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The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department with Santa, The Grinch and Mr. Snowman on Sunday, December 17 -- ready to meet the children at Baldwin and Collins.



Daisies, Brownies and Girl Scouts sang Christmas Carols during Breakfast with Santa in Corpus Christi Cafeteria on the morning of December 17.

'Twas the season...

Heights/Teterboro Area Celebrated The Season

The Holiday Season began on Friday, November 24th, at 7 p.m., with the Annual Hasbrouck Heights Chamber Holiday Parade.

Holiday spirits were high with the anticipation of Santa at this Annual Parade which began at Williams Avenue and marched along The Boulevard

to The Circle. The Parade featured the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department and Police Department and VFW Honor Guards, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Foam/Crash Truck, and BCFPB Bagpiper Marching Band.

Various scouting groups, youth sporting teams and cheerleaders, plus many antique and exotic vehicles followed.

The Park Ridge High School Marching Band played

and Hackensack University Medical Center provided large and small floats, plus a contingency of volunteers who handed out over 8,000 toys.

The Hasbrouck Heights High School Marching Band escorted Santa on a float provided by Otterstedt Insurance Agency, followed by the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department apparatus.

The Parade was enjoyed by thousands of children of all

ages. (See parade photos: *The Gazette*, December 2006)

Immediately after the Parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the Senior Center where they met with the children. This was sponsored by Heights Flower Shoppe and Kathy Dunn Cultural Center.

That evening, on The Boulevard, Otterstedt Insurance Agency held a free pre-parade carnivale with hot dogs, cotton candy, pretzels, popcorn,

balloon sculpting, etc. Additionally, many businesses, including Century 21 Eudan Realty, Bergen Commercial Bank, Franks on the Boulevard, Quiznos, etc., as well as some Borough employees at the Municipal Complex, offered parade-goers plenty of hot chocolate and goodies to enhance the festivities.

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Services include: health history evaluation, blood pressure, measurements, height & weight measurements, individualized counseling and education, including referral and follow-up confidential consultation with a Public Health Nurse.

For information call Laura French at 201-288-1636. ###

1st Quarter Taxes Due Feb. 1, 2007

Tax Collector Conchita Parker announced that taxes will be received Saturday morning, January 27th, from 9 a.m. to noon, for the 1st quarter taxes which are due February 1st at the Tax Office located at the Municipal Complex, 320 Boulevard.

This arrangement follows the custom established many years ago in the Borough for the convenience of the taxpayers in meeting the quarterly payment due. For additional information call 201-288-1152. ###

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department made 1,350 EMS calls and 575 fire calls during 2006.

Keep Fire Hydrants Cleared of Snow

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department asks that when it snows, residents and businesses should make an effort to keep fire hydrants clear and accessible. ###

Boulevard Speed Limit is 25 mph.

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The Energy Corner

Is there anything I can do to save money this winter?

There are many options you have to save money on your oil heat this winter.

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Or, if your equipment is 20 years old or more, you can cut your fuel bills by up to 30% if you upgrade to a new, high-efficiency heating system. Call **Keller-Depken** to schedule an inspection.

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Community Activities

The Hasbrouck Heights community was filled with the holiday spirit.

Beautiful trees, wreaths and branches were available at the Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association Annual Tree Sale with their new location provided by St. John The Divine at the corner of Franklin and Terrace Avenues. This sale has been a Heights tradition for over 40 years. The money raised went to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors.

Corpus Christi School held a Wish List Tricky Tray on Friday, December 1st.

Santa visited the **Kearny Federal Savings Bank** on Valley Boulevard on the afternoon of Saturday, December 9th. The event began as families listened to Old St. Nick recite "The Night Before Christmas" after his grand entrance. They were welcomed with candy canes, a stuffed toy and free photo with Santa.

On December 3rd, FOCAS

sponsored pet photos with Mrs. Claus at the American Legion in Little Ferry to benefit their Angel Fund.

Free photos with Santa were held on Sunday, November 19th at **Bill O'Shea's Florist during his Open House**, in association with Victor from **Elite Photography**.

Santa could be seen waving to children from 1 to 92 along The Boulevard in front of **Heights Flower Shoppe** during their Annual Open House on December 3rd.

Later that evening, the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at The Circle at 5 p.m., sponsored by the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee.

The HH Library Crafts-to-Share Club held a Gingerbread House decorating program on December 5th.

The VFW Post 4591 held a Christmas Dinner Dance on December 9th. They enjoyed a chicken dinner and music by Peter Lieberman.

All eyes were on the skies over Teterboro Airport on December 9th, as Santa descended

from the air with candy and gifts for all the children. His helicopter circled above the NJ Aviation Hall of Fame where he waved to all the children before landing and was taken to the Museum by the Port Authority Police in their new ARFF vehicle.

Senior citizens enjoyed their Annual Leisure Club Holiday Party at The Cotillion on the afternoon of December 5th.

About 100 children enjoyed the Jr. Women's Club Annual Pizza with Santa at the Senior Center on the evening of December 15th. The event included photo with Santa, craft, goody bag, pizza, refreshments and raffle.

On December 16th and 17th, the Hasbrouck Heights Key Club sponsored a Holiday Flea Market.

On Sunday, December 17th, Santa was escorted around town by the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department starting at 4:00 p.m. at Collins and Baldwin and ending at the Firehouse. Special arrangements were made by the Fire Chief for

Santa to visit those who were ill or handicapped.

Ho. Ho. Ho. Hope you hopped into your sleigh and joined the fun and checked out the festive displays on The Boulevard and in your neighborhood with yards, homes, lamp posts and doors seasonally dressed for the holidays.

Judging was Saturday and Sunday, December 16th and 17th, with final selections on Monday, December 18th.

This annual tradition was sponsored by the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee.

Just about every club and organization held a Christmas party.

Every church offered extensive "Christmas Celebration" services.

Community Generosity

"Buy-A-Ribbon" -- As well as "Brightening The Boulevard," this annual appeal has generated thousands of dollars every year to benefit The Center for Food Action.

A \$10 contribution bought a bright red ribbon with the contributor's name on it, placed along The Boulevard beginning Thanksgiving until Valentine's Day.

Ribbon placement in Hasbrouck Heights was done by the Knights of Columbus Msgr.

Fitzpatrick Council 7041. Ribbon placement along Valley Boulevard in Wood-Ridge was done by the Knights of Columbus St. Anthony's Council 11158. Ribbons were available at **Bill O'Shea's Florist**. The ribbon was generously donated by Harvey Jaffe of Designer Dispatch Ribbon and Floral Accessories.

Corpus Christi had a Parish Giving Tree, decorated by the 8th Graders, set up in the school's lobby and decorated with ornaments labeled with various gift item requests.

Parishioners selected an ornament, purchased the gift, wrapped it and placed the package under the tree for distribution.

This holiday season, The Friendly Neighbors assisted in the welfare of Borough residents in need. The Friendly Neighbors is sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Council of Churches.

A winter clothing drive was held where neighbors could donate new or used coats, hats, mittens, scarves, socks and new blankets at Corpus Christi Chapel.

Editor's Note: *There were so many wonderful Holiday activities and just not enough space. ###*

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- Remove AC Window units in winter
 - Don't block heat vents, radiators or baseboards with furniture, rugs, etc.
 - Seal up draft sources and attic fan **###**

**Boro Reorganizes
January 1, 2007**

The Borough of Hasbrouck Heights Mayor and Council will hold a Sine Die meeting at 11:45 a.m. on January 1, 2007 to conclude 2006 business.

After a brief recess, new council members will take the oath of office and a reorganization meeting will be held.

The oath of office will also be administered to Fire Department officers.

Council assignments and appointments will be presented, followed by the Mayor's Annual State of the Borough Address.

Comments by Council members and the public will follow. Light refreshments will be served in the Senior Center. The public is invited. **###**

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Home Equity Loans vs. Lines of Credit

There are two types of home equity debt: home equity loans and home equity lines of credit, also known as HELOCs. Both are sometimes referred to as second mortgages, because they are secured by your property, just like the original, or primary, mortgage.

Home equity loans and lines of credit usually are repaid in a shorter period than first mortgages.

Most commonly, mortgages are set up to be repaid over 30 years. Equity loans and lines of credit often have a repayment period of 15 years, although it might be as short as five and as long as 30 years.

A home equity loan is a one-time lump sum that is paid off over a set amount of time, with a fixed interest rate and the same payments each month. Once you get the money, you cannot borrow further from the loan.

A home equity line of credit, or HELOC, works more like a credit card because it has a revolving balance. A HELOC allows you to borrow up to a certain amount for the life of the loan -- a time limit set by the lender. During that time, you can withdraw money as you need it. As you pay off the principal, you can use the credit again, like a credit card.

A HELOC gives you more flexibility than a fixed-rate home equity loan. It also is possible to remain in debt with a home equity loan, paying only interest and not paying down principal.

A line of credit has a variable interest rate that fluctuates over the life of the loan. Payments vary depending on the interest rate, the amount owed and whether the credit line is in the draw period or the repayment period.

During the equity line's draw period, you can borrow against it and the minimum monthly payments cover only the interest, although you can elect to pay principal.

During the repayment period, you can't add new debt and must repay the balance over the remaining life of the loan.

A line of credit is accessed by check, credit card or electronic transfer ordered by phone. Lenders often require you to take an initial advance when you set up the loan, withdraw a minimum amount each time you dip into it and keep a minimum amount outstanding.

With either a home equity loan or a line of credit, you have to pay off the balance when you sell the house. ###

Celebrations Abound in the Contemporary Club

The Contemporary Club's December 12th Christmas Party doubled as an 80th Birthday Party for longtime member Dottie Link.

The celebration was at Picasso's in Lodi. The members remembered their secret pals and there were no grinchers to be found in the group.

Heifer International was the recipient of a \$50 gift from the club. This fine organization helps poor families by giving them a farm animal that will help them become financially able to live a better life.

Members were also busy knitting and crocheting baby caps to be sent to Africa; Arts Creative Chair, Eileen Kovack, handed out the instruction sheets.

After the members stuffed Christmas Stockings for the poor, there were many leftover items that were donated to St.

Joseph's Hospital in Paterson to give to children hospitalized during the holiday season.

The video, "Know Stroke" will be shown at the February meeting and members may borrow the video to show their family. The members are trying to get the message out that early detection of stroke symptoms may prevent long term consequences that are associated with strokes.

In order to celebrate Ground Hog Day, the members decided to hold their **Quiznos Sub Fund Raiser** on February 2nd. The annual Fish 'n Chips plans were discussed. ###

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department suggests that you periodically check your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries.

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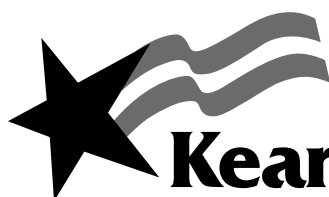
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• Without proper decorations, your Bowl bash will be incomplete.

Put up banners of the competing teams on your wall or hang streamers bearing the team colors. Get Super Bowl paper plates, tablecloths and other decorative things.

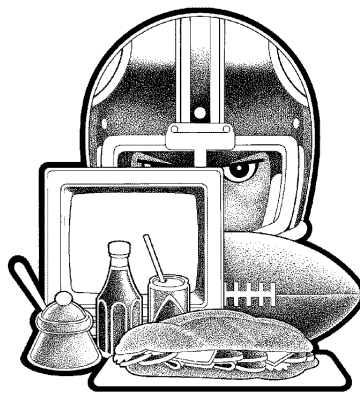
• Next to the excitement of the game itself, your party will be most remembered for the food provided. Your decorations may be great, but if the snacks and main dishes aren't hits, no one will be pleased.

The main meal should be tasty, simple and filling.

• Make it easy and cater your party. Check out the menus at **A Fresh Affair, Cucina D' Italia, Quizno's, Tuscany Touch, Inserra's Pizza** or **The Chicken Place**.

Order in advance since Super Bowl Sunday is one of the busiest nights for delivery-based restaurants.

• Set up the food in an assembly line so that everyone can customize their own dinner.



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Stick to a buffet set-up in order to ease serving and eating. That way, everyone can enjoy the food while watching the game, and most importantly, you can too.

• If you want to impress, visit **Regina Bakery** and have them create a Super Bowl cake for you.

• To make clean up easier, use plastic cups, plates and utensils. Of course, napkins should be readily available so that, in the event of a spill, help is close by.

• Keep the beer in a cooler close by so you don't have to run to the fridge. Aside from the suds, have plenty of soft drinks and water on hand for the designated drivers.

• Avoid offering hard liquor on Super Bowl Sunday. Football is a sport that begs for beer, nothing else. **Redford's** sells

the coldest beer in town.

• Keep radios and even small televisions set up around the house so that wanderers and those serving food don't miss a single down. You can even put one in the john if your guests are real football fanatics.

• It's always fun to mix in a little video game action on Super Bowl Sunday. If the halftime show is dull, set up your Playstation 2 or Xbox, and play football. Select the teams that are actually playing in the the Super Bowl and square off for some extra fun.

• Some people like to add to the entertainment by organizing betting pools. Ideally, these games are done in a way that even the guests who don't know a thing about football can join in.

For instance, you can bet on who will score the next touchdown, what the score at the end of each quarter will be or even who'll win the coin toss.

Make charts or grids so that the wagers are clear and keep the pot low so that no one blows their wallet.

• Invest in a few foam "bad-call bricks" to throw at the TV so your guests can express their feelings about the refs without doing damage to your house.

• Keep a football around and throw some NFL magazines on the coffee table as good finishing touches.

• If it's a real manly, poker-night type night, pass cigars around. Make sure there are enough chairs for everyone to sit on. Provide a side room for those who came for the food and atmosphere, and not the actual game.

• Spray some air freshener around as soon as everyone leaves, so the smell of cigars does not linger.

• Think ahead and place garbage cans around your place so that wherever your guests are, they can find a place for their trash. At the end of the night, all you have to do is collect the garbage bags, instead of checking under the couch for crumpled napkins.

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by Justin Watrel

In a time of big chains and discount outlets, it's nice to know we still have a corner store that offers personal service and takes the time to get to know its neighbors when they walk through the door. These are the aspirations of Sam and Carla Papasavas, the new owners of BeJay Drugs at 450 Boulevard.



Sam Papasavas was born and raised in North Arlington and is a Rutgers University Alumnus. Carla Papasavas was born in Rhode Island and was raised in Newark, New Jersey. She is an Alumnus of Queen of Peace. They met and were married while working at H. B. Drugs in North Arlington. They are the proud parents of Alexa, their 21-month-old daughter.

"We worked at H.B. for

almost ten years and we were looking into running our own business," Sam explained.

"We were looking for a pharmacy where we would get to know our customers and grow with the community just as we did at H. B. I knew the business so well at that point, I felt it was a natural progression to run my own pharmacy. It was a difficult decision to make, especially with all the close relationships I had in North Arlington, but I'm glad to have made the move."

When former owner, Howard Gelb, was looking to retire, Sam and Carla decided to buy the pharmacy and add their own personal touch to it. "Last December 9th we bought the business and we planted our roots within the community of Hasbrouck Heights," Carla said.

"We are trying to build trust within the community. We want the customers to know that they can come to us with their questions and problems, and, hopefully, we can help them as best we can. All of this makes the pharmacy profession so rewarding," Sam continued.



When asked how they were to compete with the big chains and the supermarkets, which offer the same items and services, they both explained, "People have choices. Since most people have insurance, their prescriptions cost the same no matter where they go. Some of the things we are doing to differentiate ourselves from the



competition is offering special services, such as compounding specialized medications for humans and animals as well.

We also offer free delivery to the surrounding towns such as Teterboro, Little Ferry, Hackensack, South Hackensack, Moonachie, Lodi, Carlstadt and Wood-Ridge.



"Also, I have been spending a lot of time explaining Medicare Part D, which is a new program that the government introduced to help seniors with their prescription costs. I consult with Medicare patients on a one-to-one basis and advise them which of the many plans is best for them, depending on what drugs they are on," Sam said.

While Sam was running the prescription end of the business, Carla oversaw the renovation of the inside of the building. "We went for clean lines and a new design. We even changed the location of the front door," Carla said. "Sam is Greek and I am Portuguese and because of our visits to both countries, we



liked the European pharmacy experience.

We based our pharmacy on businesses that we saw abroad. It took about four months to work through the renovation and I think we have created a very friendly, welcoming appearance." This shows in their window displays, which now feature gift and specialty items. Inside, the décor is light woods



and bright colors that show off the merchandise.

"On top of the medications we carry, Carla said, we offer a full line of vitamins, and surgical supplies that we will assemble for you, if needed, and a whole new line of gift items that include Carlton Cards, Russell Stover Chocolates, and Time & Again Candles.



Also, in the future we will add more beauty and skin care products and a new line of baby gift items.

We also offer unique products like Webkinz, a virtual product by Ganz."



On staff is Linda Stumper, RPh, who has been with the store since 1979. She is a great asset. She is very knowledgeable and everyone in town seems to know her and trusts her opinion," Sam said. "We are very lucky to have our entire staff."

"We always wanted to own our own pharmacy and have it become an extension of our family," Carla added. "We are looking forward to getting to know people in the community. We have received positive feedback ever since the renovation. We try to make a conscious effort to get to know our customers," Sam said.

BeJay Drugs is located at 450 Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights. Their hours are: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Their website is www.bejaydrugs.com ###



Dog License Renewal Info

Laura French, Secretary to the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health, reminds all dog owners that their 2006 dog license will expire on January 31, 2007 and must be renewed during the month of January to avoid an administrative fee in addition to the cost of the license.

All licenses will be issued in number order as they are received.

Licenses will be available starting Wednesday, January 3, 2007.

Owners are reminded that the dog(s) must be immunized against rabies for the first 10 full months of 2007. Dogs with rabies immunizations which will expire prior to October 2007 should receive a booster prior to applying for the new license. Fees for the year 2007 will 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. All licenses are issued in the order they are received. Please call 201-288-1636 to advise the Health Department if you no longer have your pet. ###

Board of Health Reorganization

The reorganization meeting of the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex located at 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. Following the reorganization meeting, the Board will reconvene and hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. ###



"Suzie's Ques"

Practical Tips for a Healthier You

Happy New Year neighbors! It's 2007 and the year ahead looks bright.

I am not usually one who enjoys making New Year's resolutions. It seems that each time I vow to make some major changes in my life, I end up breaking the resolution within the next few months. This brings upon very bad feelings about myself.

It is tough to put unrealistic expectations on ourselves. If we fall short of these goals, we tend to beat ourselves up. This state of mind is certainly not healthy.

This year, I resolve NOT to make any resolutions. I am hoping to continue making progress on last year's resolutions -- sticking to a healthy eating program and incorporating my renewed exercise and fitness programs. You see, we don't have to make any resolutions if we have already been doing the right things all along! Sounds simple to me!!

To err is human, to forgive is divine. I have learned to put the bat down and pick up a feather. Give myself a break when I fall short of my goals.

I've grown to accept things that I cannot change. I have learned to continuously strive to become a better person, a better mom, a better teacher, and a better member of my community.

Writing is a passion of mine so it is my pleasure to bring new and innovative information to our community.

I have found that a healthy way of keeping track of my thoughts and feelings is to write in a daily or weekly journal. I enjoy reading a daily meditation book which frees my mind and my spirit and gives me a sense of well being. Health and Wellness is a combination of the physical, emotional, and spiritual self. My alma mater, Springfield College, in Massachusetts, holds this philosophy: Educate the spirit, mind, and body so that one is completely centered in self.

There are days that I honestly don't want to eat healthy and/or exercise. I was once told

to not be hostage to my way of thinking. Bring your body and the mind will follow. So the days I absolutely don't want to exercise, I simply listen to my mind but take my body outside to work out. I don't think about it or rationalize all the reasons I have in my head NOT to exercise. I just get out there and DO IT! And guess what happens each and every time?

Inevitably, I feel so much better. I may be tired from a long day of work and the stress of life, but once I get out in the fresh air, I'm free. That time belongs to me. I say to myself, "I know I can fit in 20-30 minutes of time for self each day." No matter what!

And when I do for myself, I am more able to do for others. I need to take care of ME first and foremost so that I can be there for my family and friends.

So with that, a happy and a healthy 2007 to all!

Questions? Email me SuzanneKinzler@aol.com

Hasbrouck Heights resident Suzanne Kinzler is a Health/Physical Ed Certified Educator and author of, "A Multicultural Approach to Physical Education," 2002 Human Kinetics Publishing Co. ###

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January 2007 Senior Calendar

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 8, 15, 22, 29

10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee

Tuesday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

10:00 a.m. Line Dancing \$1.00

2:00 p.m. Adv. Senior Yoga \$1.00

Wednesday, January 3, 17, 24, 31

2:00 p.m. Senior Paced Aerobics \$1.00

Thursday, January 4, 11, 18, 25

2:00 p.m. Senior Yoga \$1.00

Friday, January 5, 12, 19

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

1:00 p.m. Movie Day

- The Shadow Riders January 5
Tom Selleck/Sam Elliot/Katharine Ross
- Whistling in Brooklyn..... January 12
Red Skelton/Ann Rutherford
- The Glass Bottom Boat January 19
Doris Day/Rod Taylor/Arthur Godfrey

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 3

10:00 a.m. Leisure Club Executive Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

1:00 p.m. Leisure Club General Meeting

UPCOMING 2007 EVENTS

Thursday, April 19 Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Trip to Hampton, NJ. \$65 per person includes dinner and mystery, "Catch Me, If You Can." Reservations with full payment will begin at the January meeting.

Leisure Club Christmas Celebration

The Leisure Club celebrated Christmas 2006 at The Cotillion in Garfield the first week of December.

This was earlier than usual; however, all the seniors who attended were in a Holiday spirit.

The women were dressed in colorful party attire and the men had jackets and ties (*and other clothes, of course*). The weather, food, music and door prizes made it a fun day and an excellent party.

The chairperson for this affair was Theresa Hund and her committee members were Ann Fuhro and Jean Ghilain. Of course, Terry's husband, August, did help out when needed.

The committee devoted many days and hours of time to make sure that the party would go well.

One hundred twenty-eight poinsettia plants were purchased so that one plant would be given to each person who attended the party. The plants were distributed equally on each table, one for each person at that table. They were arranged to add more color to the room.

The Cotillion was already prepared for Christmas. The red, white and green lights and trees were typical of the holiday season.

The many gifts that were given out were donated by many of our local merchants, banks and organizations. There were not enough gifts for everyone there, but no one went home disappointed.

The music was provided by the Andy Ray Band. They knew what kind of music the seniors would love to hear.

President John Fitzin welcomed all. Monsignor Father Rod gave the blessing and Vice President Peter Gallo led all in the flag salute and the singing of "God Bless America."

President John and his wife, Treasurer Dorothy, then presented Alice Shenloogian a Vermont Teddy Bear for her many years of service in planning our overnight trips.

Some of the past trips included Vermont, Georgia, Cape Cod, and Niagara Falls. The Fitzins also presented a gift certificate to Estelle Sattler who has stepped down after many years of planning our many day trips.

Mayor Ronald Jones inducted the officers who will serve for another two years. They are: President John Fitzin, Vice President Peter Gallo, Secretary Ann Fuhro and Treasurer Dorothy Fitzin.

The partying didn't end with the Annual Christmas Party. The seniors were treated to a special day a week before

Christmas.

The young ladies from Daisy Troop 438 hosted a coffee and cake party for the seniors. The party was held in the Senior Center and was attended by over seventy seniors.

Tax Collector, Conchita Parker, entertained the seniors with her Karaoke. The seniors sang along with her looking at the words on the large TV screen.

Along with the Christmas songs, many popular songs were also sung.

The members of the Daisy



Troop distributed bags of candy to the seniors, then sang Christmas songs to them.

Past President, Rose Mulle, ended the party by reading "The Night Before Christmas" to all. The girls in the troop made this an enjoyable afternoon out. *Photos and story by Peter J. Gallo Jr. ###*

Leisure Club Christmas Party 2006 Memories



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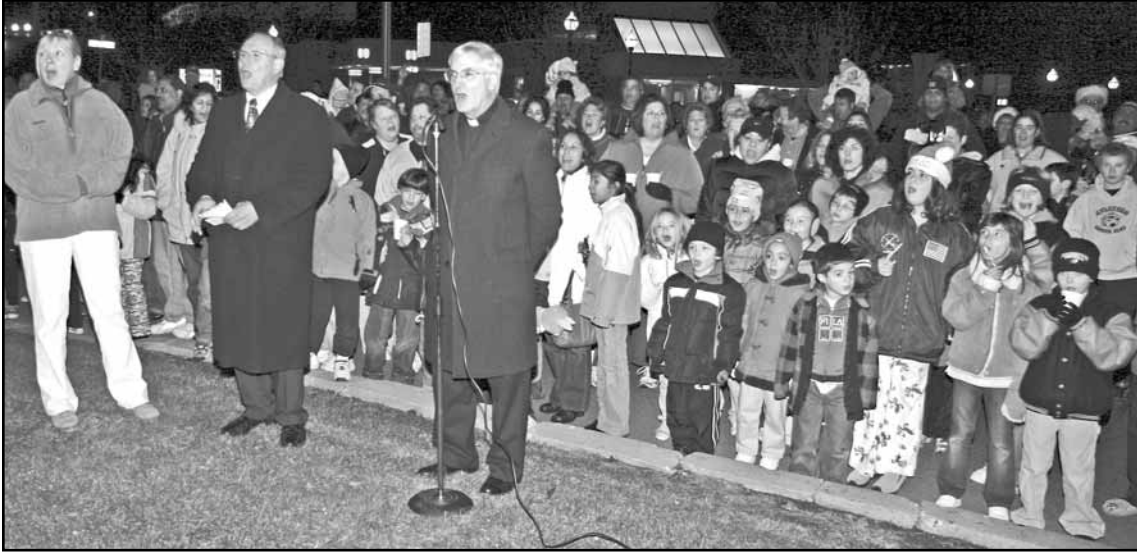
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Santa Was Busy Around The Heights Area



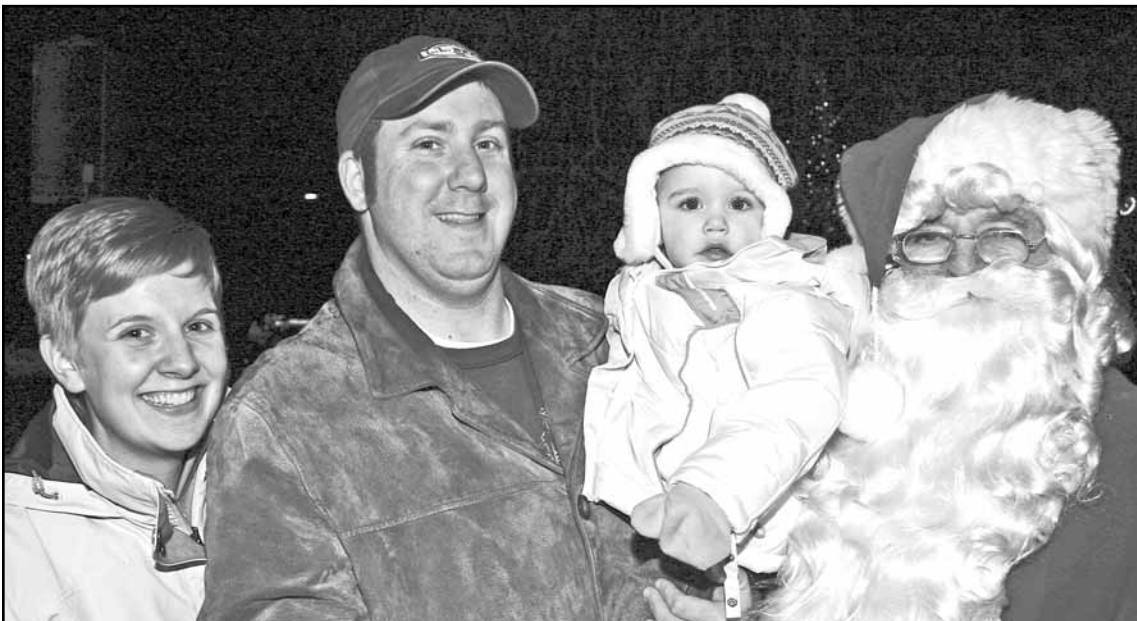
Father Lew led everyone in the countdown to lighting the tree.



The Hasbrouck Heights High School Concert Choir, led by Timothy M. Taylor.



Members of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department enjoying the recently lit tree.



Santa welcomed everyone.

Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle

Hundreds of area residents enjoyed the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony which was held at The Circle, 5 p.m., December 3rd.

Santa welcomed everyone. Pat Link opened the program. Rev. Lewis V. Papera, Pastor, Corpus Christi Church said an

opening prayer. Councilman Justin DiPisa welcomed the community.

Fr. Lew led everyone in the countdown to lighting the tree. The Hasbrouck Heights High School Concert Choir, led by Timothy M. Taylor, provided chorale, as those assembled

sang Christmas songs. Plenty of hot cocoa and snacks were available. Music & PA system were provided by the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department. This annual event was sponsored by the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee. ###



Heights Flower Shoppe Open House

Santa was waving at everybody along The Boulevard during the Heights Flower Shoppe Open House on December 3rd. Santa took a break to spend a few minutes with proprietor Ray Vorisek, his family and employees. ###



Santa's Annual Visit to Kearny Federal Savings Bank

On December 9th, Kearny Federal Savings Bank, Wood-Ridge Branch lobby, was aglow with Christmas lights, presents and the sounds of the holidays, as Santa recited "The Night Before Christmas" to awaiting families.

Upon Santa's annual grand entrance down the Bank's spiral staircase, children of all ages were welcomed with free candy canes, a stuffed toy and a photo with jolly Old St. Nick.

Children waited with great anticipation as Santa Claus "nodded and winked" before asking the perennial question, "What do you want for Christmas?" ###

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AARP Holds Holiday Party

AARP Chapter 418 celebrated Christmas with their annual party held at the M&M Building in Hackensack. Future programs are: January 12th, an AARP speaker will discuss Long Term Care; February 9th, Joanne Glussich, owner/manager of Contours Express, will talk about physical fitness, and, on March 9th, the Banjo Rascals will entertain the group. All meetings are held at the M&M Building, 116 Holt Street, Hackensack on the second Friday of each month and begin at 12:30 p.m. This chapter serves Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Maywood, Rochelle Park and South Hackensack. ###

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Santa Flies Into TEB for the Holiday Season

Santa departed the North Pole at midnight and arrived by helicopter at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at the Aviation Hall of Fame.

Before landing, Santa flew around the Aviation Hall of Fame, waving to his loyal fans.

Upon landing safely, Santa rode in the Port Authority Police ARFF vehicle to the parking lot where he was greeted by many well wishers.

Santa entered the Museum and went upstairs, where parents could take photos of their children with Santa in front of the airplane, "Little Cut Up." Upon hearing the children's requests, Santa had candy and gifts for them.

After meeting Santa, families had an opportunity to tour the Museum.

The visit of Santa Claus is presented annually by the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum, located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive on the east side of the airport.

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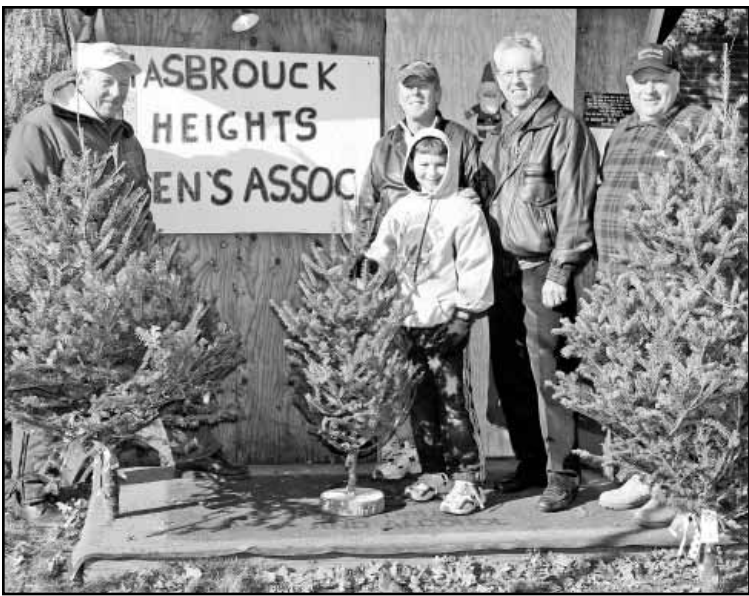
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Christmas Tree Sale

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association sold Christmas Trees again this holiday season at their new location at St. John the Divine lot starting Saturday, December 2nd.

They carried an array of over 200 Balsams, Frasers and Douglas Fir trees of various sizes and prices.

This sale has been a Hasbrouck Heights holiday tradition

for over twenty years.

The money raised goes to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors from Hasbrouck Heights who want to attend college.

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association thanks area residents for their on-going support of their sale. ###



Holiday Spirit Visits Library

The spirit of the holidays for "kids" from ages 1 to 92 was present at the Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights. On Tuesday, December 5, the Library's "Crafts-to-Share" Club combined adults and teens to join in on the fun of creating festive gingerbread houses. With a lot of icing and a little imagination, everyone walked away with a masterpiece for the holidays.

Teens and adults helped each other to construct these

delightful edible structures. They also had a little help from Trader Joe's (a specialty grocery store located on Route 17 in Paramus), which generously donated gingerbread house kits, containing the basics to get everyone started. Once the walls were up, the fun began. Everyone put their own twist on the basic structure by adding candy, icing, and gingerbread characters - all in amazing styles!

The "Crafts-to-Share"

Club meets the first Tuesday of every month. Participants learn and grow by discovering new crafts, and use their skills to instruct others. While some of the members are beginners, some have been crafters for years and are using the Club as a vehicle to reawaken their talent. The Teens join in every other month to participate in the making of a craft that appeals to all ages. To sign up please call the Library at 201- 288-0488. ###



Jr. Women's Club Sponsored Pizza With Santa

The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's Club sponsored Pizza with Santa on Friday, December 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Cost was \$8 per person and included photo with Santa, craft, goody bag, pizza, refreshments and raffle. Magician, Jim Keernan, entertained a delighted audience just prior to Santa's arrival. ###



Key Club Sponsors Holiday Flea Market

The Hasbrouck Heights Key Club held their 3rd Annual Holiday Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market on December 16th & 17th.

Vendors filled the new gym

and cafeteria. The Key Club sold refreshments, provided gift wrapping and held photos with Santa. The Hasbrouck Heights Dance Club sold Poinsettia plants.

The Hasbrouck Heights High School Key Club projects include the Senior Soiree, Homecoming Dance, Blood Drive, etc. Abbe Lewites is the Key Club advisor. ###

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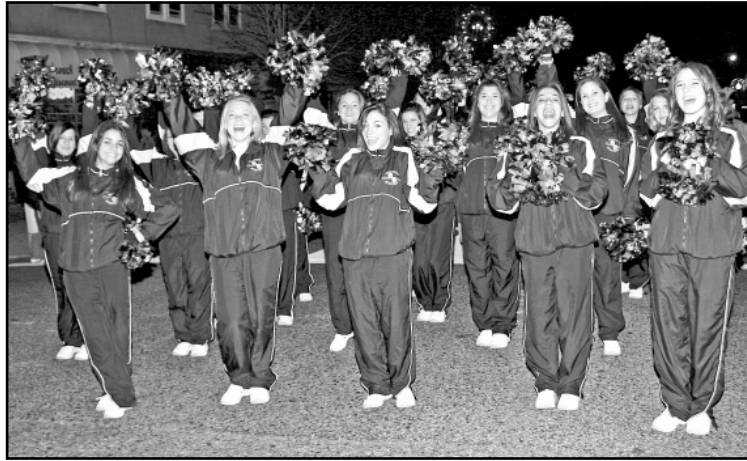
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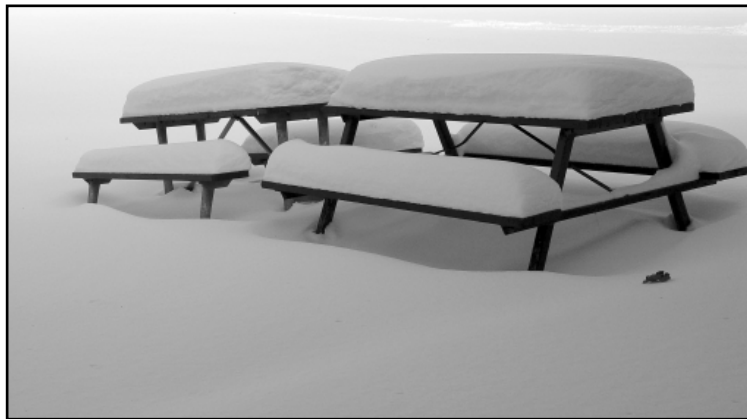
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Local Author Publishes Book

Justin Watrel of Hasbrouck Heights has recently published his first book of a trilogy, set in New York City.

"Firehouse 101" is a story about a displaced New Yorker who moves back East after 9/11.

He faces a city challenged and changed after the attacks.

Mr. Watrel and his friend were walking through midtown Manhattan one afternoon when they saw a 9/11 memorial at Engine 65. After talking to a firefighter at the firehouse, his friend commented on how she believed the firemen had never completely understood how their work that day affected each and every person in the city.

Excerpt from "Firehouse 101"

Alex Livingston, a troubled hotel executive, is forced to transfer from his dream job in Honolulu to his company's property in downtown Brooklyn, New York a year and a half after September 11th.

There, Alex is faced not only with a city still reeling from the attacks, but demons in his past that he must now confront. This is Alex's story of his seven months in Brooklyn and his experiences with the people and places that become part of his life.

... Alex had a strained relationship with his family that had started in his childhood. He always felt that his older sister Lisa, seven years his senior,

had gotten everything while he got the leftovers and hand me downs. He adored his mother, a jovial and hard working C.P.A. (who ran her own business out of New Haven, Connecticut), but he realized that she harbored her own secrets about her family. Like her son, she rarely talked to her own immediate family.

What kept Alex from going home was the constant insisting of his father on how he should make something of his life and become an investment banker like himself and other members of his family. Alex Senior, as he was known, did not want his son in the hotel industry.

Alex Senior was constantly on his son's back about his joining the firm and making some real money.

He understood neither his son's dropping out of Penn State to go to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, nor his fascination with the hotel industry.

"It's horrible pay, lousy hours and dealing with picky people," his father would say.

"It's never dull," Alex would say, "I get to travel and the money will come as I move up the ladder." Whose fault was it anyway? Alex would think to himself.

His father had taken the family on two foreign vacations a year from the time Alex could walk until he transferred colleges. Alex and his sister, Lisa, even in the lean years that the family experienced, had now been around the world five times.

It had always fascinated Alex how the hotels where they stayed worked. Every chance he got, Alex would peek behind closed doors. His biggest thrill was when he was ten. While the rest of the family stayed by the pool, the General Manager himself escorted Alex on a tour of the Oriental Hotel in Bangkok. The General Manager was impressed that someone so young would be interested

in his hotel. Getting to see how the hotel worked, who cooked the food and cleaned the rooms, plus the rich history of the hotel, drew Alex in. After that, Alex wanted to work in the hospitality industry.

"Besides, I hate snow," Alex continued, getting out of his daydream. "I like Christmas when it's 86 degrees and I can go swimming in the middle of the winter. Don't believe people when they say they want a "White Christmas." Who the hell wants to shovel all that snow?"

In addition, I would rather sing, "Mele Kalikmaka" -- it's the thing to say on a bright Hawaiian Christmas Day, than, "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas." Bing Crosby probably never even shoveled snow.

Maka started to sing, "Mele Kalikmaka" as Alex and Robert joined in on the second chorus.

They were laughing their

heads off as the rest of the staff joined in. It was 3:45 a.m.

As the group of six was singing, there was a commotion in the bar and then a scream from one of the banquet captains.

"What's going on now?" Robert asked. "Mouse?" Alex asked. "Mouse," Maka answered.

The banquet captain ran out of the bar area into the hallway where everyone was working and hollered, "Everyone get in here. The World Trade Center in New York was just hit by a plane!"

"What the hell?" Alex said. Everyone scrambled into the bar to see the crowd glued to the television. Smoke was billowing from one of the towers and the television reporter had no idea what was going on.

Maybe it was a military aircraft like the one that hit the Empire State Building fifty years ago, Alex thought.

The reporter was rambling so fast that no one could understand what had just happened.

The restaurant manager ran into the bar with his staff. They were also setting up for the onslaught of breakfast patrons that would be dining with them in two hours.

About forty people were now glued to the television and nothing was being done.

Alex thought of his sister and father, who were both working on nearby Wall Street. It was now almost 9:00 a.m. in New York. They were probably in their offices at this point, on the phone, having their morning coffee. He debated calling home but could not take his eyes off the television.

He stood there like everyone else, transfixed by the horror he witnessed.

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DPW Tries New Leaf Collection System

During the 2006 leaf collection season, the Hasbrouck Heights Department of Public Works evaluated a new leaf collection system.

All leaves were consolidated into larger piles on the street during the night by a leaf pusher fabricated by the DPW and connected to a mason dump truck.

Removal from the street was completed using two methods.

One crew used the traditional system of using a bucket to load leaves into a truck. The truck went to the DPW yard at Plant Road and deposited the leaves. Those leaves were then loaded into a larger container and sent to Nature's Choice transfer station, a recycler located in Kearny, NJ.

This system required an 11 man crew per load delivered to the transfer station.

The second system was tried for the first time this season. A "tink claw" was attached to a front end loader. Leaves were scooped up and put into a hopper attached to a garbage truck. The leaves were compacted in the garbage truck to a 3:1 ratio. Once the garbage truck was full, it went directly to the Kearny transfer station.

This system required an eight man crew.

The expectations of the new system are a 40% savings in manpower, fuel and wear and tear of the vehicles. Additionally, the compacted leaves could result in a 40% savings

at the transfer station where the Borough pays per cubic yard -- about \$9.50 uncompacted and \$10.25 compacted.

Both systems will be evaluated prior to the 2007 leaf collection for actual savings. ###



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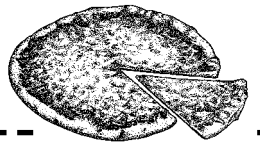
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Amariuta Wins in National Competition

The Miss Teen America Scholarship Program, Inc. is delighted to announce that Miss New Jersey, Tiffany June Amariuta, entered the Miss Teen America National Competition in Windsor Locks, CT and won the three top prizes:

- The National Outstanding Student of the Year Award for ages 12 through 18,
- The 2006 Top Essay National Award, and
- The 2006 National Volunteer Service Award.

Tiffany won her crown and title in a state-wide competition in which candidates were judged on each of the following criteria: academic achievement, writing skills, talent, service to community, ability to speak in front of a large audience, leadership qualities, grace, poise, and elegance in floor length evening gown, modeling, and physical fitness.

As the reigning Miss New Jersey, Tiffany has gracefully agreed to perform on the piano, as an honored guest, at the 2007 Ms. America Pageant, as well as other program functions during the year.

The new title will provide Miss Amariuta with a forum to challenge herself to be her very best, to express her talent, and to be heard on important issues facing young people in our society.

Through her personal appearances across the state and across the nation, she will have an important role to play as a representative and advocate of the ideals and ideas that forge America's future.

The Miss Teen America Scholarship Program, Inc.,

which produces the Miss Junior Teen America Pageant, is an organization founded on the principles that the future of our world depends upon the leadership qualities of today's youth.

The organization believes that academic excellence and service to community are vital to their development and they should be encouraged and rewarded. They believe that in order to become a strong leader a young woman must be a well-rounded individual.

She must challenge herself in all aspects of life, she must be poised, and she must be comfortable with herself in respect to her learned and natural talents. She must possess a strong desire to effect a change in her world, and to set an example for others to do the same. The program teaches young women the importance of perseverance and discipline, as well as the power of positive self-esteem.

Tiffany's favorite extracurricular activities are music and swimming. Her favorite quote is, "Never tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon."

Tiffany is the thirteen-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ion Amariuta of Hasbrouck Heights and is an 8th Grade student at the Hasbrouck Heights Middle School.

Tiffany's inspiring life motto is: "Dare to Dream, Make a Difference!"

Miss New Jersey is available for personal appearances by contacting the pageant headquarters or Tiffany at: njjrteena-merica06@yahoo.com ###

BCCLS Offers Downloadable Audiobooks

2006 marked the launch of downloadable audiobooks in the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS) and, to date, over 15,000 titles have been downloaded.

In 2007, hundreds more titles will be added to BCCLS' collection.

Anyone interested in trying the downloadable audiobook format should visit www.bccls.org.

Besides offering a wealth of classic and contemporary fiction, here are ten downloadable audiobook titles to get you started on the road to happiness, riches, and success in the New Year.

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Chance Auction Tricky Tray

St. Joseph School, 120 Hoboken Road, East Rutherford, is having their Annual Tricky Tray on January 13, 2007. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$6. ###



Corpus Christi CYO Cheerleaders Kick Off a New Season

The Corpus Christi CYO cheerleaders have been busy practicing hard since September for the upcoming CYO basketball 2006-2007 season!

They recently held tryouts for the 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade CYO Cheering Squad.

They would like to thank judges Mary Alice Gareffa and Modupe Davies for their time and expertise in choosing the Captain and Co-Captains for this year. The following girls are on this year's squad:

8th Graders: Captain - Brittany Tedesco, Co-captains Ashely Cecala and Mary Carle, Giselle Padilla and Monique Moore; 7th Graders: Jackie Chamoun, Melissa Colban, Daniela Pastor, Daniela Daza, Kristina Ripp, Leeanna Sanducci; 6th Graders: Amanda Cano, Stephanie Orlando, and

Samantha Morella.

The squad also includes Jessica McLean (4th Grade) and Bella Cano (1st Grade) as mascot.

The coaches for this squad are Rhonda Tedesco, Aubrey McLean and Amanda Kirchenheimer.

You can catch them cheering at the home games for the 7th & 8th Grade boys CYO teams which started in December and also at some local upcoming cheering competitions!

Good Luck to all the Corpus Christi CYO Basketball teams this year and GOOOOOOOOOO COUGARS!!!! *Story and photo provided by Rhonda Tedesco ###*

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Registration is the first night of class. Space is limited to six students on a first come, first served basis.

The first session begins on Monday night, January 29, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. at the Care Center. Classes continue for the next three weeks, February 5th, February 12 and February 19th. A certificate will be awarded upon completion of the course. Suggested donation \$10.00.

For more information call 201-288-9460 x 5 or 201-288-0002. A registration form must be completed for each student. ###



Full Wolf Moon

The January full moon will appear on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 13:59. It is called the "Full Wolf Moon."

According to the Farmer's Almanac, the wolf packs howled hungrily outside Indian villages. Sometimes it was referred to as the "Old Moon," or the "Full Snow Moon."

The Native American Indians of northern and eastern United States kept track of the seasons by giving a name to each recurring full Moon. European settlers followed the custom. ###



"Secret Santa" shopping activity for the students at Corpus Christi School. They had their lists and their budgets ready for shopping.



The Corpus Christi Giving Tree acquired hundreds of gifts that were distributed to Youth Consultation Services (Ramsey), Friars of Renewal Charities, various locations in the Bronx and Brooklyn, St. Cecelia's (Englewood) and some folks in town... Gifts were also collected for the Right to Life Ministry at Corpus Christi such as baby clothes and necessities.

Corpus Christi School Celebrates New Year with Catholic Schools Week

by Sonya Buckman

For many people the New Year is the opportunity to relax after the busy holiday season. For others the New Year is rich with possibilities of a new beginning. At Corpus Christi School the New Year brings mid-term exams and the celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

Mid-terms for Grades 5-8 will take place January 16th-19th.

This year's Catholic Schools Week, "The Good News in Education," starts Sunday, January 28th and runs through Friday, February 2nd.

As always, the week is filled with activities that help the community, students, parents and teachers celebrate the many facets of a Catholic School education.

Open House and Registration for PreK3-Grade 8 for the 2007/2008 school year will take place on Sunday, the 28th from 11:30 to 2:00. A second registration day will be held

on Wednesday, January 31st from 9-11:00 and from 1-2:00. Classes fill quickly so parents are encouraged to use this opportunity to secure a spot for their child.

As always, the week is filled with activities and events that, over the years, have become Corpus Christi School traditions. One the most touching days is the Grandparent's Social. Grades PreK3-Grade 2 invite grandparents and special friends to an afternoon of songs performed by the students and then have snacks with their guests.

The Science Fair, Basketball demonstration and show, Priest Appreciation Day, School Spirit Day, Faculty/Student Volleyball game and the Awards and Honors ceremony, always make this week memorable for everyone.

For more information about this special week, Open House and class registration requirements, please call 201.288.0614. ###

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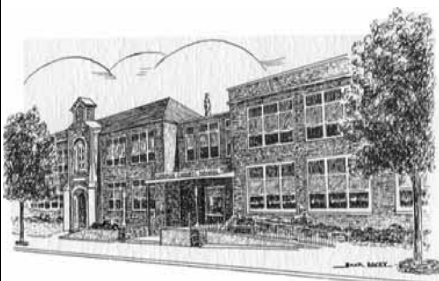
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(l-r) Congressman Steve Rothman; Co-Chair James Coyne, President of the National Air Transportation Association; Co-Chair Joe Fazio, General Manager, Atlantic Aviation; and Ralph Tangle, Port Authority Manager for Aviation and Government Community Affairs

Teterboro Airport Town Hall Meeting

On Monday, November 27, 2006, the Teterboro Airport Industry Working Group conducted a Town Hall Meeting to review the recently announced pledges to create a safe, secure and quieter environment at Teterboro Airport.

Area residents met at 7:00 p.m. at the Teterboro Airport Manager's office at 90 Moonachie Avenue.

Lanny Rider, the Port Authority Teterboro Airport Manager for the past five years, was the moderator and reviewed the objectives of the voluntary five point plan that was introduced during a press conference October 4, 2006.

The first speaker was Congressman Steve Rothman, who reviewed his efforts.

They included the 100,000 weight limit, which is one sentence inserted into the FAA budget annually by the House Appropriations Committee.

He reviewed the Indigo Charter issue, stopping Stage 1 noisier aircraft at the airport and desire to reduce flights by 25%.

Since the agreement was signed, flights were down 14% from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and Stage II aircraft was down 19%.

Rothman stated that he is working in cooperation with the Port Authority (PA) to develop this working group.

This group was formed because the FAA was not cooperating. Rothman said it was better to develop a volunteer working group, than going to court or passing laws.

The PA will monitor the progress of the working group and make quarterly reports.

It was stated by the panel that 50% of Teterboro Airport tenants and users (about 190) have made a commitment to the pledge. They are looking for 80 to 90% by the end of 2007.

James Coyne, National Air Transportation Association President said, "it is not easy



Lanny Rider, Teterboro Airport Manager

living near an airport."

The goal is to suspend all Stage II aircraft, which is not done at any other airport.

The 100,000 pound weight limit should stop large commercial service forever. (Aircraft using Teterboro are typically 20-30,000 lbs.)

Coyne stated that the goal is to make Teterboro the most secure and the safest general aviation airport in the world using the First Safety Management System.

He commented that, "we can do things as an industry that the government can't," and emphasized that "this working group wants to be sensitive to our neighbors."

There was a question and answer period during which several points were made.

Saturdays are quieter and Sundays are noisier. As general aviation mirrors commercial aviation, it is unlikely that there will be any restrictions on Sundays. The solution is that quieter aircraft are being built and Stage II aircraft are being eliminated (due to age.)

The Port Authority started working on airport noise since they got the airport in 1947.

Creating new air routes was like moving roads. Routes were too interlocked with other local airports. Air routes were set up 50 years ago. Navigation was set up in the old days

as a straight line 20 miles out from the runway. The FAA is responsible for air routes.

Newark approach is at 3,000 feet and Teterboro approach is 1,000 feet.

Air approaches to Teterboro vary due to weather, wind ceilings, etc. With new technologies such as GPS -- instead of a straight line to the runway, several alternate approaches could be expanded.

Health monitoring was started four years ago by Rutgers. The air quality around the airport is the same as northern New Jersey. Emissions are a regional problem and are affected by Rt. 80, Rt. 46, Rt. 17 and the Turnpike. Aircraft emissions are about the same as a car. There are about 500 flights daily at Teterboro.

The unfinished Eviorn study is concerned with the ultra-fine particles mixed with car emissions.

It was mentioned that the government should "map cancer" to Teterboro's approach.

The question arose about the Port Authority picking up the Stewart Airport lease. It was not known if it would affect Teterboro Airport traffic.

NOTE: Details on the Working Group Pledge are available in **The Gazette Newspaper**, November 2006, page 20 which is online at: www.hasbrouck-heights.com/gazette/index.htm ###

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So the holidays are just about over and soon the decorations will be back in the closet. Some people think that's when the house looks bare. I think it looks serene and relaxing. And relaxation is what we all need by now.

We're going into the quiet months. When the weather reminds us that everyone - even Mother Nature - needs to rest and restore.

Old Man Winter About To Throw A Curve Ball

By Meteorologist Dan Ventola

We have been used to changeable weather, cold, mild, near normal, etc., over the past few months. October was colder than normal. November was milder than normal. December was near normal, temperature wise with near or below normal snowfall.

The new year, 2007... January will see a turn toward more active winter weather.

This is good news if you own a snow plowing company, love to ski or if you are like me... just plain love snow because of its sheer beauty and quieting affect it has on every living creature it envelops!

The jet stream will reconfigure itself to allow colder air to arrive from Canada and the Arctic Circle.

The big question in my mind is: will the soon-to-become southern jet stream where storms form over the Gulf of Mexico or deep south, allow storms to move up the east coast?

I see this happening some time between January 1 and January 10.

So, get ready, Old Man Winter is about to throw a curve ball at us! Of course there is no way of accurately forecasting how much snow may come with this storm or series of storms during January, but I believe we will become rather snowy in the Hasbrouck Heights-Teterboro area.

Hasbrouck Heights resident Dan Ventola is President of The National Weather Station, Weather Consulting, Forecasting & Analysis, 1-877-447-6699, "Serving Clients with Expert Weather Services Since 1985," www.national-weatherstation.com ###

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If you put away a lot of tchotchkes (knickknacks) to make room for decorations, think about whether you really need to put them all out again. The simpler the room, the more relaxing it is.

If you have a fireplace, lucky you. But if not, you can create a warm glow with candles that beg to be lit in the late afternoons when the darkness sets in. You can try a little aromatherapy with scented candles. Or try my grandmother's kind of aromatherapy - baking chocolate chip cookies.

So there you are - feet up on the hassock, legs covered with a chenille throw, warm candlelight around you, munching on freshly baked cookies (the slice and bake kind count too), and sipping on hot chocolate. What a perfect time to leaf through a home décor magazine...and dream about your next project.

Amy Emilita is a lifelong resident of Hasbrouck Heights. She owns her own design company, Emilita Interiors, and is a part of the Window Fashion Certified Professionals Program. www.emilitainteriors.com ###

Borough Asks Public's Help With Snow Clearing Operations

The DPW reminds residents not to throw their snow into the streets thinking that the traffic will dissipate the snow.

Actually, the snow often re-freezes causing hazardous driving conditions.

The DPW also asks that residents not park in the streets until the plowing has been completed.

Keeping the streets clear facilitates the DPW to provide curb to curb snowplowing service.

Residents and businesses are reminded that they are responsible for clearing their sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow stops.

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department also asks residents and businesses to keep the fire hydrants cleared of snow. ###

Chinese New Year

The Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Library are planning their first fundraiser of the year by hosting a Chinese New Year Dim Sum traditional lunch celebration honoring the Year of the Rat.

The event is scheduled for noon, Saturday, February 24, 2007. Cost is \$30 per ticket. Seating is limited. Call 201-288-0488 for more information.###

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Fireman's Funeral *Farewell Chief Artie Knobloch*



Former Hasbrouck Heights Fire Chief Artie Knobloch passed on November 18, 2006.

During visitation at Costa Memorial Home on the evening of November 21st, firefighters from area departments paid their last respects in full dress uniform.

Members of the Heights Fire Department were posted throughout and the Heights Honor Guard was posted at the casket during viewing hours.

A brief service was conducted by Fire Department Chaplain Rev. Joseph Pickard.

Ladder trucks from Wallington and Hasbrouck Heights were at the entrance, with Artie's turnout-gear, "HHFD 9" displayed between them.

Additionally, fire trucks from Hasbrouck Heights, Lodi, and Moonachie lined The Boulevard and Central Avenue.

At noon, November 22nd, formal services were held at Costa Memorial Home. The Department marched into the

funeral home and services were led by Rev. Joseph Pickard.

The Boulevard was closed for the final tribute.

At the conclusion, the Hasbrouck Heights Honor Guard, and two Ladder Company members carrying ceremonial fire axes, preceded the American Flag-draped casket exiting the funeral home. As a firefighter's tribute, pager tones "for his final call" were broadcast at this time.

The Department made their final hand salute while Pipe Sergeant Eamonn Radburn of the Bergen County Fire Fighter Pipe Band, played the bagpipes.

The casket was laid atop River Edge Company 2, white, 1962 Seagrave 900B model that was recently retired after 44 years of active service.

Flowers were placed on the Heights Ladder Truck.

The funeral procession was led by the Fire Chief's SUV, Heights Ladder Truck, Wallington Ladder Truck 201, Heights Engine Two, Heights Heavy Rescue, Heights Engine One, Moonachie Engine No. 1 (retired), the River Edge Seagrave with casket, the family, and both Heights Ambulances. Hasbrouck Heights Police Department provided escort services.

The procession proceeded up The Boulevard to the Firemen's Memorial at The Circle, returned down The Boulevard to Hamilton to pass the firehouse. As the procession passed the firehouse, the giant doors were closed as a final gesture.

Arthur H. Knobloch is survived by his wife Cathy, daughter Jennifer M., son Robert A. and his wife Gail and granddaughter Kaitlyn Marie.

He was the cherished son of the late Arthur H. and Rose M. Knobloch, son-in-law of Theresa B. Gualtieri of CT, loving step grandfather of Chris, Jenn and Lisa; brother-in-law of Lisa and Jim Boff and Edward L. Pray, all of CT; uncle of Laura and Leah.

Memorial contributions to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department (248 Hamilton Avenue) or the NJ Metro Fire Photographers Association, PO Box 288, Hasbrouck Heights, 07604, would be appreciated. ###

Farewell Chief Artie Knobloch

By Justin Watrel

On November 22, 2006, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department buried one of its own with great dignity. Former Chief Arthur "Artie" Knobloch, had been a firefighter for 27 years, two in Wallington and twenty-five in Hasbrouck Heights. He was a much loved and respected part of our community and will be sorely missed.

Artie Knobloch (See The Gazette, January 2006) was born and raised in Cliffside Park.

While living in Cliffside Park, he met Cathy, his wife of 34 years. They moved to Wallington to raise their children, Robert and Jennifer. The Chief said, "I got involved in the Department while I was living in Wallington, through my neighbors who were involved in the Department. I found it a way of helping people in the town."

In his twenty-five years on the Department in Hasbrouck Heights, Chief Knobloch had served as both Lieutenant and Captain of the Ambulance and Lieutenant and Captain of the Hook and Ladder, then as Second Assistant Chief, First Assistant Chief and then as Fire Chief. During his time serving on the Department, the Chief also worked full time as an electrician in Local 164. He was also a Veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the U.S. Army's 9th Infantry Division. He was a former fire inspector and the past President of the South Bergen Zone 2 Chiefs Association.

The Chief was a founding member of the New Jersey Metro Fire Photographers Association formed in 1985. The Chief had 300 pictures published and, in 2005, was named Vice-President, for a second time.

The Chief collected antique fire engines that had been used in several movies. One of the antique fire trucks was "old" HHFD Engine One (a 1958 B-Model Mack) that was in our town Christmas Parade for many years.

The Chief's love of firefighting was passed down to his children, Robert, who served as Captain of our town's Rescue Squad and his daughter, Jennifer, a former member of our Ambulance Squad.

Artie, you were a gentleman, a dad and one hell of a fireman and we were lucky to have you as a member. We will miss you at every call we make. ###



A Family Affair

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department includes many families who actively participate together. This series presents a glimpse of those who serve our community.

A Visit With The Lopez-Hernandez Brothers

By Justin Watrel

It's a dedicated man who makes the fire department his life. It is long hours, late nights and sometimes life threatening work.

Add to that -- you are a volunteer fireman having to work two jobs with late night duty, plus family commitments. It takes a certain type of person to do this job.

Our two newest members of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department do just that and more. Brothers Derek Hernandez and Francisco Lopez recently transferred to our department from the Lodi Volunteer Fire Department and have made a dedicated commitment to help the citizens of both Hasbrouck Heights and Lodi.

The brothers were born in the Bronx, New York and spent their growing up years between Passaic and Lodi, New Jersey. Both are Alumni of Lodi High School (*Francisco, Class of '96 and Derek, Class of '01*). Francisco attended Lincoln Technical Institute and Derek, an active member of the National Guard, also attends Passaic Community College for a degree in Fire Science.

They are the sons of Diego and Anny of Lodi, New Jersey. Their siblings are brothers Darryl and Jay and sister, Ashley.

The brothers have an active schedule between their duties with our department and work responsibilities.

Francisco works in the Paramus DMV and at Pathmark in the Foods Division as an inspector.

Derek works with Liberty Health/Jersey City Medical Center and as a paid EMT of the Lodi Ambulance Squad. He is also an active member of the National Guard. He spent three years in the Army, two years in the Reserves and now is in the New Jersey branch of the National Guard, deployed since 9/11 to Homeland Security covering bridges and tunnels around NYC.

When asked why the brothers joined the fire service, each reflected on their childhoods and their commitments to the community.

Francisco commented, "I enjoy getting involved with the people who live in the community. It has been like a hobby -- learning fire fighting responsibilities. I got involved because my brother was active in Lodi and because of family members who worked in civil service in the City."

"A cousin of ours on my father's side was an active member of the FDNY on Staten Island (*now works for the Los Angeles Fire Department*) and we have other members of the family who have been on the police force," Derek added.



Brothers Francisco (left) and Derek (right) are members of HHFD Engine Company #1

"They were a big influence on my brother and me."

"I have always wanted to be a firefighter," Derek added. "I really have a passion for helping others and I am always willing to put other people's safety before my own. I know the risks you take when you work in this field." It is a consensus that the brothers feel they have gotten a lot out of being volunteer firefighters. "I really have a compassion for people when they are in trouble. They are looking for someone to help them when they can't help themselves. Helping people in the community makes you feel like you can conquer anything," Francisco said.

Derek added, "I enjoy this type of job, serving the community. It's a very noble profession. It's a job where you have to make split second decisions and it's an unbelievable feeling when you can help save people. It makes me feel proud that I can be involved in this type of work."

"It's not all fun and games," both brothers admitted. They explained that there is a lot of training involved and that there are a lot of incidents that they have been involved with that they can't explain to people other than other firefighters.

"Being a volunteer in the fire department is a hardship when you work two different jobs and have to get up at all crazy hours," Francisco explained, "and the fact that you are sacrificing your personal time to help others in need. People don't know the risks we take, not just in fires, but in our time and finances. I think there are people who think we are paid for our services."

"The way I would like to look at it is, when I am old I can tell my grandchild that I

was once a fireman and I was the best person that I could be," Derek remarked. "Now that I am an active member of the fire service, I have a lot more respect for what other firefighters do."

"It's all about balance," Francisco admitted. "How you balance your life and your career and wanting to learn is what makes you a good firefighter." There are many mixed emotions when they talk about 9/11, especially with having many family members living and working in the City.

"I was stationed in Oklahoma at the time," Derek said, "and was called back to work in Operation Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle which was involved in anti-terrorism. I am also involved in the protection of bridges and tunnels around New York City."

Francisco had not been involved in firefighting during this time but it made him more

determined to get involved. "It makes you ponder about life in general. It can be gone in a second. If 9/11 showed anything, it was that life is very precious and we should not take things for granted."

Their advice to anyone wanting to join the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department is to be careful in what you do. "This is not a place to be cocky or stupid. What you get out of it is what you put into it," Francisco explained. "There is no such thing as a stupid question. You must be open to the things around you." Derek summed it up when he added, "You never stop learning in this field. There is always something to study and learn. The more you train the more you know. The moment you think you know it all, there's more to learn."

Francisco added, "Firefighting has its own meaning and its own standard. I am proud to be part of it." ###

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volving your own family.

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**The New Year
(Bits & Pieces)**

*By Reverend Edward Glasser
Community United Church of Christ*

With God's guidance let this New Year become a new full life for you. You are the head of the arrow in everything you decide to do.

When you don't love or accept yourself you will be critical of others, a controller, and, most of all, you will try to be busy, busy, busy all the time and find it difficult to be at peace.

Relations with family and friends must be of a Divine connection. You may have many acquaintances but few spiritual true friends, but they are the ones that count.

Anything you don't feed dies. Going on a date: best beautiful dress, perfume, trim mustache, clean suit, dining. Then you get married; don't know if you like each other anymore. I'm not getting anything out of this marriage; time for a trade in. What are you putting into it?

Everyone that makes your life difficult has been put there for you to grow, by giving understanding back in return. This is compassion. Parents that were nasty or unsupportive in your life, suddenly because of illness or finances, need and get your help.

You give to the parents because you are responding from love in your heart. The sun shines on both the good and bad and you submitted to love, not revenge. Getting even for something someone did to you years ago may still be going on today. You may be vindictive, tense, short tempered and so on, which can cause high blood pressure, ulcers, even stroke. The person considered by you to be the culprit may not even know how you feel and, perhaps, forgot about the incident. Meanwhile, you mistrust others in relationships, become ill, and also cut off your creative energy that comes to you through inspiration from God.

Remember, getting even is to get at the same "even" level as the one you want to get even with. Do you want to be like

that person?

In our human life, spiritual submission is the only way we win every time. Get out of your human way of self-protection, give up your rights of the law and don't protect your so-called good name. All of this is of this world.

Just because you were born of this world does not mean you have to be brain-washed by it.

You are a child of God, made in the image and likeness of your Creator. As the sculptor cuts the marble and makes a statue of art, he has expressed all of himself through the statue. So it is with God creating you.

Paul said, "Christ in you your hope of glory." The attributes of the Christ, love beauty, harmony, wisdom, compassion are expressed through man when man allows God to express through him.

In this New Year, let's not regret what we desire to do and did not accomplish. We can always start anew. Make this New Year a time to do what you have put off all your life because you thought you were not worthy, too old, or maybe afraid to fail. When we try and fail it is done and passed. But at least you tried. If we do not try in fear of failure, we have truly failed. This is true failure. Thomas Edison was questioned by a news reporter after 1,000

failures of trying to produce a successful light bulb filament. I don't recall the exact words, but in essence, this is what was said: The news reporter asked Edison, "After so many attempts and failures of experiments, aren't you discouraged?" Edison replied, "All of these failures are behind me now and not in front of me. I now am closer to success."

I did church work for 35 years. At the age of 61 I decided to go to Seminary, was Ordained, and have a fuller life now at age 68 than ever before.

Dare to live in this New Year as never before. Not in human experiences, but in quiet listening to your heart. You will be guided if you listen quietly.

You are not a seagull rummaging on some sea shore looking for pieces of hope. You are a trophy of grace, the head of the arrow, not the tail. You are truly God's beloved.

God bless you all. Happy New Year! ###

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By Fr. Joe Pickard

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For assisting with Teaching: Kathryn Manginelli. For the Administrative Support and weekly set-up: Gale Sharon. For the development of Grant Funds: Cathie Studwell.

For the overall direction of the Care on the Corner Board: Carol Haefele.

And we are in debt to the many people from the surrounding communities that make the on-going commitment to come and teach each and every week of the 12 week semester:

- Level One – Alice Dell, Ann Tiajolos, and Marta Czuper (returning student);
- Level Two – Marianne Schwartz and Bill Garvey;
- Level Three – Rosalie Russell and David Kriso;
- Level Four – Larry Zacche.

Several others were willing to assist as back-up substitute teachers, although we did not need to call upon them to help in this particular session: Ed-winna Carroll; Bernie Eglow, and Dorothy Kalnins.

Without the help and assistance of these 20-some people, the ESL Program would not be as vibrant and helpful as it is. Bless you,

Thank you to each and every person! And a Very Special Thank You goes out to the Diocese of Newark's ACTS/VIM program who has aided St. John's, the Care Center, and the ESL Program, by providing financial assistance. ###



ESL Fall Session Level 1 graduates.



ESL Fall Session Level 2 graduates.



ESL Fall Session Level 3 graduates.



ESL Fall Session Level 4 graduates.

St. John's Fall Session ESL Graduates

On Wednesday, December 13, 2006, ESL students brought in foods representing their native countries/cultures to share. The students are given awards for completing the ESL classes and special awards are given to students with near perfect and perfect attendance. The teachers are presented with gifts as a thank you for all their work and dedication. ###

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 7, 2007, at 7:00 PM and continues for 12 sessions ending on

May 9th.

All new and returning students must be registered to take the classes. New students must take an informal language assessment test on Wednesday, January 24 or Wednesday, January 31 at 7:00 PM.

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

Each student must complete a registration form.

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. ###

Annual Ecumenical Epiphany Procession

Epiphany is the climax of the Christmas Season.

In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the Wise Men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, and by so doing, "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

Weather permitting, an Ecumenical Procession is scheduled for Saturday, January 6, 2007.

The walk begins at 6:00 p.m. at The Community United Church of Christ at The Boulevard and Charlton Avenue, (in some order), Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church, First Reformed Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and ends at the First United Methodist Church for a reception.

The star will be lit and there will be the "Gathering of The Shepherds" as the procession will begin. At each

stop along the way, "we" will be invited into each church's sanctuary and call forth one of the participants in the Epiphany story tableau.

There will be 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" may visit and tell her story (*an Italian tradition and legend*) at the end of the journey.

The community is invited, and encouraged, to join at the beginning of the journey, or at any point along the way, including the reception and "La Befana's" visit. ###

REACH Needs Drivers

REACH is an ecumenical group of volunteers formed more than 15 years ago by interested persons from the churches in Hasbrouck Heights to help our residents by transporting them to and from medical services when no other means of transportation is available.

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People needing this service should call REACH at 201-441-3350 before 9:00 a.m. on the day of their appointment to request the service.

The inside volunteer receives the requests and provides the driver of the day with names, telephone numbers, time and destinations requested.

The volunteer driver will call the person needing the service to confirm the information provided. The driver will arrange for a return trip while transporting to the destination.

Both the inside volunteers and drivers serve one day at a time on a pre-scheduled basis which approximates once a month.

The churches of Hasbrouck Heights collectively support and encourage this service, together with voluntary contributions from those being helped.

Anyone willing and able to act as either an inside volunteer or driver for this important service to our fellow citizens in Hasbrouck Heights is cordially requested to make their willingness known by calling Marie Grimes at 201-288-2207 or Emma Herr at 201-288-0385.

Please help REACH to help our community. ###

Free Citizenship Classes To Start

Free U.S. Citizenship Classes will start on Monday, February 5, 2007, from 7:00-9:00 pm at Care on the Corner, an outreach ministry of The Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine, located at 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

The classes continue for 6 weeks, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. ending on March 12, 2007.

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, January 24 and Wednesday, January 31, between 7:00-9:00 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. Each student must complete a registration form. ###

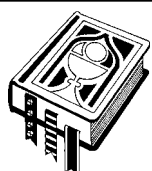
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The Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights

The Gazette Newspaper has all the news, information and features about Hasbrouck Heights and the surrounding areas.

Here's a convenient reference guide to The Boulevard shops & business establishments who welcome your patronage.

“Patriot’s Pen”

VFW Post 4591 Commander Elmer F. Winterfeld announced the local winners of the “Patriot’s Pen” contest. Forty-two middle school (*Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade*) students participated and wrote a 300-400 word essay based upon the theme “Citizenship in America.” Judging was done in

the blind.

The winners were: Tiffany J. Amariuta, First Place, Maggie R. Biedenkapp, Second Place, and Jorge L. Rivera Jr., Third Place. Hasbrouck Heights Middle School English teachers, Mrs. Gina Rowland and Mr. Matthew Sicilian, assisted in the project. ###

Citizenship in America

By Tiffany J. Amariuta

It sounds simple and it truly is: good citizenship begins here, it begins with me. I feel that being born in the land of the free comes with the implicit responsibility of being a brave citizen, brave to defend this land, and brave to help govern it. Isn’t it awe-inspiring that government “by the people” gives even a child citizen, me, an important role to play? Gives it? No, it demands it!

I know I am too young to be a citizen soldier fighting for my country in a faraway land. However, I am not too young to give a helping hand to a soldier’s family next door. I do not wear scars of battle, as our veterans do. Yet, I can play my flute by their hospital bed and bring a flicker of happiness to eyes that have seen more than I could ever imagine. I know it isn’t much, but it is a heart-felt token of the immense debt, indeed of the sacred debt, owed our heroes. At the same time, on the home front, myriads of citizens risk their lives as emergency responders to crises, terrorism, even school violence. The least I can contribute is to be watchful and alert.

Why do citizens sacrifice so much? Why is my share necessary? The answer is simple: because freedom is our most precious possession; it is worth fighting for, even dying for. Our rights and liberties are the magnetic dream and the envy of the world. However, these freedoms would not continue to exist without the active and informed participation of our citizens. Citizenship in America is clearly not a passive membership. It imparts to us individual rights and demands service to our country, in return. Citizenship means electing and being elected, serving as a witness or juror and obeying the law, receiving benefits and paying taxes, defending the country and earning protection. Moreover, citizenship in America means belonging to one big, mighty family, the American family.

In this family everyone has a voice and everyone can weigh in, armed with a ballot, not a rifle. One day, I’ll also be invested with the power and privilege to vote. I may run for public office; I may even become President of the United States. In the interim, however, I will cherish the most meaningful office anybody can hold in this land, that of citizen of the United States.

“Voice of Democracy”

Created in 1947, the Voice of Democracy (VOD) scholarship program is an audio-essay contest for high school students in Grades 9-12 that annually provides more than \$3 million in scholarships.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4591 Commander Elmer F. Winterfeld announced the local winners of the “Voice of Democracy” (National) Contest. Twenty-four high school students participated.

Each contestant wrote an essay, then they had to put their essay on an audio tape at the High School Library. The tapes were then submitted to the VFW for evaluation.

The 2006-2007 theme was “Freedom’s Challenge”

The winners are: Nicole Weingartner, First Place, Nishit Patel, Second Place, and Stephanie Pankiw, Third Place.

High School teacher Suzanne Kos assisted in the project. ###

DAV Meets at VFW

The Disabled American Veterans, Bergen County #15, meets at VFW Post 4591 every 3rd Tuesday at 19:30 hours.

A service officer will be available to assist in filling our claim forms.

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) mission is to help eligible veterans receive all the benefits and services they have earned through their sacrifices for their country.

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Groundhog Day

Will Puxatawny Phil see his shadow or not? Will there be six more weeks of cold or an early spring?

You can discuss this while keeping warm and enjoying the wonderful food at **Quiznos Sub** on Friday, February 2nd between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The Contemporary Club in conjunction with **Quiznos Sub**, will be having a fundraiser at the Boulevard store. During that period a percentage of the sales at **Quiznos Sub** will be given to the club.

Funds raised by the Contemporary Club are used for high school scholarships, to send delegates to Girls Career Institute, food for the poor drives, providing health information for those who are uninformed and many other philanthropic causes.

This year the club is joining other General Federation of Women’s Clubs in the State of New Jersey to help the victims of domestic violence.

Come join us on Friday evening, February 2nd at **Quiznos** and help us help others. ###

Bodensteins Move Office

Lawrence M. Bodenstein, D.M.D. and Alvin Bodenstein, D.D.S. are pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2007, they have moved their office from 248 Boulevard to 253 Boulevard.

Their phone number remains the same. ###

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Ms. Hui Named Library Director

Library Board President Lisa Traina is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Mimi Hui to the position of Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library Director.

Ms. Hui has been a member of the library staff since 1999 and served as Assistant Director/ Reference Librarian.

Along with that position she was responsible for the Young Adult Services and acted as Technical Specialist in charge of updating and repairing all computers.

Ms. Hui has had 20 years of library experience and was the winner of the 2004 New York Times Librarian Award.

The Board of Trustees have full confidence that she is the right person for this position. ###

“Beatlemania Now” Jan. 6 at W-R High

Wood-Ridge High School Project Graduation 2007 is sponsoring “Beatlemania Now” at the Wood-Ridge High School on January 6th, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. All seats are general admission. Tickets are \$25 each.

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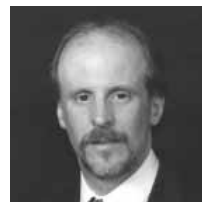
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