the Congregation Ezer Tzabar of Rumson, including (from left) Sheryl Landy, Shirley Rubin, and Judy O’Gorman Alvarez, are seen working on the Torah ark ornaments that adorn the Torah at Rumson Temple.

which it sees the two letters of the Torah's words. In Ezer Tzabar, two of the scrolls are adorned with a crown — or *koron* — which means head and a *mitenah* — or *mitenah*.

Sheryl Landy has been part of the polishing team since she was president of the congregation in 1985. “The Torah means a lot to me,” she says. “Previously, the work fell to staff members. Since then, the group has gone through changes, but a handful of members remain devoted to the twice a year ritual of polishing the ark. They assemble before the Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur High Holy Days and upon Rosh Hashana.”

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State, Federal Officials Looking into Highlands House Fall

By John Barton

BERGEN COUNTY — Federal and state agencies are continuing their investigation into what caused a Laurel Street home to fall while being elevated.

The home and two neighboring homes were demolished before the Friday, Aug. 23 incident occurred.

The state Department of Community Affairs’ (DCA) Office of Regulatory Affairs and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) are looking at very specific aspects of the incident.

OSHA is responsible for investigating workplace safety issues according to U.S. Department of Labor spokesperson Levi Fortson. The agency is looking to see whether the contractor working on the location, Hamilton Construction Services, LLC, Long Branch, complied with the safety requirements.

There were no injuries at the scene, she said.

The state Office of Regulatory Affairs is responsible for monitoring land development of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code and is looking to see if the code was being properly followed, said Department of Community Affairs spokesperson Lisa Ryan in an email.

“There is no conclusion at this time,” she said.

Rumson is registered with the DCA as a home improvement contractor and Neil Davison, a division spokesman, OSHA cited Rumson in 2012 for what Fortson labeled a

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Alice's Opens — with a Bit of Ireland — in Sea Bright

By David Singer

SEA BRIGHT — After taking a break from the restaurant business, Sea Bright resident Alice Gallary decided it was time to try her hand at it again.

The result is the newest addition to the beach town's recovering culinary scene, Alice's Irish Pub at 1150 Ocean Ave., which recently had its grand opening.

Gallary, who previously owned the original Chubbuck Inn Pub in Highlands for nearly a decade, was raising the curtains at the Sea Bright Charter School after leaving there last year. She, with her husband, has been in town, which recently had its

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SCHOOLS

BOE approves new security coordinator

Palardy moves over from town police department

By Andrea Hughes
Managing Editor

Cap Michael Palardy Jr. will move from the Millburn Police Department to the Millburn Township Public Schools upon his retirement from the force. Palardy was appointed District Security Coordinator at the July 20 Board of Education meeting.

The Security Coordinator will work for 10 months out of the year, covering a total of 180 days. Chief said the role of the Security Coordinator will be to help other school leaders, and he will help with the district's emergency response plan.

"It's always had a presence for the school system," said Palardy.

Palardy has been with the town since he joined the police department for 20 years. He held the role in the past, but he developed a good working relationship with Building and Grounds Supervisor John Van Zandt, who handles some of the district's security concerns. He plans to share all the details to see if there are any areas that need improvement, and do a security risk assessment. Palardy also said he will look for areas where the district and police department can share resources.

Palardy also said he will be a part of the district's emergency response plan. He will be working with the district's emergency response plan. He will be working with the district's emergency response plan.

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Millburn Police officer Derrick Caspak demonstrates how a license plate reader works. When the device scans a license plate, it gives officers the GPS coordinates of where a car was located and provides them with a photo of the plate.

PHOTO BY JESSICA MILLER

CRIME

Police relying on plate readers

By Lindsey Kelleher

Since beginning to use license plate readers in Millburn Township last year, Millburn Police Department officers have used the devices to solve several crimes.

Last autumn, for example, the department used a license plate reader to identify a suspect who stole two stolen watches, which were worth \$7,500 combined, from a jewelry store at the Mall at Short Hills. To identify the suspect, two Millburn Police officers

reviewed surveillance video from the store to determine the truck was a rental. A criminal investigation is ongoing, and it is still unclear who stole the watches. The police are currently able to do the same with a license plate reader. About 20 minutes from the parking lot, the truck was found and the license plate reader identified the truck and the car.

The license plate reader which recorded the license plate of every vehicle in the mall that day and took their photos, captured the

truck's license plate. Police were then able to determine the truck was a rental. A criminal investigation is ongoing, and it is still unclear who stole the watches. The police are currently able to do the same with a license plate reader. About 20 minutes from the parking lot, the truck was found and the license plate reader identified the truck and the car.

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GOVERNMENT

Some municipal departments getting equipment upgrades

By Lindsey Kelleher
Staff Writer

Several departments in Millburn Township will be upgrading their equipment, getting new vehicles or doing construction work with money they've received from the state's annual budget. With the money, the Millburn Police Department recently purchased a new computer-aided dispatch system, the township's Department will be getting a new sign, the Millburn Recreation Department will be getting two new vehicles, and a new generator will be installed at each of the Millburn Department of Public Works' three parking stations, to make a new opening.

\$1,200,000 will be split between several of the township's departments for upgrading their equipment. This money will be used to purchase new equipment, such as vehicles, computers, and other equipment. The money will be used to purchase new equipment, such as vehicles, computers, and other equipment.

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MOTORISTS, PLAN AHEAD



A sign on Wyoming Avenue alerts motorists to find an alternative route. Repairing work began this week on the roadway and is expected to continue through Friday, Aug. 3. Motorists will still be able to travel on portions of Wyoming Avenue because the work will be done in sections from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, but there will be detour signs and local police officers will be on site to assist with traffic control, according to the Essex County Public Information Office.

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Utility companies blamed for millions in road project delays

BY STEVEN GRABOSKI Staff Writer

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and state universities hope to get an early start on highway construction projects in the fall. But the state is still working through the New Jersey Legislature to get an omnibus bill signed that would allow the state to take control of highway construction projects. The bill, which would allow the state to take control of highway construction projects, is still in the Legislature. The bill would allow the state to take control of highway construction projects, which would allow the state to take control of highway construction projects.

"It was Route 1 as a great model to build other highways on, so we're going to support the bill," said Assembly Speaker Scott Wolf. "It's a great model to build other highways on, so we're going to support the bill." The bill would allow the state to take control of highway construction projects, which would allow the state to take control of highway construction projects.

Assembly Bill 2113 would allow utility companies to file for state assistance with road projects. The bill would allow the state to take control of highway construction projects, which would allow the state to take control of highway construction projects.

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The Department of Transportation is blaming utility companies not making headway on relocation of poles and cables for project delays on the Route 1 project. A bill proposed in the assembly could make utility companies temporarily responsible for holding their crews for relocating poles and lines by deadline.

At 85, Bookstaver is oldest dispatcher in US

BY STEVEN GRABOSKI Staff Writer

The oldest train dispatcher in the United States got up at 6:30 a.m. to get to work at 7 a.m. in the railroad business. He started his career and maintaining track for his employer's growing rail in Rutherford.

Francis Bookstaver, 85, is the oldest train dispatcher in the United States. He started his career and maintaining track for his employer's growing rail in Rutherford. He started his career and maintaining track for his employer's growing rail in Rutherford.

He began working along the Erie Railroad in various locations, where he worked every weekday train to their project tracks. He started his career and maintaining track for his employer's growing rail in Rutherford.



Rutherford native Francis Bookstaver, 85, retired from assistant chief dispatcher role at the N.J. Transit's Rail Operation Center in Kearny last month. He was the oldest employed dispatcher in the country.



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Flooding blamed on bridge platforms

BY HEATHER GRANT Staff Writer

Lyndhurst Road visitors have noticed the Route 1 bridge expansion project, blaming the construction for water damage to the bridge.

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Family mourns loss of young life to addiction

We buried my 21-year-old cousin Courtney on the afternoon of Sept. 5, near her lifelong home in Bergen County. She died two days earlier, after a difficult period scarred by a cruel and far-too-common disease.

Courtney spent the final years of her life as an intravenous heroin addict who shuffled in and out of rehab programs. She vowed to defeat the craving, succeeded for a bit, relapsed and repeated the cycle. For a while, whenever her name came up, updates on Courtney's condition followed.

They surprised me at one particular gig, when I was 16, in the basement of a church in Brick Township. Unprepared and caught off-guard, an overwhelming feeling of love washed over me.

As we aged, I sped from one Friday afternoon to the next, chasing leisure, while Courtney pursued the people and activities that brought her joy. We grew less close, but never apart. The times we saw each other were marked with big hugs, the exchange of memories and the occasional spasm of laughter.



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I'm forever grateful to Courtney for our warm friendship, and that she went out of her way to make that bond clear. I felt honored to commemorate her life when her family asked me to read a prayer at her funeral Mass, in the church that sits steps from her childhood school.

The grim statistics on heroin addiction that appear in news reports don't do the story justice. I'm sure many addicts are otherwise-normal individuals who harbor great shame and, alongside their families, suffer at the hands of this burden.

Those haunting years should have served as the springboard to a long and adventurous adulthood. But, like the last stretch for many who die too young, that time faded to the tragic loss of someone who was loved by more people than she could know.

I doubt my uncle Al thought of his daughter as a mere heroin user when he found her body during the early morning hours of Sept. 3, her lips blue and her hand clutching a needle. He probably remembered Courtney's warm personality, her unique charm and her laugh — a thunderous, inescapably infectious song that rang from deep within her belly.

I'm sure those traits would have shined through the darkness of her addiction, had she been afforded the proper amount of time and assistance.

Instead, her mom and dad must grapple with the most dreadful realizations that a parent could face. They will not see Courtney walk down the aisle on her wedding day or give birth to a child of her own. They will never see her grow up.

My entire family, including Courtney's two older sisters, feel that pain.

For me, the heartache takes a slow hold a few minutes after I wake up and sporadically echoes throughout the day. It's a feeling of grief that I never knew.

Courtney and I had a special relationship that grew as we became teenagers. She was three years younger than me, but the education she received from her sisters bridged the gap.

Long before she had a driver's license, Courtney hitched rides to my punk-rock band's shows with another cousin.

As relatives, we are left to wonder what we could have done to save the life of our loved one. Could I have called more? Why didn't the health insurance provider cover one last visit to an in-patient rehab clinic? And how could somebody so coldly make a living off selling poison to an addict?

Addiction is a brand of slavery that, over time, erases a good person's past in the eyes of strangers. Misconceptions and hasty judgments take favor over a user's unknown history. Those who are on the outside don't consider our hot summer afternoons on the water with Courtney, or her penchant to unashamedly sing and dance in public.

But my family has those memories and the hard-learned lessons that she left behind. With three other cousins who are recovering from opiate addictions right now, we hope that Courtney's death will inspire them to remain clean.

Jack Murtha is a Greater Media Newspapers staff writer. He may be reached via email at jmurtha@gmnnews.com.

Local youths win at arts competition

Freehold resident Damesha Moore took top honors at the National Fine Arts Celebration held Aug. 6-9 in Orlando, Fla.

The National Fine Arts Celebration is a competition hosted by the Assemblies of God National Youth Ministries. The competition receives thousands of entries over dozens of categories in the areas of the arts, including music performance, graphic arts, performance arts and sermon presentation.

Damesha is a student at Southeastern University, Lakeland, Fla., and was chosen out of hundreds of national entries in the category of rap solos, female, according to a press release. Also bringing home an honor was Rachelle LaGrande of the Monroeville section of Marlboro. Rachelle, who is a student at Rutgers University, placed second in the category of female solo vocalist.

Damesha and Rachelle both attend the Monmouth Worship Center, Marlboro.

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RELIGION

Sofer transcribes Torah for local temple

BY LISA SPEAR
Staff Writer

WOODCLIFF LAKE - His name is Nissan Cohen. He is an Israeli sofer, a full-time Torah scribe, who has dedicated a year of his life to crafting new scrolls for Temple Emanuel of the Pascack Valley.

Cohen is already three months into creating the new Torah, a rare honor, said Rabbi Melech Michaels, sofer of Teasock, as by his estimate only 500 to 1,000 Torahs worldwide are commissioned every year, the majority coming from Israel.

In Michaels' 15 years as a scribe serving throughout Bergen and Rockland Counties, he has usually written one Torah. The majority of his work comes from creating and restoring mezzuzim and tefillin, which both contain passages on parchment inscribed with verses from the Torah.

Writing a Torah, or even just one letter in the Torah, is a mitzvah, Yiddish for a good deed, Temple Emanuel's Rabbi Benjamin Shul explained.

It is a process that cannot be learned from a book. Sofers spend a year studying one-on-one with a teacher. "You have to humble yourself in front of another person," said Rabbi Gedaliah Druin, an American sofer. By the time someone is named a sofer, the writing "has to flow like water."

Growing up in public school, Druin had an A+ in everything, but penmanship. Now, he works with Sofer on Site, the Miami-based organization that matched Temple Emanuel with its sofer.

Members of the temple's Torah Writing Project Executive Board scrambled through 50 Hebrew font samples supplied by



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Rabbi Gedaliah Druin is a sofer, a Torah scribe, who will be visiting Temple Emanuel in Woodcliff Lake on April 22 to assist congregants in writing letters in their new Torah currently being commissioned in Israel.

Sofer on Site, to find a scribe fit for the job.

In order to leave room for others to take part in the mitzvah of Torah writing, random letters out of the 504,805, in the 540,000 Torah are being left blank.

On April 22, in what will be the first of five visits that Druin makes to Temple Emanuel, the temple's congregants will fill in the missing letters from the first of the Five Books of Moses, noted Simone Wilker member of Temple Emanuel's Torah Writing Project Executive Board.

Druin will serve as a scribe to guide the hands of the congregants and as an educator.

"The truth is... Can I write a whole Torah with one letter?... Yes," said Druin, who has traveled the world as a scribe restoring scrolls for more than 40 years. "I have had CEOs totally melt writing one letter," Druin remarked, "because they feel the reality of that one letter."

Whether individuals donate \$180,000 or the minimum, \$180, each person is only allowed to write one letter, explained Druin. Every person is significant, just like every letter is significant.

If one piece of the Torah is missing the whole Torah can't function, noted Druin.

The letters are filled in with

pitch black ink, which is prepared one spoonful at a time. A new batch is required for every new writing session, explained temple member Bernie Wilker.

"For my children that get to write a letter in the Torah... My hope is that their children will get to read that letter," said Abby Leisner, chair of the special projects committee for the Woodcliff Lake temple.

The letters sit on the scroll's parchment. Kosher animal skin that was soaked in lime water for nine days to remove the hair, stretched, dried, scraped, sanded, and cut into 62 sheets that are sewn together with kosher ani-

mal ligaments. "It's the same thing that was done 500 years ago... 1,000 years ago... 1,500 years ago," said Druin, who claims that all sofers, including himself have learned thousands of rules.

A Siyum ceremony will kick-off when the whole Torah is finally complete. "When we are celebrating the Torah, we don't learn from it, we take it out and dance with it," Druin remarked.

The scrolls will be marched into their new home under a Hoopie, a canopy typically held above a Jewish bride and groom.

The scrolls will begin their new life, a life that may span hundreds of years, dressed like a king and adorned with silver ornaments. It will live as a physical representation of God's word, explained Shul.

"How many books do you dress up? Put a crown on?... And give it its own apartment and build a mansion around it?" asked Druin.

The new scrolls will join a diverse bunch of five other Torahs housed by Temple Emanuel, including one once salvaged by Hitler for a Jewish antiquity museum in the Czech Republic, for when the leader of the Nazi party believed there would be no more Jews.

The new scroll's text will be sung by Cantor Mark Biddelman every week.

Some day, when the Torah is deemed not kosher, it will be buried in a Jewish cemetery. Although the scroll will be gone, according to Jewish thought, Shul notes, the words will always live on in a life beyond their physical existence as ink on parchment.

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Sofer Transcribes Torah for Local Temple

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TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

Temple hosts adult education workshops

EMERSON - Congregation B'nai Israel is hosting a series of adult education classes that will address how Jews deal with living and dying.

The workshops will be held on Sunday mornings in April from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and will be led by Rabbi Debra Orenstein, Cantor Leny Mandel, and guest speakers.

The workshops are free, however RSVPs are requested by emailing meyl.kutzin@biracl.com at least one week prior to each session.

The remaining series topics are: **Sunday, April 14:** "All I have to do is dream," will be a discussion on Jewish beliefs in the afterlife, led by Orenstein and Mandel.

Sunday, April 21: "Leader of the pack," is a learning session to teach anyone 13 or older how to lead a Shiva mitrayn, conducted by Mandel.

Residents may attend one or all of the sessions. The congregation encourages questions during the classes. Questions may also be posed to the clergy prior to or after a session to Orenstein at rabbib@biracl.com or Mandel at cantor@biracl.com.

Residents of B'nai Israel is located at 53 Palisade Ave. in Emerson. To RSVP, email meyl.kutzin@biracl.com at least one week prior to each session.

For additional information or directions call, 201-265-2272 or visit biracl.com.

MONTVALE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Children's Easter egg hunt announced

MONTVALE - Montvale Evangelical Free Church will be hosting its 3rd annual Community Easter Egg-Stravaganza on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Egg-Stravaganza is free and will include a variety of activities for children through 5th grade and their families.

One highlight of the morning will be an Easter egg hunt with candy-filled eggs and prizes for all those participating.

Children will be divided into age groups and locations for the egg hunts.

Kids may bring their own baskets to collect the eggs.

There will be an educational drama depicting the Easter Story, as well as bounce houses, face painting and crafts. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served.

Non-perishable food donations will be accepted and distributed to the Pascack Food Pantry.

Montvale Evangelical Free Church is located at 141 West Grand Ave. between Pascack Road and Spring Valley Road.

Plenty of parking is available. The event will take place rain or shine.

For more information, call 201-391-6233 or visit montvalechurch.org.

TEMPLE BETH OR

Shabbat services announced

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON - On March 15, Temple Beth Or celebrates Mishpacha Shabbat, a service for the very young and young at heart beginning at 6 p.m.

Shabbat Menucha evening services start at 8 p.m.

Shabbat services on March 1, March 22 and March 29 will begin at 7:30 p.m.

An Oreg will follow services. For information, call 201-664-7422 or visit templebethorj.org.

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Dr. Gary Polito

Super to retire in June

BY LILLIAN ORTIZ

After eight years as business manager of the Cedar Grove School District, Dr. Gary Polito will step down from his post. Polito, who was publicly elected Tuesday for his second year on the Board of Education and the governing body, will leave on June 26. The board unanimously approved his resignation during its public meeting that evening.

"It's been a great ride... I've almost ready to retire retirement and do other projects that I've been looking to do for a very long time," Polito said. The morning after the announcement was made, Board President Frank Marolda told the Times that the board is moving forward with its search for a new superintendent. While he would like to have a replacement in place by the time Polito leaves the district, Marolda said he understands that the process could be a long one.

"We aren't going to rush into that. It's when a little while there are other options," Marolda said, explaining that the board could have an interim superintendent while the search for a full-time replacement continues. "It's not going to be a busy summer for us."

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SAVING LIVES



L.L. Jim Darter, at left, and Phil Tuba check to make sure the ambulances are fully stocked for the Verona Rescue Squad on Monday, Feb. 25.

All good things in life are free
Donations needed for volunteer ambulance service

BY MARIA KARIDIS

A couple months ago, Verona Councilman Jim Frattolillo needed an ambulance while at work in New York City. The ride cost him \$1,000 generally, not including any money for health insurance co-insurance. Verona Mayor Frank Marino, in October, paid \$1,000 for a one-way ambulance ride from his home to a local hospital.

Had other officials needed an ambulance while in Verona or Cedar Grove, they could call on the Verona Rescue Squad. The experience made both men "real supporters" volunteer rescue squads, they said at a recent meeting in Verona. The Verona and Cedar Grove rescue squads — comprised entirely of unpaid volunteers — do not charge for their services. And, in order to cover the cost of required medical supplies, vehicle maintenance, emergency training and so on, these volunteers fundraise. They are not related to regular taxis.

Budget estimate is \$21M

BY MARIA KARIDIS

Verona's municipal budget for 2013 is estimated to total at \$21.5 million — about \$170,000 higher than last year, according to Township Manager Joseph Marino. Most of the increase resulted from Cedar Grove.

Verona's police department is the largest line item on the municipal budget, coming at \$1.9 million. Of that, \$1.3 million is combined off for salaries and wages.

At the same point, the committee going to prepare out of all of the items, Councilman Michael Frattolillo said at Monday's town council meeting. The cost

EMOTIONAL ROLLER COASTER
Parenting: When a home away from home is best



Cedar Grove parents Kim and Andrew Epituck and their children Andy, 25, and Abby, 17.

For Cedar Grove's Andy Epituck, turning 21 is a double-edged sword. It's his last year at the Cedar Grove public school district, but he's not going to pay for the next 20 years of out-of-district education costs. (Although, technically speaking, Andy has spent the past four years in residential "off-shore" facilities, but in Pennsylvania and then in Massachusetts, both of which have worked wonders for him.) Through Andy Epituck, state funding to support educational alternatives in residential programs, such as funding down the typical by page for out-of-state services.

Superior Court
Conference for murder case postponed

Verona resident shot one year ago

BY PETER FRANKEL

Monday marked the one-year anniversary of the murder of Verona resident Joseph Rossi at his Blawiefield estate. Joseph Rossi, 46, was shot and killed by a 19-year-old man, Joseph Rossi, Jr., on March 25, 2012. The defendant will not be arraigned, according to Essex County Prosecutor, Clifford Spitzer, until later this year.

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BY LAURA HERZOG

The Ridgewood High School (RHS) Learning Commons project will move forward this year, starting with a round of educational (RCE) discussion next week. The school's progress is slow, but it is following the path that the district and parents want.

The RCE is planning to discuss "next steps" for the Learning Commons project at a meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday Dec. 16. Superintendent David Pashley said the work.

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LET IT RAIN, LET IT RAIN, LET IT RAIN



The Ridgewood Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Christmas for the Holidays and tree-lighting celebration on a rainy night last Friday. Above left: The tree is lit. Top right: In memory of Michael...

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PARKING

County may join search for solution

BY DAVID JAMES

The Village of Ridgewood is hoping to partner with Bergen County in solving some of the most vexing parking issues, according to Mayor Paul...

Additional meetings between Ridgewood and county transportation officials are expected to take place in January and February and possibly next...

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EDUCATION

District sees increase in student anxiety

A look ahead

BY LAURA HERZOG

Discussions among Ridgewood teenagers is an increasing topic, according to local officials and students.

Some teens are "self-medicate" with drugs and alcohol, some are "couching" after high school...

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when they thought they would be "in control." In the same line, one corporate at RCE district student...

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SCHEDLER PROPERTY

Future use will require balancing act

BY DAVID JAMES

For the first time in more than a year, the Ridgewood Council publicly addressed the future use of the property owned by Schelder property...

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A large group of residents attended last week's council meeting to discuss the Schelder property.

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Laura Herzog





Children and parents learned about autism during an awareness event at the Cedar Grove Public Library Tuesday, April 2. The event was hosted by the R.E.A.L.I.S.E. (Reaching Excellence for Alternative Learners in Special Education) parent group of Cedar Grove, along with the Junior Women's Club of Cedar Grove. Above, square picture shows kids with autism awareness signs are distributed to children.

AUTISM: PARENTS SHARE THEIR PERSONAL STORIES

Being comfortable with the differences of others

Cedar Grove mother discusses her fight for acceptance

By CAROLEEN MASO Staff Writer

The world is filled with social norms that many brain-collared adults. While it might be acceptable for a person to sit and nervously shake his leg, it may not be acceptable for a person to unconsciously shake his head.



Caroleen Maso

According to Neurology, 1 in 100 children are born with autism. It is a developmental disability that affects communication and social skills. It is a spectrum disorder, meaning it can range from mild to severe. In April, Autism Awareness Month, Cedar Grove mother Caroleen Maso shares her personal story of her son's diagnosis and her journey to acceptance.

The number of children diagnosed with autism in New Jersey is among the highest in the nation. One out of every 40 children in the state, according to the Centers for Disease Control, has been diagnosed with the disorder, which affects social interaction, motor movements and causes repetitive behaviors. Throughout April – Autism Awareness Month – the Times will share the stories of local parents and their experiences with autism.

When her daughter's diagnosis came, Maso was surprised. She had always seen her son as a typical child. It wasn't until she started to notice his social skills that she began to worry. "I was just at the very edge of the normal range," Maso said. "He would be doing something like sitting on top of someone, but not consistently or not."

SHAKE YOUR DON-BOON

14-hour dance-a-thon will benefit Autism Speaks

By HELEN KARDON Staff Writer

Leading research into the causes, prevention, treatments and cures for autism is one of the top priorities for Autism Speaks. The event will take place in the cafeteria of the school on Tuesday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. The 14-year-old had raised about \$1,000 in donations, some through a dance-a-thon, some through a bake sale, and some through 11 other events.

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Clothing donations to support school
Cedar Grove Memorial Middle School (CGMS) will have a spring clothing drive on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8.
The Spring Family School Auction (FSA) will collect gently used or new clothing, hats, books, handbags, shoes, toys, and small appliances. Items will also be collected and donated to the local community. For more information, please contact the FSA at 973-812-0614.

Beefsteak dinner for local family
Tickets are still available for the Cedar Grove Elks Beefsteak Dinner and may be ordered on April 11.
Proceeds from the evening will help the Elks family plan their special needs son in a trip to the Emerald Green and White, a 500-acre resort in the mountains of Colorado. Tickets are \$40 and include beef, fish, salad, dessert and beer or soda. The event will be held at the VFW Hall, 970 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove. The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

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Crowd protests plan for pipeline upgrade

BY DAVID ZIMMER
Staff Writer

A crowd of more than 70 people gathered near the Woodlands Elementary in West Milford on last night to protest a proposed pipeline expansion project that would cut through more than 20 miles of forest from southern Pennsylvania to Mahwah.

The Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's pending Northeast Upgrade Project (NEUP) is a \$4-billion, multi-year project to increase capacity and expand the delivery of natural gas to the northeast for the industry's increasing energy needs in households, schools, businesses, localities that have been concerned over the project on both the local and national levels.

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Caroline Gaine from Franciscan Response to Fracking, a group designed to spread awareness about a controversial natural gas extraction technique, joined around 70 people who demonstrated on the corner of Greenwood Lane Turnpike and East Stone Drive in West Milford to express their frustrations with a pending, Tennessee Gas Pipeline expansion project on Saturday, Jan. 19. The project, known as the Northeast Upgrade, would dig up a few thousand feet from the city's location.

PEQUANNOCK

Chilton rigs still running for town

BY STEVE JANSON
Staff Writer

A new agreement allowing Chilton Hospital to continue providing the town with fire ambulance coverage — as long as it keeps two rigs on duty — was agreed to last night by the Township Council at its Jan. 22 meeting.

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HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING



Two firefighters tend to the blaze during Lincoln Park's Christmas tree lighting at the Community Lake on Jan. 21.

KINNELON

School security gets careful look

BY DEBORAH WALSH
Staff Writer

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POMPTON LAKES

Recycling is new year focus

BY LESLIE BODY
Staff Writer

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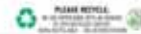


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GARFIELD

City fire department gets grant

BY KRISTIE CATTAFI
Staff Writer

The Garfield Fire Department is the recipient of a new federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to help it purchase 43 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr. announced that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) awarded the Garfield Fire Department a grant in the amount of \$193,500 for the 43 SCBAs and extra bottles to provide extended operational time.

"Ensuring the safety of Garfield residents against the dangers of fire starts with providing the community's firefighters with the equipment they need. That's what the FIRE grants are all about," stated Pascrell, who introduced the Firefighter Investment Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act in March 1999. "This grant will ensure that these brave professionals have every advantage available to keep the risk of loss of life and property damage at an absolute minimum. The FIRE Act was written here in Northern New Jersey with the purpose of helping communities support their first responders and bolster public safety."

The AFG program makes direct grants to fire departments to purchase

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BUNNY BOYS



Darany and Paul Stolarz sit with the Easter Bunny at Wallington Hose Company's annual breakfast at the Wallington Civic Center on March 24.

PHOTO: JAMES WOOD

GARFIELD

Screening process begins for chromium testing

BY KRISTIE CATTAFI
Staff Writer

Chromium testing in Garfield residents' toenails hasn't officially started yet but people can begin the screening process to see if they qualify.

The New York University (NYU) School of Medicine's Department of Environmental Medicine will be conducting the tests. According to City Manager Toren Duch, NYU is looking to test up to 250 residents between the ages of 21 and 65. He said it will take over a year to put the analysis together and afterwards the results will be shared with the city.

In order to be considered for the study a person has to live in Garfield for at least two years, not smoke or live with a smoker, not be a diabetic, have no knee or hip replacements or take any chromium supplements.

Anyone interested in being included in the study can call 645-731-3651 or email Bernadette.Berdord@nyumc.org.

The partnership with Garfield and NYU was approved in November. The environmental medicine department's community outreach director, Dr. Judith Zelikoff said the school is currently validating the system for measuring chromium in toenail clippings and meeting with city officials.

A major concern for residents in the chromium contaminated Superfund site area has been the need for testing to see if their health has been affected by chromium. NYU's Department of Environmental Health has ways to measure chromium with toenail clippings, where it can determine a level of exposure in the body for the past 18 months.

Zelikoff explained there are limits and guidelines to what is an acceptable amount of chromium. "We hope to find that no one in Garfield is exposed over the limit and to relieve stress," she said in

November to the Garfield Council.

She said if anyone is found who is exposed they will be notified and NYU will work with them and Garfield moving forward with strategies. The program was set up by City Public Health Nurse Darleen Revestic who had permission from the council to move the agreement forward with the NYU School of Medicine.

The NYU National Institute for Environmental Health Science (NIEHS) and the Center for Excellence Community Outreach and Engagement Core are funding the

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Second Phase of Chromium Excavation Begins

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End is near for Meadows' landfills



A view from atop the Kingdome Landfill, looking south. The first of the landfills to be remediated in the Kingdome Redevelopment Plan, progress has been made so that the area formerly known as EnCap could be done by next summer.

Closure brings hotels, offices, energy farms, no housing

BY JAMES P. HICKEY
Rutgersville

Standing on top of the Kingdome Landfill in Lyndhurst, one could see why EnCap developers dreamed of housing and golf courses there. There are million-dollar views the land is now considered as wild horses.

NJMC which handles its own, the Lyndhurst expansion, and the area. The site would also have the new 2,000-room hotel. The plan also includes a new 1,000-room hotel. The plan also includes a new 1,000-room hotel. The plan also includes a new 1,000-room hotel.

The agreement was signed in January 2011. According to the NJMC, the commission approved the plan in May 2012.

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Budget blamed on EnCap debacle

Town leaders call for an end to Meadows Commission

BY MICHAEL DEBART
Staff Writer

Passing the deadline for when the town, the Lyndhurst Board of Commissioners has introduced the town's 2013 budget, complete with a \$1 million deficit as a result of the EnCap debacle, the board blames the Meadows Commission.

LYNDHURST

The town's 2013 budget, which carries the 2 percent state-mandated property tax increase, is being prepared by the Meadows Commission. Lyndhurst Board of Commissioners Chairman Robert Serrano said during a presentation on May 20.

Lyndhurst 2013 introduced municipal budget

State appropriations	\$17.6 million	10% of total
Municipal revenues	\$20.0 million	122.7%
Net new	\$2.4 million	13.6%
Municipal debt	\$0.0 million	0%

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Family wants group home looked into

BY MICHAEL DEBART
Staff Writer

Two adult daughters are planning the removal of their mother, a woman with mental health issues, from her home. The family has filed a complaint with the State Department of Human Services and is looking for a group home for their mother.



The Kingdome Landfill is one of two landfills on the Kingdome Redevelopment Plan that is still being worked on a daily basis.

Benefits for Dams

When a dam is built, it would go back on the local tax rolls. The surrounding communities depend on the dam for water supply and flood control.

In the last year, officials from Lyndhurst, which had a long-standing dispute with the NJMC, over back taxes on 13 properties owned by the town. The town is currently working with the NJMC to resolve the dispute.

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GRAND OPENING

Village treats new bakery to a big welcome

BY LAURA HERZOG

Carlo's, owners and ... the "Cafe Bar" (1) on Monday will be ...



Carlo's Bakery's new location, equipped with a long counter, display cases and a counter island for coffee, has a more open and modern look. Photo by Laura Herzog for the Village News.



The entrance to Carlo's Bakery located at 12 Wilbur Square. Customers lined up around the block to walk through the doors during the grand opening on Sunday.

The Cafe Bar, which was fitting in Ridgewood on Wednesday will be a ...

Barbora "Bobby" Valerio, owner of Carlo's Bakery and star of TLC's "Cake Boss," steps up a basty treat.

Even with all the hype surrounding the new bakery, which is a service center for any business.

Advertisement for Jumbo Mortgage Loans from The Commonsense Bank. Includes a photo of a house and a couple, and a table of interest rates for 15-year, 20-year, and 30-year fixed loans.

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VERONA ELECTIONS

Money concerns lead forum

BY DAN ROSENBLUM

Talk of how to best approach Verona's proposed \$21.2 million budget and a removal of employee contracts dominated much of last week's annual candidate forum. Less than one month before the May 18 municipal elections, the candidates tried to set themselves apart.

About 50 people watched the forum at Congregation Beth Shalom, which was hosted by Myronach and the Longo Children. Of the candidates running for three seats on eventually showed up. Candidates Jay Sussman and Michael M. M. were talked out of town on a number of issues, according to moderator Clyde Newirth. Robert Marzani arrived without through being considered a poll man.

Throughout the 90-minute forum, nearly every candidate took aim at being more lean in the municipal budget and spending.

Candidate AL ECKHART, calling himself "The Tax for the Taxpayer," referred to a weekly tabloid newspaper article on many municipal issues in the newspaper for the tax. ECKHART said answering every tax item could have kept down the tax but not.

"There are no need for a tax, and the working night now on the 2012 budget," he said. "We could do the same thing."

Incumbent Commissioner Martin Ryan argued for more property and lower taxes.

"I voted 'no' on the last two municipal budgets," Ryan said in his opening statement. "That because I'm voting 'no' because I felt more effort should have been made to cut some discretionary costs. Keeping the budget flat was not enough."

Candidate Alex Roman said the tax rate was one of the township's biggest problems and asked that one of his main concerns was to make sure for public employees, which



BLOOMFIELD AVENUE

What's happening with the township's empty storefronts and lots?



A fence surrounds the former Brunner Dealership at Bloomfield Avenue in Verona on April 23.

Official expresses optimism for Verona Town Center

BY DAN ROSENBLUM

By Dan Rosenblum

A sign at the former International House of Pancakes in Verona will show the credit cards it most accepts, though the building was last used for parking.

And down the road, a row of brown storefronts that used to be part of the town's historic downtown are being renovated. Some are being converted into residential units, but with other projects such as the opening of the Verona Inn, there is a hope that the town will see a new wave of development that will help it move forward.

In the block sign, what's the best sign for the township's business district?

Some signs forward

Because the town is almost completely built up, Township Manager Joseph Marzani said Verona is looking for projects that give more value to the town's buildings or higher uses.

"I think a high-end office or retail would be a real asset to Verona," Marzani said.

There was "a lot of interest" in the block sign, he said.



The former International House of Pancakes on Bloomfield Avenue in Verona sits empty on April 23.

CEDAR GROVE

Temporary tower expected to save wireless connections

BY CROCKEN MANN

By Crocken Mann

A Cedar Grove (PH&I) tower has scheduled to go on air for operation on May 17, which is expected to be a considerable gain to Verizon wireless coverage to residential areas.

To avoid the tower happening the Cedar Grove Planning Board recently passed a motion to approve the installation of a temporary, 120-foot Verizon cell phone tower.

The tower would be placed on a temporary easement located at 100 S. Mill St. in Cedar Grove, according to Verizon representative who explained the project to planning board members

'Should this go off air, there will be people without telephone service ... The public safety needs for this facility is very important.'

VERNON

By Vernon

Currently, Verizon provides service to a large portion of Cedar Grove from the existing facility, according to Manno, who explained that the town government survey stated over 50 percent of households are now wirelessly.

"Should this go off air, there will be people without telephone service," Manno said. "The public safety needs for this facility is very important because people have become reliant on this service, and have grown up their families as a result of the service being in place."

Building Engineer Robert Kuhn (Ph.D.) responded. "Verizon, and to be up for a few months, because it is not critical," Manno said.

On April 19, the temporary installation would cover the same area the existing tower does, providing residents with better service during the gap period, according to the representative.

Verizon, Anthony Gang, Manno said on behalf of the project and said the tower would only be up for three to six months while the existing PH&I tower is upgraded.

"Verizon, Manno is willing to spend the type of investment it takes to have a piece of property, design a piece of property for a temporary facility that they know is only going to be up for a few months, because it is not critical," Manno said.

Cedar Grove Township Council elections

The Verona-Cedar Grove Times has posted four videos of interviews with candidates running for Township Council in Cedar Grove. The videos consist of candidates E. Roman Camp, Stacy Williams, John Zanic and Joseph DiStasio answering questions such as: "What would you like to see done with the \$200,000 open space trust fund?" and "What direction would you like to see Cedar Grove take in terms of development over the next few years?"

Here's a link to go to the videos of the candidates and find out why their running for office. We have a video of that, too.

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Two men stabbed in Clifton

By **Akhina Sportelli**
Staff

CLIFTON – Police are investigating two separate stabbings that sent two Clifton men to the hospital with serious “life-threatening” injuries within the last week.

The most recent took place early Wednesday morning, at about 3:30 a.m. Clifton firefighters from Engine 3 responded to noises outside their Mahar Avenue station and found a man with multiple stab wounds, said detective Sgt. Hubert Bracken, Clifton Police Department’s spokesman.

The firefighters called police and provided medical care to the 19-year-old Clifton victim who had suffered stab wounds to his neck, upper torso and slash cuts to his arm, Bracken said. The victim, not identified by police, was transported to St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center in Paterson with “life-threatening” injuries, Bracken said. A suspect was apprehended shortly after police arrived on scene, Bracken said, adding he was hiding in a nearby back yard.

Bracken did not release the name of the suspect because the investigation is still ongoing. Bracken also said questioning of firefighters about what they saw is still ongoing.

“The cause of the dispute is unknown at this time,” Bracken said, adding the victim most seri-

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Jolly Tailor closes doors



STAFF PHOTOS/GENYRILUS SALEVSKI

Giuseppe “Pino” Prochilo, owner of the Jolly Tailor Shop on Main Avenue, will retire next month. Difficulties with his eyesight are behind his decision. He’s pictured above working on an order in his shop. His hands are pictured below.

At 84, Main Ave.’s master tailor retires



By **Tony Gicas**
Staff Writer

CLIFTON – The son of an Italian bricklayer, Giuseppe Prochilo emulated his father’s work ethic and began an apprenticeship under master tailors in Rome at the tender age of 9.

His mornings were spent in school classrooms, but every after-

noon he reported to the shop, quickly learning how to manipulate fabric and maneuver thread.

Seventy-five years later, Prochilo, 84, known only as “Pino” to his friends and customers, is now a gifted tailor who local residents relied upon to make, alter and repair their clothing for the past three decades.

But, by September, after 20

years on Main Avenue, Prochilo will be shutting the doors to the Jolly Tailor Shop and retiring from the trade he customized in America when he arrived in 1963.

The shop is located next to a Colombian bakery and across from an accountant’s office as well as a doctor’s practice which used

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A booming business

Firearms retailers, local police departments see increased demand for guns, permits

BY ANDREW MARTINS
Staff Writer

It has been a busy couple of months for Bill Sherman and his business in Lakewood.

Thanks to a major discussion on gun control taking root at the federal level, gun aficionados and newcomers alike have been applying for firearm licenses and flocking to gun stores like Sherman's Shore Shot Pistol Range in droves.

So many people are in Sherman's store that neither he nor any of the other employees out on the floor can pick up the phone, which has been ringing nonstop.

Finishing up a transaction, Bill Sherman reaches behind the counter and grabs the item for which his customer has been waiting for months: a new AR-15 semi-automatic rifle.

In a large room adjacent to the store, nearly every lane at an indoor firing range has shooters of varying ages and experience levels firing off rounds at paper targets, creating a cacophony of "pops." Rangemaster Joe Delconno is standing behind a novice shooter, calmly giving pointers on his form and discussing the finer points of pistol ammunition.

"Firing a 9 mm round is like driving a Maserati," Delconno tells the shooter. "While a .45 ACP round is more like driving a truck."

It's just another busy Tuesday morning at the Shore Shot Pistol Range in Lakewood, and the store is booming.

Literally. "I always wanted to get [an AR-15-styled rifle] and I figured that now is the time. If I don't do it now, I might never get the chance again," Greg Forrest, of Howell, said.

With the muffled report of the gun range behind him, he was smiling as he cradled his new LWRC MHA2 carbine rifle under his arm.

Forrest is just one of thousands of local residents seeking to arm themselves after federal legislators began discussing a possible reinstatement of the 1994 assault weapons ban, which expired in 2004. Attention to the issue has reached such a feverish pitch that production of weapons, parts, ammunition and other firearm necessities cannot catch up to demand.

"It's just like when Hostess was going out of business, you had women and children fighting over Twinkies," Bill Sherman said. "[Once] the government talks about banning certain firearms or magazine capacity, people begin buying everything up."

At the federal level, the Senate Judiciary Committee heard four proposed bills earlier this month that would address key issues surrounding guns in the country. The



Bill Sherman, owner of the Shore Shot Pistol Range, Lakewood, has noticed that sales increase when the government considers banning certain firearms or magazine capacity.

bills would make gun trafficking a felony; expand background checks at gun shows and private sales; boost spending on school safety programs; and ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

In New Jersey, which has had an assault weapons ban and a magazine-capacity cap of 15 rounds since 1990, the state Assembly has introduced several gun-control bills this year. One would require a professional mental health screening as part of the background check procedure for gun purchases; another would require purchases of ammunition to be made in person. The bill package would also lower the magazine-ammunition cap from 10 rounds to five.

The recent fervor behind gun control has also begun taking a toll on local police departments, since they handle all applications for Firearm Identification Cards (FIDs) and permits to purchase a handgun. According to state law, residents are required to apply for a purchase permit for each handgun. Rifles and shotguns do not require a separate permit.

Once approved, a prospective gun owner has 90 days to purchase the handgun before the permit expires.

Capt. Richard Wagner of the Jackson Township Police Department, Ocean County, said pending applications are taking longer than normal to process due to the number received in recent months.

"The volume of permit applications has

created delays, as clerical staff have other duties to attend to," police Lt. Steven Laskiewicz said.

Jackson received 817 handgun permit applications during 2012, but 333 of those were from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2012, according to Laskiewicz. In comparison, the department received 148 applications from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2011.

So far this year, Jackson has received approximately 200 applications.

"[We have] also had to reassign detectives from other details at times to assist with the background [checks] when there was a large backlog of applications," Laskiewicz said.

Other departments in the region also reported an increase in handgun permit applications.

The Woodbridge Township Police Department in Middlesex County handled 211 applications from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2012. During the same period in 2012, it processed 481, according to Capt. Roy Hopcock. Through March 8 of this year, it had received 322 permit applications.

In Aberdeen Township, Monmouth County, the police department processed 36 handgun applications from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2011. For the entirety of 2012, it processed 141 applications. In the small borough of Allentown, also Monmouth County, 64 applications have been handled by the police so far in 2013.

Interest in gun ownership has spiked at



Arms firearm applications

Town	Sept. - Dec. 2011	Sept. - Dec. 2012	2012 Total	Jan. & Feb. 2013
Edison	252	369	621	313
Mt. Pleasant		55	55	14
North Brunswick	22	40	62	53
South Brunswick	51	74	125	84
Sayreville	125	228	353	140
Woodbridge	211	481	692	322
Jackson	148	333	481	184

Firearm background checks in 2012

State	Jan.	Feb.	Total
Kentucky	238,310	247,280	485,590
Texas	186,890	189,836	376,726
Illinois	149,608	127,815	277,423
Pennsylvania	135,003	113,841	248,844
New York	45,752	32,248	78,000
Connecticut	31,896	24,728	56,624
New Jersey	11,118	8,872	20,000
Delaware	5,055	4,235	9,290

Firearm background checks Top 10 highest days Nov. 30, 1998-March 3, 2013

Rank	Date	Total checks
1	Dec. 21, 2012	177,170
2	Dec. 20, 2012	159,804
3	Nov. 23, 2012	154,873
4	Dec. 22, 2012	153,887
5	Dec. 19, 2012	153,872
6	Dec. 18, 2012	134,881
7	Nov. 25, 2011	129,188
8	Dec. 15, 2012	128,823
9	Dec. 14, 2012	113,022
10	Feb. 15, 2013	112,650

Source: National Instant Criminal Background Check System

various times, such as during President Barack Obama's re-election bid last year and following the Dec. 14 shooting rampage that left 20 students and six staff members dead at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

According to Sherman's son, Kyle, the events of superstorm Sandy may also have influenced the increase in applications.

"[In terms of first-time buyers], a lot of people that we're dealing with right now are people that lived through Sandy, got stuck in their house with no power and no way for police to come, and were scared of looters," Kyle said.

Due to the influx of applications, wait times for permits have ballooned. What would normally take 30 days may now stretch upwards of three to six months in some municipalities.

"The problem is that the state is taking seven to 14 days to do an instant background check," Bill said. "It's not instant."

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Revaluation set after 900 tax appeals

BY STEPHAN MARINI
Staff Writer

Members of the borough council are prepared to vote more than \$80,000 for a contractor for the creation of two tax maps after the borough manager's newly prepared tax maps were returned by the state.

New tax maps are the first step in a revaluation. The maps, which are based on the borough's 2012 tax appeals, will be used to create a new tax map for the year 2013 and after the state's Council on Tax Assessment's review.

The borough will likely have the maps by the end of the year. The borough council will then vote on the maps.

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Homeowners looking to cash in on Super Bowl



So you want to rent your home...

What you can get

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Make sure appliances, plumbing, furnace are in good working order

Strangers will be coming, drinking, entertaining, eating, sleeping in your personal space

Tips

Interview prospective renters about what they want in a house

Get everything in writing from renters

Use a local property rental company that specializes in rentals

Require a landlord check

Have a signed rental agreement that includes how damage or theft will be handled

Pros and cons of renting the family home to fans

BY MEGHAN GRANT

Many homeowners are looking to cash in on the upcoming Super Bowl, or some Southern Bergeon County residents are looking to cash in on the nearby football stadium, including for some and based in Paterson by offering their homes for rent.

At the Big Game Meadowlands Experience Center, in East Rutherford, New Jersey, the Super Bowl will be held at the Meadowlands Sports Complex. The stadium is located in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and is the home of the New York Giants and the New York Jets.

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Developer: Teams use unlawful delay tactics

BY KELLY MONAGHAN
Staff Writer

The developer of a new stadium complex in East Rutherford, New Jersey, is using unlawful delay tactics to keep the stadium from being built, according to a report from the state's Council on Tax Assessment.

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EDUCATION

Fashion students turn 'junk' into dresses



BY STACEY ROSENFELD
Staff Writer

In the spirit of Project Runway, Ridgefield Park High School students took to the stage May 1 to present junk to Park, its take on the show...fashioned exclusively out of unconventional materials.

Under the direction of fashion teacher, Erin Faulkner, students constructed wearable garments using non-traditional materials. The only fabric they were permitted to use was muslin, which had to function solely as the garment's lining.

Faulkner challenged the students to design, fit and ultimately model their creations as part of her Fashion I classes. Approximately 60 students enrolled in Faulkner's class this year, and all participated in the Junk to Park presentation.

Some students modeled their own garments, while others modeled for a classmate, Faulkner said. There were 35 models who walked the runway that was constructed on the high school auditorium's stage.

Shedding down the runway was a mermaid-style gown constructed of more than 1,000 balloons, dresses made from braided garbage bags and cupcake wrappers, various duct tape creations, tops woven from pipe cleaners and a garment constructed exclusively from soda cans.

Faulkner, who grew up in Little Ferry and attended Ridgefield Park High School, is a second-year teacher at her alma mater. She studied fashion merchandising at the University of Delaware, but later changed course, and became a mathematics teacher. Returning to her first love of fashion, she became the school's fashion instructor upon a colleague's retirement.

For inspiration, Faulkner showed her students several Project Runway episodes wherein the contestants created garments from unconventional materials.

"It is truly amazing how creative our students can be," Faulkner praised.

The students garnered a great deal of praise from the audience, and a sense of personal satisfaction.

Dariana Caba, a 12th grade student in the fashion

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At the school district's evening showcase displaying the creative work of students, Arianny Estevez and Meghan Brown wear dresses made in Fashion Class. These dresses were just two of the many creations that were a part of the May 1 fashion show, 'Junk to Park.'

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Belleville High School Culinary Arts instructor Judith Worster, left, discusses the positive aspects of culinary studies with "Good Morning America's" Dan Abrams during a shoot on Oct. 9.

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Spotlight shone on Culinary Arts

BY ROMAN J. USCHAK
 Staff Writer

The Advanced Culinary Arts Class at Belleville High School entertained a special guest earlier this month. Dan Abrams, one of the hosts of ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," sat in on a class with teachers Judith Worster, Judy Porter, and over a dozen of their students on Oct. 9.

As the shoot began, Worster told her students to act just like it was a normal class day. The students were all adorned in white culinary coats, buttoned to the top, as was Abrams. He had a tad of trouble at first, though, and gripped a part of the class was learning how to put a coat on.

Worster started off by asking her students about the etiquette of knife-handling. She asked them how they would safely pass a standard chef's knife to another cook, how to clean it, and how to safely utilize it. Each table

received its own knife to study. Abrams tried several times to pass a knife properly, but was ultimately told the best and safest way to do it was to simply lay it flat on a table, and then push it along to another cook.

"It seems like a trick question," responded Abrams. "I hope this doesn't affect my grade."

Students, including Abrams, tested their knife skills on a series of Russet potatoes after cleaning and peeling them, using plastic wrap on cutting boards to make clean up easier and more hygienic. Abrams asked if the potatoes had to first be washed with soap, which brought a chuckle from some students, before Worster told him no.

All along, all were under the watchful eyes of a "GMA" cameraman and boom microphone operator, as well as Worster's. Students diced, chopped and sliced their respective potatoes into different-size pieces before

'People look back and they do remember home economics.'

Judith Worster
 Advanced Culinary Arts instructor

mincing them into uniform bits that could be fashioned into potato soup.

Abrams had earlier publicly questioned the need for classes like Culinary Arts, and whether or not they should be required education in public schools.

Worster was only too happy to explain to him their necessity, as did Carolyn Jackson, executive director of the Virginia-based American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and AAFCS Director of Communications Gaylyn Mast.

"It seems like a lot of time to focus on non-essentials," said Abrams of the 80 minutes of dai-

ly class time in Advanced Culinary Arts.

"It's reading, evaluating, using math and science," replied Worster. "All the other classes, they come here and practice."

She also said that students do get graded in Culinary Arts, and learn national food standards. They also utilize what they have learned by preparing cookies and other goods for both high school and Belleville Board of Education functions.

"People look back, and they do remember home economics," added Worster.

Porter said that Culinary Arts is the top elective at the high school. It begins with Introduction to Culinary Arts, usually in a student's junior year, and students go on to create their own facsimile restaurant at the school. They plan menus, select ingredients and recipes, and even cook-

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Student-painted wall murals in Room 145 at Waldwick High School.

HIGH SCHOOL Classroom as historical artifact

BY REBECCA GREENE
Staff writer

WALDWICK — What happens in Room 145 stays there — on the walls. They are, in fact, the legacy of seniors who have attended Waldwick High School in the past 10 years, inspired by Jonathan Nonchese's Advanced Placement course on European history. "I've always said once the walls are filled, I can retire," Nonchese said. "But now I'm getting scared."

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Sharing Calabrese traditions in an effort to 'bring people together'

BY REBECCA GREENE
Staff Writer

WALDWICK — "The old ways are dying." That is the fear of Connie Cacciola, who worries that her fresh Calabrese style of cooking will be forgotten. So when Cacciola told her friend, Andrea Mistretta, that her recipes were not written down, not even in a way that could be shared with her family, it triggered

an idea. Mistretta, an acclaimed graphic artist, suggested she write her own cookbook. But while Cacciola can cook, she found the thought of writing daunting. "I told her no problem — I'll help you," Mistretta said. Thus, the cook and the artist brought their talents to the table to create



Pasta dish crafted by Andrea Mistretta.

"Calabrese," a cookbook that honors the Calabrese traditions. The nation of these traditions rings true for the sizable Calabrese community in Waldwick, whose many families emigrated from the Italian region beginning in the early

1900s. Cacciola celebrates her roots every Sunday. "Sunday means family," she said. "That's what my 12-year-old grandson says and that makes me feel good." Cacciola, who has been cooking since the age of 12, makes her dishes from fresh ingredients, never canned, for her family each week. But what started out as a documentation of Cacciola's recipes has turned into a full-scale pub-

lishing project. "I am collecting recipes, transcribing and quantifying ingredients for the book," Mistretta said. "We don't have a publisher yet, but we'll see how that part works out later." Mistretta is adding her artistic talents to the mix and in addition to making hand-painted ceramic pasta bowls inspired by Cacciola's cooking, she has been designing

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Passaic River mud dredging, removal to begin this July

BY MEGHAN GRANT Staff Writer

The periodic opening of at least five bridges to accommodate mud dredging on the Passaic River is expected during this summer's dredging of the Passaic River by a group of contractor-led with dredging equipment.

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The Passaic River is expected to be dredged to a depth of 10 feet. The dredging will be done in three phases. The first phase will be to dredge the river from the Lyndhurst area to the Passaic River. The second phase will be to dredge the river from the Passaic River to the Passaic River. The third phase will be to dredge the river from the Passaic River to the Passaic River.

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Students give iPads mixed reviews

Committee to meet over summer to assess



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The 2012-2013 school year marks the first year of iPad use in the district. The general consensus is that the iPads are useful in the classroom. The general consensus is that the iPads are useful in the classroom. The general consensus is that the iPads are useful in the classroom.

The Board of Education first announced the initiative in spring 2012, purchasing 1,000 iPads for use in the district. At the start of the school year, the devices were distributed to Lyndhurst High School students at all grade levels. Educators received iPads in advance of the school year to test the program.

Some parents expressed the board as heavily marketing selling iPads to parents. A committee will meet over the summer to assess the technology use in the district.

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District eliminates special services director; VPs to take over program

BY MATTHEW MAZZI Staff Writer

The Rutherford Board of Education abolished the position of Director of Special Services at the June 18 board of education meeting. Special Services administration will now be split between two principals.

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The district replaced two teacher consultant positions with the two guidance counselors. The current co-teacher program at Union and Piermont schools will expand from grades 4 and 5 to grade 6. The program allows students with special needs to remain in the same classroom as their peers by having a special education teacher work along with a regular teacher.

including self-contained special education classes, resource support and replacement classes. Other roles of services include speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and counseling.

According to their new job descriptions, both Marano and Scherbert will now coordinate child study team functions at their respective schools. Marano will oversee In-School Education for special needs students, supervise special education programs at their respective schools, and maintain bridges between the school, mental health agencies and other supportive agencies. During a public hearing on June 18, Crawford asked the board to reconsider abolishing

CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM

What's changing: The position of Special Services Director has been abolished and two administrators will now be separately responsible for overseeing special services on the Elementary and High School levels.

What's new for parents: The district will create a Special Education Parent Advisory Group to give parents of special need children a voice in the district's special education program.

What's new for students: Middle school students will now be the first to have guidance counselors in the middle schools to aid and evaluate them. The district replaced two teacher consultant positions with the two guidance counselors.

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her position, citing that neither Marano nor Scherbert could teach but expertise in the field of special services. Marano has 19 years of experience in the field of special education, as well as holding a school principal position. When I first took the position over 15 years ago, the special services were in one room of chaos - since I took over the administration has been consistent in just about every area. One has been the fact that the child study team has been one of the best in the state," said Crawford.

Crawford said that neither Marano or Scherbert have experience writing grants or writing extraordinary aid applications. She noted that she has

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District branches out its STEM curriculum

A series on how Egg Harbor Township schools and community groups are educating students in science, technology, engineering and math, collectively known as STEM.



By LAURA STETSER
 Staff Writer

EGG HARBOR TWP. — In classrooms across the district, children work together in small groups, separating the tasks of the project. Some volunteer to create a blueprint of items while others wait for the hands-on building tasks to begin.

The tasks of the trade may be pop-up books, clay and loose stones or more advanced materials like gears, hot glue guns and magnets. Yet while the activities vary from classroom to classroom, teacher to teacher and school to school, these students are all working toward one shared goal — to become more familiar and more fluent in the art of STEM.

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. It's a popular catchphrase in education circles these days as it encompasses five subjects that can sometimes be intimidating to students. Presented in a hands-on experimental fashion, the content of the lessons is delivered in an accessible and interesting way.

STEM lessons offer the best of differentiated instruction, another term that gets a lot of focus in schools these days. The activities meet the

needs of their unique talents and skill levels and build off of what they already know in order to enlighten them to a higher understanding of the concepts.

Egg Harbor Township School District has offered STEM lessons at the high school level for years, but this year it began offering the curriculum at the lower levels. There's now a STEM class at Alder Avenue taught as one of the specials that students must complete, as well as a new pilot program at Mayhugh Complex in which one classroom at each grade level is serving as a kindergarten STEM classroom.

There's certainly plenty of preparation and planning that goes into crafting these targeted lesson plans which also can incorporate language arts and physical education as they set the stage for the cross-curricular ideas to take hold.

But up inside the diversity of the classrooms where the lessons are under way and you'll hear giggles, conversations, debates and lots of thoughtful questioning.

Has learning ever been more

fun?

The answer is yes, according to Kimberly Vetrilli, science supervisor for the district who oversees the science curriculum. Vetrilli said he wishes his school experience was like the one today's students are receiving inside the district's STEM classrooms.

"This is how I was. This is what teaching is the most fun," he said. "I was the kid who couldn't sit still. I had to keep moving, and as a teacher, I was the same way. I always enjoyed the hands-on activities best."

Recent projects, such as sixth graders building mechanical toys of their own creation, allow each student to shine, he said.

"Everyone possesses a talent," Vetrilli said. "With these lessons, each student can bring his or her skill to the table. Some may be gifted creatively and want to help point the project. Others might be better building it."

The students often work in teams or pairs and the collaborative nature of the projects gives the student teams the freedom to explore, test and sometimes go back to the drawing board and redesign their projects until the goal is reached.

For many children, it also offers another benefit, according to one teacher.

Maureen Blaise, the second grade teacher on the team that launched the pilot program at Mayhugh this year, said



Pictured are students from the classroom of Candice Goodman, the Mayhugh Primary School teacher who is trying out the STEM pilot program for kindergarten. The project, completed in October, related to Christopher Columbus. The children were challenged to work as a team and build a vessel that can be propelled by the wind. They were given a limited number of materials: milk cartons, masking tape, straw, and construction paper. Goodman had a hose filled with water for experimenting to see if their boats could float and a fan as a wind source. The class reported some great successes and quite a few slip ups too. Goodman said the class is anxious to try again.

she has seen a noticeable change in some of her students' self-esteem as the class works through her "STEM challenges."

"A few of my students are struggling with reading, but they are excelling at these challenges," she said. "I have noticed that they have more confidence in other activities now as a result and have been progressing."

Blaise said the lessons offer additional opportunities to foster good social skills like public speaking.

"Every team has to select one person to present their designs at the end of each challenge, so they are getting

experience in preparing and presenting their ideas in front of the class," she said.

Vetrilli said the STEM lessons challenge can often challenge teachers to change their perspective as well.

"There's a paradigm shift that happens," he said. "The thought is that you lecture first, teaching the concepts, then do an activity, but you can do both at the same time. There are these great teachable moments that occur as kids are figuring things out for themselves and you can answer a question about their specific project. It makes sense to them because they are doing it themselves, right then."

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CEDAR GROVE REAL ESTATE

Did your property tax assessment change in 2013?

BY NABILA KARIKIS
Hempstead

Although the economy has temporarily been on a slight upswing since 2011, the average Cedar Grove home assessment has gone down about \$14,000 since then, according to municipal records.

The township's average assessment has dropped from \$446,200 in 2011 to \$430,200 in 2012. There were 1,912 residential properties in Cedar Grove last year, up from 1,875 in 2011.

That means, according to Cedar Grove's Tax Assessor, Howard Hamilton, in most cases the tax assessment for Cedar Grove

average assessment has gone up slightly, from \$146 million to \$151 million, over the same period. Included in the category of commercial properties are six Cedar Grove apartment buildings, more than last year's total. In fact, there are now six apartment buildings in Cedar Grove, up from five in 2012 — offering a safe opening to the annual average assessment of commercial properties.

Hamilton says the 2012 tax year, Cedar Grove underwent a comprehensive review of every property, mobile and real, which often means everything and create a new property record card, according to Hamilton. But that, the tax assessor for Cedar Grove

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WINDING ATTENDANCE

Veteran organizations could be in danger

BY NABILA KARIKIS
Hempstead

Where can local veterans or their family members get help? Last month, the Verona-Cedar Grove Town Board voted to support a Verona initiative to help veterans.

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at the Verona could be placed at a Verona initiative for better service — among them, her brother Arthur Hamilton Jr., Verona's Assistant Legion was disbanded many years ago, though, for many years ago that Verona and Cedar Grove

don't know if that's the case with a Verona initiative in the Cedar Grove area, didn't even know there was a local American Legion. Verona Mayor Frank Salsano says he's not sure he'd be able to answer to within 24 hours.

"I do know a lot of them are merging or closing because of changing attendance," Salsano added.

Cedar Grove has a VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) post, but it's having a tough time surviving, according to that VFW's commander, the CDR Quinn. Though the post can use all the help it can get, it's hard to stay when World War II veterans are no longer around, there are very few other members, he said. Three hundred people are on the roster, but "they're not and they don't go around," Quinn said.

In the late 1990s, Cedar Grove's VFW — the most recent

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR TOWNS

National intrigue triggers local questions

Gun permits, applications increase in 2012

BY ANDREW HELEMAN
Hempstead

Gun-control, for better or worse, has spread into our nation's collective consciousness — driven by a mix of tragedy and legend by violence that takes place on American streets everyday.

Questions about firearms — how many are out there and who owns them — seem to be on every body's lips. Answers to those questions are, at best, incomplete at the local level.

In documents provided to the Times by the Cedar Grove Police Department, its records reveal 117 permits to purchase a handgun in 2012, an increase from 77 in 2011. Over the year, the number of permits issued was 100, with 17 permits issued for the purchase of a rifle.

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to obtain an application, see Verona Police Chief Greg Pineda

Will police officers be stationed in our schools?

BY ANDREW HELEMAN
Hempstead

School safety has been the focus of officials through out the country, particularly in the wake of shootings at Newtown, Conn. and Park, Calif.

Cedar Grove Superintendent of Schools Dr. Greg Pollock told the Times that activities normally include school buildings as part of their regular duties. He said that during previous years, he had to be in school buildings as part of their regular duties.

Pollock, according to Superintendent Steven Perry, is in the process of evaluating potential personnel and building changes that would make sense in the future. He said that during previous years, he had to be in school buildings as part of their regular duties.

Two new long-term officers — Thomas and Marlene — have replaced several police officers in school buildings on a full-time basis.

REFLECTIONS OF A PLACE THAT ONCE WAS

Poor farm town was 'altogether different'
Resident of 86 years recalls life before the highway and condos

BY NABILA KARIKIS
Hempstead

Michael Accorillo was a typical Cedar Grove boy who worked a hard job, went to school, and had a good time. He grew up in a small town, but he didn't see much there. After hours of his usual routine, he saw, perhaps, one star there was in the horizon of some antique hardware store, one

one sign of a store and another that a party, period, was here. It was the 1950s and Route 25 then ran along Cedar Grove Township was one of the only roads in town. In the middle of the night, he'd receive each afternoon. Cedar Grove was mostly farm land back then, the now 80-year-old Accorillo recalled that work on the Boulder Road home. He has lived on the street for over 50 years and says that home is now down from his current address. Back then, however, Boulder

Road was named Love Lane and it ended at Lafayette Avenue. "This was nothing — just a dirt road," Accorillo explained. "I might not be able to see well, but I can still walk," he pointed out. He continued, describing a few parked cars and dirty-looking trucks in front of the store. Accorillo would have gladly signed in his birth home on Boulder Road, but unfortunately he had to sell it — for \$1,000 — in the early 1960s. His father died and Accorillo could not afford to do so, he said, laughing.

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Michael Accorillo, 86, describes using the steps to his father's home from Jersey City to Camden and back, carrying passengers and freight on the Erie Railroad, over the Pompton Avenue trestle.

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Poor Farm Town Was 'Altogether Different'

Maria Karidis



House After Paper Scaffolding Installed with its owner, Peter Novotny, Jr. It and Sharon Novotny sit in front of a 4,000-sq-ft "Ranch House".

A House Raising Experience
 By John Burton

HOUSE-AGE finally got along the Jersey Shore as owners work to restore their homes after the punishing from Super Storm Sandy. It's been a busy six months for contractors who specialize in cleaning structures or tearing down as part of their construction business. Owners have been searching to find qualified companies that can address their needs and adhere to new regulations for flood level markers that are expected to be issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"It's been crazy here. I can't even guess the phone right now. I have 100 calls to return," said Peter Novotny, who lives in the township of Middletown and has been living here for 30 years. James Sullivan, who owns and operates Eco-Craft Building, LLC in Middletown Beach, was born a year ago at this time, still working with Hurricane Irene-related damage. Now, "It's been insane," he said.

The company does house lifting, construction and is an interior fit-out business, working with the injured in negotiations with the insurance companies. His firm has 40 employees currently under contract to be moved, and Sullivan, who has 22 years experience doing this.

During the past six months, Novotny, whose operation is fairly small, has elevated about 22 houses, one structure at a time. He was working this week on a three-story, 4,000-sq-ft "Ranch House" when he stopped to talk about the work.

The project, he said, involved lifting the two-story house an additional 10 feet to a total of 14 feet above flood plain level. That would make it slightly higher than the current Middletown Beach standard for the specific area in



The house on Burton Avenue in Middletown is in the process of being lifted by Peter Novotny and crew.

The entrepreneur, started another home lift in NJ. In fact, the children's center block starting gone.

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DOT Investigating Changes to Riverside Avenue Crosswalk
 By John Burton

RED BANK - Municipal officials and a state legislator are trying to bring a long-standing traffic safety issue to the attention of state Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives with a view to corrective action.

State Senator Joseph Heck, R-Edison, Monmouth County Police Chief Stephen McCarthy and other local officials met with DOT Assistant Commissioner Anthony Scarsino and others from the DOT in April to review and talk about

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Serving Others at St. Thomas
 By John Burton

RED BANK - The Rev. Josephine Rose, who has recently taken over as pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, has spent her life serving others.

"My heart has always been in community service," Rose said. "That was my love and always has been."

Rose, who started at the St. East Street Ave. church in Pine Beach, March 28, came to the congregation after serving as pastor for two years at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 302 Church St., in the historic section of Middletown.

"It's all about giving," and the pastor whose community group work positions her (very) responsibilities.

In an earlier incarnation, Rose worked as a public relations manager in the Miami-Dade area of Florida, where she also founded, established and oversaw numerous public programs to help children and families in crisis.

"That was done on love. It always has been," she said.

One program that was her standout project working with women who wanted to become municipal firefighters - linking them from the physical and written examinations - at a time when it was almost an exclusively male occupation.

Rose was married young - at age 18 - had two sons and divorced a few years later. She became intimately aware of the challenges faced by young people who had families to raise and support.

It was this call to help and serve others that eventually led her to the ministry.

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Care to Give Council Gives Back to the Community

RED BANK - The Care to Give Council (formerly the Riverside Medical Center Auxiliary) is a dynamic and welcoming volunteer organization dedicated to working with Riverside Medical Center and Riverside Community Hospital to enhance the quality of health care in the community.

Since its establishment in 1920, the Riverside Medical Center Auxiliary has played an integral role in raising funds

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Couple share proud moment

Christian Reeshardt (left) and Marjani Por were married at the Lutheran Society of Ridgewood on Monday evening.



Church hosts first same-sex marriage in village

BY DARIUS AMOS
Staff Writer

There was a certain historical significance to Thursday's ceremony at the Lutheran Society of Ridgewood, but Marjani Por and Christian Reeshardt were undoubtedly caught up thinking about their future as a married couple in New Jersey.

The two Ridgewood residents are the first gay couple to marry in the village, and their celebration was the first since an ordinance to take effect in Bergen County that has made

Reeshardt and Por exchange wedding vows. From left, Joan Germain and Zora Por-Reeshardt sign their marriage license as witnesses to the wedding of Zora's father, Christian Reeshardt and Marjani Por; Reeshardt and Por exchange wedding rings; and Helen Lindquist is an amice at the ceremony.



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VALLEY HEARINGS Objections frustrating to opponents

BY DARIUS AMOS
Staff Writer

An attorney's persistent objections to statements made by opponents of the Valley Regional's expansion proposal have delayed further testimony by witnesses testifying in support of the Board of Ridgewood (BRB) until next week, and the ongoing opposition by the health care industry's trade association is proving more daunting to their side.

Through the first part of Tuesday night's Planning Board meeting, nearly 200 residents had taken seats inside the Downtown Franklin Middle School (DFM) auditorium for the board's public hearing. But the crowd had noticeably thinned after the attorney's continued protest and was nearly nonexistent by the time John Hoenigler, CEO's first witness of the evening, finally began his testimony.

The hospital has applied for an amendment to Ridgewood's master plan to permit the facility to main-

tain the annual number of reported incidents involving vandalism in Ridgewood schools have remained consistent since 2002, according to statistics from the district.

Board of Education (BOE) President Shirley Brogan on Thursday announced that the drop in vandalism might be attributed to the installation of public security cameras in the schools several years ago.

Based on the district's regional data collection for the state's Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVRIS), from 2002 to 2003, 2004, incidents of vandalism decreased from 11 to 14 incidents.

Superintendent David Feldman said that cameras, which were installed about 10 years ago, are not central to Ridgewood's ongoing security strategy to improve school safety, but they might have something to do with the drop in total reported incidents.

In the 2002-2003 school year, the district reported 11

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ENVIRONMENT Renewable energy program gains steam



BY DARIUS AMOS
Staff Writer

The ground breaking in the renewable energy plant at Ridgewood's water treatment facility that the success of the environmental conference in creating a global best.

Municipal officials and other dignitaries last Friday commended the project's completion and ongoing energy production with a celebration that included a tour of the water treatment facility, the site of the art operation center.

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NORTH JERSEY

Readers share lessons learned from Sandy

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles about Hurricane Sandy and the lessons learned during one of the most devastating storms to ever hit New Jersey, causing at least 200 deaths. The following is the first of a series of articles about the lessons learned during one of the most devastating storms to ever hit New Jersey, causing at least 200 deaths.

BY TARA KOLTON & DONNA ROLANDO
Staff Writers



At the station in Pompton Lakes, Jimmy O'Connell had a generator but couldn't get the gas he needed to start it.



The message from store owners after Superstorm Sandy was the importance of stocking up on basics like flashlights and lanterns. Pictured here are Rick Tomasiello (left) and his son, Mike Jr., with a generator from Home Depot in front of their store, Mike Jr., with a generator from Home Depot in front of their store.



Being prepared with a generator meant a brisk business for Tony's Pizzeria in Pompton Lakes. It was one of the few restaurants in the area still serving food when the electricity went out for days.

For Paula, a resident of Manasquan, the lesson was to take every day as it comes. "I had a generator but it didn't work," she said. "I had to make do with what I had."

John Arnold, an owner of a generator store in Pompton Lakes, said he learned the importance of having a generator on hand. "I had a generator but it didn't work," he said. "I had to make do with what I had."

Thinking his heater was safe, he was wrong. "I had a generator but it didn't work," he said. "I had to make do with what I had."

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Trends' Facebook fanciers weigh in

Suburban Trends asked followers of its Facebook page (facebook.com/suburbantrends) what lessons they learned from Superstorm Sandy and how they prepared for the storm.

"The most important thing I learned was to be prepared. I had a generator but it didn't work," said one follower. "I had to make do with what I had."

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WEST MILFORD/RINGWOOD

O&R not only wrestles wind and water, but also wood

BY DAVID W. ZWISER
Staff Writer

What grows up must come down. For utility companies, the fall is a time of operational quietude but not necessarily peace.

That management, according to utility spokesman Michael Brown, is one of the most vital components of power distribution. One needs to look no further than Superstorm Sandy to see the consequences.

The unprecedented wind and rain that hit the area in late October were not the only threats to the power grid. The heavy snow that fell in the days following the storm was a major challenge for the utility companies.

O&R, the local utility for West Milford and Ringwood, has a team of 100 men and women who are responsible for maintaining the power lines. They are the ones who have to deal with the aftermath of a storm like Sandy.

When a storm hits, the first thing that happens is that the power lines are down. The utility companies have to get out there as quickly as possible to get the power back on.

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Readers Share Lessons Learned from Sandy

Tara Kolton Donna Rolando



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Class teaches women how to look out for 'numero uno'

BY CAREN CATERINA

W20 — Women's empowerment classes are a hot topic in Wall Township. Caren Caterina attended a self-defense class for women at the Wall Township Community Alliance and Lifeline USA on Tuesday night. The class was an evening session.

While attending the women's degree at Rutgers-Camden in Camden, Caren Caterina was one of the first women to attend the class, which was held in both Camden and Wall Township.



Barbara Whitsett, 41 of Wall, was one of about 80 local women to take part in Tuesday's women's self-defense course hosted by Wall Community Alliance and Lifeline USA. Lifeline USA President Mar Blackwell offers this first to women in the community each year.

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TECHNIQUES AND MORE
Ms. Blackwell and his fellow instructors led the women through a series of self-defense techniques, including how to use their hands, feet, and elbows. The class also covered how to use their voice as a weapon.

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Caren Caterina



Eat, drink, and be merry

Now is a time of traditions, many traditions. During this festive season, The Montclair Times reached out to families and business owners of different heritages to find out what is brought to the table for celebration, whether it be Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's, or simply a special opportunity to enjoy Chinese food and a movie. The Times regrets that more customs could not be featured, as this diverse community is certainly reflected in its columns — though we found that in many cases, people of very different backgrounds will celebrate together. (For a diversity of drinks to cheer to the holidays, see page 60.) To all, may 2014 bring much happiness.

— Kelly Ebbels

Korean



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Have them on New Year's Eve — both the Western New Year's Eve and the lunar New Year, which begins on the second new moon after the winter solstice — there are two opportunities to prepare the feast. Depending also on the dish, and the need to ready oneself for lunch on New Year's Day.

In the Korean culture, there is a special New Year's Day tradition called *Tteokguk*, or Rice Cake Soup. According to Marianne Comarovic, a resident in the Park, who celebrates with her husband, the Rev. Paul Kim, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Montclair.

"It's very warm, so they eat it together around a table," she says. "It's a very family thing," Park said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARIAN COMAROVIC

Donato Zaccaria, a co-owner of Nicotri's Italian Bakery & Deli, in Basking Ridge, crafts with regularity the check-out line on the Friday afternoon before Christmas.

Italian

The local Italian food for the holidays, Nicotri's Italian Bakery & Deli, in Basking Ridge, has been serving families for almost half a century.

"It's pretty much a 24-hour business," said co-owner Donato Zaccaria during a tour of the bakery.

A family-run business, now owned by three generations of a single family, Zaccaria offers bread, pizza, cookies — a favorite is the Cannoli Calzone — and an array of deli items. The bakery is owned by Nicotri Zaccaria or "Nick," their father, who established the business in 1967.

During the last season, the popular fresh *panzotto* (chicken dumplings) was a big Christmas hit. Zaccaria, usually a pizza chef, said Thanksgiving and the New Year — the items is prepared about an

German



PHOTO COURTESY OF WOLFGANG DREIER

A recipe for German Christmas Stollen is a clearly gendered secret that her father brought from Germany while he and Catherine's mother came to America in 1972.

"I've had customers who wanted it and got lost in their own homes. It was hard for me to find what they meant," said Catherine. "To each, with love. This is like a love letter to the world."

The rights to a portion of a Stollen recipe in the Park District family. Nicole Proke prepares the treat for her family, her husband, Wolfgang Dreier, a German-born bride.

"I love the Stollen with you," Proke said.

College's family only makes Stollen between Thanksgiving and Christmas, with customers from all over the United States placing orders.

In Germany, her family traditionally made grape for Christmas. Here, with good grape hard to find, the family switched to apple and orange. They also make their own German Christmas Eve, another German tradition.

— Diane Herbst and Kelly Ebbels

English



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A traditional British Christmas in this year Thanksgiving, with a turkey or ham or roast beef with all the trimmings, and include a Christmas "pudding," said Coeling, who has lived in Montclair for 15 years.

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When the pudding is done, it's topped with a dollop of whipped cream and a dusting of powdered sugar. Customers have been bringing in their own fruit for the pudding and whatever gets it, it's supposed to be good luck.

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Jewish Christmas



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Betty Robinson helps Judith Breyer with the candle-lighting ceremony for a Kwanzaa gathering held at Saturday, Dec. 21, at Adriana House, 26 Pleasant Ave.

Kwanzaa

For Kwanzaa, there is no essential food tradition, according to Robinson. "It's an African-American culture, it's the diaspora is good. But it's important that a piece of spirit, as well as fruits and vegetables, set on the table to represent the harvest," according to Betty Robinson, who helped to host a special Kwanzaa in gathering for about 30 people at Adriana House, 26 Pleasant Ave., on Saturday, Dec. 21. The rest of the table, Robinson said, signifies "the children and the future."

Puerto Rican



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White table of Puerto Rican food is a very important part of our Christmas table. It's a tradition that we have kept for generations. It's a tradition that we have kept for generations. It's a tradition that we have kept for generations.

— Kelly Ebbels

Southern



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how to make those Bouncing Ghosts

Halloween is just around the corner, so it is time for some Halloween craft!

This year, we chose "Bouncy Ghosts" for our crafty gang to construct.

By using just a few simple materials and your child's imagination, you can create a cool ghost that will be sure to speak those Trick or Treaters approaching your door.

You will need Styrofoam cups, elastic string, a sheet of craft



CRAFTY COUSINS: Lily Dempsey, 14, of Ashtabeb, helps her cousin Irene Scott, 2, with her ghost as Brian Scott, 5, and Cam Scott, 11 work on theirs. Across the table, cousins Bryce and Jack Dempsey, 8, make up their ghosts.

foam and battery-powered tea lights. To make the Bouncing Ghosts are scissors, knife, Sharpie markers and a pencil to poke the holes in the cup (we actually used a soldering iron to burn the holes in the cups because the edges of the holes are cleaner and you can create different shapes, but you may opt for a safer method).

Prepare the tea lights by opening the battery door on the bottom and trapping the end of a length of elastic string under the door. When you hang your ghost, the light will be drawn up inside the cup, but this will also allow you to access the tea light to turn the switch on and off as needed.

Next, cut out the arms. You can use the light blue template on page eleven to cut out two arms from the craft foam, or create your own design, just be sure to leave tabs to insert into slots on the sides of the cup.



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Profiles in Retrospect

Rick Etter Has Devoted Lifetime to Fire Company

with Ron Roberts



A FAMILIAR FIGURE for the past 30 years at the Westmont Fire Co. is Rick Etter, assistant chief for 32 years and a fire marshal/fire inspector for most of the same years. A Vietnam War vet, Etter is also a lifelong resident of Haddon Township.

"Whether firemen — whom we'd see be if we didn't have dedicated men and women who devote their time, and sometimes risk their lives, to protect us?"

Rick Etter, assistant fire chief of the Westmont Fire Co., is one of those good guys. Aside from an Air Force enlistment, where he served a year in Vietnam, he has spent his entire life in Haddon Township.

"I guess you could say my second family is the Westmont Fire Co.," he said. "I have been the assistant fire chief for 32 years, but I got started as a junior fireman when I was in high school and was junior chief from 1961 to 63. After I completed my service hitch, I became an adult member in 1968 and I'm still here."

Etter attended Edison School, Haddon Junior High and Col-

lingwood High School. He just participated in the 50th reunion of the Civil Class of 1963.

"When I graduated from high school, I knew I had a low draft number and so enlisted in the Air Force," he related. "But in the meantime, I apparently was drafted. Whether I know the Army sent military police to my home looking for me, and my mother suggested they could find me at Lackland AFB."

"I took tech training in maintenance and armament and was assigned to the 4438th F-101 Fighter Interceptor Unit in Michigan." Etter went on, "From there I was sent to Vietnam and fought a little over a year in Binh Hoa in 1966 and 1967."

In 1968 he was discharged from Eglin AFB in Florida and started a 36-year career with the

post office at the Belmarer National Center. He is now retired and works part-time driving three days a week for Mercedes Benz.

He married Bernice Mersch in Columbus, OH, just after she graduated from Ohio State University. They had four kids: two boys, Tom and John, and two girls, Amy Doreen (Doreen) and Jennifer Fink (Bobby), and four grandchildren: Ashley (14), Dylan (11), Sarah (11) and Riley (2).

Etter served Haddon Township as a fire marshal/inspector for 32 years, performing inspections to make sure all work is done and businesses meet code requirements. He then served as a fire inspector/fire official for four more years.

Bernice, like most department wives, is active as treasurer of the auxiliary. They are active in a social group called NFPA. The group stands for "No Fire Talk Allowed" and the group includes senior firemen from many of the South Jersey local companies.

Sometimes, fire service carries great risk. Etter can recall the assignments at the Garden State Race Track and Randall Cart Store fire plant in Haddon Township.

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Harvest Fest for Season's End

Haddon Heights will mark its last Station Avenue farmers' market of the season with an Autumn Harvest Festival this Sunday, Oct. 27. In addition to all the great local fruits, vegetables and other foods, the market will host a local court featuring local restaurants and vendors, too. There will be a local beer and wine garden, live music all day, a moon bounce for the kids and farm animals to see and pet. Hours for the farmers' market will be extended to 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for this special Autumn Harvest Festival. For info, call the market direct at 856-261-2943.

Michael Smith to Perform, Nov. 2

Christian pop star and multi-platinum recording artist Michael W. Smith will bring his Worship Around the World Tour to the Scripps-Rite Auditorium next Sat., Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. The greatest and vocalist's prolific career includes 22 albums, 28 number one songs, 40 Dove Awards, a Grammy, and even being named one of People Magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People." Smith's songs explore the human condition, family, passion, love and loss while embracing the healing power of worship. Jason Crabb, vocalist, author, actor and Christian Music's reigning Dove Award's 2012 Male Vocalist of the Year and Artist of the Year, will be Michael W. Smith's very special guest. Attendees are in for a treat as they experience the sweeping musical passages of Michael W. Smith and the soulful voice of Jason Crabb. Both artists will perform separately, and then together on stage. Tickets are \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$49.50. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000.

Plenty for Ghouls and Goblins

There's plenty to do this coming weekend to help get you in the spirit for Halloween! Visit TheRetrospect.com and click on our online calendar for the details on a whole bunch of events this weekend, including the Haunted Hollywood Haunted House at the Ashtabeb Rec Center, Oct. 24-26; the Zombie Chase 5k at Knight Park this Saturday morning; a benefit for the Garfield Elementary School PTA in Collingswood; and the Heights Business and Professional Association's Halloween Parade on Station Ave. at 5 p.m., followed by the Elementary-PTG Hoops and Hoops event in the 900 block of Station Ave. Or, of course, you won't want to miss the Halloween Parade in Haddonfield (Kings Highway, 6:30 p.m.), Ashtabeb (Merchert St., 7:30 p.m.) and Westmont (Haddon Ave., 7:30 p.m.) next Wed., Oct. 25, so get your costume ready now.

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Verona resident William DeMatron, photographed on May 4, was one of six firefighters in Harrison to win The Gold Medal of Valor.

LIFESAVER

Firefighter honored for rescue

BY DAN BERNARDINI
Staff Writer

Will never lose 24 years of fighting fire. Things can get hot for William DeMatron.

McMahon, 51, a Cedar Grove resident since 1982, works for the Harrison Fire Department. On Nov. 20, 2010, shortly after 8 a.m., a group of firefighters were about to change shifts when they got a report of a fire. After a two-minute drive, the six firefighters went to a family home. "There was pulled up there was smoke coming from the second-floor apartment and a woman was screaming that her son was still inside," McMahon recalled. They knocked a water line extending 100 feet, forced the door open and reached the apartment. Since that day

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Grim portrait of future costs

BY JENNIFER KINGMA
Staff Writer

Can Verona overcome a "fiscal iceberg" that will weigh the body of state officials?

Verona Mayor Joseph Martin and panel speaker Tom Verone discussed the challenges facing Verona and the direct connection to local cost when during Monday evening's council meeting.

Verona currently has 26 active and 26 retired police officers receiving health care, according to Martin, who added that the number of retirees will only increase in the years ahead.

"It's a town like Verona, that can't be managed, but it

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MAY 14 ELECTIONS
The last campaign push

VERONA
Three open seats, seven choices

BY JENNIFER KINGMA
Staff Writer

Many voters could find it a split on the Verona Township Council. A variety of factors go into a candidate's quest to represent the township, with weeks or even months worth of planning.

In less than a week's time, it will be decided who of the seven residents campaign announced the most in Verona, as their spots on the council will be filled.

Between the three incumbents and four challengers vying for seats, the already crowded town became divided into five campaign groups — and the candidates themselves.

Marking down their opponents' names among other tasks, see tomorrow

We've got you covered

The Verona-Cedar Grove Times will update its website throughout election day on Monday, May 14.

Go to www.veronacedar.com/elections for all your updates.

"It probably has been eight, then you're not special," Schwartz said of the practice. "Some people see it for their inspiration. Not I have that."

Supporters for Sniatkowski and Verone previously had an influence leading the race, as he never used state in the past. The town council, however, he said he was an ally of them.

"There I had not in 2005, no one used again," Sniatkowski said. "I had to use to have in 2005. It's a new dynamic in order to get people out there."

Challenger Rich Williamson said he received a good number of requests for the information on the council and has kept busy fulfilling the orders.

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CEDAR GROVE
Council candidates finalize 'low key' election

BY DAN BERNARDINI
Staff Writer

She a recent history council candidate Nancy Kilkenny and her husband Michael goal part of their working anniversary handling out spots at the Fremont Civic Center.

In between time of mental sleeping cards and sheets of hanging banner materials, she interrupted attempts to give their copies.

In the hands-on the items from a total of 71 — mostly made on a home computer — she found a large of supporters. Some around town, and others — who came from Verona and West Orange — gave their support, her couldn't say for sure. She came ready for the call.

"I need to be well-organized and confident," she said.

But as between tonight's voters, there were some questions. Former councilwoman Ann Mago, on her way into the

Chiusolo Zunic

don't for promotion, stepped for a couple of minutes to give position. A pair of voters, both, the candidates' voters gave their support.

"This was just one of the last week campaigns in the last week of the of the election cycle."

In the May 14 municipal election, three incumbents — John Zunic, Joseph Chiusolo and S. Roman Longo — and challenger Edithone are vying for three open council seats. Like their work to go before the town council election, the candidates are mounting support and reaching out to voters who they are.

Even with advertisements, handouts, door knocking, candidate forums and web videos, Cedar Grove announced last week that it will be announcing in 2014 about 20 percent of registered voters — about 1,600 — in a fully contained election with an

no candidates for three seats. In 2011, the governing body had only 810 people in a town of 12,300 total in a contest between S. Roman Longo and Cheryl Brown.

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SandBox
Commentary

Current Events Give Credibility To 'Crazy' Conspiracy Theories

By BILL BONVIE

Political paranoia has been a favorite theme of Hollywood movies for many years. While I could cite numerous examples, one of my favorites was the 1976 thriller "The Parallax View," in which Warren Beatty played a reporter who becomes prey to the clandestine work of a seemingly legitimate enterprise called the Parallax Corp. that specializes in finding suitable individuals and training them to become assassins. In the course of his undercover investigation, however, several of the journalist's associates are dispatched by these operatives, including his ex-girlfriend and editor, before he is not only ground down immediately following the murder of a prominent politician, but "officially" identified as the lone perpetrator. Case closed.

However popular such cinematic conspiracy theories continue to be with audiences, the idea that government agents, perhaps in league with major corporations, could be involved in all manner of sinister schemes and cold-blooded cover-ups has long been heaped with scorn and ridicule by conventional media. Sure, politics and business have always been rife with corruption, but nothing on the scale of intrigue, menace and chicanery concocted by scriptwriters (at least not here in the "land of the free").

Oh, really?

Could we, in fact, be the unwitting subjects of constant mass manipulation, led to accept things as established fact that are actually anything but? One can find plenty of evidence of our having been duped in the not-so-distant past, if one cares to lift the lid on a number of Pandora's boxes that were supposed to have been safely shut and stored away.

The most egregious instance of this was undoubtedly the Warren Commission report that identified Lee Harvey Oswald as the "lone assassin" of JFK, despite a mountain of evidence, and the subsequent conclusion of a congressional committee, that this shocking event of nearly a half-century ago (and the mysterious deaths of various individuals connected with it) was the work of a massive criminal conspiracy. But there have been others, including the supposed "suicides" of movie legend Marilyn Monroe and Clinton administration lawyer Vince Foster. Closer examination of these cases seems to belie

the official cover stories and strongly suggest involvement by elements of organized crime, to which both had ties.

But why bring all this up now? Well, not just an account of the recent disclosures by a disaffected employee for a large government contractor about the extent of robo-spying on the communications of virtually all the inhabitants of the land (as well as foreigners) in the name of national security – although that does kind of set the stage. It's rather a couple of things that came to pass just last week that have again resulted in an upwelling of the undercurrents of distrust for the convenient, if sometimes implausible, explanations we're often given for traumatic occurrences.

The first item, a somewhat encouraging one for truth-seekers everywhere, was the news that no fewer than six members of the team that investigated the July 1997 crash of TWA Flight 800 off the south shore of Long Island have disavowed the official version of the cause of that disaster, claiming it represented a cover-up. The former investigators, who have filed a petition with the National

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Abuse of Authority

To the Editor:

Like many Americans, I have closely followed the revelations surrounding former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden's public disclosure of the PRISM surveillance program.

I understand the vital role that intelligence plays in keeping Americans safe from terrorism at home and abroad. However, I am greatly concerned by the federal government's considerable efforts to seize and store the personal records of millions of law-abiding citizens. These efforts violate and greatly undermine the Fourth Amendment.

As a member of the House Intelligence Committee, our congressman, Frank Lofton, should tell us if he learned about the breadth of this program from news reports, or if he was aware of this activity prior to its public disclosure. I, for one, expect members of Congress to protect the American people from such abuses of authority.

Mike Assad
Abusec

Smoke-Free Thanks

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the mayors of Ship Bottom and Harvey Cedars for taking the initiative to make our beaches the first on Long Beach Island to go smoke free, following the example of New York City, Seaside Heights and other New Jersey beaches.

The health hazards of smoking and second-hand smoke are well documented, and this

Don't Give Up Ship

To the Editor:

I would like to recognize the citizens of LBI who are working so hard to restore their damaged homes. I also want to give much recognition and praise to LBI municipal employees for their hard work cleaning up the Island. And thanks also go to local mayors for working tirelessly with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to get a sensible settlement regarding revised flood maps.

It has been a painful process for all, but perseverance is paying off. Here's my adieu: "Don't give up the ship." This is a U.S. naval slogan. Its meaning is profound and has relevance to LBI's recovery from Hurricane Sandy. When difficulties occur, you don't "give up the ship." You don't run and abandon what's important to you.

LBI is dealing with an unprecedented natural disaster that has resulted in financial loss and hardships for many. I see property owners not giving up their love for LBI. People are restoring their homes and renew-

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SITTING PRETTY: Mama swan rests on her nest across the author's Forked River bog.

Speak Easy

Nesting Swans Set Sandy Example

By DOTY CROSSAN

On Oct. 28, 2012, my husband and I were lulled down at my son and daughter-in-law's condo at Moonsea Township while Superstorm Sandy flooded our home on Forked River. Our little house on the water became a house under water.

When finally allowed back to our home, we dove into weeks of taping up and not muddier carpets, furniture, walls, insulation and appliances. We will be eternally grateful for the help of family, friends and strangers.

My husband's husband worked for months on interior restoration while we pressed every day to make the right decisions, none or day.

Before we knew it, April 2013 had arrived and the waterflow on our lagged started moving and building nests. For the first time in over 17 years at our beautiful location, across from 71 acres of fascinating wetlands, a pair of swans decided to build their nest at the very edge of the marsh.

We'd seen river otters, diamondback turtles, diving mergansers, longfishers that fed fish for everything but kinks, and plenty of more families, but never a nesting pair.

"Shouldn't they go to higher ground?" we asked each other. "They must know that land was just flooded."

As they built their nest, we rebuilt ours.

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ATHLETIC FIELD

Lack of toilets causes a stink

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

There was a lot of potty talk at Monday night's borough council meeting.

The toilet facilities at Forest Avenue Field – or lack thereof on most days of the week – were the main topic of the night, when a Glen Ridge Athletic Association lacrosse coach told the council that the lack of easy access to facilities was causing serious problems for her players.

The GRAA's third- and fourth-grade girls' lacrosse team has practice sessions at Forest Avenue Field on Monday evenings. And the players, according to Coach Karen Fahn, do not have easy access to a restroom during that time.

Glen Ridge does keep a portable toilet at Forest Avenue Field from Friday evening through the weekend, but the

toilet is always removed on Monday morning.

It had gotten to the point, Fahn told the council, that some of the players – around 8 and 9 years old – were starting to have "accidents" on the field.

She explained that she had raised concerns about the issue to several different people, including GRAA President Bob Santulli and Parks and Recreation Director Jim Cloan, before going to the council.

The only other option the team seemed to have, she said, was having a parent escort the players to the Starbucks on Bloomfield Avenue. The team can't knock on residents' doors, she said, because of safety issues. Nor can they access the restrooms inside Forest Avenue School.

Police Chief Sheila Byron-

EDUCATION

Exchange students find a family in GR

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

Every year, thousands of high school students from around the world spend a few months – or as much as a year – living, studying and learning with families in other countries as part of a student exchange.

And one Glen Ridge family, the Winthers, knows all about student exchange programs.

Not only have they hosted exchange students from overseas, but the family's two children have gone abroad at exchange student themselves.

Tyler Winther, now a rising senior at Glen Ridge High School, spent a semester living and studying in Argentina last year. This year, the Winthers are hosting Karla Bermudez, a student from Ecuador.

The family has participated in exchange programs – both as host family and sending family – through AFS Intercultural Programs.

Bermudez has a brother and sister who also went abroad as exchange students, so that is partially what inspired her to become an exchange student herself.

"I really enjoy every single thing here," Bermudez said earlier this week.



ERIN ROLL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Karla Bermudez and Tyler Winther pose in the lobby of Glen Ridge High School on Monday. Bermudez, a student from Ecuador, is staying with Winther's family during her time in the U.S. Last year, Winther was an exchange student himself, in Argentina.

Learning the language was a bit of a challenge when she arrived in the United States, she said, but the cultural aspect – adjusting to life in Glen Ridge, making friends – was an easy transition.

Like Bermudez, Winther needed a few months to adjust to life in Argentina, but once he started learning the language, everything else came easily. "It was an eye-

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REORGANIZATION

Newest school board members take oaths

BY ROMAN J. USCHAK
Staff Writer

The newest members of the Belleville Board of Education were inducted on Monday evening in the board's annual reorganization meeting in the Belleville High School media center.

Interim business administrator Michael Vezza read the tallies of the votes from the school board election that was held on April 16. Lillian Torres led the three candidates with 542 votes, while Raymond Kuebler received 517 votes and John Rivers earned 508 votes. A total of 880 votes were cast.

The operating budget tax levy, though, was defeated at the polls by a vote of 464 to 377.

There were also 37 write-in votes filed, 32 of which were for "State Investigation".

According to posts on the Belleville forums at noon, several posters championed the notion of writing in "state investigation" in hopes of having the state investigate the Belleville school district. Earlier this year, former superintendent Joseph Picardo resigned, after he was put on paid administrative leave by the school board after a sexual harassment lawsuit was filed against him last year by a former district employee.

The newest members of the school board were welcomed by the returning members and wished much success on Monday.

Rivers was also unanimously approved as the board's new president, succeeding Peter Zargani, who served in the position the past two years. Jennie Lombardi, who begins her second year on the board, was chosen as vice-president.

School No. 9 principal Paula Cummins spoke on behalf of interim superintendent Dr. Helene Feldman, who could not attend the meeting.

"I'd like to congratulate the new board members and the newly elected officials," she said succinctly.

Board trustee Joseph Longo and other board members expressed condolences to trustee William Vecza for his father, a Hoboken native who passed away on Sunday, and who had been an extra in the classic 1954 Marlon Brando film, "On the Waterfront".

The new board members were sworn in by Vezza in front of family and friends.

"Today is a proud moment for me, and I'm honored to accept the position," said Torres, who also remembered her mother, Blanca. "I'm excited to work with the other board members who share the same values and commitment that I do."

She then finished her speech in Spanish.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity, helping the

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Above, new BOE member Lillian Torres is sworn in by Business Administrator Michael Vezza, with her son Trevor holding the Bible. Left, Raymond Kuebler is sworn in by Vezza.



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TELEVISION

Belleville teacher gets his turn at the 'Wheel'

BY ROMAN J. USCHAK
Staff Writer

Joe Della Ferra is different from most "Wheel of Fortune" fans. While most of them can merely dream of actually appearing on their favorite game show, Della Ferra has actually done it.

"I've been a fan for 30 years," said Della Ferra, an elementary school teacher at Belleville's School No. 4 who will appear in an episode of the long-running program on April 29.

He normally watches with his 92-year-old mother-in-law, Tressie Giandomenico, every night. The road to Della Ferra's actual appearance on the show began with his wife's friend sending them an email about "Wheel of Fortune" auditions that were slated to be held in New York City. He had to apply online and also submit a one-minute video, which he submitted the night before the deadline.

From there he went to an audition in Manhattan with roughly 75 other applicants, about a third of whom were returned after sub-

mitting a written test and also playing mock "Wheel" games.

"They told us to expect a letter by the end of December," said Della Ferra regarding the ultimate selection of the show's contestants.

The letter from contestant producer Gary O'Brien actually arrived on Feb. 21, one day after Della Ferra's mother-in-law celebrated her birthday.

"It was a nice present for her," he recalled. "She's a big fan of the show."

Less than a month later, on March 13, Della Ferra was back across the Hudson River in front of more than 3,000 people at the Theater at Madison Square Garden, taping the first show that kicked off "Wheel's" New York City Week.

"I took a personal day from school," laughed Della Ferra.

He said he later got a text from a fellow teacher, who saw him in the background in a broadcast on ABC-TV's Eyewitness News. Of course, he also got to meet long-time "Wheel" hosts Pat Sajak and Vanna White, and believed that

he made a positive impression on them.

Della Ferra said that his stint was only intended to last one show, but that he couldn't reveal any other specifics. He did say that his particular episode would air on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. on ABC-TV Channel 7.

"I gave a big shout-out to the Belleville public school system," he admitted. "I was extremely enthusiastic."

For support in the audience, he coasted on his wife, Denise, along with his son, Joe III, and three of their neighbors, along with his wife's best friend, Elaine. He lauded publicly in announcer Jim Thornton, though, that he wished his students could have also been there.

"My fantastic first-graders couldn't be here," said Della Ferra at the time. "They had a spelling test."

"Mr. Della Ferra is a man of considerable talent," said School No. 4 principal Carmine Giunta. "Not only is he a well-regarded



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Belleville school teacher Joe Della Ferra is slated to appear on an episode of "Wheel of Fortune" next week.

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MAY 11 Arts Festival and Eco Fair: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Glen Ridge High School parking lot/Widgee Avenue train location; Glen Ridge High School Project Graduation Plant Sale	JUNE 10 Borough council: 7:30 p.m., municipal building
MAY 13 Board of education: 8 p.m., Glen Ridge High School	JUNE 13 Board of adjustment: 8 p.m., municipal building
MAY 20 Borough council: 7:30 p.m., municipal building	JUNE 17 Board of education (tentative): 8 p.m., Glen Ridge High School
MAY 27 Memorial Day	JUNE 21 Glen Ridge High School graduation: 7 p.m., Glen Ridge High School (train location: Widgee Avenue School auditorium)
JUNE 3 Board of education (tentative): 8 p.m., Glen Ridge High School	JULY 4 Independence Day
	JULY 8 Borough council: 7:30 p.m., municipal building

FUNDRAISER

High school reopens 'Brick by Brick'

Have you noticed the new brick benches near the entrance to Glen Ridge High School? The benches are made of different sized bricks inscribed with personal messages from current and former students, families, local businesses and groups. These benches were built "brick by brick" in 2011 through a fundraiser sponsored by the Glen Ridge High School Home & School Association.

Glen Ridge High School is re-opening the Brick by Brick fundraiser this spring to allow new families the opportunity to sponsor a brick, and become a part of Glen Ridge history.

A limited number of bricks are available for purchase.

Visit the school's website www.glenridge.org/ghs and "click the brick" to download an order form.

Bricks are \$140 for a 4-by-8 inch brick, or \$290 for an 8-by-8 inch brick. The 4-by-8 inch brick has three lines of personalization, and the 8-by-8 inch has six lines. The larger bricks offer a great opportunity for groups to participate. "It's not just individuals, families or businesses that can buy bricks, but also groups of students, student clubs and groups of teachers," notes Lauren Kinder, the project lead.

Home & School representatives also will be at the Arts Festival on May 11 with order forms.

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A Smidge of Glen Ridge

by Jim A. Kees

Fish Out of Water.

Patrolman Wilbur Van Wagener had seen many usual things while on the Glen Ridge Police Force but what he saw on one sunny April day in 1935 was most bizarre. As Van Wagener cruised down Watchung Avenue on his motorcycle, he came to a dead stop when he saw two large trout floundering in the street. This fishy tale was a mystery to Van Wagener but it was later ascertained that the fish either "bounced or jumped" out of a fish and game truck en route to a stream being stocked for the upcoming fishing season.

The Case of the Flipping Fish was solved and presumably the errant trout received an invitation to dinner – as the main course!



OUR VIEW

There's much ado about the loo

At a public park or a playing field, it should be a no-brainer that you provide easy access to some restroom facilities, even if it's just a portable toilet. And considering how many sports teams practice or play in Glen Ridge's fields in the spring and summer, the importance of access to a restroom should be obvious to people.

Sadly, no. At Forest Avenue Field, Glen Ridge only keeps a portable toilet in place on the weekends – but not on most days of the week, when a lot of sports teams, including for grade-school kids, come to practice.

Why? It seems that there are a lot of people on Forest Avenue, and elsewhere, who don't like to look out their window and get even a glimpse of the plastic priory on the horizon.

But now we have young athletes who are starting to have accidents during practice because they don't have access to a nearby restroom.

This is shameful. And the borough ought to have done something about it much sooner.

Some of the players may use the bathroom at home before coming to practice. But they

may end up needing to go again an hour later – that's just the way the human body works sometimes.

We obviously can't expect athletes to limit their water intake during practice; they need to stay hydrated, especially now that the weather's warming up.

And knocking on residents' doors and asking to use their bathrooms? From a safety standpoint, that's a very bad idea – especially since these are children we're talking about.

Glen Ridge's playing fields are not private parks. They are for the enjoyment and exercise of everyone in Glen Ridge, be they residents or visitors. And the fields need to be outfitted in such a way that people can use them in safety and in comfort.

Yes, a portable toilet, or even a small field house, may offend some people's aesthetic sensibilities.

But the fact is, these players, and everyone else using the field, need to have ready access to toilet facilities at or near the field.

It's just good health policy – not to mention plain common sense.

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It's a delicate balance to avoid addiction to dirty diction

When "Gone With the Wind" came out in 1939, a classmate told me her parents were going to take her to the movie even though there was a curse word in the final scene. When I told my mother this, she exclaimed, "What is this world coming to?" I decided if my parents offered to take me, I'd decline. I knew when Rhett Butler turned to say goodbye to Scarlett, I'd get two big hands clamped over my ears. If that kind of parental profligacy protection was still being used today, there'd be a lot of kids going around with cauliflower ears.

I'm sure my father was not a stranger to strong language. He was a factory foreman and he'd been in the trenches in World War I, but he was careful around the house. During a repair job once, he explained that his colorful expletive was involuntary since he'd aimed the hammer at a finishing nail and hit a thumb-nail instead. As a kid, I thought I'd found a loophole in the family's anti-swearing regulations. I came home one day and told my mother, "Bobby dropped his ice cream cone and he said #@%*!." I told him, Bobby, you're not sup-



Imagine That
Gabe Newman

posed to say #@%*! It's a bad word. This way I got to say the word twice and I thought I was protected by editorial privilege and maybe the First Amendment. My mother didn't buy it. I wonder if Liebovitz soap still tastes that bad. I admit a certain lack of prof-

anity control myself, especially while watching sports on TV. When Eli Manning gets intercepted in the end zone or a Mets reliever blows a ninth inning save, "Oh, gee whizz" just doesn't do it for me. The lady doesn't want me to watch these games with the grandchildren. According to historians, humans have been cursing since we learned to communicate with words. Even before that, there was probably some very nasty grunting when things went wrong. I saw X-rated wall inscriptions in Pompeii and I'm sure there's kool language in

some hieroglyphic accounts. They say Shakespeare included a lot of dirty words in his plays, but some have become obsolete and are unrecognizable today. According to researchers, strong language can be useful since it actually helps relieve pain, but overuse diminishes the effect and can lead to an addiction. A G.I. chaplain once warned the guys in my barracks that if we didn't clean up our vocabulary, we'd go home and, some evening during a family dinner, we'd ask our mothers or our wives to please pass the (BLEEP) butter.

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Opinion

Pairs upon pairs...socked away for another day

"Hey Mom, did you do the laundry today?" asked my son. "I do laundry every day," I told him. "I love to do laundry." "Well, did you wash my socks?" he wondered. "Did you put them in the hamper?" "Yeah."

"I don't recall seeing them," I admitted, shrugging. He shook his head. "But I have no socks!" I looked at him incredulously. He owned about 10 pair of socks. He wore two pair every day – one for school and one for lacrosse.

If he put them in the hamper, I would have washed them. That is, unless someone intercepted them and removed them from the hamper. And that someone could only be...

The Dirty Sock Thief

Yes, we had a sock thief living among us.

By day, he was a mild-mannered golden retriever. But at night he transformed into a notorious, four-legged, fuzzy sock thief.

What was worse than the fact that he stole the socks, however, was what he did with them once he had them in his possession. He glommed on them.

For those who are not familiar with this term, to "glom" means to wrap your mouth around an object and drool excessively all over it.

And in case you were wondering, this is not a good thing, especially if you are the owner of the item being glommed upon.

Typically, when the dog gets his glom on, he limits it to one or two pair of socks.

But apparently he had upped his nightly visits to the hamper, and had made off with almost a dozen pair of socks right under our noses. Additionally, it would appear he had developed a specific taste for one person's dirty socks – my son's.

"I think the dog stole your socks," I said to my son. "I'm not sure where they are, but you can let when we find them, they will be significantly glommed upon."

He wrinkled up his nose. "That is so gross. What's wrong with him? Who sucks on socks? Ewww."

"We need to give him our compassion, not our contempt," I said gently.

"Clearly he has a problem. I think he has to admit he has become powerless over socks, and we need to get him into a 12-step program for sock addiction."

We went downstairs and found the dog curled up miserably in his crate. I called him to come out, and that's when we discovered the stash of glommed-up socks in the back of the crate.

My son crawled into the dog's crate and started to retrieve the mass of socks.

Then he turned and popped his head out.

"Good news," he said. "It seems like he might be coming to the end of his sock-stealing days."

"How can you tell?" I asked him.

My son grabbed something from the back of the crate and handed it to me.

"Looks like he's moved on to your underwear."



Lost in Suburbia
TRACY BECKERMAN



THINKSTOCK
"Yes, we had a sock thief living among us."

LETTERS
FROM PAGE 8

Hopefuls appreciate a chance to serve

DEAR EDITOR:
We are thankful for the privi-

lege of being selected for municipal council on the Republican ticket for this November's elections.

We hope to meet each and every resident in the days, weeks and months ahead.

As long-time residents of Bergenfield, we love living here; love our friends, neighbors and community; and feel that this is our way of giving back to the town that has given so much to us in the past.

We do not take this responsibility lightly; we will make the residents proud.

Norman Schmelz,
Patricia Walsh-Wardini
Bergenfield

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Couple share proud moment

Christian Boardwalk staff and Marjori Per were married at the Lutheran Society of Ridgewood on Monday evening.



Church hosts first same-sex marriage in village

By Darius Amis Staff Writer

There was a certain historical significance to Monday's ceremony at the Lutheran Society of Ridgewood, but Marjori Per and Christian Boardwalk were undoubtedly caught up thinking about their future as a married, same-sex couple in New Jersey.

The two Ridgewood residents are the first gay couple to marry in the village, and their celebration was the first same-sex wedding to take place in Bergen County since the state Supreme Court last Friday rejected Governor Christie's request to postpone these rights for another year.

The joy first lit on one Friday when she heard the news, and her heart actually leapt in joy to get to this day. "I'm so glad that [Christie] changed his mind. It's a joy knowing that justice was brought in not just going to be a distant vision, but now and forever. This is a new available for everyone," Boardwalk said, and moments before, he exchanged vows with Per in front of roughly three dozen family members, friends and Lutheran Society congregants.



From left: Joann Germain and Dora Per (second) sign the marriage license as witnesses to the wedding of Zora's partners, Christian Boardwalk and Marjori Per; Boardwalk and Per exchange wedding rings; and Helen Lindsko is all smiles at the ceremony.

VALLEY HEARINGS Objections frustrating to opponents

By Darius Amis Staff Writer

An attorney's persistent objections to statements made by opponents of The Village Hospital's proposed new addition further testimony by witnesses representing the County Board of Ridgewood (CBR) until next week, and the ongoing arguments by the health care facility's local opponents.

Through the first hour of Tuesday night's Planning Board meeting, nearly 200 members had taken seats inside the Ridgewood Municipal Middle School (RMS) auditorium for the board's public hearing. But the crowd had noticeably thinned after the attorney's continued protest and was mostly limited to staff by the time John Hengeman, CBR's first witness at the evening, finally began his testimony.

The hearing had applied for an amendment to Ridgewood's master plan to expand the facility to near

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SCHOOLS Report shows vandalism down

By Laura Hendig Staff Writer

While the annual numbers of reported incidents involving vandalism, property and substance abuse in Ridgewood schools have remained somewhat constant since 2011, incidents of vandalism have

decreased greatly. Board of Education (BOE) President Sheila Higgins on Monday announced that the drop in vandalism might be attributed to the installation of visible security cameras in the schools several years ago.

Based on the district's reported data collection for the year's Electronic Vandalism and Vandalism Reporting System (EVRIS), from 2012-2013 to 2013, incidents of vandalism decreased from 71 to 14 incidents.

Superintendent David Parkins said that cameras, which were installed about 10 years ago, are not central to Ridgewood's ongoing security strategy to improve school safety, but they might have something to do with the drop in total reported incidents.

In the 2012-2013 school year, the district reported to

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ENVIRONMENT Renewable energy program gains steam



Village Engineer Chris Mulholland (left) explains a renewable energy program during a tour of Ridgewood's water treatment facility.

In the spotlight are the village's biogas system and its generator, which captures the water treatment process and converts gas produced by water into renewable electricity. That electricity is then utilized to power the entire complex, which is the village's greenest energy consumer. The particular practice was described by officials at an informative program, one that is only beginning to gain steam in the county, in town, in the world.

The new biogas plant power generator is one of the concrete jobs of Ridgewood Green, a public

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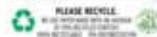
The Cresskill superintendent will receive an award for her support of the arts.
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Cresskill earns spot in county basketball tournament.
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TAMUO ZHANG/THE RECORD

An unidentified woman grieves Tuesday afternoon behind the police caution line near a West Palisades Avenue apartment complex. Police found a mother and her 3-year-old daughter dead inside the apartment.

INVESTIGATION

Mother and daughter found dead in apartment

BY STEPHANIE NODA
Staff Writer

ENGLEWOOD — A mother and her 3-year-old daughter were found dead in a West Palisades Avenue apartment complex the morning of Jan. 29, police confirmed.

"A child this young, it's certainly unfortunate and certainly something we haven't experienced in a long time," Police Chief Arthur O'Keefe said.

Tammy Pitta Gaddy, 40, a longtime Englewood resident, was the victim of multiple stab wounds, while her daughter,

Natasha Gaddy, died of apparent asphyxiation, according to preliminary reports from the medical examiner. Tammy was found on the main floor of her apartment on 276 West Palisades Ave., while Natasha was found in the

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GOVERNMENT

Trolley service running out of money

BY STEPHANIE NODA
Staff Writer

ENGLEWOOD — The future of the Englewood trolley system may be in jeopardy, as funds are expected to run out within the next six months.

"This issue is, how do we develop transit systems that are self-supporting?" said Adam Brown, chairman of the Englewood Economic Development Corporation (EEDC). "I think it's very wobbly to have a city transit system where it's free for everyone to use it."

The trolley system was brought up during the Jan. 24 Planning Board meeting as part of a discussion on the city's Master Plan and the future of transportation systems within the city.

Brown, who also serves on the Planning Board, said it would be beneficial to have an analysis conducted to study the financial feasibility of the trolley system.

The trolley system, a bus leasing service that started in 2008 and makes stops throughout the city's four wards, has been traditionally been paid for by donations from developers in the southern, industrial section of the city.

Total operating costs for the trolley are approximately

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COUNCIL ROUNDUP

Access denied

Council nixes request by Board of Ed to joint server

BY ANDREW NEZEEM

The Montclair Township Council will not permit the Montclair Board of Education access to its own governing bodies' joint server to allow the investigation of related school issues.

Montclair Board of Education President Robert Kamen and Vice President Shelby Landwehr, along with Board of Education member Mark Sabatini met with the Township Council in a closed session prior to the Council's public meeting to discuss the investigation. After the public meeting, the council again went into a closed session.

Shortly after the meeting, the council resumed its meeting to vote on the matter. Deputy Mayor Robert Rios, Councilman-at-Large Erik McMillan and Joint Ward Councilman Steve Spiller abstained from the vote.

The council voted 5-2 in opposition of granting the Board of Education access to the joint server, according to McMillan, with Mayor Robert Johnson and Joint Ward Councilman Bill Hartwig voting in support of the request.

"The Board of Education has a right to get information from its servers, irrespective of how one feels about the investigation of the Board," Johnson stated in an email to the Union.

"I have the opinion that they have the right to access their information just as I would want to monitor information if the situation was reversed," Hartwig stated yesterday.

Spiller indicated that the council would need a joint statement regarding the matter as well as Whitehead, The Times, Township, and to give prior to it being put forward.

While the council voted in opposition of granting the school district access to the joint server, a formal resolution had yet to be finalized as of early Wednesday afternoon, according to Township Attorney Ken Karamich. Karamich said the Union that he had filed drafting the resolution, but that a bill required the approval of the Township Council. The draft was expected to be completed by the end of Wednesday and possible to be presented back to the council.

While unable to give an exact date, Karamich said the Township Council has not done its part in the school board's investigation and that granting access to the servers in the council majority's opinion, would be doing the right thing.

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BOE's subpoenas quashed for now

Judge stymies investigation

BY GEORGE WEIR

The Montclair Board of Education's effort to subpoena information in its probe of the school board of student loans has hit a major snag.

Superior Court Judge Thomas B. Vane in Newark last week quashed part of the subpoenas issued by the board in its controversial investigation into the unaccounted-for money of the non-fund appeared on a website.

The decision set off a series of school board meetings that culminated in a closed-door meeting this past Tuesday night in which Board of Education President Robert Kamen and Vice President Shelby Landwehr and board attorney Mark Sabatini met with the Township Council in a closed session prior to the Council's public meeting to discuss the investigation.

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While unable to give an exact date, Karamich said the Township Council has not done its part in the school board's investigation and that granting access to the servers in the council majority's opinion, would be doing the right thing.

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about schools just one general meeting to members to receive more information about the Board of Education spending, including the funds being spent on an investigation into the school board loans.

Vane's temporary restraining order came in response to a subpoena filed by the American Education Union of New Jersey, which is representing a teacher identified only as "Anonymous," who received one of the subpoenas issued by the

Board of Education. "The subpoena is a violation of the teacher's right to privacy," Vane said in the order.

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The Mayor said that releasing information would mean that "the school board would have more information," Adams-Longstreng said. "It's not going to be shared with the community."

James LaCorte, deputy legal director for the ACLU, NJ, told The Montclair Times that the legal watchdog group decided to get involved in the case to protect the identity of "Anonymous."

LaCorte said the board had issued a subpoena to Google

DID IT AGAIN!



Montclair High senior Ben Wallace (7) raises the NJSSAA North 1 Group V Football championship trophy after the Montclair 23-0 win over Ridgewood Saturday night, Dec. 7 at Mt. Olive Stadium. See story on C1.



A button in support of Nelson Mandela's release from prison, made by the Newark-based People's Organization for Progress in 1983.

Mandela mourned

Locals say his spirit endures

BY ERIC WEISS, ANDREW NEZEEM, and KELLY CERRIA

The many people, Nelson Mandela expressed the most noble of human characteristics: courage, compassion, forgiveness, and the ability to transcend the pain of the past. On Thursday, Dec. 5, he would have been 94. Mandela's death is the most significant loss of the 21st century, as many local residents.

TEACHERS GO TO WORK

Teacher unions in 20 great Montclair incident, was held in South Africa, although the date in the United States is not that far from now. Montclair said that the law was not broken after he was released.

"The teacher and my father were my mother and my father," she told The Times. "There were Nelson Mandela."

Although she was psychologically prepared for Mandela's death — he had been critically ill for years — she said she was still shocked when she learned of his death.

In an interview with The Montclair Times, resident Lorraine Hines, the chairman of the Newark-based People's Organization for Progress, said she was able to see that a significant figure in the life of the nation, by the way, she was one of the organizers of the anti-apartheid movement at Princeton University in the mid-

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Feds charge landlord with denying black renters

By James R. Heney
Reporting Staff

The owners of two apartment buildings in North Arlington have been charged by the federal government with denying equal housing opportunities to African-American renters.

NORTH ARLINGTON

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced on Tuesday, July 23, that it has charged Michael Per-

son, along with his wife Mary Ann of Wilton with violating the Fair Housing Act for allegedly denying equal opportunities to African-Americans.

HUD's charges allege that Pererson, owner of apartment building located at 44 Beach St. and 17 Morgan Pl., refused to show apartments to or rent to the calls of a prospective tenant after learning that he is African-American, and that Pererson engaged in race and other discriminatory behavior against African Amer-



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has charged the owners of 44 Beach St. in North Arlington of denying equal opportunities based on race.

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The funeral procession of John 'Jay' Fahy makes its way from the funeral parlor to St. Mary Church in Rutherford on Monday, July 22.

Family, friends mourn John 'Jay' Fahy

By Kelly Richards
Staff Writer

The funeral for John 'Jay' Fahy, Carlstadt's longest attorney, was held Monday, July 22 from St. Mary Church in Rutherford. Fahy was laid to rest at George Washington Memorial Park in Paterson.

Fahy, who worked at Carlstadt borough attorney for the past 18 years, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound on July 17 under the bridge.

Like someone on Route 17 South near Canoe Hillside, Carlstadt said. An investigation by the borough's police department would not be a gun-on-brand but from his private practice and home, friends, family and colleagues grieve.

Carlstadt Mayor Nick Bonanno said he will miss Fahy not only as a valued attorney but as a long time friend as well.

"After nearly 18 years of meetings, and

hundreds of hours of working with him through good and difficult times, just finding a name of the person as a whole. It is like looking at an artist's entire body of work. It becomes easier to recognize the person that defines the individual. The way that that, in the many years that I've known and worked with him, I've never known him to be anything, more spiritual or emotional. In fact, for me the complete definition of that, that person who made his profession as a criminal attorney, he could have easily been someone who worked in retail or in a store, but he was not. He was open, and accepting, and possessed a kind and gentle soul who would always be there to help you in the legal arena when you needed him," said Bonanno.

The son of Irish immigrants who came to the United States in 1904, Fahy, 56, came from Roselle Park Township and was in practice the most sought after attorney to handle the most sought after attorney in the area.

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Legality of council's RDP budget doubted

By Steven Mackinnon
Staff Writer

The council's modified version of the long delayed Rutherford Elementary Rutherford (RED) budget was not legal standing, according to the borough attorney.

The council's budget contained the RDP budget, which included a bond for the RDP program for property owners. The council's budget also came to a RED of more than \$20,000 above the RDP amount and included \$10,000 for activities in collaboration with the borough's Rutherford Board of Education.

What the municipality voted down the 2013 budget in December the department government was right and a budget to be modified with what was

Students get uniform

By James R. Heney
Reporting Staff

North Arlington has decided on a uniform for its students, where they will wear a blue and white uniform. High school students will also have a blue and white uniform, either way of blue or grey. The school will have a blue and white uniform.

"It's going to be a blue and white uniform," said Superintendent John DeLuca. "It's going to be a blue and white uniform, either way of blue or grey. The school will have a blue and white uniform."

The school board will also have a blue and white uniform, either way of blue or grey. The school will have a blue and white uniform.

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Couple share proud moment

Christian Bendorff and Marjorie Fox were married at the Lutheran Church of Ridgewood on Monday evening.



Church hosts first same-sex marriage in village

BY DANIEL ANGE
Staff Writer

There was a certain historical significance to Monday's ceremony at the Lutheran Church of Ridgewood, but Marjorie Fox and Christian Bendorff were undoubtedly caught up thinking about their future as a married, same-sex couple in New Jersey.

The two longtime Ridgewood residents are the first gay couple to marry in the village, and their celebration was the first same-sex wedding to take place in Ridgewood since the state

Supreme Court last Friday rejected Governor Christie's request to postpone these rights for another year at a recent court ruling. By early Monday afternoon, the governor had filed his appeal.

"The joy has far outstripped anything we could have imagined in going to the city. It's so great that [Christie] changed his mind. It's a joy knowing that same-sex marriage is not just going to be a dead window that we see and January. This is now available for everyone," Bendorff said, and moments before he exchanged vows with Fox in front of roughly three

dozen family members, friends and Lutheran Reform congregants.

With the help of their friends, the couple worked most of the day Monday to get their celebration together. In addition to regular party planning, Fox and Bendorff applied for their marriage license as well as a witness from New Jersey's state-day rule, which meant couples must wait 72 hours after receiving their license to legally wed.

The Bergen County Superior Court received several repeat requests Monday, but judges processed only a few.

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VALLEY HEARINGS Objections frustrating to opponents

BY DANIEL ANGE
Staff Writer

An attorney's persistent objections to statements made by opponents of The Village Ridgewood's proposed new addition further testimony by witnesses representing the Council on Education of Ridgewood (CER) could not wait, and the ongoing aggression by the health care facility's legal counsel is pushing some residents to their wit's end.

Through the first hour of Tuesday night's Planning Board meeting, roughly 200 residents had taken seats inside the Ridgewood Veterans Middle School (RVS) auditorium for the board's public hearing. But the crowd had noticeably thinned after the attorney's continued protest and was nearly reduced to half by the time John Hengeman, CER's first witness at the evening, finally began his testimony.

The hearing had applied for an amendment to Ridgewood's master plan to permit the facility to use

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SCHOOLS Report shows vandalism down

BY LAURA HEZING
Staff Writer

While the annual numbers of reported incidents among students, teachers and substance abuse in Ridgewood schools had remained relatively constant since 2005, incidents of vandalism have decreased.

Board of Education (BOE) President Sheila Hengeman on Monday announced that the drop in vandalism might be attributed to the installation of public safety cameras in the school district's main area.

Based on the district's recorded data collection for the state's Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVRIS), from 2002-2003 to 2012-2013, incidents of vandalism decreased from 71 to 14 incidents.

Representative David Paterson said that cameras, which were installed about 10 years ago, are not central to Ridgewood's ongoing security strategy to improve school safety, but they might have something to do with the drop in total reported incidents.

In the 2012-2013 school year, the district reported to

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From left, Jason Jarman and Zora Fox-Bendorff sign the marriage license as witnesses to the wedding of Zora's father, Christian Bendorff and Marjorie Fox; Bendorff and Fox exchange wedding rings; and Helen Lindquist is at one of the ceremony.

ENVIRONMENT Renewable energy program gains steam



Members from the Environmental Village Engineer Chris Mulholland (left) explains a renewable energy program during a tour of Ridgewood's water treatment facility.

BY DANIEL ANGE
Staff Writer

In the spotlight on the village's design system and its greenery, which optimizes the water treatment process and conserves gas generated by water treatment electricity. That electricity is then utilized to power the entire complex, which is the village's greenest energy consumer. The particular practice was described by officials at an informative program, one that is only beginning to gain steam in the coming, six days in the month.

The new large-scale power generated by water treatment is one of the core jobs of Ridgewood Green, a public

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Cedar Grove's William McMahon, photographed on May 4, was one of six firefighters in Harrison to win the Gold Medal of Valor.

LIFESAVER

Firefighter honored for rescue

BY DIAN BOMZELM
Staff Writer

With more than 24 years of fighting fires, Diego can get lost for William McMahon. McMahon, 51, a Cedar Grove resident since 2002, works for the Harrison Fire Department. On Nov. 20, 2012, shortly after 8 a.m., a group of firefighters was about to change shifts when they got a report of a fire. When a two-minute drive, the six firefighters went to a home on the second floor apartment and a woman was screaming that her son was still inside. McMahon recalled. They looked up a tower from standing 500 feet above their eyes and searched the apartment. Since their first

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Grim portrait of future costs

BY DIAN BOMZELM
Staff Writer

Can Verona investment in "smartest building" pay without the help of state officials. Township Manager Joseph Martin and joint speaker Mary Bioneri discussed the budget facing Verona and the direct contribution to health care reform during their May 9 evening council meeting. Verona currently has 28 active and 26 retired public officials receiving health care, according to Martin, who added that the number of retirees will only increase in the years ahead. "For a town like Verona, that can be managed, but it

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MAY 14 ELECTIONS
The last campaign push

VERONA
Three open seats, seven choices

BY DIAN BOMZELM
Staff Writer

Many paths could lead to a seat on the Verona Township Council. A series of rallies for home candidates began to ramp up the campaign, with weeks of door-to-door work of canvassing. In the three weeks of door-to-door work of canvassing, the council will be selected. Candidates for three council seats and four challenger spots for seats, the seven council seats remain distributed with Ryan, campaign posters and the candidates themselves. Candidates driving door-to-door are: Sniatkowski, among other roads, are common

We've got you covered
The Verona-Cedar Grove Times will update its website throughout election day on Tuesday, May 14. Go to www.veronacedar.com/verona-cedar-grove for all year updates.

"It inevitably has been done, then you're not afraid," Schwartz said of the practice. "Some people see it for more recognition, but I don't see it." Schwartz and Ryan previously had an ordinance banning the signs, but it was nullified in the past. The town council, however, has paid for the use of signs. "When I first ran in 2007, six new road signs," Sniatkowski said. "I didn't want to have 11,200. It's a nice display to make to get people out there." Sniatkowski said he received a great number of requests for the ordinance amendment and has long been building the ordinance.

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CEDAR GROVE
Council candidates finalize 'low key' election

BY DIAN BOMZELM
Staff Writer

On a recent Saturday, council candidate Nancy Killebrew and her husband Michael held part of their wedding anniversary celebration at the Princeton Tennis Facilities. In between tennis, several couples and dozens of hanging flower baskets, she interrupted attempts to give them copies. To be candid, she has always been an avid tennis player. "I usually make it a habit to go to the tennis courts and I have a lot of tennis gear," she said. "I used to sell dresses and shoes. She said that in between tennis, she has some more questions. "Some council members, Sam Majo, on her way into the



area for groceries, stopped for a couple of minutes to give posters. A pair of signs, both representing voters, gave their support. The was just one of the low-key campaigns in the two weeks of the election.

In the May 14 municipal election, three councilmembers: John Joseph Chiusolo and E. Ronald Longo and challenger Killebrew, are trying for those seats, among others. Last, they work to go before the non-partisan election, the candidates are meeting regularly or support and meeting residents who they can. Even with advertisements, handbills, door knocking, candidate forums and web pages, Cedar Grove council isn't likely to be overhauling. In 2010, about 20 percent of registered voters, a 1987 record in a fairly contained election with an

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Verona baseball beats Cedar Grove in Yogi Berra game.
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MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Public questions school candidates

Habib, Lajewski, Piskula quizzed on funds from school sale, Board of Education transparency

By SAUL CEPHAS
Staff writer

MADISON The pending sale of the former Green Campus Board building, Board of Education headquarters, and the specifications that would bring to the public, will be the focus of a "Madison Eagle" town hall meeting on Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, at the Green Campus Board building, 1000 N. 10th St.

In the town hall, the candidates for the Madison Board of Education in the Nov. 5 general election will be quizzed on their views on the school district's financial health, transparency, and the sale of the former Green Campus Board building, 1000 N. 10th St.

The town hall will be held at 7 p.m. at the Green Campus Board building, 1000 N. 10th St. The candidates are: Lajewski, Piskula, and Habib.

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Photo by Jeff Weinger

The three candidates vying for two seats on the Madison Board of Education in the Nov. 5 general election - from left, Lajewski of Madison Road, Lajewski of Madison Road, and Piskula of Valley Road - joined the candidates and responded to questions from the public Thursday, Oct. 10, at a town hall at the Madison Community House.

What To Expect

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Leaders begin Christmas Fund 2013 campaign

Experienced volunteers and new partnerships carry on tradition for Madison's needy

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MADISON - In early this week, Madison's art banners were on display at the Madison Eagle's Christmas Fund 2013 campaign. The Madison Eagle's Christmas Fund is a tradition that has been carried on for over 50 years.



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REMEMBERING A LIFE LOST AT SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
A new playground at Sea Watch Beach in Manasquan has more meaning than the average playground. The playground, part of the Sandy Hook Project, honors people who, before the Oct. 4 terror attack, played on the beach. From left, Olivia's parents, Suzanne and Brian Engel (above), and her brother, Brooklyn, 4, attended the playground's ribbon-cutting ceremony last Friday. A banner plans how the community will use the facility.

Honoring Olivia's memory



"This playground is a symbol of healing and hope, both for our family and this town."

SUZANNE ENGL, mother of Olivia Engel
who was killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School

BY AMANDA STONE
STAFF WRITER

It was a special ceremony to honor a little girl with a big smile, who had a moment of personal achievement at the beach last Friday.

be taken over by a second generation but more than one generation of people will be playing on the beach. It's a place that will be remembered for generations to come.

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Contractor sues Manasquan

"Needless to say, we have been unhappy with the performance of the water treatment facility..."

MARK KATICK, Borough Attorney, Manasquan

BY AMANDA STONE
STAFF WRITER

The Borough of Manasquan has filed a lawsuit against the contractor, arguing that the company is not performing up to the standards of the contract.

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Teacher accused of sex with teen

Kate Warnick, 22, allegedly had sex with a 15-year-old student in Wall

BY THAMMUN CONNELL
STAFF WRITER

WALL TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL — A 22-year-old Wall High School teacher was charged last week with committing sexual offenses with a 15-year-old student in Wall.

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Belmar pavilion fight heats up

Residents expected to have brought petition to meeting seeking referendum

BY MATT BIRN
STAFF WRITER

Belmar residents are expected to have brought a petition to a meeting last night to seek a referendum on the town's plan to build a new pavilion.

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Katrina DiGirola, a member of Let's Move! in the Garden State, had the group petition signed by Belmar resident Anita Sacco earlier this week.

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Parents' group questions transparency in MacCormack hiring process

BY GEORGE WERT

A newly formed parents' organization that School Superintendent Perry MacCormack's employment contract contains a bonus provision and other provisions that should have been made public in the time she was hired.

According to the group, Montclair Community Schools, MacCormack is eligible for bonus payments, up to \$177,384 a year.

Under the terms of the contract awarded to her in August 2012 by the Montclair Board of Education, MacCormack has until February 2014 to obtain a state-issued certification required of all school superintendents.

MacCormack's contract also includes a provision that allows her to receive a bonus if she is not re-elected, a provision that is not in the contract.

"It is in the case, why we're asking for more transparency in the hiring process," said George Wert, who says he is not affiliated with the group.

"These pieces of information should have been available to the public before a contract was signed," Wert said.

Crime and how we fight it



Montclair Police Captain James Carlucci, right, and the Street Crime Unit increase patrols and get out of their cars to pat the streets around the hot spots the Horizon, Sun, and Pine streets, making a serious reduction in complaints. Many residents, according to Carlucci, who's in charge of the 3 to 9 p.m. shift.

Violent crimes down, larceny up in Montclair

BY ANDREW REEDER

CRIME REPORT

The State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety has released its annual crime trends report. The report is Montclair's Crime 9 down.

The largest reductions are in:

- Homicide, with 47 in 2012, down from 61 in 2011.
- Rape, with 41 in 2012, down from 46 in 2011.
- Motor vehicle theft, with 41 in 2012, down from 43 in 2011.
- "We took some shifts, but we don't do it all the time," Montclair Police Chief David Hirsch said of the downward trend. "We look at our budgets and being proactive where we believe they may be. We get out in certain neighborhoods to be seen. To stop crime that helps, we stay out there."
- Traffic-related police also play into reducing crime, said Hirsch. For instance,

while some technologies such as automatic license plate readers certainly will be having major vehicle thefts down, residents however to look here what happens as these given hours of hours their own parking to make up in the winter are also down.

Crimes which double by more than a third in one year may exceed impressive and are noted that, in 1991, Montclair had 422 such incidents.

That figure, dropping to one tenth of what it once was, exemplifies an overall decline.

Comparing Montclair PD to other departments

BY ANDREW REEDER

CRIME REPORT

Through the years, Montclair Police Chief David Hirsch said that the Montclair Times has put together the idea that we are not here to absolutely outpace.

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GRAND OLD PARADE



The Stratford String Band is the first of several marching bands to step off in Montclair's annual Independence Day Parade. See more photos and the line of march on page C5, and read the full story at www.northjersey.com/montclair/

PLANNING BOARD

Another facelift for midtown?

BY DEANE SHERRETT

CRIME REPORT

The Montclair Planning Board has designated a future project in the Central Business District "an area in need of redevelopment," which gives local officials the ability to conduct zoning changes to make it easier to carry out a particular development project.

Proposed for the classification include the Delta gas station at the



The intersection of Valley Road and Blountwood Avenue with some of the 12 properties designated "an area in need of redevelopment," including the Delta service station, the Montclair Police Department headquarters, the Leach building and a building with closed exterior.

the Leach building. "Let me stress the way that it meets the criteria" to be considered as a site in need of redevelopment, he said. "We had particularly hard words for

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Sick of poop, town embarks on wild goose chase

BY RUTHEN WINTER
 Staff Writer

The wild time you are about to witness unfolds in a back street and street here every year you see this a normal event because it may not be.

RUTHERFORD — In the last few years, the town of Rutherford has been plagued by a wild goose chase. The town is embarking on a wild goose chase to find out why the birds are dropping their eggs in the streets.

Officials are hopeful that a new "wild goose" system, a type of container system equipped with automatic Canada goose alert and alarm calls, will eliminate the need for residents to living in a state of alert about the birds.

"We have tried a lot of things over the years, from the bird dog signs to having our GPS get a signal down from our cell phone and make a difference," said Rutherford Health Officer Chris O'Neil.

According to O'Neil, the goose or more specifically their droppings have become a major issue for park goers in the town. "Even though we have a lot of people who come to the park, it's not a pleasant experience to see people dropping their eggs in the park," said O'Neil.

The number of goose droppings at the park and in the streets has increased significantly since the town of Rutherford was created in 2006. "We have a massive goose problem, especially in the park area. It's not a pleasant experience to see people dropping their eggs in the park," said O'Neil.

According to Kim Charbach, a wildlife biologist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the wild goose population in New Jersey is roughly twice the size of what has been determined to be a sustainable level.

In 2006, the Atlantic Flying Goose was determined to be an endangered species and the Canada goose to be a threatened species.

The scope on Canada geese

- Canada geese population is 80,000 in NJ and growing.
- Geese cause environmental damage by trampling and eating grass, grain crops, pastures and parks, and polluting water sources with droppings.
- The geese can produce from 1 to 1.5 pounds of droppings per day.
- Methods of removal (not the geese from traps used to chase them, trapping them, placing, placing eggs in it so they don't hatch to opening the parents, Rutherford will try some different.

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Town wants to talk trash with NJMC

BY JAMES F. HICKY
 Staff Writer

With a recent bid to the amount of garbage the town can take in, which means less money for North Arlington officials are seeking a more transparent relationship when it comes to how the town pays for its trash.

North Arlington residents have been paying for their trash through the town's utility bills. The town has been paying for its trash through the town's utility bills. The town has been paying for its trash through the town's utility bills.

The commission first entered into an agreement to develop an agreement with the North Arlington transfer station, more trucks are rolling through the borough.

The NJMC signed a 10-year contract with Environmental Capital's services that ended after two years. The town would like to see the town's trash through the town's utility bills.

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Ecstasy, heroin, Pharm Parties on the rise

BY KELLY WICKELBADE
 Staff Writer

Bergen County police are reporting an increase in the use of powdered (heroin), ecstasy, "Molly," heroin and (Drugs) among the young, but not least police department.

TEENS — The use of ecstasy, heroin, and "Molly" among teens is on the rise. The use of ecstasy, heroin, and "Molly" among teens is on the rise.

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Campers enjoy a barbecue on the final day of CAMP YEP earlier this month. Unless someone steps up to run the camp, this may be the last year it is held.

Save the camp Replacement sought for director of long-running summer program

Every summer, dozens of Paterson children arrive in Ridgewood to learn how to swim at Gwyneth Pool, a special program that also lets them escape the heat of their city.

The program was organized for the past 20 years by Ridgewood resident Eileen Mahan, as part of the Community Association with a Mission to People, Youth Development Program (CAMP YEP), in partnership with the Unionville Church of Ridgewood and the Ridgewood YMCA.

But this year's basic barbecue was marked with sadness: Mahan is moving to Singapore for three years — and no one has yet to step forward to continue the program.

One woman has made a huge difference in the lives of many children, including many who lack access to swimming pools. And now someone needs to step in and take her place, so the program will be in jeopardy next summer.

CAMP YEP's annual visit to Ridgewood has become an important summer activity for many Paterson children. Mahan noted that besides learning to swim and gain confidence, the children are exposed to a different environment with strong role models.

In an interview the day before she left for Singapore, Mahan expressed her wish to find a replacement.

"I need to find somebody, otherwise, the kids won't swim again," she said.

If you have tips on your whereabouts, and if you are interested in becoming the CAMP YEP in Ridgewood, send an email to Mahan at emahan@red.com. Monetary donations can still be made via "Citizens for Expansion," the organization's Mahan district, care of the Unionville Society of Ridgewood at 113 Cottage Place.

Local Labor Day?

Here are some tips on what to do

Not everyone is going away this Labor Day weekend. Many village residents will stay home, relax, get ready for school, and maybe look for something to do. If you need ideas, The Ridgewood News offers some local suggestions.

See last page of Dispatch: The final day to take a swim at Gwyneth Pool is Monday, Sept. 2. Catch your last and go!

Free musical entertainment: Ridgewood Local presents its "Music in the Night" program, 7 to 9 p.m. tonight (weather permitting).

Hot dogs and more: A free "Cats and Cakes" informal car show will be held at Ridgewood High School on Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Weather permitting, you'll see lots of exotic, classic, muscle and sports cars.

Empire's picnic: Bring a picnic basket with drinks, plates, napkins, utensils and a cutting board to the Farmer's Market at the Ridgewood train station on Sunday. Buy some ripe tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, a loaf of bread, pickles on a stick, juicy grapes and maybe some homemade cookies. Add them to your basket, walk to a local park, and enjoy!

Visit a scenic spot: The Thruway Adventure of Glen Brook (in Chatham Avenue) is a well-lit, paved, with nature trails, gardens, a spring-fed pond and a lake. Buy by for a stroll and enjoy hundreds of plants, trees, birds and other natural wonders.

Take a hike: The Culley Farm in Alderbrook (on Franklin Turnpike) is a grass — and mostly — place to take a short hike and see a lot of wildlife.

Train ride: Start at the Ridgewood train station. Buy a round-trip ticket to Hoboken (north) or Suffern, N.Y. (north or any of the stops in between and explore a new neighborhood for yourself.)

We share you: Have a couple of hot cream from every ice cream shop in a half-mile radius of your home (search for ice cream shops on Google maps)? Feeding neighbors? Do a one-mile walk.

Wish it a well: The Bergen County Zoo in Paterson has a new Australia and South Pacific exhibit, featuring high-jumping wallabies, quail wallabies and tree shrews, elegant birds and animals. The zoo also has a carousel, train rides, pony rides, and live animal shows.

Take a long, leisurely trip: Visit the Hummerich, Market, Market or Adirondack Club — the choice is yours.

FROM THE ARCHIVES JOINING THE PEANUTS GALLERY



A youngster as Charlie Brown for a story reading program at the Ridgewood Library as part of the summer reading program in August 1976.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ridgewood must retain 'small-town character'

TO THE EDITOR: My family and I were an active member, and I really love our town. I would like to see it stay that way and not get too big. I would like to see it stay that way and not get too big. I would like to see it stay that way and not get too big.

Seeking a sound reason for Gabbert's ouster

TO THE EDITOR: Mayor Jacobson is reported to have said that he had the ouster of Village Manager Leah Gabbert because it was for the good of the town. My understanding is that Gabbert was a very good manager for her four years, which is too short a time to judge her. We are empty spaces and want to continue living in the town, but I would not mind if it were especially in Ridgewood where development means more to the town's growth.

Citizens should vote on Valley expansion

TO THE EDITOR: Concerning the Valley Road expansion (weekly case), I would like to see the town vote on it. I would like to see the town vote on it. I would like to see the town vote on it.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

ARE YOU STARTING IN RIDGEWOOD FOR LABOR DAY?

Q: We're going to the beach.



John Bonaventura

Q: We're not sure yet, but we'll check with them on that one.



John Bonaventura and another person

Q: We're going to the beach to get away, for sure.



John Bonaventura

Q: We're going down the beach, it will be fun.



John Bonaventura

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John Bonaventura

—Compiled by John Bonaventura

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

PUBLIC SAFETY

"The police... will be in the streets to protect the citizens."

Community Events

"We're going to the beach to get away, for sure."

POLICE

"Through social media and computers with local media, people get a better chance to see us in action."

Chief John Ward discussing the use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter last week, page A5.

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More security, more problems?

No one is against the idea of additional school security. We believe in the assessment and implementation of safety protocols that will keep our children safe from harm while they're in a setting safely made for learning. We also believe that practicing lockdown and active shooter drills are beneficial to students and school faculty. After all, practice makes perfect.

However, we worry that the state might come up with a one-size-fits-all type of plan that could cause more problems than it would address.

In August, Gov. Chris Christie signed a bill that would create an 11-member School Security Task Force made up of school officials and appointees from the state Senate, Assembly and Governor's office. Members of the task force would review issues such as the addition of police presence to schools, "advanced" identification cards and the use of bio-metrics and other emerging technology to identify teachers and students. (See related article on page A2.)

There are thousands of individual public schools in the state and each, we're sure, have different characteristics. No two schools — whether it be school building size or student population — are alike. Each has varying factors including the number of entrances available, and each district must certainly have its own safety policies and protocols in place. Some schools require students to wear identification cards at all times. Others require that everyone entering a school pass through a security checkpoint. Some districts have even budgeted for armed police officers to be stationed in certain buildings. How can there be a standard, or standards, that school officials have to follow if each school — and community for that matter — is so different?

With each safety measure, a school district will incur additional costs. In Verona and Cedar Grove, for example, the money spent for security improvements has reached over \$100,000 this year alone, with more funding to come in the future.

If anyone relating to this bill comes up with a budgetary figure for the secondary security measures, we'd be surprised. Unless there's an assessment of every single school, individually, there is no way that the state can estimate how much their proposed measures would cost. And without the individual assessment, we don't believe the state should set standards on what each school district should do besides less costly measures such as identification cards for all students. (How much will "advanced" ID cards cost?), the removal of some lunch programs where students can't leave school grounds, and year-round training to ensure teachers and faculty know what to do during a lockdown.

While the overall idea behind these bills is important, we think any approved measure will cost a pretty penny for many school districts in the state. And who better to decide what schools need? The state or the local officials who actually work in their community's school buildings?

DISCUSS 2013

Add, update your listing in directory

The Verona-Cedar Grove Times is currently working on its "Cedar Grove Timesweek 2013" directory, which is set to come out this fall.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL

Timesweek includes contact information for the mayor, city government, school and local businesses, public and private schools, community organizations, and much more.

Would you like to have your information listed in the directory? We can update your current listing, build or amend it, or list new information on your website with the latest of previously published information.

For more information, contact Editor Lillian Ortiz at 973-275-2500 or email lortiz@njpa.com. Please include "Timesweek 2013" in the subject line of your email.

STUFF WE'RE READING THIS WEEK

Reach out to staffers at the Times

How to contact us: If you are someone who would like to contribute to the paper, or if you have any questions, please contact Editor Lillian Ortiz by calling 973-275-2500 or emailing lortiz@njpa.com. Managing Editor Michael Ortiz is responsible for covering the people and issues affecting the community of Verona. He also handles the education and health sections. Contact Michael at 973-275-2517 or email mortiz@njpa.com.

Where can you find this statue?



In which direction can you see this well-known tree? Be the first person to correctly identify the location of this statue and we'll give you a gift. Send your answers to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times. Email veronacdgrove@njpa.com.



Last week, the nearly abandoned area grew with the abandoned sign above. It can be found among the trees along the north of State Avenue along the Verona and Cedar Grove border.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fundraising event exceeds goal

Dear Editor,
I would like to send out a huge "thank you" to all of the people who generously supported our eighth annual "Lemon Aid Festival" on Sunday, July 28. All proceeds were donated to the Cedar Grove Academic and Rescue Squad immediately after the fundraiser took place. Many Providence customers either brought a cup of locally-sourced lemonade or kindly donated to our cause.

Because of everyone's generous support, we were able to reach and exceed our goal of raising \$2,000 for the Automobile and Rescue Squad of Cedar Grove, which topped last year's total by over \$500! Our grand total for all eight years is \$10,000. I would like to list especially thank Providence, who so generously donated our cause of business every business day, all of the people who showed up to help the fundraiser, and the staff for the eighth year in a row.

I would also like to thank my sister Cathy and my parents Brian and Ashlee for being at the event and supporting us every step of the way.

A huge thank you goes to my friends Kelly Sullivan, Victoria Russell, Jennie Lynch and Lindsay and Katie Schlegel who put aside their other business and were at Providence supporting lemonade and working tirelessly toward our goal this weekend.

There were also many people who contributed money or supplies before we even began selling lemonade — some even as far away as California! ("I'm proud that 'Lemon Aid' was a huge success because of everyone who helped us raise the very first dollar of planning for this last year's event. Just wanted to let you all know as a group of friends that we're grateful for all of your support. The revenue raised continues to help Providence.")

Thank You Brian
with love

Thanks to Cedar Grove Education Foundation

Dear Editor,
The Board of Directors of the Cedar Grove Education Foundation is pleased to thank the Providence community for their generous contribution to the eighth annual fundraiser. The proceeds were submitted to help fund the development of the foundation. Their work to support the Cedar Grove schools was commendable and will be missed.

The foundation's board is truly grateful that the Providence community's support for the foundation recognized our mission to improve and disseminate the history of Cedar Grove as one similar to the other towns in the state and to help fund the development of the foundation. We are grateful for their remaining funds to help us continue our work.

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Open letter to parents of VHS sophomores

Dear Editor,
I have heard that there has been some controversy surrounding the inclusion of Cedar Grove's History class. I would like to send out a letter to all of the parents of VHS sophomores. I would like to thank you for the article "Lemon Aid Festival" on Sunday, July 28. All proceeds were donated to the Cedar Grove Academic and Rescue Squad immediately after the fundraiser took place. Many Providence customers either brought a cup of locally-sourced lemonade or kindly donated to our cause.

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Infancy: laughable only later

Recently I met a group of friends for breakfast. We got to reminiscing about how big our kids had gotten and how fast it all went. We soon traded war stories (of course, we can laugh now) about how exhausting, overwhelming and exasperating it could be to parents of babies and toddlers.

Sure, there have their issues, but there's nothing quite so physically draining as being responsible for two or three little people who are dependent on you for everything. Add the fact that, thanks to their terrible sleep patterns, the grownups in charge are



MOM'S THE WORD
DONNA O'CARRA

sleep-deprived, and the "baby years" are truly our kids' version of parental "hazing." (Now I understand why I never joined a sorority.)

My friend Lisa recalled how she'd cry each evening before her husband went to work, his nightshift. "Don't go," she'd plead with him as he patted her back before quickly walking out the door.

When I brought up professional pictures, there was a roar of acknowledgment from the table. Lisa recalled that she gave up on going to department stores and found someone to come to the

house, but I wasn't so smart. When Ally was 3 months old and at the peak of her cooing, I dared to take her and Jake out to a store for her 3-month portrait.

"We'll start with the two of them," the portrait professional said confidently.

As Jake sat in his pint-sized khakis and collared shirt and smiled sweetly on cue, his baby sister fussed hysterically out of his 2-year-old arms. Our portrait professional looked perplexed. "Is the baby hungry?" she asked me.

"I just fed her, but I could try again," I offered, scooping up my screaming newborn just before she catapulted off the photo box. While I nursed Ally, the photographer amused Jake with several

of the photo props. He giggled at Elmo puppets, barking puppies, and a mini drum set while I tried in vain to soothe his sister. He posed with a giant number 2 and a basketball and yelled, "Cheerz!" or "Pitza!" before every flash.

"How about we just shoot the baby? I've got this wedge that will support her," she offered, setting up a cradle mold that was supposed to keep infants upright. I recalled Jake's 3-month picture in the very same wedge and remembered his belly laugh and Winnie the Pooh jumper.

"Good idea," I agreed as I gratefully placed Ally on the wedge and stepped out of the shot. She let out a shriek like she'd been

tortured, arched her back, and broke free of the "cradle" faster than you could say, "Quick, catch that baby!"

The portrait professional looked shaken. "I've never seen an infant break free of the wedge like that. I mean, sure, some 6-month-olds can do that, but then we just sit them up," she added.

Thirty minutes after our appointment was supposed to end, we emerged from the photo room to the glare of waiting mothers with a single shot of my princess in between walls. Her lips are tightly pursed, her moist eyes wide open with focus (it appears she was trying to say,

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Calling Suburban Sam

Last year I had a real problem with Groundhog Day. The issue was, there were just too many darn celebrity groundhogs with differing predictions for the end of winter, and I didn't know who to believe. Between world-renowned rodent Patawatsny Phil, lesser-known wonder Staten Island Chuck and scores of others, the playing field was just way too crowded with clairvoyant groundhogs.

I also wondered if, perhaps,



LOST IN SUBURBIA
STACY BECKERMAN

Chuck, Phil and the rest of the superstar groundhogs could be misted. Much as movie stars turn on the charms when the cameras are rolling, I wondered if the celebrity groundhogs might be less concerned with getting the charge of accuracy right and more interested in just striking a pretty pose for the cameras.

So this year I decided to follow a different groundhog. This year I was betting on our groundhog, Suburban Sam, as we call him,

lives under our duck, and like his celebrity brethren, he also takes a peek out from his lair around Groundhog Day. I wasn't sure if he was really looking for his shadow like the other dudes or if he was just checking to see if the evil family dog was still lurking around.

But if he happened to see his shadow while looking around, the end result would be the same, and I would have my prediction. I was fairly certain Sam would give us an unbiased reading because, unlike Phil and Chuck, he didn't have a crowd to please

or paparazzi to perform for. He also didn't have his own security team. Twitter account or Facebook page had never been reported on by Perez Hilton or TMZ, did not have an arrest record, a shopping addiction or his own reality show, wasn't related to the Kardashians, and had never hosted SNL, so all in all, I thought he was probably a pretty grounded groundhog.

As we got closer to Groundhog Day, though, I began to get nervous that Sam might sleep



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Celebrating America and my town



BY ANTONIETTE RAINONE

The Fourth of July has come and gone, but the patriotic spirit is still with me.

Many people love to go away on vacation for the Fourth of July. Not me. I love to be home in Oradell. It's a great time to celebrate America – and my town.

I love the Fourth of July. I love everything about it. I love the parade. I love the old-fashioned fire engines. I love the classic cars. I love the American flags flying. I love the fireworks. I love the hot dogs. I love the patriotic decorations. I love the children waving small American flags. I love the Uncle Sam top hats. I love seeing red, white and blue everywhere.

Most of all, I love the way people come together as a community. Many people living on Oradell Avenue and Maple Avenue host festive lawn parties and invite friends to cheer those marching in the parade that passes their homes. Some younger folks even make lemonade stands – a sweet way to offer cold refreshments for those marching in the summer heat.

On the Fourth, people come out to celebrate history – the history of America and the role it has played in America's history. It's a day when it's totally cool to love history and get history with patriotic decorations.

The Fourth is a day people are proud of Oradell and its many accomplishments.

This year, the Oradell Public Library – celebrating its 100th birthday – was named grand marshal of the parade. Students from River Dell Middle School created the float – a red-white-and-blue papier-mâché hotdog cake. The Oradell Beautification Committee honored the library with a plaque that read: "In honor of 100 years of contributing to the beautification of the hearts, minds and soul of our community."

The Fourth is a day to take pride in God, country and fam-



PHOTOS BY ANTONIETTE RAINONE

The author's father, Joseph Rainone, waving from a convertible in the 1989 Fourth of July parade. The World War II veteran served as Commander of the Sgt. Thomas H. Cordes VFW Post 2183 for several years during the 1980s.

ly. And it's a day to be free to voice those words without accusations of political incorrectness.

This year, I was proud to see Father Tom Iwanowski lead the townspeople in prayer at Memorial Field. Afterwards, he walked all the way back to St. Joseph Church on Elm Street, reminding us that people walked everywhere before Henry Ford paved the way for middle-class Americans to travel in another manner.

I am forever proud of my father, a disabled World War II veteran who was part of the town parade during the '80s, waving from a convertible and giving patriotic speeches in his distinctive baritone voice as the Commander of Sgt. Thomas H. Cordes VFW Post 2183.

Decades later, I am proud to watch my son march in the parade, carrying on a family tradition. My father would be proud, too.

God, country and family. I wish we could get excited about history every day. If we did, the choices we make as a community would come from the heart. We would be in tune with our roots and acknowledge what has made our town great. We would understand the important role Oradell has played in our country's history – and how to retain that spirit for generations to come. We would be less inclined to "sell

our soul" for the types of things that would bring our community down – think Patersonville vs. Bedford Hills in "It's a Wonderful Life" – honky-tonk and soulless vs. an American town that honors the heart and soul of its citizens.



Left, Sam Tripas, chair of the Oradell Beautification Committee, honors the Oradell Public Library with a plaque for 100 years of service. Below, residents at a festive lawn party on Maple Avenue cheer on marchers of this year's Fourth of July parade.



This is not living in the past – this is living in a way that honors the past, understanding how the lessons of the past impact us now and in the future.

Wouldn't it be nice to live in the "spirit of the Fourth" every day?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR |

Eagle Scout project benefits food pantries

TO THE EDITOR:

On June 8, the boys of Troop 36 distributed ShopRite bags with attached notices letting the residents of Oradell know about my Eagle Scout project.

The project was a food drive to benefit the food pantry at Ascension Church in New Milford. The food pantry at Ascension services people from many of the surrounding communities.

On June 13, the boys picked up all the donations left outside of the residents' homes. In addition, tables were set up outside of ShopRite of Emerson and ShopRite of New Milford for additional donations.

Once the donations were collected, they had to be sorted by type of product and by expiration date before being packed for delivery.

The response to the request for donations was overwhelming! There were so many donations that my uncle took a number of boxes to his church's food pantry in Hackensack. I also called Ascension and they recommended giving the overflow to their sister parish in Fairview.

As a result of the generosity of the residents, we were able to assist clients of three food pantries. The tables outside of the ShopRites also resulted in donations that provided gift cards to the Ascension Church pantry. The project was a huge success.

Sam Christmann
Oradell Troop 36

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• EDITORIAL •

It takes a village

A recent crime involving a young student at Rutherford High School has once again brought Internet safety into the spotlight and highlighted new challenges in parenting brought on by use of social media in today's world. The teen, Andriy Mykhaylyvsky had created a fake identity for a non-existent girl – building a Twitter feed, Facebook profile and even fake texts – to fool friends. He even went as far as to report to authorities that she had been kidnapped.

While the intricate web of lies spun to create this fake person is an extreme case of how social media can be misused, it is a strong reminder of what we are all up against with new technology. It also shows the importance of adults taking the village route to raising children, with all of us taking responsibility for teaching our young people about safety and the Internet.

Cyberlawyer Parry Aftab of wiredsafety.com suggests the following:

Parents: The number one reason teens wouldn't tell parents about a cyberbullying situation is they fear having their devices taken away. Parents shouldn't overreact, but need to take harassment seriously.

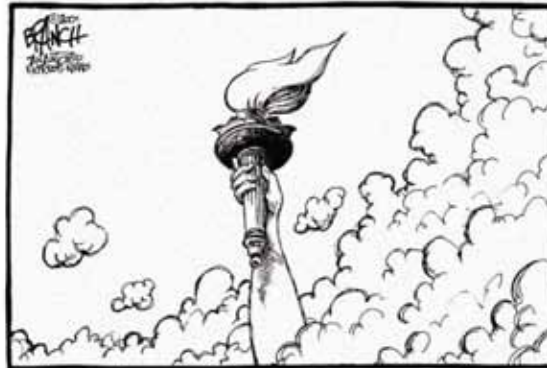
Police: When targets can't identify anonymous stalkers, police may be hesitant to respond and may minimize reports, assuming online partners will never meet. But police need to take cyberstalking seriously as the harasser can sometimes learn a target's true identity, location and routines while remaining invisible. Cyberstalkers use cyberspace to publicly abuse a person. The leading social networks as a requirement for their being awarded the WiredTrust Best Practice Seal, have a law enforcement investigators' guide to help law enforcement agencies understand how the service provider works, what they collect and how police can reach out to contact them when things go wrong.

Schools: Have programs on cyber bullying and harassment. Staff and guidance counselors should be trained to recognize what cyber harassment and bullying are and those teachers should be made available for students to confide in. Anything that makes a student uncomfortable should be taken seriously. Any threat should be reported to the police.

What the target should do: Tell the person not to make contact again. Save communications for evidence. Keep electronic copies, not just print-outs. Save any information that suggests a violent threat and contact law enforcement.

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Summer concerts were wonderful

TO THE EDITOR:

Tremuly summer concerts – wonderful!

There are many people to thank for Tremuly's wonderful concert series this year – the council, the sponsors and the performers, to name a few. But a special thanks goes to Mayor Peter Blatin, who put it all together and made it happen twice a week. I speak for many who are grateful for the many and varied programs that were presented and we look forward to next year's summer concerts. Thank you all.

Elizabeth Worms
Tremuly

Supporters from the beginning

TO THE EDITOR:

We were elected as councilmen in different times and served as liaisons from the mayor and council to the Tremuly Nature Center during our terms in office. We represent different political parties, and we were both Tremuly residents in the 1970s who supported the purchase of the Blackman property.

We both believed, as did Tremuly as a whole, that acquiring the tract, which became the Lost Brook Preserve, would ensure that Tremuly would not condone the commercial, multi-housing project or become the home of an anti-ballistic missile battery, but would instead enhance the TNC's missions of conservation and environmental education.

We endorse the TNC's efforts to build a new Education and Discovery Center because the center will enable more Tremuly residents to enjoy and appreciate the jewel that is the Tremuly Nature Center and we believe the center is totally supportive of and consistent with the town's original plans for the LBP.

This is in the records. The 1975 "Rules and Regulations for Green Acres" include: "The Borough reserves the right to designate the Tremuly Nature Center Association ... to assist in the management and development of said trails and conservation program." To support environmental education uses of the LBP, the Rules continue with: "Education programs concerned with various aspects of the environment, such as those presently conducted by the TNC ... may be offered by the Nature Center." Though it would have been easy to add it to the Rules and Regulations (or to the deed or related documents), there is

no prohibition against building an education or conservation building in the LBP or "Green Acres." We believe the TNC's proposal fully complies with these regulations and will allow TNC to better serve its mission and our community.

Bruce Baker and Jen Worms
Tremuly

Courthouse lot closed off

TO THE EDITOR:

When traveling to the courthouse in Hackensack, the regular parking lot is closed off.

On that parking lot are plans to build a new prosecutor's office.

There are signs where to park, which aren't visible and very confusing for anybody that has business at the courthouse.

While looking for a parking space we were told that parking for the courthouse is at the parking lot where the Record used to be. You park your car and a shuttle bus will take you to the courthouse.

If you are not familiar with the area, you will be looking for a safe parking space to park your car.

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Elizabeth Jewett, director of instructional studies at Verona High School, is leaving at the end of this school year.

A NEW ROLE
Jewett to take the helm at Watchung Hills

BY DANIELA BONGIARNA
 Newark, N.J.

Following four years of service with the Verona school district, Elizabeth Jewett will accept the opportunity to become the superintendent of Watchung Hills Regional.

Jewett, the current director of instructional studies at Verona, accepted the position during a meeting in Watchung, but will remain at the helm of the district until the end of the school year.

THE SEARCH CONTINUES

What type of superintendent do you want?

Community gathers, provides input

BY CARMEN NANO
 Trenton



Cedar Grove residents Michele Mega and Dana Fernandez sit out their questions during a forum Monday night.

The Cedar Grove School District has received over 30 applications for its superintendent position, according to the New Jersey School Search Association (NJSSA)—a affiliate to the state—before the job opens. The district is currently reviewing the applications and will hold a public hearing on Monday night at the high school to discuss what residents wish to see in their next superintendent.

The board, planning to have community and staff input in very early, said Bernard Briggs, an NJSSA state representative and leader of the forum. This is due to the long responsibility the superintendent will have in managing the district through 12, he explained.

During the forum, over 200 residents gathered to provide input on what they want in their superintendent. The board will have to select a superintendent by the end of the year.

SAT, which is used to indicate a high level of achievement.

After much debate among voters regarding whether Cedar Grove's SAT scores are lacking, the board decided to commission an analysis that will determine if there is a way to go. There has been a lot of discussion about the quality of the students and whether there are ways to go.

After considering the critical issues in the district, students were asked what background, training and experience should the superintendent have.

Residents brought up a number of different skills including public speaking, communication, leadership, organizational skills, and the ability to work with parents, community members, and the district.

The board also asked for the superintendent to have a strong background in education and a strong understanding of the district's needs.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
May raffle raises money for Cedar Grove scholarships

The Cedar Grove Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a May 10 raffle to help fund 2013 scholarship awards.

The raffle goal is \$20,000, with \$10,000 awarded to the raffle winner and \$10,000 awarded to school awards to Cedar Grove residents who are graduating from any high school in 2013 and pursuing continuing education.

Including awards totaling over \$10,000 will be offered in the area of arts, academics, business, media and recreational activities.

Anyone who wishes to purchase a \$100 raffle ticket may contact Chamber of Commerce President Allen Boman at the Cedar Grove establishment, Truett's 1-800-456-1234, by calling 973-279-0000 or emailing alvob@cedargrove.com.

The raffle drawing will take place on Wednesday, May 22 at 8 p.m. at Truett's 1-800-456-1234, located at 214 Hampton Ave.

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TR Tastings

Fresh, Bright, Tasty Spring Fare

Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth. It's also a time when winter menus give way to lighter fare that highlight the flavors of the season, including the resurgence of fresh, local vegetables. We asked five chefs from the Two River area to give us recipes that feature the foods that favor spring fare.

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HOME and Garden

REPAIRING DAMAGE TO PLANTS & GARDEN POST SANDY

STORY BY MICHELE J. KUHN • PHOTOS BY DUCHESN DESIGNS

THE BATTERING OF area properties by Super Storm Sandy has not been just to beaches, buildings, cars and boats. Gardens, plants, trees and shrubs have certainly been impacted too.

"I think everyone and everything has been so amazingly devastated," said Lorenza Latta, a garden and landscape designer and owner of Duchesne Designs in Atlantic Highlands. "I've seen at my clients, their gardens were lost gone. We walked into the yard... and it was as if Sandy - and Abigail after it - just sort of covered all the side of the earth."

Since shortly after the Oct. 29 storm, Latta has been looking for clients work through the things they need to do to help ensure their landscaping and gardens will return to their former beauty.

"I think the best thing is knowing what has

happened," she said. "Even had full, right after the storm, I want to my clients to see and assess what the damage was... As soon as we could, we started with a landscape cleanup plan that I put together."

"It's kind of obvious - have you all these contractors going to do the cleanup and the thing to redo the house and then they talk at us and say, 'You know, I never heard about the plants.' I'm, 'Look at the moment that the contractors just into the landscaping.' Plus there are other, they are being things, they aren't like a-hah!"

Cleaning the debris and see grass that was deposited on clients' property was the first order. Washing vegetation with clear water to clean off the salt cover and, that then worked the soil with gypsum to counteract the salt, which has to correct the pH also an

organic soil nutrient and then soil enriched with horse manure to help restore the earth, she also mentioned.

"I think it's really important to recover to look the soil," she said, but adding, kits are available at many hardware and garden stores. Rutgers University also offers a soil-testing laboratory and kits are available from county cooperative extension offices or farms may be distributed from the kits website is www.rutgers.edu/soiltestinglab.

Another problem Latta has been dealing with is overwatering irrigation that has become compromised by pathogens because of the storm. A lot of shrubs have been impacted, "especially rose" are the dominant ground holly. A lot has this because was water on them... "We'll see this around. A lot of pathogens have not to," Latta said.



The garden designer recommends that, as she has done for her clients, area gardeners replant their plants, if they haven't already done it, and add gypsum to the soil. "It can't hurt it," she said. They work to repair and nourish the soil after being so hard to determine what it needs.

"In landscape strikes, people often say, 'If you level the soil, the soil will level the plants. If you're better than, if you get the soil right, the... "We'll see this around. A lot of pathogens have not to," Latta said.

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PASCACK VALLEY

'Chief for a Day'

On Friday, June 14, the Bergen County Sheriff's Office partnered with 24 local and county law enforcement agencies, including Emerson, Montvale, Park Ridge, Washington Township and Westwood, for the third annual countywide "Chief for a Day" celebration. In partnership with local law enforcement and the communities of Bergen County, "Chief for a Day" is designed to brighten the lives of local children with chronic health conditions. The inspirational program provides children and their families with a behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of law enforcement. For the full story, see pages 40 & 41.



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Chief Stefano takes the oath of office from Councilman Robert Miller as his brothers hold the bible.

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Autumn season is officially in full swing. The temperatures are cooler, the leaves are changing and there is a crispness in the air that signals the change in season. With fall comes raking leaves, picking pumpkins and baking apple pies. Before we know it, Halloween will be here. Do you have photos of your family having fun celebrating fall? Share your pictures with us. Send the photos as separate .jpg attachments to suburbanite@northjersey.com.

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Some performances leave much to be desired

'Romeo and Juliet' at the Richard Rodgers Theater fails to impress with some of its choices



PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHARD TERNING

Roslyn Ruff, Condola Rashad and Jayne Houdyshell in 'Romeo and Juliet' at the Richard Rodgers Theater. See Performances, Page 33.

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ART

'Form & Essence' exhibit

The Martin Hicks Gallery at the Beltsville Museum of Art in Closter presents an exhibition, "Form & Essence," by seven women sculptors who have embarked on a journey to discover and express diverse interpretations of the figure. The exhibit will be open from Oct. 13 through Nov. 3.

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LOVE NOTES

Meeting a quality partner

I wish I had a dime for every time I was asked: Julianne, where can I meet a quality partner? The answer is... that is the wrong question. The question should be: Julianne, how can I meet a quality partner? Because it's not where you search, but how you search that will help you find a quality partner.

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SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

'Goal' of bringing awareness

Dave Dubin has had a number of close calls during his lifetime. But the two-time colon cancer and one-time kidney cancer survivor says his outlook hasn't changed. For Dubin, a former Heworth councilman, ultimate go-getter and passionate soccer aficionado, it was just another hurdle to get over.

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Glen Rock senior Tyler Blind picks up a spare during the Bergen County boys bowling tournament held last Saturday at Bowler City in Hackensack. Blind had the sixth-highest series of the tournament.

BOYS BOWLING

Glen Rock rolls to first county title

BY GREG TARTAGLIA
 For the Glen Rock Gazette

Jake Rollins started his freshman year at Glen Rock High School in 2010, the same year that the Panthers resurrected their long-dormant bowling program.

Last Saturday at Bowler City in Hackensack, the junior right hander helped his squad put the finishing touches on an historic milestone.

Rollins threw the final ball for Glen Rock at the Bergen County boys bowling tournament, capping a six-game team tally of 6,022 that brought the program its first county championship over favored Hackensack (5,866), which settled for the Groups 3-4 title.

"We came from, really, nowhere my first year," Rollins said. "Then we came in second in

our league last year. And [this season], we've pretty much won our league, and now we've won Counties - it's a bit."

The Panthers became the first Groups 1-2 school to win the overall Bergen title since Queen of Peace in 2006 and the first public school from Groups 1-2 to accomplish the feat since Ramsey in 2001.

Rollins followed up his 11th-place showing in the 2012 individual standings by shooting a 13th-place series of 1,235 (206 average) last weekend. Senior Tyler Blind had the sixth-highest series of the tournament, a 1,279 (213 average), and freshman Evan Strausberg fired a team-best 289 game in the morning session.

"All this came from a team that in

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Glen Rock's Matthew Roy skates by Ridgewood's Cameron St. John in the quarterfinals of the Bergen County tournament played at the Ice Vault in Wayne last Friday.

ICE HOCKEY

Kinney's goals lead Panthers to 2-0 county tournament win

BY JIM MCCONVILLE
 Correspondent

When the hockey season rolls around to mid-January and the Bergen County tournament teams start to evaluate their positions and set a plan in place that hopefully has them peaking a month from now heading into the state tournament.

Glen Rock is one of those teams that many believe will be standing well into March in Public B play, but that does not mean that the Panthers have a lock on anything. A look at their two games in the county tournament can attest to that.

Their first effort was a 2-0 win over Ridgewood, another team looking to secure its identity. The Panthers prevailed on the strength of two breakaway goals by senior Jesse Kinney, but saw their offense a bit stymied by the Marston, who were taking away their passing lanes.

"Kinney, I'd say we're at a 7," head coach Sergio Fernandez said when asked where his team was on a scale of 1 to 10. "My [junior] coaches are telling me it's more like a 6, but



Jesse Kinney was the star for Glen Rock netting both goals in its 2-0 victory over Ridgewood.

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BERGEN COUNTY TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Division races end up 'A'-OK for RHS

Boys claim first title since 2005

BY BEN FOX
Contributor

Depth changes have been known to diminish track and field success at the Division 4 level as it is reflected on the Division 4 boys track and field championships in the Bergen County track and field championships on Oct. 11-12. The boys track and field team from Ridgewood High School, coached by Coach Kevin Chang and Coach Edler Deming, won the title for the first time since 2005. The team finished with a record of 10-1, including a 5-0 record in the 4-1000 relay, which was the team's only loss. The team's success was due to a combination of factors, including a strong performance in the 4-1000 relay, which was the team's only loss. The team's success was due to a combination of factors, including a strong performance in the 4-1000 relay, which was the team's only loss.



Golden girls DeVita and Pagano star

BY BEN FOX
Contributor

Justine Deming had been crowned state champion, but Ridgewood High School sophomore Justine DeVita and senior Sarah Pagano led the team to a second-place finish in the 4-1000 relay. The team's success was due to a combination of factors, including a strong performance in the 4-1000 relay, which was the team's only loss. The team's success was due to a combination of factors, including a strong performance in the 4-1000 relay, which was the team's only loss.

Left: Ridgewood junior Jake Sabatini, right, carries Peacock Valley's Ben Malone, left, and Don Bosco's Noah LaCouture down the stretch of the Division 4 boys 4x400 relay at the Bergen County championships last Saturday. Sabatini held off Larchmont to secure the Maristone 89-93 and over Don Bosco. Right: Ridgewood head coach, Jack Sabatini, being, shares a celebratory hug with senior Storm Dubler, who ran the second leg of the 4x400 for the Maristone.



The Maristone defeated Don Bosco, 89-93, in their second race. In a three-team relay race, the Maristone dominated the race. Track & Field finished a decent third with just 47 points. "It all came down to the 100-meter race," Sabatini said. "The girls of Don Bosco had a great race from the start by their coach. Our girls - Rose Callahan, Storm Dubler, and Sarah Pagano - ran a great race. Three of the four ran personal bests, and we had our first best time in three months, which is huge. The Maristone checked 1:22.10 to take second behind Peacock Valley (1:21.47). But, more recently, they finished ahead of third place Don Bosco (1:22.80), then finishing second place Don Bosco in the 100-meter race. The girls of Don Bosco had their first Division 4 championship since 2005. Ridgewood had been runner-up at the previous five Bergen County meets, finishing second to Don Bosco from 2008-11 and to Oak Tappan last year. The girls, the multi-juniored Maristone placed in 14 of the 16 events, Chang won the 110-meter.

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Junior Bryce Joyner of Ridgewood lands an 18-foot, 8.5-inch high jump in the Bergen County Division 4 meet last Saturday in The Tappan.



Ridgewood junior Michelle McFadden, right, is hit on the heels of senior Heather Tullahoma Sanders of Peacock Catholic, center, in the Division 4 girls 200-meter dash. McFadden clocked a silver medal 26.32 in the event.

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POINT BEACH BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Farrell verbal to Boston College



Averaged 15.4 points, 6.7 assists, 4.2 steals, 3 rebounds

"I wanted the challenge. I want to see if I can compete at the highest level, and I know if I go in with the right attitude, I know I can."

BY GREG DOMORSKI
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POINT BEACH BASKETBALL — All are carefully considering one of the best academic schools in the country, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, and the head coach of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Matt Farrell, said, "I always had a dream of playing at the highest level, playing on ESPN, my freshman year of high school. I never thought this day would be here. I wanted the challenge. I want to see if I can compete at the highest level, and I know if I go in with the right attitude, I know I can."

SOFT TALKS — Point Beach coach, Matt Farrell, is talking with Boston College head coach Steve Donahue about the possibility of Farrell transferring to Boston College. Farrell made the announcement at the Point Beach Beach Expo in July on a panel discussion at the event. Farrell is one of two athletes from the local area to commit to Boston College this year. Farrell has high school basketball stats that include 1,100 points, 300 assists, and 100 steals. Farrell is also a member of the Point Beach basketball team.

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Point Beach basketball point guard Matt Farrell (left) announced his college decision to head to Boston College, and about 100 family and friends of the 10th leader in Point Beach Beach on Tuesday.



The Point Pleasant Beach boys soccer team celebrated its first division title since 2004 with a home win over Shore Regional on Monday at the G. Donald Austin School field.

POINT BEACH 2 BOYS SOCCER (SHORE REGIONAL 1)

B Central champions!

Junior Coulter scores two goals in division win

BY GREG DOMORSKI
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POINT BEACH SOCCER — The Point Beach boys soccer team won its first division title since 2004 on Monday with a 2-0 record over Shore Regional High School at the G. Donald Austin School field.

Point Beach forward Jason Coulter led the way for the Gulls, scoring two goals. The goal the Gulls scored in the 10th minute when he shot the ball in the lower left corner of the net on a penalty kick. Shore Regional was able to get the game back on in the 50th minute when Alex Akbar scored a goal from the left side of the field on a free kick. The two teams remained competitive and the game

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POINT BEACH 42 FOOTBALL KEANSBURG 14

Gulls run over Titans

Gulls have 262 yards of total offense in first half vs. Keansburg Titans

BY GREG DOMORSKI
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FOOTBALL — The Point Beach football team had one of its best first-half performances of the season in a 42-14 victory over Keansburg High School on Saturday.

Point Beach quarterback Jake Platt set up a 17-yard ground completion to Yann. He went on to hand the ball off to Michael Provenzano, who ran the ball seven yards up the left side to make the score 14-0 Gulls. Provenzano scored the Gulls' first touchdowns of the first quarter. The second touchdown of the day occurred from a handoff up the right side, which he carried 41 yards for the 2nd Point Beach lead with 1:04 left in the first quarter. Keansburg was finally able to get on the scoreboard with 2:20 seconds left in the quarter when Ivan Washington

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Point Beach running back Ian Washington (left) runs in a 42-14 victory over Keansburg on Saturday afternoon.

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BHS, NA look to get back on track

BY EDWARD KENON
Correspondent

Charm of Peace will look to make it three wins in a row this weekend as they face Wallack on Saturday.

After the big win against St. Mary, the Golden Griffins (3-1) will not be able to relax against an opponent who will be looking to make it two wins in a row.

GAME OF THE WEEK

A game of Peace victory over the Vikings would be a great game to watch as well. Luckily, the Golden Griffins won their game against the Vikings last week.

Charm of Peace is a win over the Vikings, a Game 3 game, will certainly give Charm of Peace a boost in their search for a second win.

Local soccer, the Golden Griffins beat Wallack, and the result, 2-1, one of their best victories in the 2013 season.

For the Golden Griffins, it will be important to avoid a fourth or better goal in the second half as far away from the goal as possible. The Vikings, the only team to score in the second half, will be looking to score in the second half.

A second goal would also give Charm of Peace one or possibly two better games in the playoffs.

This weekend and next weekend will be the playoffs for the season before the Week 8 goal for the week playoffs, after Wallack and the Golden Griffins will be looking at Patahna Park, the location to win the NJPS Membership Division.

Against Wallack, Charm of Peace will have to stop the strong combination of quarterback Vito Pappalardo and Luke Bennett, who scored a pair of touchdowns in the 25-7 win over North Arlington.

Golden Griffins again will

Explosive Vikings have sights set on playoffs



NORTH ARLINGTON midfielder Derek Perez kicks as Lindhurst forward Anthony Giacchino jumps to head the ball during a game Oct. 6. The Vikings won the game 6-0.

Face Bergenfield in BCT

BY EDWARD KENON
Correspondent

While there are plenty of fan-favorite games, including the division and county tournaments, the success of the North Arlington boys soccer team will come at the end of the season.

Viking local soccer, Steve DiStefano said that the goal is to go further than the playoffs.

North Arlington has been leading this year by the scoring of senior midfielder Danny Cordeiro.

NORTH ARLINGTON

Last season, North Arlington made it to the Group 1 North 2 state semifinals before falling to Branchburg, 2-1.

This year's edition of the Vikings could be characterized with one of the season's highlights: the Vikings have been filling up the scoring with this season, including hitting rival Lindhurst, 6-1, on Friday at Bergen County Park.

VIKING SENIOR MIDFIELDER
Danny Cordeiro continued to excel against different and quality opponents with four more goals against the Golden Bears (6-2) already in the 2013 season.

"I know that he could score like he has in the past, but I did



NORTH ARLINGTON has been leading this year by the scoring of senior midfielder Danny Cordeiro.

North Arlington Boys Soccer Schedule
(Games at 4 p.m.)

October 10	Bergenfield
Bergen County Tournament	
October 11	at Wallington
October 16	at Becton
October 17	Saddle Brook
October 21	Neuhaven
October 22	at St. Mary

Golden Griffins prevail in battle against Gaels, 37-30



Queen of Peace's Kevin Monaghan leaps over the tackle of Matthew Vertanen of St. Mary during the Golden Griffins 37-30 victory.

BY EDWARD KENON
Correspondent

Despite several injuries to the team, the Golden Griffins prevailed in the 37-30 win to St. Mary at Mountain High School on Oct. 10.

That goal was achieved after Queen of Peace won 27-20 Saturday. The Golden Griffins need their record to be 3-2 while St. Mary dropped to 2-2. Both teams could see each other again in the Non-Public Group 1 playoffs.

"We have made an all-year," said Queen of Peace senior running back Kevin Monaghan about facing St. Mary again. "We have had a handful of good wins and we came out today."

Monaghan continued to add to his rushing numbers and touchdowns numbers with 110 rushing and receiving yards and four touchdowns.

It was going to be a showdown between Monaghan and St. Mary senior running back Kevin Banks who was limited to one touchdown and that came in the fourth quarter.

"Banks is a great running back and I have a lot of respect for him," said Monaghan.

Looking over the game, St. Mary head coach Michael Sloan



Kevin Banks of St. Mary carries the ball just past the outstretched hands of Tajr Jefferson.

then knew that they had to stop Monaghan.

"We were very upset of another 1 (Monaghan)," said Sloan. "He's a great player and has to get hurt."

While Queen of Peace's defense was concentrating on Banks, St. Mary was giving Coach quarterback Willie Knight, the green light to run as he has a pair of touchdowns and three for another.

The Golden Griffins jumped

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MHS FOOTBALL

Living up to a high standard

Title defense will require top effort

BY KEVIN MEACHAM

For the first time in a decade, "defending champions" is the central theme of the Montclair High School football team, a loaded phrase that can't help but draw attention.

Ever confident, the Montclair players and coaches know that have the capability and talent to reach the season's (24) second last moment, capped by one of the city's double-overtime victory over Woodbridge in the NJSIAA Group I, Group V (playoff final) in one Montclair's last national championship.

But that championship is in the past, the Montclair '13. It's the "defending" portion of that phrase that should keep the team in focus on their task as a new season begins.

"We know we have a tough road ahead of us," said Montclair's head coach, Steve Blum. "We're going to have to work hard all season long to defend a challenging championship against a group of teams that are going to have an interest in that title, and we know that we'll have to be mentally ready to go every week."

Blum reminds the team that while the team's record is a point of pride, it's not the only thing that matters. It's the team's ability to win that counts, and it's the team's ability to win that counts.

"We're going to have to win every game we play," Blum said. "We're going to have to win every game we play, and we're going to have to win every game we play."

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Wide receiver Philip Rosario (left, No. 23) figures to be among the top targets in the MHS passing attack this season.

Road trip North Bergen

Beginning with the season opener at North Bergen tonight (Thursday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.), the Montclair team will get the first of four road trips in the season. The team will travel to North Bergen, New Jersey, for a game on Sept. 12.

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Junior linebacker Kevin Robinson (right, No. 23) will be a key player in Montclair's stout defense.

MONTCLAIR'S 2013 OPPONENTS AT A GLANCE

Game 4: Seton Hall	Game 7: West Orange	Game 8: Columbia	Game 9: Bloomfield	State Playoffs
WHERE AND WHEN West Orange High School Saturday, Oct. 26, 1 p.m.	WHERE AND WHEN West Orange High School Saturday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m.	WHERE AND WHEN Univest Park, South Orange Friday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.	WHERE AND WHEN Pike Park, Bloomfield Wednesday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m.	SECTION North Jersey Section I, Group V
PIRATES IN 2012 4-6 (4-2 SEC) American, 1-0-1 Postseason: Lost to St. Peter's Prep, 48-7 in New Haven, Group V quarterfinal	MOUNTAINMEERS IN 2012 11-2 (4-2 SEC) American, 1-0-1 Postseason: Lost to Wayne Valley, 29-5, in consolation game	COUGARS IN 2012 4-6 (4-2 SEC) American, 1-0-1 Postseason: Lost to Philadelphia, 14-12, in consolation game	BENGALS IN 2012 11-2 (4-2 SEC) American, 1-0-1 Postseason: Lost to Montclair, 16-12, in North's Group V final	WHEN Quarterfinals, Nov. 15-16 Semifinals, Nov. 22-23 Final, Dec. 6-7
ALL-TIME SERIES Head-to-head First meeting: 1964	ALL-TIME SERIES Montclair leads, 23-9 First meeting: 1954	ALL-TIME SERIES Montclair leads, 49-9 First meeting: 1954	ALL-TIME SERIES Montclair leads, 68-23 First meeting: 1954	SECTION LEADER Bergen, 10-1 Montclair, 10-1 East Orange, 10-1 Harrison, 10-1 Montclair, 10-1 North, 10-1 Orange, 10-1 Passaic, 10-1 Rutgers-Camden, 10-1 Union, 10-1 West Orange, 10-1
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OUTLOOK Despite two straight losses, Montclair's offense should be among Montclair's top threats in the SEC American, and the dynamic running back duo of Tommie Williams and Matt Austin should be a significant offensive and a potential defensive line.	OUTLOOK The Mountclair team will adjust to the new coach after the season ends. The team's record is a point of pride, but it's not the only thing that matters. It's the team's ability to win that counts, and it's the team's ability to win that counts.	OUTLOOK Montclair is a major talent on the defensive side of the ball. The team's record is a point of pride, but it's not the only thing that matters. It's the team's ability to win that counts, and it's the team's ability to win that counts.	OUTLOOK The Bengals have better talent, but they're more experienced. The team's record is a point of pride, but it's not the only thing that matters. It's the team's ability to win that counts, and it's the team's ability to win that counts.	OUTLOOK The team's record is a point of pride, but it's not the only thing that matters. It's the team's ability to win that counts, and it's the team's ability to win that counts.

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BRAVES 4 SOFTBALL CRIMSON KNIGHTS 2

Knights can't quite catch Indian Hills

"It shows we fight to the last pitch and the last out. I can't ask for anything more from the team."

BY LEN BARDSLEY
 STAFF WRITER

WALL — The Wall softball team was not going to get down, without a home in the Group III state championship on Sunday at Toms River North High School against Indian Hills.

The Crimson Knights earned a first outing and another shutout against the Braves and fell to Indian Hills, 4-0.

The home-state Wall's season with a record of 10-1. The win was the final of the season for Indian Hills.

There were only a few Crimson Knight players who went to the plate with a sense of confidence against Braves pitcher David Thompson.

The Indian Hills also went into the game helping her own team opponents to come from the tournament games.

"You could tell the difference between the experienced players and the ones here for the first time," said Wall coach Tony Yudin. "It showed they're a little bit. You have a special quality pitcher. You have to make your own decisions on everything you do."

Wall displayed its usual fight against a team that had won six games in a row and had lost to only one New Jersey opponent all season.

The Crimson Knights were holding on in the bottom of the seventh when they tried to get together one final rally.

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Wall player Len Canessa (left) slides into home with the first run of the game for the Crimson Knights during the Group III final on Sunday at Toms River North against Indian Hills. Canessa's effort sparked the Crimson Knights, but a late Wall rally fell short in a 2-0 loss to the Braves.



Wall player Len Canessa (left) is greeted by coach Tony Yudin after hitting her fifth home run of the season during the Group III final on Sunday. Len Canessa (left) is a New Jersey area team playing in soft during the Crimson Knight's seventh inning rally.



Canessa ends with 200 hits

Wall all-time leader in hits goes 3-for-4 in final game vs. Indian Hills

BY LEN BARDSLEY
 STAFF WRITER

WALL — It was not quite the Dutch Wall senior Len Canessa was hoping for on Sunday at the Group III Softball final, but the senior still did well by scoring against Indian Hills at Toms River North, Canessa, who will be playing at Fordham University next year, went 3-for-4 in a 2-0 loss to the Braves.

Her last trip to the plate was a double off the top of the first, marking her ninth career hit. Canessa is well ahead of Maggie Marzopolina, who is second in all-time hits at Wall.

"It was a little more dramatic than her youth career hit, a home run that appeared a regular season, who over Monmouth University her sophomore year.

The final game on Sunday was classic Canessa.

The slugging made several things run back way to the field while creating a run

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The Coast Star highlights of season



The Coast Star softball team came to a close on Sunday with the Wall softball team playing in the Group III final. The year brought plenty of highlights, including the Mountain State game rematch against Monmouth State (left), as well as some high-flying home runs right. For the top 50 highlights of the year, see page 58.





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May is the Month for PINK

Meridian Health's campaign fosters message of annual mammogram importance

By Michelle J. Baker



Proud to be part of the Paint the Town Pink campaign, Meridian Health recently effort to increase awareness of breast cancer detection - particularly through the use of mammography - goes from a look at the numbers.

Small amount of statistics," said Eric Deibert, director of marketing for Meridian Health System. "Because I was new to health care in 2006 when I started working for Meridian, I saw mammogram health care, looking at all kinds of reports and statistics."

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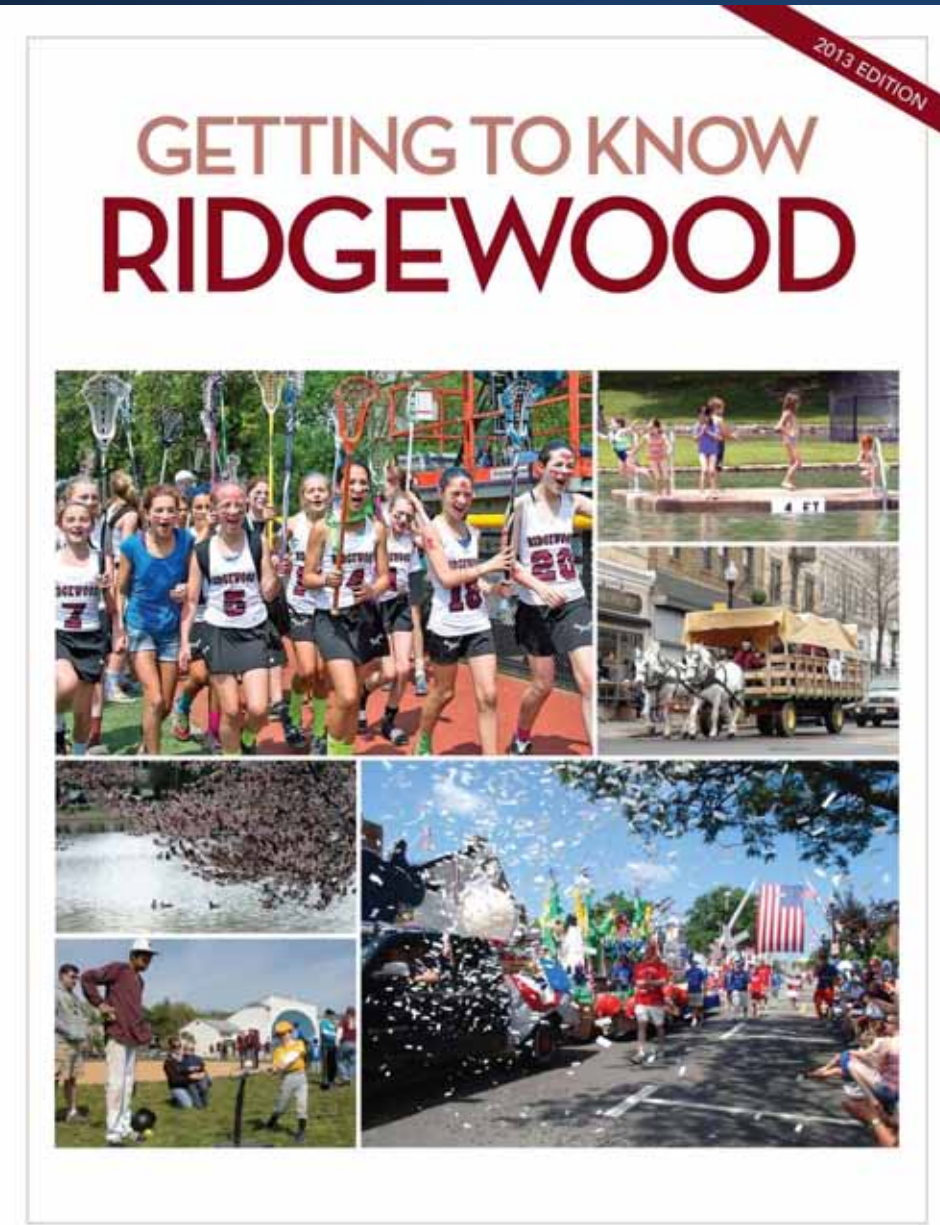
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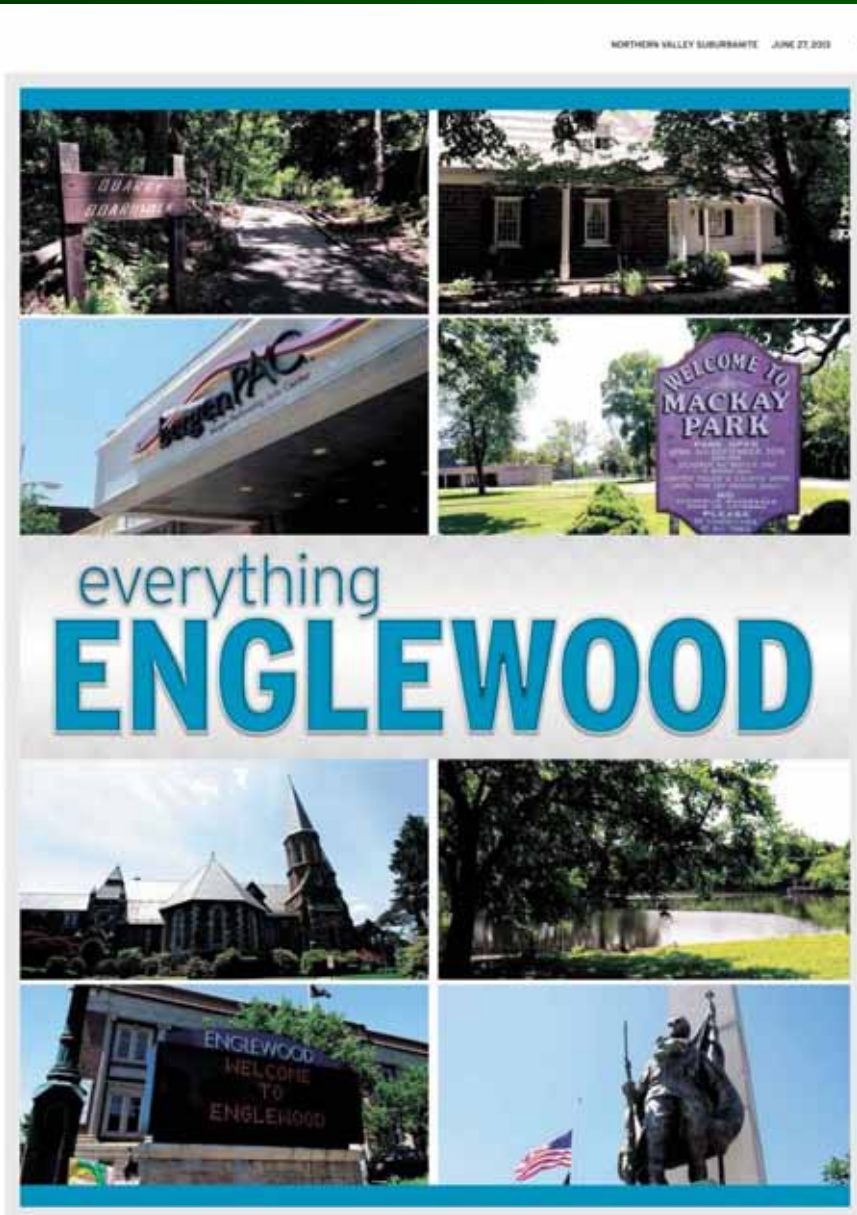
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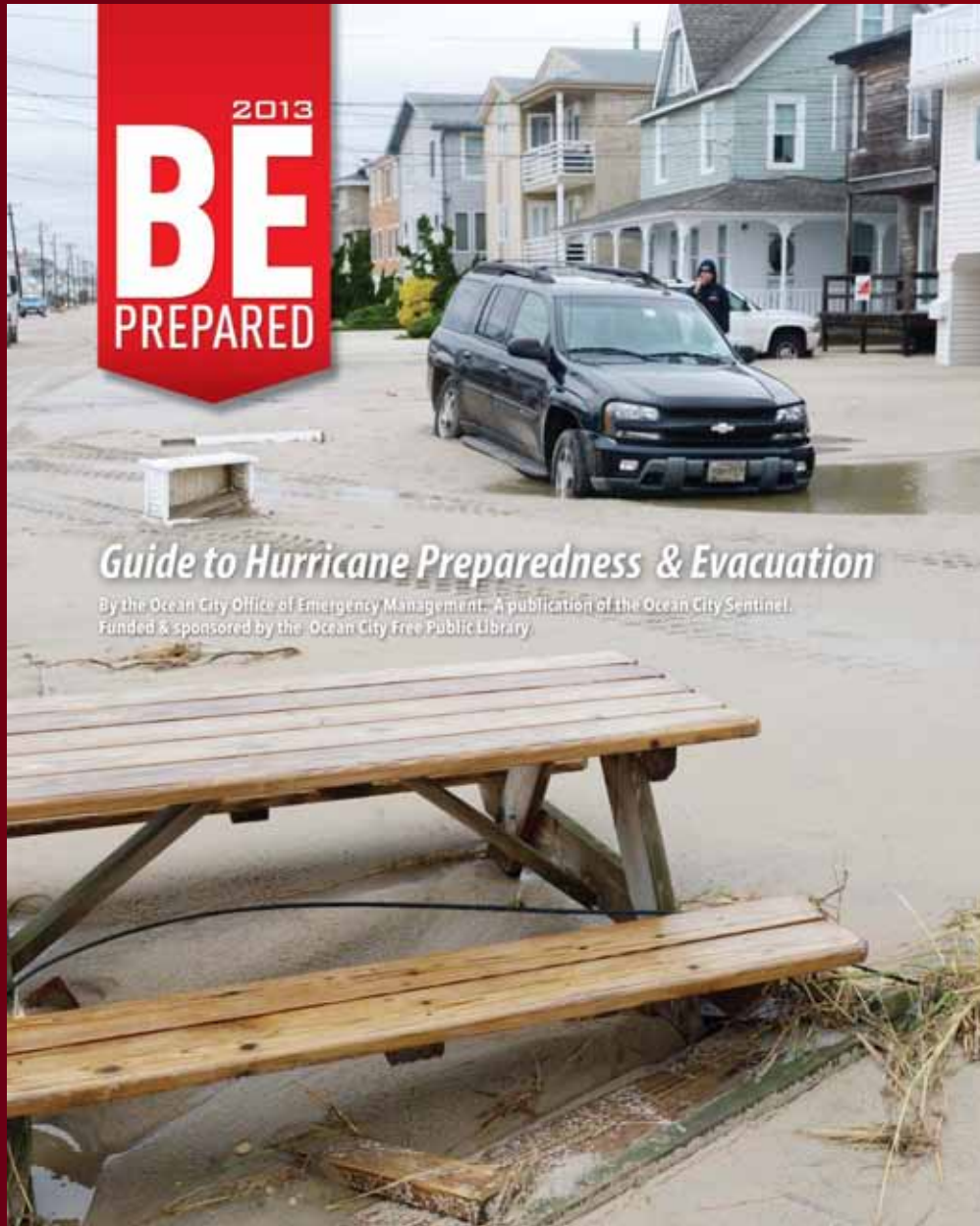
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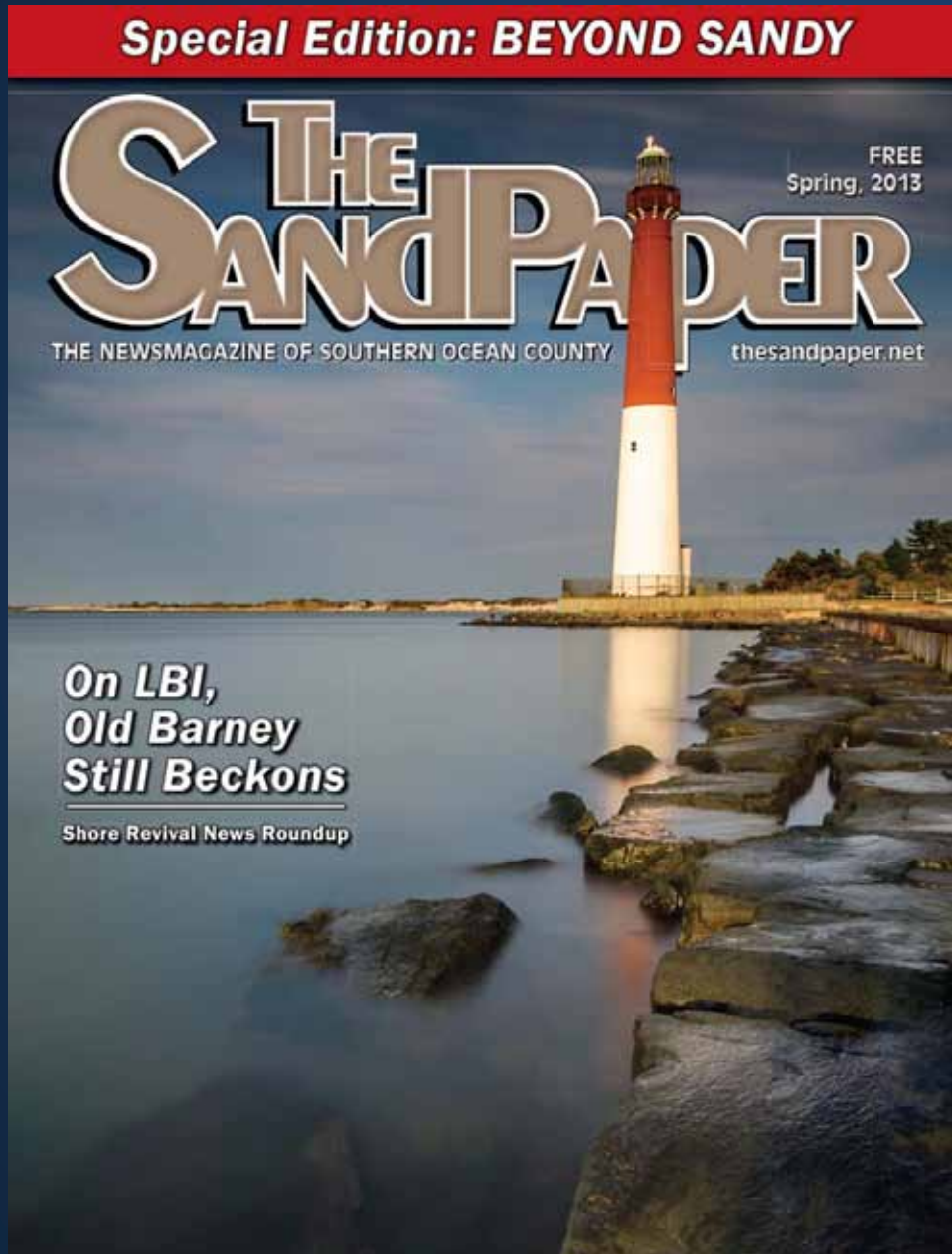
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