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Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Gun Permits, Applications Increase in 2012

Will Police Officers Be Stationed in Our Schools?

Heading Toward a Safe New Jersey?

Andrew Segedin
Could Smoking Ban Expand to Parks?

Dan Rosenblum
‘Til Death Do Us Part

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

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

This called a "crime of passion" when a man murders his 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, 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 Bailliere, 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 Wickford, 43, of Conrad.

Bailliere pled not guilty to the charge and remains incarcerated at the county jail on more than $3 million in bail. What happened inside his Morton Avenue home the night of Oct. 29 that led to the slaying of Wickford remains a mystery.

But police are certain a murder took place at the house and they say they have plenty of evidence to prove it.

A week after being arraigned, Bailliere 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 Nyboer. 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 family and intimate relationships can end in violence.

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 3 million women were assaulted 2 million times a year by their intimate partners.

- In a report to a study on domestic violence in 2012, 94 percent of domestic violence victims are indeed women.

- At some point during their lifetime, 39 percent of women are victims of rape, physical violence and stalking by an intimate partner.

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 university's board of trustees.

According to a complaint filed with Kean University President Dianne Hanle Nov. 12 by James Castiglione, 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, Karinna Andriano, copied the majority of a 50-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 contact what actually took place fell flat and when calls to the university administrative.

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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

Are We There Yet?

Hidden Scars

Loving Touch

Language Matters

A New Lease on Life

Kelly Ebbels
W1: Responsible Journalism
– Public Service
– Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

Leaky Green School Fix Could Turn Ugly

Corey Klein
Responsible Journalism: Editorial Comment
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 intelligence in the district is 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 teacher 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 not the quickest way to disarm a person on the rampage, is much more practical. Are we going to pay for teachers to go to target practice?

Are the taxpaying going to fund the purchase of guns, which would potentially end up in the wrong hands? It doesn’t make sense, especially for something that could potentially backfire; no pun intended.

What is a supposed teacher or administrator - or student for that matter - supposed to do if they had access to such a weapon?

Mollie Gray

Belleville Times

Training Teachers, Not Arming Them, Is Key

Public Records in Shooting Should Be Available

Mollie Gray
W2: Responsible Journalism – Editorial Comment

**OPINION**

**Saturday, February 28, 2013**

**COUNCIL IS SPLITTING HAIRS OVER BARBERSHOP HOURS**

Undoubtedly, there is a health oversight for barbershops and salons. But what is the purpose of limiting their hours? The Bloomfield Township Council on Monday adhered to barberhours. Councilmen Raymond McCarthy and Councilwoman Carolyn Rashid support more flexible hours, except when state law prohibits.

**Truth to tell:** 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.

**Where are we?** What do they say the proposed amendment means by “harmful”? Are they suggesting the establishment’s or its customers are to go no good, perhaps partaking in illegal activity? Bloomfield Police Officer Christopher Goold said his department has not had many problems with barbershops or salons.

From a consumer point of view, Americans expect more convenience now. Many businesses, including doctors’ 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 to their customers, just like most other businesses.

**Dispute No Excuse to Leave Children Stranded**

Owen Proctor
Town council infringing on our rights

A new program to encourage restaurants to go ‘green’

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In reply

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Mayo's impact on Bloomfield Life

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Bloomfield Life

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Town Council Infringing on Our Rights

Mayo Needs to Pay Bill, Not the Taxpayers

Jeff Frankel
Parents need anti-bully lessons too

A day in May in the USA – for moms

Christa Limone
A ‘Clear’ Case of Life or Death

Commitment: A Life’s Hallmark

Bill Slossar
Our View

We are ‘We the people’

Matt Fagan

Requiesat in Pace

We Are ‘We the People’

Matt Fagan
Responsible Journalism: Enterprise
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Addressing 1,800 Yearly Calls, Rescue Squad Is Family Unit
Giving Aid, 12 Hours at a Time
An Eye on Donations

Joshua Jongsma
Dan Rosenblum
Lillian Ortiz
Carolyn Maso
Family Bonding: Fighting Fires

Maria Karidis
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

Laura Herzog
Part of Wonder Bread factory to become condos

Some artists and businesses leaving structures on Clinton Street

Part of Wonder Bread factory to become condos
Some artists and businesses have been asked to leave. At least one of the three interconnected factory buildings that occupy an entire city block between River Street and Union Avenue have long been a place of work and leisure. Maybe that’s because the Commercial National Bank, which owns the buildings, is the second largest bank in the country. But when the Wonder Bread factory closed in 2000, the buildings were left to decay. Now, some artists and businesses are being forced to leave.

Who’s running for Hoboken mayor?

By Dean DeVito

MayorFiorello and Hoboken Police Captain Anthony Romano announced this past week that he has not made a decision about whether to run for mayor in November. Last year, Fiorello announced that he would not run for mayor in 2007, but then announced that he would run for mayor in 2009. Romano, who expressed interest in running when he told Fiorello earlier last week that he “hadn’t ruled it out yet,” said he would make a decision soon. Fiorello had previously announced that he would not run for mayor in 2011.

A special place for pregnant women

Christ Hospital and HUMC offer new OR emergency room

By Al Sullivan

If you are pregnant and have an emergency situation, you may want to know where to go. The new obstetrical emergency room at Christ Hospital and HUMC is now open.

Third Place
Weekly Over 6,500

The Hoboken Reporter

Part of Wonder Bread Factory to Become Condos

Amanda Palasciano
W3: Responsible Journalism
– Enterprise

Ocean City Sentinel

Hurricane Sandy: An Overview One Year Later
After Irene, Sam Lavner Thought..., OCNJ Care: The Community Responds...
Couple Learned by Email...
Sunrose Flooded, but Got Back...

Eric Avedissian
Kristen Kelleher
Clifton Journal

Slain Officer’s Family Gets Closure

Tony Gicas
Responsible Journalism: First Amendment Award
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
Former administrator being paid

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

The Bloomfield school system withheld former Business Administrator Michael D’Errico’s final paycheck in June 2012, according to district documents. A formal release agreement provides for $172,000 in unearned, performance-based payments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, according to Bloomfield Board of Education attorney Nicholas DiRoberto and information obtained on Open Public Records Act requests. D’Errico also continues to receive his health benefits under the terms of his contract, according to DiRoberto.

Additionally, there’s an unfulfilled obligation to reimburse D’Errico’s January pay, DiRoberto said. Bloomfield Life was unable to obtain the amendment before press time.

Superintendent Jason Bing released D’Errico for a paid leave of absence on Dec. 21, 2012, but last day of work, D’Errico promptly retired. Bloomfield Life claimed D’Errico’s leave of absence on performance grounds but there was no mention of the leave in the personnel file.

The district deposited $1,962 into D’Errico’s bank account for the Jan. 15 pay period. Bloomfield Life previously reported. It is unclear what the money was for.

The release agreement is not an admission of wrongdoing on the part of Bloomfield or an agreement to a non-compensation clause and will not affect D’Errico’s ownership of his district house.

District Taking Care of Former Superintendent through August

BOE Exchanges Barbs During Budget Crisis

Jeff Frankel
Frustrations Mount Following Public Forum
Prior Notice Questioned
Hearing with BPU Scheduled for Sept. 9
Neighbors Question Removal of Stained Soil
State Sides with PSE&G

Laura Herzog
W4: Responsible Journalism – First Amendment Award

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

Montclair’s Dime: Township to Spend $6.3M on Pensions

Montclair’s Lucky Seven

The Cost of Keeping the Township’s Fleet Running

Striving for Some Common Cents

Andrew Segedin
Sandy Overwash Puts Wetlands on Market

Wetlands Sale Lists Holgate Residents’ Property as Vacant

Mayor Shuts Down County Sand Movement in Holgate

Michael Molinaro
W4: Responsible Journalism – First Amendment Award

First Place
Weekly Over 6,500

Union County Local Source
Residents Finally Get Help, Raise Questions about Zoning Officials
Roselle Park Residents Still Question Lack of Zoning Enforcement
Business Finally Shut Down Following Violations

Cheryl Hehl
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

An Exchange That Went Terribly Wrong

Remembering Brian

Experts: How to Deal with Trauma

A Solemn Memorial to Honor Slain High School Graduate

Dan Rosenblum
Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Hillsborough Beacon

Peach Ribbons Fly to Support Aiello

Searchers Fan Out in City for Ms. Aiello

Empty Chair for Paige at Graduation

Paige Aiello’s Life Is Celebrated

Gene Robbins
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Bloomfield Life

Beloved Quarterback Dies

Jeff Frankel
Close calls for locals at marathon bombing

Leslie Scott
Deborah Walsh
CLIFTON JOURNAL

Murder-for-hire plot foiled

By Tony Gicas

CLIFTON - A sting operation conducted by New Jersey State Police revealed the manager of the Tick Tock Diner arranged a murder for hire, police said.
Freshman Tony Gicas, a Clifton resident, is from New Jersey who has been charged with murder and attempted murder.

New Jersey State Attorney General Jeff Chiesa during Wednesday’s press conference where he announced the arrest of George 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

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Weekly Over 6,500

Clifton Journal
Murder-for-Hire Plot Foiled
Tony Gicas
LBI Trailers Park, Hard-Hit by Sandy, Will Not Reopen

Juliet Kaszas-Hoch
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Reporting, Writing & Illustration:
Coverage of Government
Art Weissman Memorial Award
Mayor Talks Business and Burglaries in Public Forum

Approval Given for Zoning, Planning Boards Merger

Providing Easier Access to Records

Svetlana Shkolnikova
Dynamite in Short Hills? Neighbors protest

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

By Harry Trumbore

The site of an explosion on Monday in Short Hills is still under investigation by the Millburn Police Department. The investigation has been ongoing since the explosion occurred on Monday, April 8.

The Millburn Police Department and the Essex County Prosecutor's Office have not released any information about the cause of the explosion. The police department has not responded to multiple requests for comment.

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Glen Rock Gazette

Views on Turf Offered

Residents Raise Concerns at Forum

Council Takes a Step Back from Process

Richard De Santa
Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Twin-Boro News

Suit Challenges Attorney’s Appointment

Lawsuit Growing into Legal Tangle

Complaint Withdrawn by Official

Philip DeVencentis
Bayshore Flood Protection Stalled for Yrs. Before Sandy

Study: Renters Hit Hardest by Sandy

Economy, Sandy Create Superstorm of Need

Keith Heumiller
Scanlon Hired by County One Month after Retiring

County Loses Out on $5 Million in Savings

Birdsall Bankruptcy Leaves Towns Guessing

Cheryl Hehl
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Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Coverage of Elections/Politics
Student Issues Stir Two Forums
Candidates Take Dialogue Online
Student In, Incumbents Out in Ed Board Race

Andrea Hughes
Harry Trumbore
In 3-2 Vote, Manager Removed from Post
Gabbert Criticizes Council Majority
Walsh to Run for Freeholder

The Ridgewood News

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Gabbert Criticizes Council Majority
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Darius Amos
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Small Cards, Big Accusations

Three Open Seats, Seven Choices

Council Candidates Finalize ‘Low Key’ Election

Joshua Jongsma
Dan Rosenblum
Meet Your Future Mayor

On the Eve of Election

Bhalla Defends Integrity

Four More Years

Dean DeChiaro
Campaign contributions released by candidates

Meghan Grant

South Bergenite

Campaign Contributions Released by Candidates
‘Agreement is near’ for Dream mall

Some campaigns funded by the newly hired

Voters decide $3.3M Rip Collins field upgrade

Leaky Green School fix could turn ugly

Perfection! Student gets perfect score on SAT

Beton to head to tourney, Willkats beat Gaels to move forward

#1 BROKER IN RUTHERFORD

$('. Its your hands will anybody hurt?


South Bergenite

Some Campaigns Funded by the Newly Hired

Corey Klein

Jaimie Julia Winters
Better Newspaper Contest 2013

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Coverage of Crime, Police Courts
Town, motel lawsuit gets a court date

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

Normal is getting closer

"Hurricane Sandy pushed us in our own backyard," said one business owner.

The trial begins

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

Not Guilty

Boaters Call for Stricter Laws

Primary candidates announced

Breanne McCarthy
W8: Reporting, Writing & Illustration

– Coverage of Crime, Police Courts

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Burglar Beats Woman During Home Invasion

Nanny Cam Case Suspect Arrested in Manhattan

Police and Residents React to Break-In

Harry Trumbore
The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Man Shot, Killed During Carjacking at Mall

Four Men Charged in Carjacking Murder

Mall Security Increased After Shooting

Harry Trumbore
Lindsey Kelleher
Man beaten, stabbed multiple times
Mother, Daughter Found Dead
Marching Against Domestic Violence
Stephanie Noda
Officer Compiles History of Police Department

Police Decoy Program Yields 29 Warnings

Officer Injured in Hit and Run

Kimberly Redmond
Mayhem on Mission Street

Police: Gunfire Wounds 4 People

MPD Assigns More Officers to Neighborhood Beats

What Now?

Diane Herbst
Andrew Segedin
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Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Interpretive Writing
Couple applies for same-sex marriage license

2014 VOT

$17 million referendum detailed

Finalist: Reporting, Writing & Illustration – Interpretive Writing

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

$17 Million Referendum Detailed

Joshua Jongsma

W9: Reporting, Writing & Illustration – Interpretive Writing

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Joshua Jongsma
House not sitting well with some neighbors

BY ERIN ROLL

It was an eventful 2013 Election Day in Glen Ridge, with the mayor’s race and the council race from the governor’s race to a contentious one-year term on the board of education.

The biggest issues on the polls for local votes was Glen Ridge’s much-debated affordable housing referendum, which failed to pass.

During the election season, inhabitants of the borough observed that some neighborhoods were more vocal in their support for the affordable housing referendum than others.

For instance, the Maurepas Park neighborhood was loudly in favor of the affordable housing referendum, whereas the neighboring Glen Ridge Golf Club neighborhood was more vocal in its opposition.

The town council has expressed its concern about the land use and zoning issues within the affordable housing referendum, which is expected to be on the ballot again in the future.

Glen Ridge Voice

Second Place
Weekly Under 6,500

Erin Roll
Wyckoff Suburban News

The Best Number for Help?
Officials Debate Fastest Response to Cellphone Users

Marsha Stoltz
Rebecca Greene
Matthew Birchenough
Catherine Carrera
W9: Reporting, Writing & Illustration – Interpretive Writing

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

Making Ends Meet

Kelly Ebbels
Andrew Segedin
Midland Park
Suburban News

Local Impact of State’s
Early Voting Law

Rebecca Greene
Catherine Carrera
Matthew Birchenough
Lynn Bruggemann
Marsha Stoltz
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 on homeowners who either sold or lost properties during the economic downturn, and although the real estate market is on the upswing, local officials are still struggling to fill the tax gap. The unoccupied homes can also become eyesores in neighborhoods, and many towns perform property maintenance themselves to lessen the impact on surrounding homes.

For one vacant home, a substantial amount of money is needed to rehabilitate the property, said Mayor Paul Vecchione. The city is working with the owner to bring the building back into compliance.

“Howell has a few vacant houses that need attention, but there are ways to manage them,” he said.

Many area municipalities have struggled to fill the tax gap brought about by abandoned homes while also allocating resources to maintain the properties.

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 Wulpi, 38, 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 Wulpi’s home.

Authorities said Wulpi struggled with the officers in an attempt to flee the house, but he was successfully apprehended. Wulpi 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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Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Feature Writing
A heartfelt action saves a life

Svetlana Shkolnikova
A sign of Glen Ridge’s industrial times

Fit gun was among many products made in the borough’s factories years ago

By Erin Roll

“Quick, Henry, the Fit!”

Those four words were one of the most famous slogans of Glen Ridge, New Jersey. The town’s industrial history is filled with stories of innovation and progress. Today, the Fit gun is a symbol of the borough's past.

Glen Ridge, once known as a bustling industrial town, produced many products over the years. One of the most notable was the Fit gun, a small tool used for killing flies. It was invented in Glen Ridge and became a household name.

The Fit gun was invented in the early 1900s by a local businessman named Henry. The gun was designed to be simple and effective, and it quickly became popular among residents.

In the late 19th century, Glen Ridge was known for its textile mills, which produced high-quality fabric for clothing. However, as the industry declined, the town turned to other industries, such as manufacturing and agriculture.

Today, Glen Ridge is a small town with a rich history. Its residents are proud of their past and work hard to preserve it for future generations. The Fit gun is just one example of the many products that were made in Glen Ridge over the years.
Examining diversity through the years

Residents look backward to the future

Laura Herzog
SUMMER SWIM-A-THON

Field suit may face trial in fall
Judge rejects dismissal motion over litigation

Superintendent resigns after one year in post

‘The Shadows’ returning to the limelight
Popular local band from the 1960s reunite for radio broadcast

The Shadows Returning to the Limelight in Bernardsville

Amy Baratta
Driven to bake cookies

Englewood boy starts business to help his mom purchase a car

Stephanie Noda

Second Place
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Northern Valley Suburbanite

Driven to Bake Cookies

Stephanie Noda
Piecing together a box of memories into a book

Megan Burrow

Piecing Together a Box of Memories into a Book

Teaneck Suburbanite

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Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Column Writing
Blackberry picking reaps sweet rewards

The Case of Ricky, the Determined Raccoon

Betty Wiest
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 think and then think some more. In this week’s column, we focus on a letter written by a concerned community member about a local school’s increasing rates of absences that have been reported to Livingston residents. The term “absenteeism” usually refers to the percentage of students who are regularly absent from school; however, in this case, the concept is more nuanced. Acute absences, defined as those that occur during the school year and are not due to personal or family issues, have surged in number. The local community is understandably concerned about this trend.

These absences may not be due to illness or personal reasons but rather to an underlying issue affecting the students. The school administration has been monitoring the situation closely, conducting surveys, and reaching out to families. It is crucial for the school and community to work together to identify and address the root cause of these absences. Early intervention can help prevent further absences and ensure that students receive the support they need.

Reaching out to families and involving them in the process is vital. The school can provide resources and contact local community organizations for additional support. This collaborative approach will be key to addressing the issue effectively.

It is also important for the school community to foster an environment where students feel safe and supported. By creating a positive school culture, we can encourage students to attend school regularly and address any concerns early on.

In conclusion, we must remain vigilant and proactive in addressing the increasing rates of absences. By working together, we can ensure that all students receive the education and support they need to succeed.

Nancy’s Notebook

Nancy Dinar

The West Essex Tribune

Nancy’s Notebook

Nancy Dinar
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

A Self-Interview, Oprah or Barbara Walters Style

Nancy Rubenstein
W11: Reporting, Writing & Illustration – Column Writing

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

History

Rod Leith
Library pairs wine with Dickens

Wine critic Eric Asimov is keynote.

The Borrowers

Christmas Joys

Elizabeth Oguss
**W11: Reporting, Writing & Illustration – Column Writing**

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

**The Current of Galloway Township and Port Republic**

An Orthodox Passover at the Country Club

The Heartfelt Prayers of the Candle Lighters

Joe Wilkins
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Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Sports Writing Portfolio
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Stutts Skates to Pair of Medals

Miscia Leaves Lasting Legacy with Cedar Grove Volleyball Program

Bishop’s Trip Packs a Punch

Joshua Jongsma
Van Caugherty Home Run Gives RHS a Walk-Off Win

Skettini Hurls Maroons Past 3rd Seed Mahwah

Maroons Pull Off Dramatic State Win

Brian Farrell
W12: Reporting, Writing & Illustration – Sports Writing Portfolio

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

From Fastball to Fast Break

Headbangers

Men in Black (and White)

Chris Leyden
Lady Bulldogs, Bears top softball stars in 2013

Bears continue league domination in boys track

Catanese stepping down as Lyndhurst softball coach

South Bergenite

Sports

Ed Kensik

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

W12: Reporting, Writing & Illustration – Sports Writing Portfolio
Wayne Hills Football

FAREWELL

BY MIKE LAMBERTI

In its infinite wisdom, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association opted a few years back not to invite Chris Olson 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 Olson’s career head coaching mark of 265-94-6, which he put together in a 34-year career from 1978-2012. Put aside the eight NJISAA championships over a 10-year period while at Wayne Hills from 2002-2011. Disregard the 232-55-2 mark at Wayne Hills from 1987-2012.

Don’t even think about the 200 student athletes at St. Cecilia, Bernards, 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 Olson’s 24 winning seasons in 26 years at Wayne Hills, which has produced numerous All-State, All-State and All-American players over the years. Forget his always hard-fought state championships and all those state championships that Wayne Hills appeared in before winning its first title, a clear testament to resilience.

Instead, let’s talk about the influence this man had on a myriad of athletes. Want a few examples?

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Wayne Today

Farewell

Hills Martinez Kicks His Way into Record Books

PVHS Staff Responds in Time of Need

Mike Lamberti
LBI Native Runs ‘Range of Emotions’ in Boston

Juliet Kaszas-Hoch

Barnegat Light Lifeguard Wins Ironwoman Title at Nationals

Pinelands Girls Volleyball Program Creating Buzz Backed by Great Promise

Juliet Kaszas-Hoch
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W13: Reporting, Writing & Illustration – Robert P. Kelly Award

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Time Is Running Out for BOE

Men in Black (and White)

Chris Leyden
Little Ferry Local

Officials Look to Minimize Future Flooding

The World Lost a True ‘Shining Star’

Mark Krulish
The Wildwood Leader

Local GOP Courting Women Candidates

Veteran Reporter to Celebrate 74 Years in Print

Christie Rotondo
Litigation hamstrings project, rendering its completion an elusive goal

BY MATTHEW BIRCHENOUGH

OAKLAND - The story of the public library's renovation project is long and includes enough plots twists and turns to rival many of the stories in popular novels.

But although the site is well known, it is not as well-received. It has, after all, spanned 13 years and counting. And at a cost far beyond original expectations.

Attention is being focused instead on bringing the story to a happy conclusion. The summer officials say, exists, in the form of legal challenges that are expected to continue.

Library board president hahome Levine said she hopes the grid will now conclude and be able to focus on regular operations.

"We wanted something visible so the community will get excited," she said.

For others, though, the library's saga has never ended. Levine said a resident who lives just 25 feet away noted, "It's not on anyone's radar," said Gina Stiell, a 25-year resident who retired as a Democrat for Borough Council tey. "It just seems like years and years of work.

Contractual disputes

The library was initially approved a $2.6 million referendum to renovate the Library in 1998, the project has been plagued by litigation.

The project included the renovation of the library's original building and the addition of a new wing. It was expected to be completed by 2001, but delays in the construction process caused the project to be put on hold.

The latest phase of the project, which involves the addition of a new wing, was supposed to be completed by 2004, but the project was delayed again.

Still awaiting work: top, the cupola; above, the Board Meeting Room; and right, the original section of the library.

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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
Re 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, they remain fairly consistent. One town, while higher than the state average, is Union County’s local source for financial transparency.

How is the town handling its legal representation? Is it outsourcing or a separate outside contract? These questions are raised in our investigation of municipal spending on legal counsel, including drafting ordinances and resolutions and reviewing contracts that elected officials and employees operate within the law.

However, the procurement of these services is often difficult or time-consuming, so the contracts they use. But is there a way to rein in these costs for benefiting contracts with attorneys are not open-ended or they could find themselves paying dearly for services outside the contracted amount.

A town’s handling of legal representation is critical to controlling the financial impact the municipal budget and ultimately taxpayers. While officials discuss many aspects of the municipal budget in public forums, legal issues are often discussed in closed sessions. The New Jersey Office of the Comptroller recognizes the importance of legal representation in the legislature’s role in drafting legal contracts, including drafting ordinances and resolutions. The guidelines, called “Best Practices for Engaging and Managing Legal Counsel,” were specifically focused on increasing legal transparency, achieving cost savings, and improving contract management with legal firms. Whether these principles apply, these practices, which include developing strong policies and procedures, conducting competitive searches for legal representation and using limited but detailed contracts, is still in question. Some have, but the majority of towns in Union County have not used measures that protect overbilling. The New Jersey Comptroller’s Office issued a report in January that looked at a number of towns to see what municipal attorneys actually earn, and the results were compelling.

However, while the procurement of these services is difficult, the contracts they use are not open-ended. Staff Writer Cheryl Hehl wrote the 3-part series on A ‘Legal’ Way to Rein in Spending. The series provides insights into the challenges towns face when handling legal representation and the importance of transparency in the procurement of these services.
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A spontaneous entertainer

Ventriloquist can still make people smile

By Lisa Spear

RIVER WALK — Thirty-four years later he put his ventriloquist’s dummy down and stopped doing comedy routines daily, but in casually conversational settings, he still has him to make people smile.

Phil, a resident of the Jewish Home for Assisted Living in River Vale, is sometimes picking up his old talent to brighten the day for dozens of his peers by performing with his dummy Rusty.

“I’m wonderful to use him in my act. He can do it all,” Phil said. “I just look at him and nod and had a weekly conversation with him, even had him sing English and Yiddish songs,” said Esther Hurvitz, an activity professional at the Jewish Home for Assisted Living.

Phil, who works for Woodland Lake, the new dummy, says he never before had to share the show with a non-ventriloquist at the assisted living home.

“Phil is the original, which was crafted by the creator of Charlie McCarthy, a dummy voiced by the famous ventriloquist Edgar Bergen,” Hurvitz said.

“You never know when your old talents may surface again,” Phil said. “What you do now is the same exact thing, if you want to do it.”

During his shows, the residents are all laughing heartily and say Hurvitz. The women are always laughing and asking him out. “Can we go on a date? That’s a big question,” he laughed.

Phil sings in Yiddish, his native language, and sometimes he wishes he could 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 was able to pay several music lessons.

His own home was a household for 15 years with the original dummy, a room-size dummy. “I never asked them to use a dummy,” said Esther Hurvitz.

“Phil is the same person,” said Hurvitz. “He’s a very sweet person, he’s a very nice man. He’s a very good person.”}

Lisa Spear

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Holy Cross will be museum to religious works of art

Morales graduates basic training

Air Force Senior Airea A. Morales graduated from basic training on Sept. 15 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. The 19-year-old from West New York is the daughter of Jaime Morales and Genoveva M. Ramirez. Morales completed her training for the Air Force’s 776th Military Training Squadron’s 10-week program, which trains recruits to become military police. She hopes to be stationed in Hawaii when she graduates from basic training.

Faust ‘adopted’ by BJ’s

It’s a trademark of BJ’s Restaurants Inc., the Grand reopening of the company’s first restaurant in New Jersey at 1650 River Rd., River Edge, is expected to bring an added boost to the local economy.

Annual Open Juried Exhibition

The first annual juried exhibition of New Jersey artists, sponsored by the Commission for the Arts of the City of New Brunswick, will be held at the New Brunswick Performing Arts Center on Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery will feature works of art in a variety of media, including painting, sculpture, photography and mixed media.

Meet Louie

Louie is a six-year-old Shih Tzu who lives in West New York with happy owners, Louie and Marisa Silvestri. Louie was born at St. Vincent’s Hospital, where he spent the first six months of his life. He is due to be married next month and will be wearing a ring and a tuxedo.

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One of the six mausoleum which tell story of creation

Holy Mausoleum!

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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 for a recent Thursday morning. The group's van carries the luggage of the passengers who are about to check out.

The Rev. Cindy Reynolds is excited to welcome them to the church. ``We're here to offer some words of welcome to the women — it is of them, some young women who are about to move into the church's home. Everyone is welcome 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 ever been here before?" Reynolds asks. "Are you ready?" "You're in it for a year." The women come from a variety of religious and ethnic backgrounds and some are Muslims, some are Baptists, some are Episcopalians.

After everyone has introduced themselves, Reynolds sets the stage for the topics that will come up in the next few months. Everyone is asked to listen to a reading from the book of John. The book's message, she says, is about sharing and giving.

The women share their stories about their own struggles with addiction and recovery.

One of the women, who is in her 40s, shares that she once struggled with alcoholism. She was able to overcome her addiction and now helps others who are struggling with addiction.

Another woman, who is in her 50s, shares that she lives with her mother and is trying to overcome her addiction to prescription drugs.

The women also share their stories about the importance of community and the support they receive from each other.

"We are stronger together," one woman says. "We support each other through the good times and the bad."

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By Caitlin Kelleher

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Family mourns loss of young life to addiction

We buried our 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 legal and far-too-common disease.

Courtney spoke of the final year of her life as an intrusive heroin addict who shut off 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.

Those haunting years should serve as a prelude to a long and adventurous adulthood. That the hot stretch for many who die too young, but little 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 on Sept. 5, his lips blue and her head clotted with a needle. He probably remembered Courtney's warmth, personality, her unique charm and her laugh — a thunderous, inescapably infectious song that rang from every walkway.

I'm sure those traits would have shined through the darkness of her addiction, that she was afforded the proper amount of time and assistance.

Instead, her mom and dad must grapple with the most devastating realizations that a parent could face. They will not see Courtney walk down the aisle or her wedding day, or give birth to a child of her own. They will never see her in a graduation ceremony.

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 raves with another cousin.

They surprised me at one particular gig when I was 16, in the basement of a church in Brick Township. Unexpected 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 lessons, while Courtney pursued the people and activities that brought her joy. We grew too close, but never apart. The times we saw each other were marked with hugs, the exchange of memories and the occasional span of laughter.

I'm forever grateful for Courtney for our warm friendship, and that I went out of my 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 school that sits steps from her childhood home.

The grim statistics on heroin addiction that appear in news reports don't do the story justice. I'm sure many addicts and otherwise-normal individuals who harbor great shame and, along with their families, suffer at the hands of this burden.

In addition, you 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 offer one last visit to an inpatient rehab clinic? And how could somebody suddenly make a living off selling poisonous addicts?

Addiction is a brand of slavery that, over time, steals a person's past in the eyes of strangers. Misconceptions and glib judgments that thrive over a misunderstanding of history. Those were on the outside don't consider our summer afternoon on the water with Courtney, or her penchant to unabashedly sing and dance in public.

But my family has those memories and the hard-learned lessons that I 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.

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Jack Murtha

Local youths win at arts competition

Freehold resident Darnisha 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 housed 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, performing arts and sermon presentation.

Darnisha is a student at Southaven University, Lakeland, Fla., and was chosen out of hundreds of national entries in the category of tap solo, female, according to a press release. Also bringing home an honor was Rachelle LeGrande of the Morgan's University in Marboro. Rachelle, who is a student at Rutgers University, placed second in the category of female solo vocalist.

Darnisha and Rachelle both attend the Monmouth Worship Center, Marlboro.

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Sofer transcribes Torah for local temple

By Lisa Spear

Woodcliff Lake - A recent graduate of N.Y.U., Sofer, is a Sofer (scribe) who will be visiting Temple Emmanu-El Woodcliff Lake on April 22 to assist congregants in writing letters in their new Torah currently being commissioned in Israel.

Rabbi Gedaliah Drumin is a Sofer, a Torah scribe, who will be visiting Temple Emmanu-El 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 task. In order to leave room for other congregants to take part in the ritual of Torah writing, members turn to the 304.80, is $48,000. Torahs are being hand-made. On April 22, it will be the first of five visits that Drumin, a member of Temple Emmanu-El's Torah Writing Project Executive Board, will be making to the temple. Drumin, who is a professional scribe, will write letters in the name of the five Books of Moses, named Simon Wise, member of Temple Emmanu-El's Torah Writing Project Executive Board. Drumin will serve as a scribe to guide the congregants and as an educator.

"The truth is, I can write a whole Torah with one letter," Drumin said. "I have written the whole Torah with one letter." Drumin emphasized that, because there is no other way to write a letter, the word is the only way that letter can be written.

Drumin noted that, because of the unique nature of the project, each person is only allowed to write one letter, and each letter is significant. Every person is important, just like every letter is important. If one piece of the Torah is missing, the whole Torah can't function, not like a letter.

The letters are filled in with pitch-black ink, which is printed on paper at a time. A new batch is required for every new writing session, so the Temple Emmanu-El will print the letters.

"For my children's sake," Drumin said, "I want them to see that there is a Torah in the Temple. They will be able to see the letters that we are writing, and they will be able to see the place where the letters were written."

The new Torah will be a "treasure Torah," and it will be a "holy Torah," according to Drumin. The words will be written in black ink, and the letters will be written in black ink.

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Dan Rosenblum
Two men stabbed in Clifton

By Naina Spirtul

CLIFTON — Police are investigating two separate stabings that occurred Clifton this week, with a man sustaining life-threatening injuries.

On Wednesday night, at about 8:30 p.m., Clifton firefighters were called to a home on New Jersey Avenue after a man was found with stab wounds. He was rushed to the hospital with serious injuries.

The second incident occurred on Thursday afternoon, when a man was found in a nearby playground with stab wounds. He was also rushed to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The police are urging anyone with information about either incident to come forward.

Jolly Tailor closes doors

Giuseppe “Pino” Prochlo, 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

CLIFTON — The story of an Italian bricklayer, Giuseppe Prochilo, and his apprenticeship under master tailors in Rome at the tender age of 8 is reported in the shop, which he has been running for the past 30 years. He is now ready to retire, leaving behind a legacy of tailoring excellence.

Prochilo, 84, is known as “Pino” to his customers. He has been a skilled tailor who local residents trust to create custom clothing and repair their clothing for the past three decades. But, by September, after 30 years on Main Avenue, Prochilo will be shutting the doors to the Jolly Tailor Shop and retiring from his beloved profession.

Tony Gicas

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A Booming Business

Firearms retailers, local police departments see increased demand for guns, permits

BY ANDREW MARTINS

It has been a busy couple of months for Bill Sherman and his business in Lake-wood.

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 Union.

So many people are in Sherman’s store that neither he nor any of the other employ-ees not on the floor can pick up the phones, which have 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.

It is a large room adjacent to the store, nearly every lane at an indoor firing range has shooters of varying ages and experi-ence levels film ing off rounds at paper tar-gets, creating a cacophony of “pops.” Range master Joe DelConto is standing be-hind a Moveo shooter, calmly giving point-ers on his form and discussing the finer points of pistol ammunition.

“String a 9 mm round like driving a Mustang,” DelConto tells the shooter. “While a .45 M-1911 is more like driv-ing a truck.”

It’s just another busy Tuesday morning at the Shore Shot Pistol Range in Lake-wood, and the store is booming.

“I always wanted to get an AR-15-style rifle and I figured now is the time. If I don’t do it now, I might never get the chance again,” Greg Ferris, of How-ell, said.

With the muffled report of the gun range behind him, he was smiling as he cradled his new LWRC M90 carbine rifle under his arm.

Forest is just one of thousands of local residents seeking to arm themselves after federal legislators began discussing a possi-ble reinstatement of the 1994 assault weapons ban, which expired in 2004. At-tention to the issue has reached such a fever pitch that production of weapons, parts, ammunition and other Ordnance-entities cannot catch up to demand.

“‘It’s a lot like when the first gun store was going out of business, you had women and chil-dren fighting over the last gun,’” Bill Sherman said. “‘[O]nce the government talks about banning the previously legal weapons, people begin buying everything up.’

At the federal level, the Senate Judici-ary Committee heard four proposed bills earlier this month that would add key issues surrounding guns in the country. The bills would make gun trafficking a felony; expand background checks at gun shows and private sales; boost funding for 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 1996, the state Assembly has introduced several gun control bills this year. One would require a professional mental health screening as part of the back-ground check procedure for gun pur-chases; another would require purchases of ammunitions 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 applica-tions for Firearms Identification Cards (FICs) and permits to purchase a handgun. According to state law, residents are re-quired 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 tak-ing 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 as well,” police Lt. Steven Laakewan said.

Jackson received 317 handgun permit applications during 2012, but 335 of those were from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2012, ac-cording to Laakewan. 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 reassess our deter-minants from other details at times to assist with the background checks,” Laakewan added.

Other departments in the region also re-port an increase in handgun permit ap-plications.

The Woodbridge Township Police De-partment in Middlesex County handled 218 applications from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2011. During the same period in 2012, it processed 461, according to Capt. Roy Hoppock. Though March 4 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 Allenwood, also Monmouth County, 44 applications have been handled by the police so far in 2013.

Interest in gun ownership has seeked at various times, such as during President Barack Obama’s re-election bid last year and following the Dec. 14 shooting fandangle 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 the Sandy Hook tragedy also had an influence on the increase in applications.

“The town has been hit hard, 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 to play with kids, they said ‘I need a gun to protect my family, I need a gun to protect my family,’” Kyle said.

Concerns over the influx of applications at times for permits have followe, what would usually be a 30-day wait now would stretch upwards of three to six months in some municipalities.

“The problem is that the state is taking seven to 10 days to do an instant back-ground check,” Bill said. “It’s not instant.”
Homeowners looking to cash in on Super Bowl

Pros and cons of renting the family home to fans

BY MEGHAN GRANT

South Bergenite

Super Bowl Homes

Meghan Grant
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Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Education Writing
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 3 to present hams 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 fabric purchased from "Goodwill." Faulkner

Faulkner challenged the students to design, fit and ultimately model their creations as part of her Fashion Class. Approximately six students were selected this year, and all participated in the Junk to Runway presentation.

Some students modeled their own garments, while others worked with fellow classmates. Faulkner said there were 15 models who walked the runway that was constructed on the school’s main stage.

Surfing down the runway was a mermaid-style gown constructed of more than 1,000 balloons, dresses made from braided garbage bags and capuccino wrappers, various duct tape creations, ties woven from pipe cleaners and a garter constructed exclusively from soda cans.

Faulkner, who grew up in Little Ferry and attended Ridgefield Park High School, is a fashion designer and teacher at the college level. She studied fashion merchandising at the University of Delaware, but later changed courses and became a mathematics teacher. Returning to her first love of fashion, she became the school’s fashion instructor on a teacher’s retirement.

For inspiration, Faulkner showed her students several Project Runway episodes wherein the contestants created garments from unconventional materials.

"I think the students garnered a great deal of praise from the audience and a sense of personal satisfaction," Faulkner said.

Stacey Cala, a 12th grade student in the fashion creations class, said the students should be proud of their work. "The students turned junk into works of art," she said. "It was a great learning experience for all who participated."

Stacey Rosenfeld
Spotlight shone on Culinary Arts

Roman J. Uschak
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Rebecca Greene
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District eliminates special services director; VPs to take over program

Students give iPads mixed reviews

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District Branches Out its STEM Curriculum
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Designing a Winning Menu

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National intrigue triggers local questions

Will police officers be stationed in our schools?

Reflections of a place that once was

Poor farm town was ‘altogether different’

Maria Karidis
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The Two River Times

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Couple Share Proud Moment

Darius Amos
Readers share lessons learned from Sandy

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Suburban Trends
Readers Share Lessons Learned from Sandy

Tara Kolton
Donna Rolando
Class teaches women how to look out for ‘numero uno’

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 local and business owners of different heritages to find out what is brought to the table for celebration, whether it is Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year’s, or simply a shared opportunity to enjoy different food and culture. The Times regrets that some owners could not be featured on this diverse community is certainly reflected in its cuisine, though we found that in many cases, people of very different backgrounds will celebrate together.

Korean

German

English

Spanish

Jewish Christmas

Chinese Food

Italian

Puerto Rican

Southern

Korean Heritage: ‘Go to the Western New York’ at The Western New York, which happens on the first day of each month. Dishes such as ‘Go to the Western New York’ and ‘Go to the Western New York’ are very popular.  

- Kelly Ebbels

German Heritage: The German Christmas Bread is a hearty and traditional German bread, usually served on Christmas morning.

- Kelly Ebbels

English Heritage: ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ at The Western New York, which happens on the first day of each month. Dishes such as ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ are very popular.

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Spanish Heritage: ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ in The Western New York, which happens on the first day of each month. Dishes such as ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ are very popular.

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Jewish Christmas: ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ in The Western New York, which happens on the first day of each month. Dishes such as ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ are very popular.

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Chinese Food: ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ in The Western New York, which happens on the first day of each month. Dishes such as ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ are very popular.

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Italian: ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ in The Western New York, which happens on the first day of each month. Dishes such as ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ are very popular.

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Puerto Rican: ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ in The Western New York, which happens on the first day of each month. Dishes such as ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ are very popular.

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Southern: ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ in The Western New York, which happens on the first day of each month. Dishes such as ‘Eat, Drink, and Be Merry’ are very popular.

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Mark Zeigler
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Profiles in Retrospect

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The Last Campaign Push

Lillian Ortiz
Current Events Give Credibility To ‘Crazy’ Conspiracy Theories

By BILL BOWYER

secular politics has been a favorite theme of Hollywood movies for many years. While I could cite numerous examples, one of my favorites was the 1950s thriller "The Paradine View," in which a juror's preconceptions about guilt and innocence are challenged by the evidence presented. Similarly, the denial of climate change by some individuals today is an example of how preconceptions can blind us to the facts.

In the course of his investigation, however, several of the journalists' assumptions are dispelled by new evidence, including his unswervingly logical voice, before he is finally led to the discovery of the truth.

However, such a situation cannot occur in real life, as there are no such surefire methods for distinguishing the truth from lies. The only way to avoid being swayed by preconceived notions is to remain open-minded and critically skeptical.

Abuse of Authority

In the Editor:

"One of the most important aspects of journalism is that of holding officials accountable. I have come to believe that this can be achieved through the use of a editorial cartoon."

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Cops, Canines Chase Suspect

Little Hands, Big Hearts

Mollie Gray
Newest school board members take oaths

BY KONAN J. UCNHA
Staff Writer

The newest members of the Belleville Board of Education were sworn in Monday evening in the board's annual reorganization meeting at the Belleville High School media center.

Belleville business administrator Michael Vezza read the oath for the new school board members, and after the ceremony, the board members gathered for a photo session in the high school library. The new board members are:

- Linda Torres
- Vincent Loruso
- John Grapes

The new board members were joined by school board members who were re-elected for another term. The new board members are:

- Michael Vezza
- Joseph Picoci
- John Bajer

Belleville Teacher Gets His Turn at the ‘Wheel’

By Mollie Gray

Goodbye, School No. 1

One Day, Two Fires

Belleville Times

BY KONAN J. UCMA
Staff Writer

See Della Ferra is a member of the “Wheel of Fortune” team. While many of them may not have dreams of appearing on the game show, it’s a fun challenge for Della Ferra.

The road to Della Ferra’s appearance on the show began with his wife’s friend sending them a video about “Wheel of Fortune” audition that were slated to be held in New York City.

Della Ferra said he and his wife, Tammy, decided to take the auditions and submitted a video application which was later sent to the network.

Della Ferra said he and his wife drove to New York City for the auditions.

The auditions were held on March 15 at the Rockefeller Center in New York City.

Della Ferra said he and his wife were surprised when they were selected to be on the show.

Della Ferra said he and his wife felt they were the luckiest people in the world.

Della Ferra said he and his wife were nervous but also excited to be on the show.

Della Ferra said he and his wife were surprised when they heard they were going to be on the show.

Belleville school teacher Joe Della Ferra is slated to appear on an episode of “Wheel of Fortune” next week.
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There’s Much Ado About the Loo

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Erin Roll
Graduate accused of ‘Catfishing,’ lying to government

Accused says creating ‘Kate’ was a joke

BY JAMES E. MORRIS
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Some business owners say sign process has run amok with RDP

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Save the camp
Replacement sought for director of long-running summer program

Every summer, dozens of Passaic children attend the summer camp of their dreams at Passaic Peak Camp. The program was organized for the past 28 years by Ridgewood resident Ellen Miller, as part of the Community House family. Miller is the past president of the Ridgewood and the Ridgewood YMCA.

But this year’s camp, which was scheduled to start with Susan Miller in Ridgewood for three weeks and we found her replacement, has been postponed due to a lack of funds. The program was scheduled to start this week, but the replacement director has not been selected.

“Throughout the years, the program has been a great resource for kids who want to come here,” Miller said. “It’s a fun place for kids to go and learn and have fun.”

The children are expected to be at a different location this year.

Local Labor Day? Here are some tips on what to do

Not everyone’s going to the Labor Day weekend. If you’re going to the beach or to a Labor Day weekend festival, here’re some tips:

2. Be prepared. Bring a raincoat and umbrella.

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Edward Virgin
More security, more problems?

Security is at the top of the list of additional safety precautions that will keep our children free from harm while they're in school. The more security that we have in place, the better our children will be protected. We believe that placing lockers and active defense devices are beneficial in creating a safer and healthier environment for all. However, we must also consider the potential drawbacks of these measures.

In August, Gov. Chris Christie signed a bill that would create a 12-member School Security Task Force made up of educators, school administrators, state and local law enforcement officials, and other stakeholders. The task force would review current practices and make recommendations to improve school security. This is a step in the right direction, but it is not a cure-all.

While some schools have increased security measures such as metal detectors and video surveillance, others have opted for less invasive solutions. For example, some schools have implemented policies that limit student access to certain areas of the building during school hours.

With such safety measures, a closed door will deter additional crime. In Verona and Cedar Grove, for example, the money spent for security improvements has resulted in a decrease in the number of violent incidents in our school buildings.

Everyone agrees that the issue of school safety is a top priority. One can only hope that the implementation of these measures will result in a safer and more secure environment for all students.

Add, update your listing in directory

Reach out to staffers at the times

Lillian Ortiz
A weekend brimming with pride

In the aftermath of the recent tragic events, it is important to reflect on the values that drive us. The community of Madison has come together in a way that showcases the strength and resilience of our town. From the numerous memorials to the outpouring of support, it is evident that the people of Madison care deeply for one another.

Street signs will honor Madison’s fallen heroes

The recent events have reminded us of the sacrifices made by our local heroes. The installation of street signs dedicated to those who have served our community is a fitting tribute. These signs serve as a reminder of their service and dedication.

Public urged to keep track of Morris County issues

As a community, it is important to stay informed about local issues. The Morris County government is working hard to ensure that residents are aware of the decisions that affect our town. By keeping track of these issues, we can actively participate in the shaping of our community.

Get involved in salutes to war dead and veterans

The尊重 and remembrance of our war dead and veterans is crucial. Local organizations are organizing events to honor those who have served our country. By getting involved, we can pay our respects and uphold the values of gratitude and remembrance.

The Madison Eagle

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Opinion

Celebrating America and my town

BY ANTOINETTE KOHNS

The Fourth of July has come and gone, but the patriotic spirit is still with me. Many people love to go away on vacations for the Fourth of July. Not me. I love to be home in Oakland. It’s a great time to celebrate America and my town.

For the Fourth of July I love everything about it. I love the food. I love the firework. I love the dancing. I love the music. I love the freedom. I love the tradition. I love the celebration. I love the family. I love the friends. I love the community.

Most of all, I love the way people come together as a community to celebrate. It’s a great way to bring people together and make everyone feel part of something special.

On the Fourth, people come out to celebrate the history and the heroes of America. It’s a great way to show our kids the importance of patriotism and the sacrifices made by our forefathers.

The Fourth of July is a day when we remember those who fought for our freedom. It’s a day when we remember the brave men and women who gave their lives for our country. It’s a day when we remember the sacrifices made by our predecessors.

The Fourth of July is a day when we remember the heroism and courage of our forefathers. It’s a day when we remember the sacrifice of our ancestors. It’s a day when we remember the struggle and奋斗 of our forebears.

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Erin Patricia Glynn

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### It takes a village

A recent incident involving a young student at Belford High School has once again brought Internet safety into the spotlight and highlighted new challenges in parenting brought on by advances in media and technology.

The teen, Ashley McKay, was scolded by her parents after they discovered her social media activity. McKay had created a fake identity for a non-existent girl — building a Twitter feed, Facebook profile, and even fake friends — to fool others. This new behavior was an extreme case of how social media can be misused.

It's a strong reminder of what we all need to do with new technology. It also shows the importance of adults taking the village role to raise children, as well as the responsibility of teaching our young people about safety and the Internet.

Cyberbullying is a very real threat, but steps need to be taken. Parents must talk to their children about these issues and ensure they understand the importance of online safety. The future of the Internet is in our hands.
The search continues
What type of superintendent do you want?
Community gathers, provides input
By CAMERON KOSAR

Jewett to take the helm at Watchung Hills

Congratulations, Richard Jewett, on winning the Superintendent of the Year award.

Maria Karidis

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

May 9, 2013

October 24, 2013

Maria Karidis
Joshua Jongsma
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.

Cyndy Mernick
Michele J. Kuhn
Scott Longfield
Staff
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The Two River Times
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Cyndy Mernick
Michele J. Kuhn
Staff
‘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.

Chief Stefano takes the oath of office from Councilman Robert Miller as his brothers hold the bible.
Some performances leave much to be desired

‘Romeo and Juliet’ at the Richard Rodgers Theater fails to impress with some of its choices.
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Expect to be dazzled when pianist Yuja Wang performs at McCarter

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May is the Month for Pink

Meridian Health’s campaign fosters message of annual mammogram importance

By Jennifer E. Bauer

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