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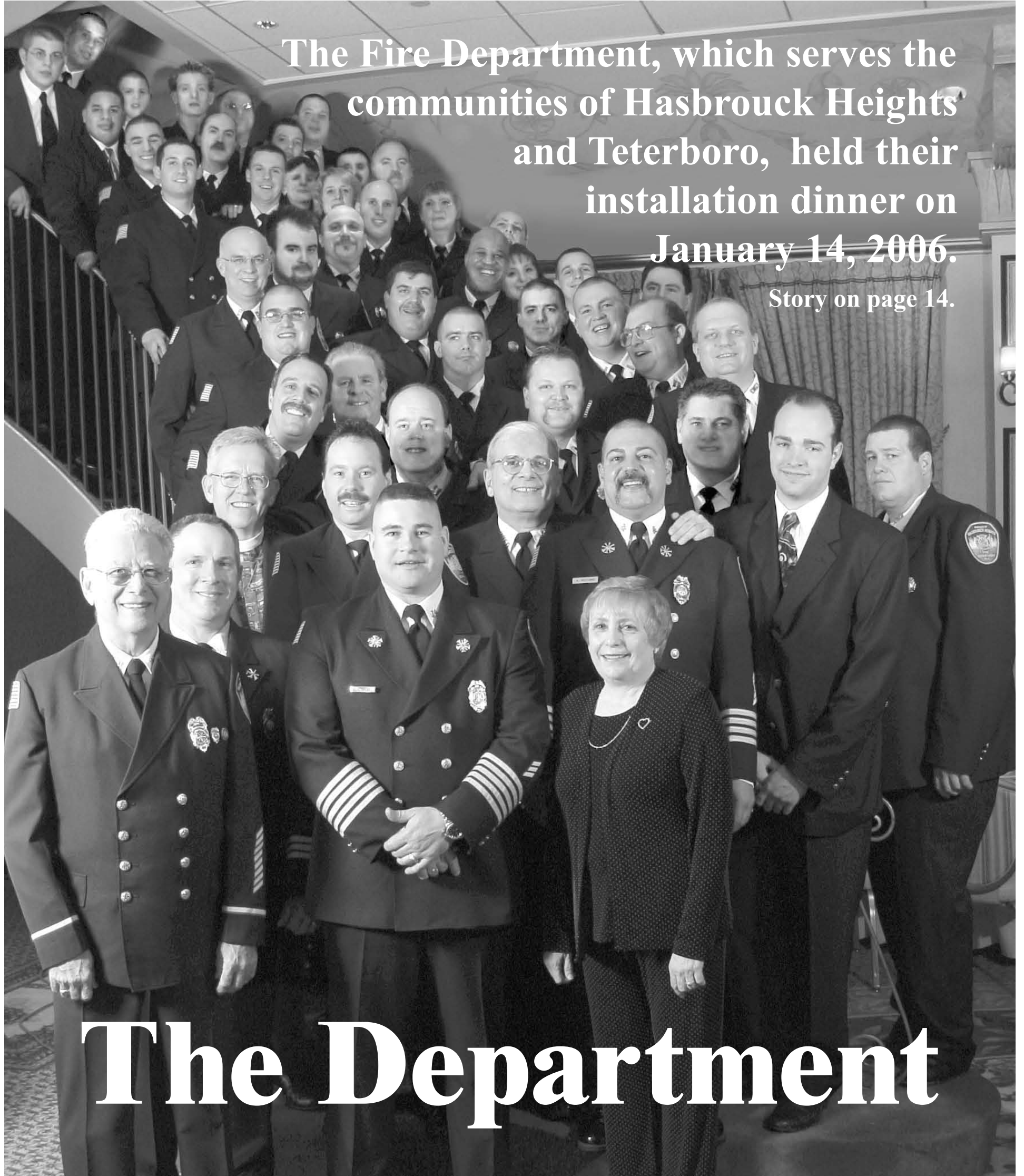
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HH BOE Kindergarten 2006-2007 Registration

The Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education announced Kindergarten registration for the 2006-2007 school year will be held on February 8, 2006 in the Hasbrouck Heights High School at the Eglow Media Center (*entrance located on LaSalle Avenue*).

Registration service will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parking will be made available in the small parking lot located directly in front of the entrance.

In order to complete the registration process, applicants must bring the following documents:

1. Proof of residency such as property tax bill, deed, contracts of sale, leases, mortgages, signed letter from landlord, etc.

2. Four of the following proof of attachment to address such as voter registrations, licenses, permits, financial account information, utility bills, delivery receipts and other evi-

dence of personal attachment to the given address.

3. Photo ID such as driver's license, county residence, employee ID, passport, etc.

4. Student information to include birth certificate, immunization record, name and address of previous school (*if applicable*), most recent school report card (*if applicable*) and social security info (*optional*).

Please note in advance that the BOE is not permitted to process a registration without all of the above mentioned documentation.

Please contact Euclid School at 201-288-2138 or Lincoln School at 201-288-2365 for additional information. ###

Battle of the Bands

The Second Annual Battle of the Bands is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th. Any high school band interested should drop off a tape or CD to Mr. Delcalzo or Mrs. Christia-son by February 5th. ###

Annual Valentine Dinner Dance

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 4591 will hold their annual Valentine Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Post located at 513 Veterans Place, Hasbrouck Heights.

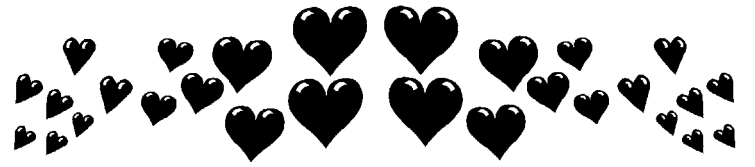
The cost is \$25 per person and includes soup, salad, pasta, entree, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and a four hour open bar. Music will be provided by Andy Ray.

The public is welcome to join the festivities.

For more information and reservations call Astrid at 201-288-5612 or the Post at 201-288-1112. ###

HH Little League Pancake Breakfast

The Hasbrouck Heights Little League will hold their 11th Annual "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast and Sports Memorabilia Auction at the VFW Post 4591 on Sunday, March 12th from 7 a.m. until 12 noon. Sports auction starts at noon. Drawing winners need not be present to win. ###



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PA To Donate Crash/Foam Truck to HHFD

The Port Authority is donating a 1996 Walters Rapid Intervention Response Vehicle to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department.

The truck is a model BL15. It has the capacity to hold 1500 gallons of water, plus 180 gallons of liquid foam, and another 450 pounds of dry chemical.

The Port Authority Police assumed ARFF (*aircraft rescue and firefighting*) responsibilities for Teterboro Airport on December 1, 2005.

The PA police are fully trained firefighters at all other PA Airports (JFK, LGA, and Newark).

The PA police get regular training and certifications. All other PA facilities employ Oshkosh fire trucks, and Teterboro is equipping itself with the same equipment for operator familiarity and train-



ing reasons.

Two new trucks for Teterboro were delivered to Newark in mid-December and are being tested before being permanently assigned to Teterboro.

Spare trucks from JFK and Newark were assigned to Teterboro on November 30th and will remain in service here until the new trucks are delivered.

One of the new trucks will

be equipped with a "snuzzle" (*equipment which can pierce the skin of a fuselage and fill a jet cabin with fire suppression foam*).

Rather than auction the retired 1996 Walters, the Port Authority has decided to donate the truck to Hasbrouck Heights.

Hasbrouck Heights is the primary fire-responder to Teter-

boro Airport, and the donation is in recognition of that.

The truck has been fully inspected, and all operating and mechanical problems are being remedied and repaired so that the truck will be ready for paint when it gets to HHFD.

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department will soon receive orientation training.

This unit will be located in

the firehouse at 248 Hamilton Avenue, taking the position vacated by Old Engine 1 which was donated to the Pascagoula, MS Fire Department in September 2005.

The picture of the truck was taken January 2006 at the Teterboro Airport Maintenance Yard. PA photo and story by Paul Bolognese. ###

Understanding Major Types of Life Insurance

If insurance terms leave you dazed and confused, here's a quick cheat sheet for four major types of policies. Keep in mind that definitions may vary slightly from company to company and from state to state:

Term insurance -- The simplest form of insurance. You purchase coverage for a specific price for a specified period. If you die during that time, your beneficiary receives the value of the policy. There is no investment component.

Whole life -- Similar to term, but you purchase the policy to cover your "whole life" not just a set period. Premiums remain level throughout the life of the policy, and the company invests at least a portion of your premiums. Some firms share investment proceeds with policyholders in the form of a dividend. Many companies will offer "a relatively low guaranteed rate of return," but in reality pay at a rate in excess of the guarantee.

Universal life -- You decide how much you want to put in over and above a minimum premium. The company chooses the investment vehicle, which is generally restricted to bonds and mortgages. The investment and the returns go into a cash-value account, which you can use against premiums or allow to build. With some policies, sometimes called Type I or Type A, the cash account goes toward the face value of the policy on

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Corpus Christi School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week and Middle States Membership

February at Corpus Christi School starts mid-celebration of Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme, "Character. Compassion. Values." brings together 8,000 Catholic schools nationwide to build community awareness of the many benefits of a Catholic school education. Corpus Christi also uses this opportunity to recognize the many people and day-to-day activities that contribute to creating a quality education.

Open House and Registration will be offered on February 1st from 9-11 a.m. and then again from 1-2 p.m. This is an excellent chance for new families to see the school in action and then sign up for 2006/2007 classes. Also scheduled on that day is an evening concert performed by Grades 3-5.

Friday, February 3rd is designated Catholic School Teacher Appreciation Day. Student Honors and Award Assem-

bly will be held that morning. In the evening, Corpus Christi School will be holding a special Alumni Night for everyone that has ever graduated from Corpus Christi School.

On Friday evening, February 10th, the Student Council is sponsoring a Valentine's Dance for the Junior High. Spirit Day on the 14th will be for the American Heart Association. For a \$1.00 donation, the students are permitted to wear street clothes, rather than their uniforms, but to commemorate the charity and the day, the clothing must be red. Corpus Christi School's Spirit Day has donated more than \$8,500 over the last three years to various charities through this program.

The DARE graduation for the 5th Grade takes place on February 15th.

On Sunday, February 19th Corpus Christi School will have

a Middle States Recognition Mass and Brunch. Over the last two years Corpus Christi School has diligently worked on the various criteria for applying and receiving Middle States Accreditation. This rigorous examination consisted of extensive written reports and several days of on-site reviews by a team of teachers and administrators of Corpus Christi's teaching methods, administration and faculty and school facilities. This past November Corpus Christi was awarded membership into The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

For more information on any of these events including the alumni evening, please call 201-288-0614. ###

Understanding Insurance

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the death of the policyholder. With a second variety, sometimes called Type II or Type B, the beneficiary receives the face value of the policy plus all or most of the cash account. While Type II is meant to provide a partial hedge against inflation, it demands higher premiums as you get older than Type I.

Variable life -- With a variable policy, there is usually a wider selection of investment products, including stock funds. As with a universal policy, returns on investments can offset the cost of premiums or build in the account. Depending on the type of policy, the beneficiaries will either receive the face value of the policy or the face value plus all or part of the cash account. ###

Free Adult ESL Spring Classes

Free Adult ESL (*English-as-a-Second Language*) Classes will start at Care on the Corner, an outreach ministry of The Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine, 229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

Library To Offer Computer Classes

Beginning on Saturday, February 4th, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will offer computer classes on laptop computers. The laptops were provided to The Library through a grant from the Department of Community Affairs Library Project.

A four-week series will be offered every month. The first week, patrons will learn the basics such as how to turn the computer on, identifying different parts of the computer, the screen's desktop, and how to use a mouse.

The second Saturday lesson will cover Internet basics and databases, including the BCCLS free databases.

The third week will cover basic word processing skills.

The fourth week students will create their own e-mail account, learn about search engines and how to use them.

Patrons can sign up for all or any of these classes. There is a limit of six people per class. Classes will run monthly from February through May.

Ankita Pandya, who has taught computer skills through the Girl Scout Council of Bergen County, will be the instructor.

To register, or for more information call The Library at 201-288-0488. ###

All new and returning students must be registered to take the classes.

New students must take an informal language assessment test on Wednesday, February 1st or Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m.

The last class of this 12 week session, which meets every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., will be May 17th.

The ESL classes will provide free English language instruction at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels to people from other countries and other language backgrounds.

For more information about the Adult ESL Class, to register a student or to join this dynamic teaching team, call the office at 201-288-9460 x-5 or 201-288-0002.

A registration form must be completed for each student. The church is located at the corner of Jefferson and Terrace Avenues in Hasbrouck Heights. ###

Free Spring 2006 Citizenship Classes

Free U.S. Citizenship Classes will start on Monday, February 13, 2006, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Care on the Corner, an outreach ministry of The Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine, 229 Terrace Avenue, in Hasbrouck Heights.

The last class of this six-week session, which meets every Monday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., will be Monday, March 20, 2006.

All students must telephone ahead to register for the class and bring a Green Card at the time of registration.

Registration for the classes will be on Wednesday, February 1 and Wednesday, February 8, between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Please call for an appointment.

For more information about the Citizenship Classes, call the office at 201-288-9460 x-5 or 201-288-0002.

A registration form must be completed for each student. ###

Wine & Other Delights on March 12th @ Ivy Inn

The Board of Trustees of the Hasbrouck Heights Library invite you to "Wine and Other Delights" on Sunday, March 12th at the Ivy Inn starting at 4:30 p.m.

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The History of Valentine's Day Cards

According to American Greetings, while the precise origins and history of Valentine's Day are clouded by legend and lore, the custom of sending valentines is not only well documented, but provides a nostalgic inside look at the popular culture of the day.

Legend purports St. Valentine himself actually sent the first valentine greeting. While in prison, he allegedly fell in love with his jailor's daughter. According to the story, before his death, he wrote her a letter signed, "From your Valentine," a message that is still in use on modern-day cards.

The February 14th date for Valentine's Day most likely arose from the Pagan ritual of Lupercalia in ancient Rome, which honored Juno, the goddess of love and marriage. It later became the date St. Valentine was martyred by the church.

The oldest known precursor to today's valentines is still in existence today. It was a decorated love letter penned by Charles, Duke of Orleans, as a romantic missive to his wife when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London during the Middle Ages. Today, it is displayed in the British Museum.

Seventeenth Century Cards

Beth Sibert of American Greetings said after the Duke of Orleans began the tradition, Valentine's Day card sending took some time to catch on. The occasion began to be celebrated by the masses in earnest in seventeenth century Great

Britain.

Englishman Samuel Pepys sent the next recorded valentine in 1667. It was made of blue paper, featured a romantic verse and his wife's name in gilded letters.

"By the mid-1600's, people of all social classes were exchanging small tokens of affection on February 14th, like lockets of hair and handwritten love letters."

By the end of the seventeenth century, thanks to improve printing technology, printed cards began to replace written letters.

Cheaper postage also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Valentines Come to America

Most experts believe Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700's. Early American designs were simple, usually

highlighted by fine pen and ink workmanship.

In 1669, a booklet of verses to help young men in their courtship was printed in France. Called a "writer," the booklet contained an array of verses and messages that could be copied onto gilt-edged letter paper. These booklets soon became popular in England and were eventually brought to the United States by early colonists.

Victorian Cards

The first commercial valentines were printed from copper plates in Europe in the 1800's. The valentine custom began to flourish and grow during Victorian times when a practical method of manufacturing paper lace was invented. Elaborate Victorian valentines often featured paper lace, bits of colored glass, tinsel, fringe, and feathers, even lockets of hair.

In 1840, mechanical valentines became the rage. By

pulling a tab, a figure or object on the card could be moved. Some of these cards had three-dimensional pop-out designs. Esther Howland of Worcester, Mass., was the first American publisher of valentines. In 1849, Howland's elaborate hand-made cards ranged in price from \$5 to \$10, with a few selling for as much as \$35.

Valentines Through the Decades

Sibert said American Greetings produced its first valentines in the 1930's. Depression Era cards offered by American Greetings expressed hope that better times were ahead. During World War II, many Valentine's Day cards depicted Uncle Sam and other patriotic motifs.

Flower children and peace symbols sometimes made their

way onto American Greetings Valentine's Day cards in the 1960's and '70's, along with "signs of the times," like children's valentine cards featuring rockets and spaceships and "mod" looking, waif-like girls with enormous eyes.

Humorous Valentine's Day cards put the "fun" in "dysfunctional."

Let's face it: no two couples are exactly alike, and there is no such thing as a perfect relationship.

One American Greetings seems to perfectly epitomize this thought of celebrating the very fabric, however unique it might be, of any relationship. The card reads, "I'm not interested in a nice, normal relationship... I like ours better. Happy Valentine's Day." ###

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Today's Valentine's Day

According to the Greeting Card Association, Valentine's Day is the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

Traditionally, Valentine's Day is viewed as a romantic holiday, but in recent years, the observance has been gaining ground as a family and friendship occasion, with cards playing an important role in the holiday.

Following are some additional facts from American Greetings about the holiday with the big heart:

Cards are #1:

Greeting cards are the #1 item given for Valentine's Day, topping candy, flowers, gifts and romantic dinners. Nearly one billion valentines are exchanged each year.

Paper Greetings vs. E-cards:

Many consumers prefer traditional greeting cards for

Valentine's Day due to the sentimental nature of the holiday. *(They may send e-mail greetings too, but probably not exclusively.)* Shopping for traditional cards requires more time and thought, so they are perceived as more personal.

Kids' Stuff:

More than 45 percent of all Valentine's Day cards are sent to family members other than husbands and wives, with the majority going to children. Cards for "significant others" (including husband, wife and sweetheart) come in second at more than 30 percent, while the remainder are general Valentine's Day cards appropriate for a variety of other situations.

Young at Heart:

According to a survey by the National Retail Federation, young adults lead Valentine's Day spending. Ages 18-34 plan to spend an average of \$150 on the holiday while those in the 25-34 age group plan to spend

an average of \$78.

Teachers are Tops:

The most popular recipients of Valentine's Day cards are teachers – largely due to the classroom tradition of exchanging valentines.

Celebrating Friends:

With Valentine's Day gaining ground as a holiday to celebrate all the important people in one's life, cards expressing appreciation for friendships and being single are now more popular than ever.

Family First:

Most family cards are purchased earlier – up to two weeks before the holiday. By and large, these are purchased by women, who buy cards for members of both their immediate and extended families.

Romantic

Procrastinators:

Romantic cards tend to be purchased much later than those for the rest of the family, with most sales occurring within one week of the holiday.

Men vs. Women:

Buying habits differ by gender. Men will spend an estimated \$126 for gifts while women will spend an average of \$38, according to the International Mass Retailers Association.

Women Buy Most Cards:

Women, who purchase cards for their family members, significant others and friends, account for 83 percent of all valentine card-buying. Men account for about 17 percent of sales. They typically purchase just one card – for their romantic partner.

Men Are Catching On:

A recent American Greetings survey found that women consider Valentine's Day more important than do men, but in the last seven years, greater numbers of men have been purchasing cards. Researchers say this is because society has become more relaxed about relationships, allowing men to feel increasingly comfortable expressing their feelings more openly. ###

"Love-ly" Valentines

Just like people, flowers come in hundreds of shapes and sizes.

When it comes to Valentine's Day gifts, carefully selecting the flower varieties and colors you send will result in a thoughtful, customized gift your sweetheart will treasure.

The first step is to consider your sweetheart's preferences. What colors does he or she like?

A dozen red roses remains the classic Valentine's Day favorite. However, many women report that they adore roses in other colors just as much. There are hundreds of colors to choose from. The choices are endless and it's easier than ever to select a rose that is as unique as your sweetheart.

Your florist can create arrangements that revolve around your sweetheart's favorite hobby, sport or pastime.

Add a burst of spring to your Valentine's winter with floral varieties such as lilies, alstroemeria, iris, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, tuberose or freesias.

A spring arrangement in a casual basket or clear glass vase makes a perfect accent for a romantic dinner.

With all of the sensational flowers available to choose from, even just one or two elegant blossoms can make a big impression.

Also, green and blooming plants make romantic Valentine's Day gifts

Ask yourself what message you want to convey. Consult with your florist, who can explain the assortment of possibilities available.

Bill O'Shea's Florist reminds you that to get the best selection and ensure prompt delivery, call the week before Valentine's Day.

When you call, have the necessary information handy: the recipient's name, address, phone number, what you want to send and how you want to be billed.

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Revaluation Update

During January 2006, a display in the Mayor and Council Chambers reviewed the homes recently sold in Hasbrouck Heights

A map representing neighborhoods was coded to the displays.

Property values are established by each neighborhood analyzed, and the sales prices and sales listings are studied so that the current value trends within the municipality can be determined.

The display included a profile on each home sold and included:

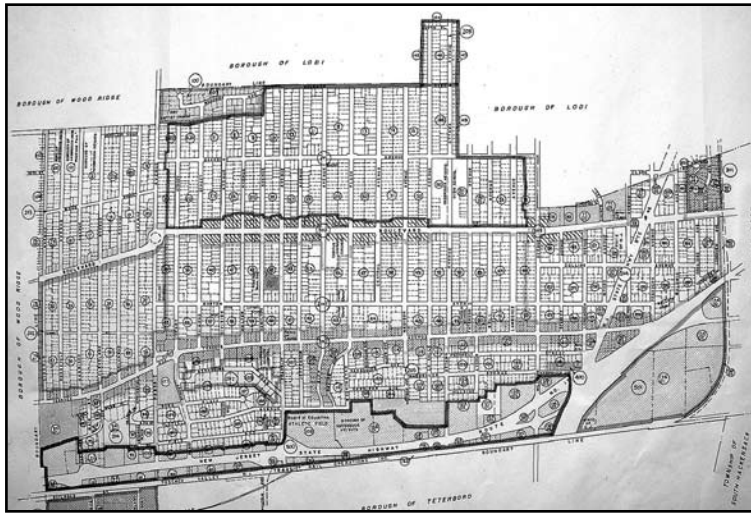
A color photograph of the home, the lot size, land influences such as traffic, easements, etc.

Additional information included a diagram of the building, type/use (*i.e.*, two family), style (*Colonial*), year built, exterior finish, livable area in square feet, number of bedrooms and baths, and other items (*i.e.* detached garage, fireplace, pool, etc.)

Block, lot, sold price and date sold plus a trended projected value amount (*value relative to date sold*).

This is the information on which assessors base the relative assessment value during the revaluation process.

Data collection inspections were made on each taxable property in 2005. After



properties were inspected, the process of determining values took place -- using recent sales as the benchmark.

Appraisal Systems, Inc. notified each property owner regarding the preliminary assessment.

A spokesperson from the contractor, Appraisal Systems, was available for an informal interview with property owners who had questions about the preliminary assessment.

If there were inaccuracies or conditions that diminish the

market value of the property, the interview was an opportunity to bring those factors to their attention prior to formal assessment presentation to the Borough.

Revaluation affects only the assessed value of the property. The 2005 tax rate is \$3.52 and should not be applied to this updated assessment. The new rate is estimated to be issued in the summer when the new municipal budget is passed and new tax bills are issued. ###

Kiwanis Bugs Kids

The Hasbrouck Heights Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the BUG Program for all students in Grades 4 and 5 at Euclid and Lincoln Schools.

BUG or Bring Up Grades is a program designed to encourage students to bring up their grades each marking period in order to receive a "Bug" pin to wear and a certificate to take home.

This visible pin will give students pride in their accomplishments. Kiwanis members will present the students with their pins and certificates.

The awards will be presented at the end of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th marking periods.

To qualify for a "Bug" award, the student must bring up one or more class grades one level in Language Arts, Reading and/or Mathematics without going down in any of these subjects.

At all times the highest grade the student achieves any marking period is the base grade.

After a student receives a pin, the way to receive another pin the following marking period, is to raise another grade one level and maintain all other grades.

The student's 1st marking period grades will serve as a starting point (*Base Grade*). Students who obtain straight A's in Language Arts, Reading and Mathematics will receive

an Excellent Eagle Certificate or a Laudable Leopard Certificate from their principal.

The BUG Program is successful because students are encouraged to reach their potential; students learn to set and achieve realistic goals; and students compete with themselves, not other students.

The program is used to promote academic achievement at school. ###

Teen Reader's Club

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights invites teens in Grades 7 through 11 to participate in a monthly book discussion program.

The Club meets on the last Monday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The February 27th meeting topic is, "Swords for Hire" by Will Allen. The story is about the ancient kingdom of Parnall where sixteen year old Sam Hatcher and an eccentric Royal Guard set out on a mission to rescue the rightful king who has been imprisoned in a faraway dungeon by his evil brother.

The Club offers an opportunity to talk about books, eat, play games and make new friends.

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February 2006 Senior Calendar

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 6, 13, 20, 27
10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee

Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28
10:00 a.m. Line Dancing by Gayle \$1.00
2:00 p.m. Adv. Senior Yoga by Kim \$1.00

Wednesday, February 1, 15, 22
2:00 p.m. Senior Aerobics by Kim \$1.00

Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, 23
2:00 p.m. Senior Stretching \$1.00

Thursday, February 23
10:00 a.m. Health Consultation Program

Friday, February 3, 17
Noon to 3:00 p.m. Games, cards & coffee
1:00 p.m. Movie on February 3
The Unsinkable Molly Brown

Friday, February 10, 24
10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo
1:00 p.m. Movie Day
I Married A Witch February 10
Time of Their Lives February 17

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 1
10:00 a.m. Leisure Club Executive Meeting

Wednesday, February 8
1:00 p.m. Leisure Club General Meeting
Program: Michael Dressler,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 31
Brownstone Restaurant Trip
St. Joseph's Festival
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Contact: Estelle: 201-288-1870 or
Anita at 201-288-1567

The Leisure Club welcomes all Senior Citizens who live in Hasbrouck Heights and are 60 years or older. Annual membership is \$12 per year.

Free Health Consultation February 23

The Hasbrouck Heights Health Department advises residents over 18 years old that free health consultations are scheduled to be held at the Municipal Building Senior Center on February 23, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Services include: health history evaluation, blood pressure measurements, height and weight measurements, individualized counseling and education, including referral and follow-up confidential consultation with a Public Health Nurse. For information call Marilyn deRussy at 201-288-1636. ###

Local AARP Seeks New Members

If you belong to the National AARP, then you are eligible to join the Central Bergen Chapter #418 AARP. Anyone from the Hasbrouck Heights and Teterboro area is welcome.

Come to a meeting and see for yourself. The group meets on the second Friday of each month except for July and August.

The monthly meetings include refreshments, as well as, a guest speaker or program.

The next meeting will be Friday, February 10th at 11:30 a.m. at the M&M Building, 116 Holt Street, Hackensack, NJ.

Our speaker will be Dr. Sasha Sinkowsky, Associate Professor of Sociology at Felician College and, in March, our program will be The Celtic Balladeers.

For further information, please call 201-845-5219. ###



Betty & Tony Gulino Day

Mayor Ronald Jones declared Sunday, January 15, 2006 as "Gulino Day." Tony and his late wife Betty were recognized for their contributions, support and labors to The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights.

These two local residents volunteered their services for the past twenty years teaching ESL classes to the citizens who needed help.

During that period Tony also categorized all books for book sales making it easy for shoppers to locate a book in the subject areas they were seeking. After each book sale Tony

would organize the books for storage for the next book sale.

At the formal program on "Gulino Day," Tony received the Key to Hasbrouck Heights along with a proclamation recognizing this special day.

Many of the Gulino family members and friends were present along with Councilman Thomas Meli, Councilwoman Carol Skiba, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano and former Councilman Herbert Heeren. Members of the Board of Trustees and Library staff were also in attendance. Photo by Peter Gallo Jr. ###

Free Public Library Trustees Reorganize

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights held its annual reorganization meeting last month. Trustee Lisa Traina was elected president, Peter Gallo was elected secretary and Dr. Burnett Eglow was elected treasurer.

Outgoing president Gallo expressed his thanks to all who served with him during his tenure as president.

He especially thanked Dr. Gerald Sternbach and Maryetta Saccomano who leave their positions as trustees to serve the community in other capacities. Dr. Sternbach will serve on the Planning Board and Mrs. Saccomano has assumed her duties as newly elected councilwoman.

Past Presidents Gallo and

Thomas Verrastro expressed their congratulations, support and best wishes to the new president.

President Traina welcomed recently appointed trustees Mary Jones and Patricia Link. She announced the committee assignments for the year.

All meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the Trustees' Meeting Room in The Library.

Meetings in July and August are cancelled unless an emergency arises. The meeting dates are on February 8, March 8, April 19 (moved to the third Wednesday since Passover begins sundown April 12th), May 10, June 14, September 13, October 11, November 8 and December 13. ###

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Mary Ellen Remembers

Story by Justin Watrel

As an adult, one of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences is when you buy your first home.

It's a place of lasting memories when building a family, celebrating a holiday and growing comfortable in your surroundings.

It's also a key to today's financial portfolio. In a sense, the purchase of a home is the 'gateway' to the good life that lies ahead. This is the foundation of **Gateway Realtors** at 464 Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights.

Gateway Realtors, one of the leaders in the real estate community of Bergen County, was founded in 1983 by Martin and Mary Ellen Courtney of Hasbrouck Heights.

The name "Gateway" comes from the original location of the business. It stood on the borders of Hasbrouck Heights, Lodi and Hackensack. Now its location stands as the first commercial building as you enter Hasbrouck Heights from Hackensack.

While Martin grew up in Maywood and is a Bogota High School graduate, Mary Ellen Courtney (nee Pagliei) grew up in Hasbrouck Heights.

Her father, Rico "Henry" Pagliei, grew up in Hasbrouck Heights, was an alumnus of Hasbrouck Heights High School and served as our councilman for nine years back in the 60's. Her mother, Susan, grew up in Passaic.

Mary Ellen remembers, "My sister, Susan, worked in Spindler's Bakery; so did my cousin Carol Ann. I too wanted to earn my own money.

The day I was able to get my working papers I was hired at the Hasbrouck Heights Shop Rite. All of my siblings worked "in town" when they came of age. Vinnie and Rico were also at Shop Rite and Dean washed the school buses that were stored at Villa Exxon which is my office today!

During the summertime, at the playground behind Lincoln School, I must have made over 100 potholders and key chains. The 4th of July Childrens Parade was a favorite of mine. I dressed up my brothers and their friends (*Jack and Jill, The Girls from Auntie*). Another favorite was the bike marathon. My friends and I baked cookies for the guys who camped out at "the race." So glad that they are doing this again. What great memories!

In winter when the snow fell and we would imagine taking all of the snow from our homes and piling it at Mrs. Mohair's house (*she was the*

superintendent of schools) (Ed. note: *Now the Central Avenue parking lot across from the Senior Center*) so she would look out her window, think there was a blizzard, and call off school. We would listen for the horns to blow to signal school was cancelled.

When it was very cold we would look for "The Flag" with the big red circle on it flying on the High School flag pole. It was our cue to get our ice skates on and head for the tennis court / ice rink behind the high school.

As a teen, hanging at "The Center" (*CYO Center*) was one of my favorite past times. Painting backdrops for plays, rehearsing all summer long for our big performance, was so much fun. I can still remember the time I had to baby-sit for my brothers Rico and Dean, and although Rico said he didn't feel well I brought him along; it turns out he had chicken pox. I hope I didn't cause an epidemic - but back then I didn't care.

Wednesday nights we had Canteens at the CYO Center. I was the "social director" with the job of being a band scout. I would go listen to them play - if they were good and willing to work for half the door proceeds - they were hired. These summertime Wednesday night events were the highlight of the week for many of us teenagers.

I also remember a fabric and pattern store on the Boulevard. I enjoyed sewing my own clothes and making costumes, so this store was very handy."

Mary Ellen, her sister and three brothers are all Hasbrouck Heights High School alumni. She grew up on Central Avenue surrounded by family, many of whom still live in town.

"Memories and recollec-

tions act as the gems that we pass on to our children; they are our silent smiles as we sit and remember our past, they shape us and motivate us, maybe subconsciously, to create our own personal set of values that are a part of who we eventually become.

The memories and experiences I recall of growing up in Hasbrouck Heights greatly influence me to this very day.

When I see the orange blockade on Central Avenue near the Boulevard I think of when I grew up on the 200 block of Central Avenue. I remember my family home and my neighbors and I know that just a few of these families are still there.

As children we drew chalk houses on the street pavement and laughed when the cars rode over all of our specially designed rooms. The Central Avenue block parties, camping out in neighborhood back yards, lemonade stands, backyard bocci tournaments, and Mrs. Mohair's demolished house are just memories now - but great ones.

Walking up to Ziff's Pharmacy, Henry's Deli or the corner candy store to run an errand for Mom always resulted in a nickel or dime to spend in town at one of my favorite spots -- Trash and Treasures (*a penny candy store on the corner Terrace and Washington Place*), or the store we called "Pop's," (*a five and dime on the Boulevard*). Small change could buy a lot back then.

My friends and I would go from door to door in our neighborhood to scavenge for bottles that we could return to Benny's Market for the deposit money. I truly can't remember the woman's name but she always gave us her "returns"



with the stipulation that we pick up some cat food for her while we were there. Away we went pulling a wagon full of bottles. We worked hard to earn some spare change. I sold flower seeds, magazines, Stanley products and many more items - all before the age of 12 - way before I could earn baby-sitting money.

I enjoyed doing errands for my Mom, walking to the Milk Jug for milk or ice cream or to "The Italian Store" (*I can't remember its name anymore*) for fresh grated Locatelli Romano cheese. The adventure gave me an opportunity to see the world.

When I was 9 or 10 years old at Christmastime, I would spend all of my savings buying presents for my family. A \$1.00 brooch - purchased at Pop's for Grandmom Pagliei was an

extravagance to me. I could not wait to see her smile and see her wear it. Mom and Dad got a clock for a few bucks that I purchased at a local vendor. A Matchbox car for my brothers and some Coco Frapie lipstick for sister Susan -- all purchased in-town -- and this made me proud."

On top of her responsibilities of helping run and grow a business, Mary Ellen also serves as the Second Vice-President of the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce. "As a business owner, it's good to be involved.

We are trying to address the parking problem we have in town as well as working with the Beautification Committee to spruce up downtown," Mary Ellen said. "We've started with decorative benches along the downtown corridor and plant-

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ing flowers near the trees. We are also trying to build up the annual Farmers' Market. We are approaching new business owners about joining the Chamber, so that we can strengthen our focus on the downtown area.

In my business I see the importance of a strong downtown shopping area and the value of local businesses for a community. People want this advantage.

Hasbrouck Heights is fortunate to be one of the few towns with this amenity. The Boulevard has been changing, just a handful of the old-time stores I remember remain. But change is good, it's part of our evolution. I hope people see our conversion of the closed down Villa Exxon to **Gateway Realtors** as a positive improvement.

Hopefully, our downtown is creating happy memories for the people of Hasbrouck Heights today. The safety and convenience of local shopping not only is a great amenity, it helps to keep our children away from the malls and close to our homes.

The local businesses create jobs for our children, mothers, fathers and grandparents. So support your local businesses, they are not only vital to your property values, they are vital to creating happy memories."

The pride she has in the town translates to the care she has for her customers.

"Growing up in Hasbrouck

Heights," said Mary Ellen, "the town is like my family. We want to be able to point our customers in the right direction. A lot of people have lived in town for awhile and want to move up to a bigger home."

The first way the Courtneys wanted to provide this service was building a new building that would be welcoming. Their new building is well landscaped and inviting. "We wanted to add to the community," Mary Ellen added.

One of the keys to the success of **Gateway Realtors** is their agents. "The agents that work here are part of the community and have roots in the town.

We also have agents from surrounding towns and this provides a team effort when selling a house. We have a lot of pride when selling a home and we like to provide a human touch to the business," Mary Ellen stressed.

They also continue to back their agents with expert training, in-depth support and excellent technology, so that they can focus on what they do best: providing excellent service and guidance to their clients.

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Dog License Renewal

Marilyn deRussy, Secretary to the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health, reminds all dog owners that their 2005 dog license expired on January 31, 2006 and must be renewed to avoid an administrative fee in addition to the cost of the license.

All licenses were issued in number order as they were received.

Licenses were available starting Wednesday, January 4, 2006.

Owners are reminded that the dog(s) must be immunized against rabies for the first 10 full months of 2006. Dogs with rabies immunizations which will expire prior to October 2006 should receive a booster prior to applying for the new license.

Fees for the year 2006 remain the same: \$7.00 if altered;

\$10.00 unaltered.

Licenses can be obtained by mail by enclosing a copy of the current rabies certificate, proof of spaying or neutering along with the license fee with checks made payable to: Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and sent with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Health Department, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604.

If applying in person, the Health Department will issue the license between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Failure to renew a license will result in legal action.

Please call 201-288-1636 to advise the Health Department if you no longer have your pet. ###

FOCAS Hosts Cat/Kitten Adoptions

FOCAS will be hosting off-site kitten and cat adoptions at the following locations:

Bergen Equestrian Center: 40 Fort Lee Road, Leonia, NJ. (located at *Overpeck Park*) Adoptions take place in the indoor lounge, Saturday, February 4, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Westwood Pets: 15 Westwood Ave, Westwood, NJ Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Special Adoption Event: Sat-

urday - February 25, 2006. PetCo - Rt.17 N. Paramus, NJ Saturday - February 18, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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FOCAS Sponsors Pet Seminars

FOCAS (*Friends of the Bergen County Animal Shelter*) is sponsoring seminars on "Common Behavior and Health Issues with Your Dog or Puppy" and "Comon Sense Approach to Feline Health."

The seminars are scheduled to be held February 1, 2006 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the **Oradell Animal Hospital**, 580 Winters Avenue, Paramus, NJ.

Seminars are designed to help pet owners establish a healthier, happier long-term relationship with their pet companion. Pet nutrition, wellness, behavior and socialization are cornerstones of the discussion.

Guest speakers are: from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Eileen Haley, Professional Member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers and founder of Second Chances, Inc., and from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., Dr. Jose S. Pla, D.V.M., Cats Exclusive Veterinary Hospital.

This seminar will provide an opportunity to address individual questions.

There is no registration fee. Attendance is limited to "people" only and seating is limited. To ensure a seat, you can register in advance by calling the FOCAS Help Line at 201-943-4019. For more information please visit www.focasnews.org.

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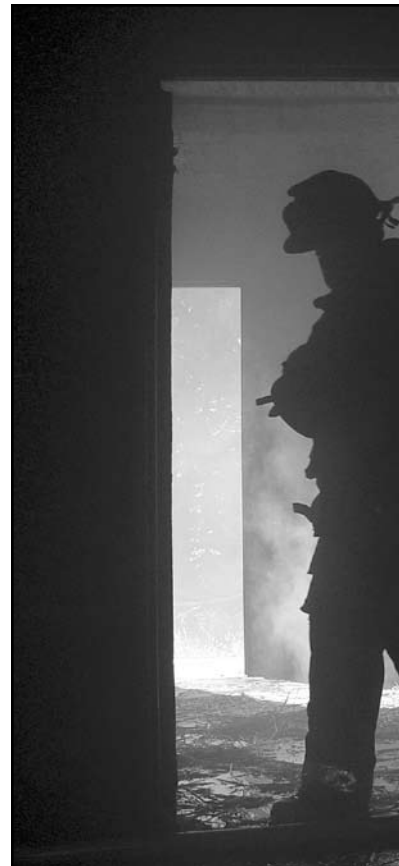
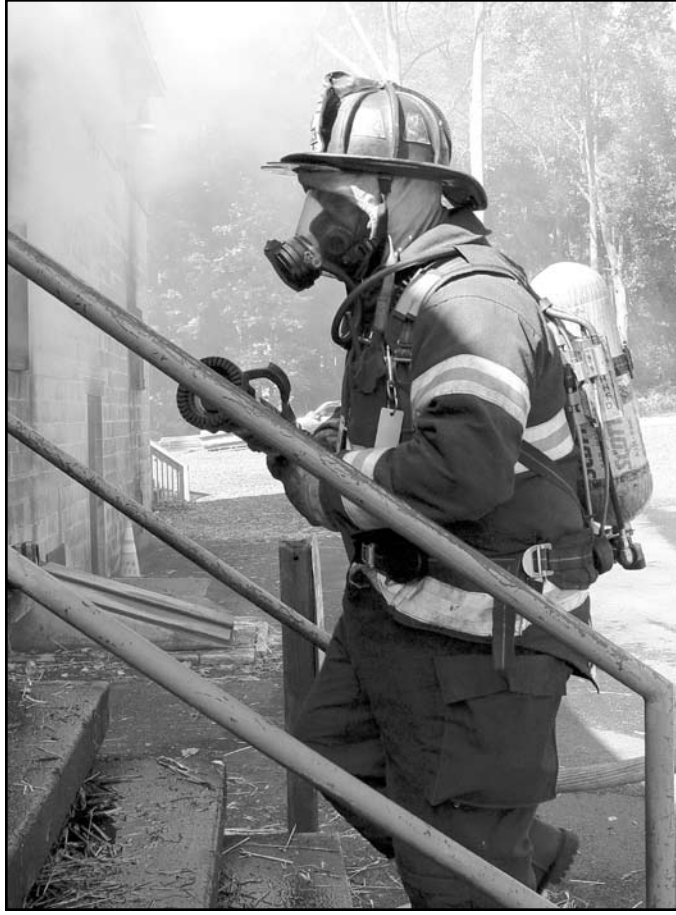
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The community's coverage was augmented by the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, until the HHFD returned at 3:00 p.m.

About a third of the Department participated and traveled to the Academy with Engine 2 and EMS 604.

Once on location, the Department connected to a hydrant, set up hoses, put on turn-out gear, and prepared the necessary equipment.

Middletown Academy instructors provided a 'walk through' orientation of the smoke house. The Academy burns Class "A" materials in the smokehouse to provide as close to a realistic environment as possible to train firefighters for real-life, high temperature fires in smoke filled environments.

The concrete block "smokehouse" facilitates multiple companies working together under both light and heavy smoke and fire conditions — and has two sections with a bi-level single family dwelling mockup on one side, and a split ranch single family dwelling on the other side — both full basement, plus a garage with automobile.

Training was focused establishing command, setting up multiple teams, putting out fires, search and rescue, etc. During the day-long drill, instructors set several fires in rapid succession. As soon as one fire was extinguished, another was set. Occasionally, several fires were going at the same time.

Senior firefighters got practice performing the "command" position. All firefighters rotated on one of two teams -- for search and rescue and to extinguish the blaze.

Senior department members critiqued each session and offered operational tips for better safety and performance. Middletown instructors would take Heights firefighters back into the structure to review specifics.

Instructors closely monitored each firefighter during each exercise, to insure personal safety, that correct procedures were executed, and that the training objectives were being met.

Probationary and junior department members in red helmets were not permitted in the burning building, but got lots of support experience by replacing firefighters' Scott Air Packs on the fly, dragging hoses, getting tools, etc.

Junior members were only allowed to tour inside the structure when all fires were extinguished.

The training was so active, that the HHFD consumed its inventory of the compressed air used in the Scott Packs. The Academy re-charged the air tanks so that the training could continue.

The Middletown Fire Academy is certified by the NJ Division of Fire Safety, and provides comprehensive firematic training for firefighters in New Jersey. ###



2006 HHFD Installation Dinner

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department held their installation dinner for Fire Chief Joseph Taylor Jr. and The Department Officers at The Venetian on January 14, 2006.

The program began with introductions by Master of Ceremonies former Chief Tony Greco.

Fire Department Chaplain Fr. Joseph Pickard began his benediction with a presentation to every firefighter of a Saint Florian (*Patron Saint of firefighters*) medal.

A toast was made by Second Assistant Chief Mike Ratkowski. The salute to the flag was led by First Assistant Chief Angelo Roccamo.

Speakers included Fire Chief Joseph Taylor Jr., Mayor Ronald R. Jones and Fire Commissioner Thomas Meli.

Each of the Fire Chiefs' wives, along with Nancy Halloran, Fire Chief's Secretary, were presented with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of their support of the Department.

The 2006 Department Officers were asked to step forward and were recognized.

The 2005 Department Officers were given plaques, and the top EMS responders were recognized.

Mayor Ronald Jones, Fire Commissioner Thomas Meli and Deputy Fire Commissioner Ronald Kistner presented Harry Maisch with a proclamation, which had been read at the January 10, 2006 Mayor and Council meeting, recognizing his 42 years of service with the Department.

Harry was joined by his wife, Audrey, at the dais where he spoke about The Department.

Mayor Ronald Jones, Fire Commissioner Thomas Meli and Deputy Fire Commissioner Ronald Kistner invited representatives of the Pascagoula, Mississippi Fire Department, Chris Taylor and Terry Eiland, to the dais where they were presented with a Key to Hasbrouck Heights.

Joining them were committee members who helped arrange for their attendance at the festivities. They include: Chief Joseph Taylor Jr., Second Assistant Chief Michael Ratkowski, Thomas Rubino, Michael Christensen, Timothy Moots, Christopher Halloran, Patrick Hayes and Fire Commissioner Thomas Meli.

The community of Hasbrouck Heights had donated Old Engine One on September 19, 2005 to the Pascagoula Fire

Department, whose equipment was completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Mutual Aid fire department Chiefs representing Carlstadt, Hackensack, Little Ferry, Lodi, Moonachie and Wallington attended. Moonachie, Lodi, Wallington, Carlstadt and Little Ferry made presentations to Chief Taylor.

Two seats were set up in front of a huge screen for Harry and Audrey Maisch who were surrounded by members of the Ladder Company. A multi-media farewell tribute created by Firefighter Chris Halloran was given.

DJ Entertainment was provided by "Firehouse D.J.s." ###

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Borough of Hasbrouck Heights Proclamation

WHEREAS, Harry M. Maisch, Jr. was appointed to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, Hook and Ladder Company#1 on October 16, 1963; and

WHEREAS, Harry M. Maisch, Jr. has served the community diligently for many years in many capacities. He served as Secretary to the Ambulance Squad in 1964, Lieutenant from 1965-1967, Captain from 1967-1969; Treasurer of Hook & Ladder Company #1 in 1964, Lieutenant from 1970-1972 and 1976-1977, Captain from 1972-1974 and 1977-1978; Lieutenant of Emergency Squad in 1966-1968 and Captain from 1968-1970; Second Assistant Chief of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department from 1981-1983, First Assistant Chief from 1983-1985, Fire Chief from 1985-1987 and Mechanic of Hook and Ladder Company; and

WHEREAS, Harry M. Maisch, Jr., who has served the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights faithfully and with exceptional dedication over the past 42 years, tendered his resignation as of December 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, during these 42 years he actively and unrestrainedly performed the duties of firefighter and/or ambulance squad member to assure the safety and well being of the residents of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that we do hereby extend sincere appreciation to Harry M. Maisch, Jr. for his dedication and perseverance which have influenced and enhanced the Borough and the progress of our community and accept his resignation with sincere regret, wishing him and his family all good health and happiness in the future.

Dated: January 14, 2006

Mayor Ronald R. Jones
Councilman Justin A. DiPisa
Councilman Ronald F. Kistner
Councilman Thomas E. Meli
Councilman Leonard Introna
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Thank You Harry

By Justin Watrel

After 42 years in the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, Harry Maisch finally decided to hang up his helmet. Harry said, "I always wanted to do the job to the best of my abilities and won't accept less of myself. (*I got all the things out of it that I wanted.*)"

Harry Maisch was born and raised in Jersey City, the son of Harry Sr. and Jane Maisch. He and his sister, Carolyn spent their childhood in Jersey City.

While at a church social dance, he met his future wife, Audrey and it sparked a romance that has lasted over the years.

The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last October. When asked why he moved to Hasbrouck Heights, he said, "Simple, my wife and I were looking for a nice place to live and we found that we liked Hasbrouck Heights."

Here they raised their two sons, Harry III and Stephen, who are both Hasbrouck Heights High School Alumni. Son, Harry, still lives in town with his wife, Valeri and their

son, Harry IV. Having lived in town for 45 years, Harry added, "It's a great place to raise a family." Harry was a long-time employee of the New Jersey Bell and retired a few years ago.

When asked why he decided to join the Department, he explained, "It was something that I always thought about and when I moved to town, I looked into joining."

Back then, they had a two year residency rule and I had to wait. Along the way I got to know many of the members and after two years were up, I got a phone call that asked, "Are you still interested?" "I joined right up."

When Harry joined, things were somewhat different. "The demand today is much more than when we started. Even then, you got used to the way things were because you didn't know any different."

Today there is so much training with EMS, Anti-Terrorism and First Responder that we didn't even fathom back then."

In his time on the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, Harry served as our Ambulance

Lieutenant and Captain, Rescue Lieutenant and Captain, Ladder Truck Lieutenant and Captain and Second Assistant, First Assistant and finally as our Fire Chief from 1985-87.

"Having gone through the different chains of command prepared me for my role as Chief, which I felt was a natural progression in the Department. I always felt that I gave my best when I was Chief and looked out for the members."

Harry, ever the true leader, has set the bar and an example that all firefighters now strive to achieve.

"One thing about firefighters is that when there is a fire, everyone gets into mode and is on the same wavelength. We are there to work together and get the job done."

"Every fire is different," he added, "there is no one particular fire that resembles another."

When the Municipal Building was on fire, it was ironic because we firefighters were in the building having a meeting about the plane crash that happened in town the night before

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My Life, My Freedoms

by Jeffrey Calabrese

Six o'clock comes and I wake up, ready to conquer the day. Leaving my bed I go into the shower and get ready for school. Making sure I have done all the essentials, I put my book bag in my car and leave.

The reason I leave so early is because I take an advanced placement class that starts before the actual school day.

This course makes it possible to earn college credits while still enrolled in high school.

My school schedule is probably one of the most rigorous ones out there. I have four of these advanced placement classes, and am taking a fourth year of Italian. Each day of school involves an amount of work that is nearly indescribable.

Every time and again, however, I look back and think about how lucky I am that I can be doing all these things. Not everyone around the world has these opportunities or freedoms within the educational system.

This country gives each student the freedom to choose what you want out of school.

You can just graduate high school or you can pursue a higher education in college. The fact of the matter is that it is my decision to make.

The fact I am going to college after this year shows my freedom to do so. This is all in my near future, but for the present time I go home, get changed, and prepare for work.

My place of business is a small Italian specialty store. We are pretty much the predominant deli in the area so we have a lot of business on a daily basis, especially during the holidays.

Work consumes the majority of my time, second to school. I work probably a total

of twenty to twenty-five hours a week, on average. I help customers, prepare caterings, and keep the place clean. It is the first and only job that I have ever had and it is hard work, yet very satisfying. The pay is great for my age, which enabled me to purchase my own car. Without my job I wouldn't have a lot of the things work has provided.

After work I get home and have dinner with my family. We sit down at the kitchen table each and every night to have dinner. It is my mom, dad, sister, and me.

Once dinner is over I begin to think how I am going to spend the rest of the day. I can choose to do a number of things; however, the amount of homework I have is the deciding factor. I can hang out with my friends, cruise around in my car, or sit and relax.

Before the night is over I finish up any of the school work I have left and I am usually in bed and asleep around ten o'clock. This is one routine day throughout the week.

You may ask yourself how my daily routine is a demonstration of my freedom. The connection, however, is all too real.

My daily schedule is a living testament to the freedom I have in this country.

It is the exact definition of

freedom. I do have the freedom to attend school in order to receive an education. I do have the freedom to pursue a higher education in the form of college. I, also, have the opportunity to take advanced classes and give my college career a head start.

Every time I am at work or receive my pay I thank God that we have a country that allows free enterprise.

Other countries have suppressed their citizens and the economy. Can you find a country in the present world that offers the amount of freedom that we have here? I have the freedom to work for a small business and provide myself with some money to buy the necessities or other items.

There are many ways to demonstrate freedom. People can go and publicly protest topics, or can choose to run for local government, but I prefer to let my actual life do the talking.

What happens during the course of any day in my life would not be possible everywhere in the world. The United States of America provides a sound foundation of freedoms that I choose to show and broadcast.

I do have the freedom to live the way I want to in this country and nothing can ever change that. ###

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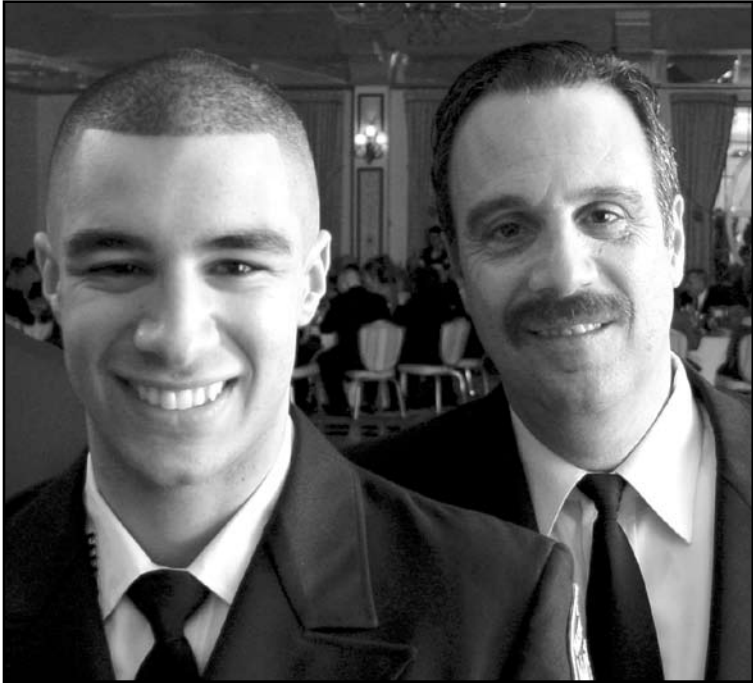
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A Visit With The Greco Family

By Justin Watrel

Being a firefighter takes experience and willpower, but at the same time it's nice to have a role model to teach you the ropes. Former Chief Anthony Greco and his son, Michael make up such a team.

"There is someone I can turn to and trust when I have questions on a call and it's reassuring when it is my own father," Michael said. Anthony added, "He still asks for my advice. It's a good and rewarding experience and I'm glad that he is sharing it with me."

Anthony Greco, our former Fire Chief, was born and raised in Hasbrouck Heights, the son of Peter and Josephine Greco, who still live in town.

He and his wife Jeannie, have a combined family of five children. Son, Michael, currently serves as a firefighter in town and is a Hasbrouck Heights Alumnus Class of '04.

His two younger children, Melissa and Steven are currently attending Hasbrouck Heights High School. Both are honors students.

Jeannie's daughter, Siobhan, attends school in Suffern, New York and daughter, Larissa, is a student at Marymount College in New York City. "I am very proud of all of my children for all the accomplishments they have achieved," Anthony said.

Chief Greco works as a Communications Operator for the Hackensack Fire Department. "We handle all the 911 calls in the Hackensack area as well as dispatching fire and EMS for the residents.

"He also works as a staff photographer for "Fire Engineering Magazine," taking pictures of all of their conferences. He also takes pictures

at fire scenes as well as making fire video training films for the magazine.

His wife, Jeannie, is a Special Education teacher in Clarkstown, NY.

Michael works at the Hackensack Medical Center in the Emergency Trauma Department as a Transport Aid for the hospital.

Michael will be taking the civil service exams in the Spring for both the Fire and Police Departments. "One of my goals is to work for either the Hackensack or New York City Fire Departments," Michael explained. "It really has been something I have wanted to do my whole life."

Chief Greco has been an active member of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department for 31 years and adds, "I am still as involved today as I was when I first joined."

"January 11th, 1968, our house was destroyed in a gas explosion and my mother had to be hospitalized. We were left with nothing but the clothes on our backs. The Hasbrouck Heights community rallied around us and helped us get back on our feet."

"What it did was instill in me what they did for us and how I wanted to be involved with town safety. So I joined the Department to help out the best way I could."

His mother recovered and she and her husband still live in the house that was rebuilt on the site of the old one.

Some of Chief Greco's accomplishments on the Department have been serving as the Captain of the Ambulance in the 80's and as the Captain of the Rescue in the 90's.

He also serves as the Communications Officer of the Department purchasing radios and working with the field unit for mutual aid for other towns.

He has also served as Second Assistant Chief and First Assistant Chief as well as Chief from 1997 to 1998.

Some of the things instituted by Greco were Santa Around Town, an event that has served the community for over 16 years and is extremely popular with both the community and firefighters as well.

Also, Greco was instrumental in doing away with the fire horns and moved the Department into modern times with updated radio equipment.

They also changed the Emergency Light Truck to the current Rescue Truck, which was better for rescue extractions.

One of his best memories was in 1991 when he was part of a three person rescue team



(l-r) Michael at age 4 and Michael at age 20

that saved a female civilian trapped on the second floor of a burning building on Route 17. "We searched and found her and I am happy to say that she survived."

Michael Greco got involved with the Department because as he put it "I was born into it. My father took me on some of his calls when I was growing up, especially when he became Chief in the 90's.

All of my Dad's friends were involved with the Fire Department, so it was like a second family to me. I was constantly surrounded by the fire house and its influence when I was growing up."

While growing up, both of his parents were involved in the Department. While his father served the Fire Department, Michael's mother, Deborah, served as an EMT for the Ambulance Squad and is currently an EMT for the New York City Fire Department in the Bronx.

Michael joined the Department at 16 as a Junior member and in 2003, joined as a member of the Department in Engine Company 2.

His uncle, Peter Greco, was also a big influence in is becoming a member as a former member himself. "It has been a huge part of our family," Michael added. Michael's cousin, Peter Greco III, is currently a firefighter in the Hackensack Fire Department.

"What I like best about being part of a father-son team is that we can leave together for a fire," Michael said. "It can be tough but very rewarding. I found that by being a Junior Member of the Department, I was so busy on drills that I didn't get in trouble in high school. I would recommend it to any high school student who wants to get involved in the town."

Michael's most memorable event on the Department was the plane crash last year at the Strawberry Warehouse. He helped work the hoseline and crawled through the bricks into the building with fellow firefighters, Patrick Hayes and Christopher Halloran. "It was

intense but a great learning experience. I will never forget that," Michael said.

When asked where they were during the 9-11 attacks, the Chief said he was on standby at the old Heights firehouse awaiting orders. "It was tough because my wife was working in the city and we didn't want the two of us in New York with our children here," the Chief said.

Michael had been in high school at the time, taking a shop class. "Everyone thought it was just a small plane until we turned on the TV and watched everything unfold.

My Dad lost some good friends in the city that day. It just made the Department stronger." Michael added that now another family member, his brother Steven, wants to join the Department as a junior member. "It really is in our blood."

"It is great to be helping and supporting the community. I get a lot out of it. Many firefighters on the Department have gone on to be professional firefighters, policeman and EMT's," the Chief said.

It's a rewarding experience to give back to the town." Michael added, "There are a lot of quality volunteers on the Department, but we are always looking for manpower." ###



Tony Greco took this photo for the October 1991 Fire Prevention Week Issue of Fire Engineering. Here, Assistant Chief Frank Pistilli talks with Tony's children, Michael (age 5) and his sister Melissa (age 2).

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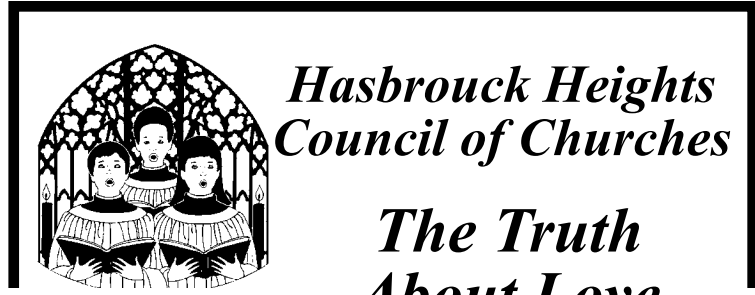
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Love is a Spiritual quality that gives freely, because that is the nature of Love. "God is Love," we are told, and "when we Love we are like Him." Love holds no grievances, does not condemn, or ridicule; Love is accepting and lets one another be.

Love is not filled with its own sense of self-importance but beholds one another as unique expressions of Divine Love.

Love gives freely because Its Source is beyond the human dimension; it is beyond what we can think, see, or feel.

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Love is an awareness of our true potential in God's Mind. We realize Love within our heart and mind and it comes in peace, assurance, and grati-

tude.

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How do we bring this Love into our lives? By listening within as in meditation; quieting our minds from what we want or what we think should be and listening with our heart. We become fine tuned so God can play His song through us as we would tune a violin before playing it.

We let God's Love wash over us and fill us to overflowing. And we abide in this His Love and let His Love abide in us. As we dwell in this Love there is no depletion of Love.

Yet we let it flow freely through us and are always blessed by it and bless one another.

As we give Love we receive Love and the Circle of Love is never ending. "Freely you have received, freely give."

May you dwell in Love Now and always. Happy St. Valentine's Day! ###

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The first session begins on Monday night, January 30 at 6:45 p.m. at the Care Center and deals with hardware concepts.

The second class on February 6th deals with software concepts, the third class on February 13th deals with mousing skills, and the fourth class on February 20th deals with keyboarding.

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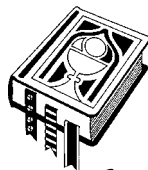
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An Ecumenical Procession was held Friday, January 6, 2006, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The public was invited to attend and many joined the procession at any church. Participants followed the path of the star and followed the angels' herald. Selected players were costumed. At each church sanctuary there was a tableau to recount the Journey of the Magi, and include a brief reciting of liturgy.

The walk began at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, proceeded to many of the community churches and

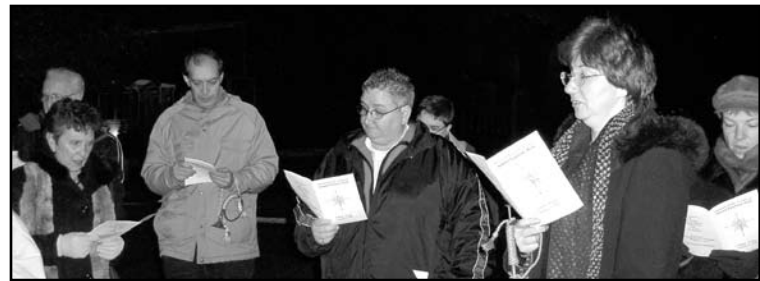
ended at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

The star was lit and there was the "Gathering of The Shepherds" as the procession began. At each stop along the way, "we" were invited into each church's sanctuary and called forth one of the participants in the Epiphany story tableau.

There was a calling of the First Magi, Caspar, with the gift of gold, a calling of the Second Magi, Melchior, with the gift of frankincense and a calling of the Third Magi, Balthasar, with the gift of Myrrh.

"La Befana" visited and told her story (*an Italian tradition and legend*) at the end of the journey. Holy Trinity has also conducted an evening Epiphany Worship Service at 7:30 p.m.

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Child Star Rising

By Contessa Marie Louisa

Corpus Christi student by day -- actor on days off and evenings, this is the life of Frank Borrelli.

The sixth grader will be seen in the upcoming season of "The Sopranos" in a recurring role as Vito, Jr.

Frankie is the youngest child of Al and Gerylyn Borrelli.

When asked if he got along with all his siblings, he said he gets along with all of them, but they tease him an awful lot because they are so much older than he is.

His proud parents provided his resume. His father mentioned that he just performed at the Old Stone Church in Montvale in a production of Charles Dickens', "A Christmas Carol."

I had the opportunity to go to the performance in mid-December, which was outstanding. It was also fascinating to watch the child performers connect with their parts, which in this case put them in the 19th Century with English accents.

When the play was over, they were all going to a cast party and there wasn't an accent in the crowd.

I asked Frankie if he had a problem being someone else during the performances and then being himself. He said it wasn't hard, the directors tell you what to do and you do it. When you are doing a play, directors sometimes let you put your own personality into the part but most of the time for television and movies they want you to be what they want you to be.

Frankie is a veteran. He started performing profes-

sionally when he was about 4 years old.

When asked who was the most famous person he ever worked with? He said everyone in "The Sopranos." He said everyone was very nice on the set and he enjoys the experience very much.

Frankie said that it would be a dream come true for him to be able to work in a George Lucas film.

When he was asked whom he would most love to work with, he responded if he could, he would work with his parents. He said his mom and dad spend countless hours looking for auditions for him and drive him to training, practice and performances. He does four or five auditions a month. He said if he got famous he would make sure they were in the cast with him.

This student actor seemed to know quite a bit about old movies so I asked him if he could remake a movie and do it his way which one would he do.

He said he would do "Yankee Doodle Dandy" or the "Wizard of Oz." He said the old movies had singing and dancing in them and it made them fun.

I asked him if he had a star in mind and he said no. He said he would hold open auditions and just pick the best people for the different roles.

He said that there are so many talented people that everyone should get a chance to perform so that always using the same people isn't really fair.

He said that sometimes he thinks of other people who would have done a role so much better than who was cast.

He said a lot of times the person who is more popular gets picked because he or she will draw a bigger audience, which has nothing to do with performance.

He also commented that although technology was fascinating to him, it was sad that a lot of the parts that people previously were given a chance to do were being replaced by technology.

As an example he said that

before a performance so the musicians get to know you and you get to know them.

If you make a mistake they can play slower or give you the cue over again. It is the whole orchestra and the person on stage pulling together to make the show the best it can be. If it is a tape, it is what it is and you have to keep up or you're sunk.

He has been in three independent films: "The Little Dinosaur," "Wayward Within" and "The Bicycle," as well as a Columbia student film, "Teacher's Pet."

Frankie has been featured in numerous plays: "Hans Christian Anderson," "King of the Flowers," "The Nutcracker," "The Wizard of Oz," "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "The Big Idea," "Seussical the Musical," "The Passion Play" and "Pippin" as well as in many ensemble roles.

He has worked in many different theater companies including: The Studio Players Theater, Park Theatre Performing Arts Center, The Smiling Rhino Theatre, Hackensack Cultural

Arts Center, Applause Performing Arts, Paramus High School, Dream Street Theater, Missoula Children's Theater and Kathy's Cable Kids.

He has done many commercials and voice-overs.

Since he has such a huge theatrical background I asked if he could be in a play over again, which play would he do. He said he would like to do Seussical again. He said the last time he was JoJo but he would like to be Horton the next time.

He likes working in community theaters; he learns something from every experi-

ence and he hopes that someone starts a local community theater so that he wouldn't have to travel to be in a play. It would give his parents a break from driving him around.

Last spring he was in a performing arts workshop at the Boys and Girls Club in Lodi but they didn't have a stage to perform on for the show at the end.

He doesn't have a preference to theater or film or television. Working in films and television allows you to do it over and over again to get it right. He also likes live music and audiences. He said audiences are really fun most of the time. So he thought the best would be to do some of each medium.

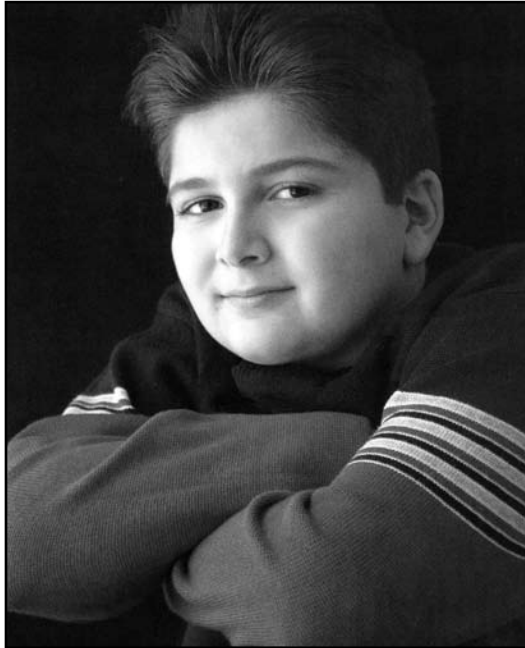
He said that sometimes people get tired of playing a role so he could see wanting to have some variety. He said that is one of the reasons actors don't like to be typecast because then you get to really play the same part over and over again.

He said he has been lucky that none of his parts has ever been the same kind of role. He said that in "Pippin" his role was that of a real brat but in "A Christmas Carol" everyone was really nice to each other. He said he was just finishing up the performances of "Pippin" when he began work on "A Christmas Carol."

He said he loves Corpus Christi adding, "The teachers are nice and I've made new friends." He concluded by saying: "The kids are pretty cool here and they don't really ask me about what shows I'm in because they have their own stuff to do."

You know everyone has different things they like to do. Me, I like to perform -- sing, dance, act, it's what I like."

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they don't need as many extras as they used to because they can use computers to digitally make it look like people are in the scenes.

Frankie said that you learn a lot from just being on the set so that extras are learning even though they don't have featured roles.

Frankie loves music. He commented that when he is in a play and there is a live orchestra there is something about it that just makes it thrilling to perform. He said that musicians are helpful to the performers. There are months of practices

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The 1950's -- 1960's

Additions to the previous 1950's and 1960's stories:

Since the last installment was written, more papers and pictures have appeared that further explain the activities of Post 106 at that time.

For example, there are two pictures of the Memorial Day celebration in 1955. In the one we see Post 106 being led by its Color Guard and Firing Squad down Terrace Avenue.

The shorter man leading the main body was the Commander, Ray Royslance.

In the other is shown the large crowd, normal in those days, at the ceremony at the Veterans Memorial. Note all the trees: it seems very rural.

A copy of the December 1957 "Veterans Voice," the Post newsletter, gave the menu for the Post's Christmas Dinner as follows:

Cockails, Celery, Olives, Fruit Dish, Parker House Rolls. Main Course: Baked Virginia Ham, Peas & Carrots, Flavored French Green Beans, Tea or Coffee, Choice of Homemade Pies - Pumpkin, Mince, Apple; Soft drinks - Beer - Your choice.

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Incidentally, a few years later, in the mid 1960's the price had increased to \$2.75.

At various times, but especially during the 1950's, '60's, and '70's we sponsored some trophy winning teams in

the American Legion Baseball League.

The third photo in this article is one of those teams. I believe it may have been taken in the late '50's or early '60's. The man presenting the trophy to, I assume, the team captain, is Coach Gordon Hiltbold. Does anyone reading this recognize any of the young men in this picture?

In April of 1958 we congratulated Miss Mildred Dragon, our representative in the American Legion Oratorical Contest who finished 1st in Bergen County, took top honors in regional finals, and finished 2nd in the State contest.

In 1959 our award for best patriotic essay went to Miss Susan Kress, whose mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kress, still lives in town.

Each year we sent at least two young men to Boys State and recognized those Boy Scouts who attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

In 1965, three members of Troop 68 (*sponsored by the First Reformed Church*) were so recognized. They were Keith Hettel, Gregg B. Van Dam, and Stephen L. Wilcox. Many of you will recognize the family names.

Correspondence shows that a strong, friendly cooperative relationship was maintained with the VFW and other veterans organizations.

Hopefully the archives (*that collection of unsorted paper in the files*) will reveal more of the '70's and '80's. ####



Memorial Day Parade and Service May 30, 1955



Does anyone recognize these gentlemen? Call 201-288-4028



The correspondent for this series is American Legion Commander Michael Cahill.

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Thanks Harry

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and as the meeting broke up, some of us had left the building and some members were still inside talking.

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Then it was time to fight that fire. It really was a crazy week. Again another unique fire."

When 9-11 happened, Harry, along with most of the Department, was on stand by to find out if they had to help in New York City.

"What 9-11 did for the Fire Department was make people aware of how dangerous this work in the Department can be. We are a very busy department and are getting busier.

You have to be taught the right way and be willing to listen to the people around you. You have to know what you have to do when you go in and fight it and come out okay."

When asked why he finally decided to hang up his helmet, Harry said, "You reach a certain age when enough is enough. It's time to step down and let others take control. I loved the department and did it right to the best of my ability."

Harry is still involved with the retired Chiefs Association in town as well as The New Jersey Fire Chief's Association and South Bergen Fire Chiefs Association.

"My advice to each individual is to find your own way in the Department. It is a rewarding job, but you really have to want to do it." When asked for his greatest memory, Harry added emotionally, "To be honored by my peers the way I have been the last few months and to be respected by the community. Who could ask for anything more? I never expected any of it. I have made a lot of great friends over the years and have a lot of great memories and I want to thank everyone for everything they did for me."

Fire Department Note:

Harry, from all of us on the Fire Department, we want to thank you for all you have done for us and the community.

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l-r: Councilwoman-elect Maryetta Saccamano, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner, Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilman Andrew Link III, Councilman Thomas E. Meli and Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

Assistant Chief Angelo Roccamo and Second Assistant Chief Michael Ratkowski.

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to 2006 Fire Department Officers.

There was an announcement of council assignments. The Council elected Thomas Meli as their Council President and named Ronald Kistner as their representative to the Planning Board.

Mayor Jones made his appointments and requested Council confirmation.

This also included the appointment of Joseph Jones, Esq. as Municipal Judge for a three year term.

The Mayor delivered his State of the Borough Address which reviewed the accomplishments of each department.

Each Council member then had an opportunity to make their comments.

The meeting was open to the public for comments.

The concluding Benediction was provided by Reverend Msgr. Rodrigo San Pedro, Adjunct Clergy, Corpus Christi Church, who led the assembly in God Bless America.

The meeting was adjourned and light refreshments were served in the Senior Center. ###

The full text of the Mayor's State of the Borough Address, along with a list of council committees and Borough appointments are available at: www.hasbrouck-heights.com

Heights 2006 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2006 at 11:45 a.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2005 business.

Councilman Andrew Link III was presented a Proclamation, Plaque and Key to Hasbrouck Heights by Mayor Ronald R. Jones and the Council presented Mr. Link a plaque honoring his 23 years of service on the Council.

The Mayor and Council spoke highly of Mr. Link's dedication and service to the community. With two of his grandchildren on his knee, Councilman Link made departing comments.

The Mayor and Council conducted business concluding 2005 and adjourned.

The beginning of the 2006 year began with Mayor Ron-

ald R. Jones administering the Oath of Office to Justin DiPisa as RoseMarie DiPisa held the Bible and former Mayor and Assemblywoman Rose Marie Heck looked on.

The Oath of Office to Maryetta Saccomano was made by former Judge Harry H. Chandless Jr. while Martin Saccomano held the Bible.

Upon the seating of the

new council member, Mayor Ronald R. Jones declared the 2006 Reorganization Meeting in session.

There was a Salute to the Flag, Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation by the Reverend Lewis V. Papera, Pastor of Corpus Christi Church.

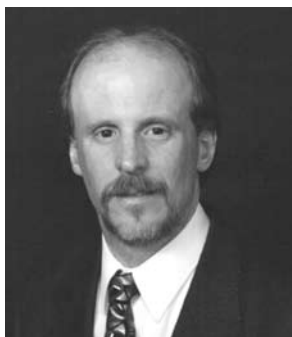
The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Joseph Taylor Jr., First As-

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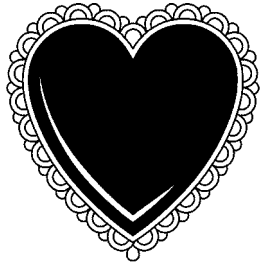
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Hasbrouck Heights \$440,000
This spacious home, located in desirable Hasbrouck Heights is ready to move in. The first floor features a large eat-in-kitchen, a very large living room/dining room combination with sliding glass doors to deck with hot tub that overlooks a private back yard and cabana adjacent to the garage. The second floor features two bedrooms with all new carpeting. In the basement is a large "L" shaped family room, 1/2 bath, laundry area, utilities and storage. This home also features central air, updated electric, new gas heating system and ample parking on a beautiful tree lined street. Close to major highways and easy commute to NYC.



Hasbrouck Heights \$649,900
CONTEMPORARY! Immaculate and nicely decorated on quiet residential street. Features large living room with cathedral ceilings and newer carpet; formal dining room with crown molding and hardwood floors; modern EIK with all new appliances, including stainless steel d/w. Bathroom completely renovated 6 mos. ago. Master bedroom with walk-in closet and new bath; bedroom 2 with dbl. closet and hardwood floor; bedroom 3 (13 x13) with dbl closet. Full finished basement with workout room, walk-in closet, .5 bath; lg family room and new kitchen. Perfect mother/daughter setup. Large deck in wooded, park-like professionally landscaped property. New fence, new central air and alarm system.



Hasbrouck Heights \$439,900
HURRY! Super residential home on pristine tree-lined street. A must for first time buyers. Move-in condition home with newer roof, windows and waterheater. Family room on first level with hardwood floors throughout. Brick front exterior, one car detached garage. Great curb appeal home nestled among other fine homes on deep 50 x 125 lot.



Waldwick \$624,900
Old world charm abounds in this lovingly cared for, updated 100 year old home on park like property. Still in the family of the original owners this lovely 3 bedroom home has so much to offer! New paver sidewalk, 3 season porch, cozy living room. A spacious newer EIK with pantry, built in can closet, new appliances, dining area, FDR, large part. Covered deck views an outdoor oasis of lush perennial gardens, pergola, tranquil waterfall and Koi pond. Huge oversized garage has potting area and loft.



Lodi \$525,000
This all brick, well maintained large Ranch awaits you! Features a large living room, generous bedrooms, full bath on the first floor and an EIK w/breakfast bar and dining area. The first floor also offers direct entry to a one car attached garage and hardwood flooring. Finished basement features a family room with wood burning fireplace, summer kitchen and full bath. Large lot and offers terrific yard space.



Wood-Ridge \$439,900
CHARMING! Three bedroom Colonial with open porch. Move right into this well maintained home. It has crown molding, new front & back doors. The first floor features an entrance foyer leading into a formal dining room with a fireplace, living room, and newly renovated kitchen, new full bathroom with skylight. Second floor features master bedroom with bath and two additional bedrooms. There is a walk up attic that can be converted into a fourth bedroom or office and there is a detached 2 car garage with automatic door opener.



Hasbrouck Heights \$559,000
Four bedroom Colonial on a dead end street. Featuring living room with oak woodwork, FDR, kitchen with granite counters and ceramic floor, den, 2.5 baths. Four bedrooms, walk-up attic and partially finished basement! The park like property is 169 feet deep! A great location! Call today!



Palisades Park \$439,000
SUPER! Bright and cozy townhouse in desirable Windsor Square. Entrance foyer opens to living room with wood burning fireplace and sliding glass doors to terrace and flows into spacious dining room. The fully equipped kitchen has an expansive breakfast bar and features an abundance of cabinets, self-cleaning oven, refrigerator, dishwasher, compactor, washer and dryer. Up a few steps to the master bedroom with master bath and walk-in California closet. Second bedroom of ample size also has a California closet and the main bath has a whirlpool tub. Close to transportation, easy access to NYC, parking, pool, gym, low taxes and pets allowed.



Little Ferry \$639,000
ROOM FOR MOM! Charming Raised Ranch, large rooms, central air, hardwood floors and California ceilings. The picture book first level features a newly renovated kitchen, a MBR, dining room. Second floor has MEIK, MBR with bath, two additional bedrooms, laundry room and new full bath. Perfect for mother/daughter setup. Garage has automatic door opener. Yard has a shed and above ground pool.



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