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'Twas the season...

Heights/Teterboro Area Celebrated The Season

The Holiday Season began on Friday, November 25th, 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 Honor Guards, Hasbrouck Heights High School, Park Ridge High School and the BCFPB Bagpiper marching bands. Gateway Realtors, Otterstedt Insurance Agency and Hackensack Medical Center provided large and small floats. Many community groups, unique cars, and Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department apparatus led the way for Santa! The Parade was enjoyed by thousands of children of all ages.

Immediately after the Parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus

visited the Senior Center where they met with the children.

Community Activities

The Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce provided holiday music along The Boulevard for the season.

Beautiful trees, wreaths and branches were available at the Annual Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association Tree Sale located at The Circle. This sale has been a Heights tradition for over 40 years. The money raised went to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that ben-

efits graduating high school seniors.

Corpus Christi School held a Tricky Tray on Friday, December 2nd themed "Peace on Earth."

Santa visited the Kearny Federal Savings Bank on Valley Boulevard on the afternoon of Saturday, December 3rd. The event began as families listened to Old St. Nick recite "The Night Before Christmas" before his grand entrance where they were welcomed with candy canes, a stuffed toy and free photo.

On December 4th, 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, December 4th at Bill O'Shea's Florist in association with Bob Major 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

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Board of Health Reorganization

The reorganization meeting of the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health will be held on Monday, January 9, 2006 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. ###

1st Quarter Taxes Due Feb. 1, 2006

Tax Collector Conchita Parker announced that taxes will be received Saturday morning, January 28th, 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. ###

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"Customers are always looking for a convenient way to ship and get their packages out on time," says Hackensack Postmaster William Stevens.

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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. ###

No parking on Boro streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

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 Sunday, January 8, 2006, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and may join the procession at any church. Participants will follow the path of the star and follow the angels' herald. Select players will be costumed.

At each church sanctuary there will be a tableau to recount the Journey of the Magi, and include a brief reciting of liturgy. The walk begins at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Burton and Division; journey, in some order, to Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church, the First Reformed Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, and end at Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church.

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. Holy Trinity has also planned an evening Epiphany Worship Service at 7:30 p.m.

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. ###

The Energy Corner

Why has the price of energy increased recently?

Increased global demand and the political climate are the main causes of increased crude oil prices. It is not an answer anyone gets satisfaction from, but it's the truth. And the problem only grew worse when Gulf Coast drilling platforms and refinery capabilities were ravaged by Katrina and Rita. Unfortunately, with demand higher than ever this heating season, prices may remain at record-high levels or even increase.

Are oil heat dealers making money off the increased prices?

Increased oil prices have hurt everyone, including your oil heat dealer. It's important to note that when crude oil prices dramatically increase like they have, it is not local oil dealers who make more money. They must pay those prices to buy the heating oil you need.

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First Major Snow Of The Season

Previously this season there was a dusting, then about 2" fell on Sunday, December 4th, but on Friday, December 9th the area received its first snow.

About 6 to 8 inches blanketed the area in a fast moving storm during the morning hours and ending about noon.

The Hasbrouck Heights

Board of Education canceled school.

About 1.5 inches accumulated hourly during the morning rush hour.

The Department of Public Works was ready with all plows and salt spreaders loaded Thursday evening.

The town was set up into four sections: two-truck teams with plows and spreaders covering the north, central and south sections. The roads on the hill from Terrace to Rt. 17 were handled by front end loaders.

Smaller "mason's style" dump trucks took care of Borough property, cul-de-sacs and dead end streets.

The curb-to-curb plowing service was accomplished in part by the no on-street parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. rule.

By noon, the sun was shining and the roads were plowed clear.

Snow removal began on Friday night with the schools and churches being done first, followed by the sidewalks and curbs along The Boulevard Business District.

The cost related to this snow clean-up for the Borough was estimated to be \$13,200

and included overtime, fuel, salt usage, etc.

Costs included clearing during the storm as well as cleaning The Boulevard and school crossings which were done Friday and Saturday nights. The county will reimburse Hasbrouck Heights \$320 for plowing county roads.

State DOT officials estimated that clearing the roads costs about \$4 million in materials, salaries and contractor payments this snowfall. The DOT's snow budget is about \$11.3 million.

The average seasonal snowfall for our area is about 30 inches and the average December snowfall is 4 inches.

According to the the on-line version of the almanac, snowfall will be much greater than normal this season with the biggest snowfalls in early December and the second half of January.

Then again, weather experts stated it could be sunny and warm for the rest of the season. ###

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Santa Was Busy Around The Heights Area



Families Enjoy Photo With Santa

The Reyngoudt Family enjoying a delightful moment with Santa. Free photos with Santa were held on Sunday, December 4, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bill O'Shea's Florist (*At The Circle*), in association with Bob Major Photography (164 Franklin Avenue). ###



Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at The Circle, 5 p.m., December 4, 2005 and was sponsored by the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee.

Santa welcomed everyone. Pat Link opened the program. Rev. Msgr. Rodrigo San Pedro said an opening prayer. Councilman Justin DiPisa welcomed

the community.

Everyone led the countdown to lighting the tree. The HH High School 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. ###



Heights Flower Shoppe Open House

Santa was waving at everybody along The Boulevard during Heights Flower Shoppe Open House on December 4, 2005. Santa took a break to spend a few minutes with proprietor Ray Vorisek, his family and employees. ###



Santa Makes His Annual Visit to Kearny Federal Savings Bank

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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Santa Flies In for the Holiday Season

Santa departed the North Pole at midnight and arrived at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2005 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 was escorted by the Port Authority Police 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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HHFD Takes Santa Claus Around Town

On Sunday, December 18th, Santa and his elves were 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. ###



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Holiday Pet Photos with Mrs. Claus

On December 4th, at the American Legion Hall located in Little Ferry, the Friends of the Animal Shelter (FOCAS) joined with the Sons of the American Legion for a day of picture taking.

The Sons of the Legion invited Santa Claus to pose with the children, while on the other side of room, Mrs. Claus sat by a warm fireplace while pet owners brought in their companions for a picture.

About 26 dogs and 13 cats had their photo taken with Mrs. Claus.

FOCAS set up a holiday table for last minute shopping. Event benefited the Angel Fund.
 Photos by Bob King ###

Leisure Club Celebrated Christmas

Good food, good friends, good music and lots of fun.... the recipe for a fine party.

This was evident at the Leisure Club's Annual Christmas Party.

All 117 people in attendance enjoyed this special afternoon at The Graycliff in Moonachie on Tuesday, December 13, 2005.

The seniors came and were ready to party. Words cannot express the feeling felt for the superb job Alice Shenloogian and her committee did in preparing for this day.

Even Mother Nature made sure that the weather was perfect.

Santa, Rudolph, Frosty, Ebenezer and the elves did not show up. Even the loud and noisy party environment was absent; however, the spirits of Christmas past and present were both evident throughout the afternoon.

Mayor Ronald Jones, and his wife Mary, as well as Recreation Director, Rob Brady, and the ever congenial Father Rod, were also there to celebrate with the seniors.

The seniors appreciated the many gifts that were donated by local merchants and organizations. They prayed that the joys of Christmas will shed light and hope and fill hearts with peace. In the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one!" *Story by Peter J. Gallo Jr. ###*



Free Health Consultation

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 January 26, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Services include: health history evaluation, blood pres-

sure measurements, height and weight measurements, individualized counseling and education, including referral and follow-up confidential consultation with a Public Health Nurse.

This program is expected to continue every 4th Thursday of every month in 2006. Detailed schedule to come. For info call 201-288-1636. ###



Brownies Make Goodies

Brownie Troops 1463 and 1557 made goody bags for the "Tomorrow's Children Fund." Both troops, consisting of 23 girls compiled about 300 goody bags

to be handed out to the children receiving chemotherapy. Both troops had a great time making the bags and were very touched to be able to do something for someone else. ###

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10:00 a.m. Games, cards & coffee
- Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
10:00 a.m. Line Dancing by Gayle \$1.00
2:00 p.m. Adv. Senior Yoga by Kim \$1.00
- Wednesday, January 11, 18, 25**
10:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics by Kim \$1.00
- Thursday, January 5, 12, 19, 26**
2:00 p.m. Senior Yoga by Kim \$1.00
- Friday, January 6**
Noon to 3:00 p.m. Games, cards & coffee
- Friday, January 13, 20, 27**
10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo
1:00 p.m. Movie Day
Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets January 13
The Shadow January 20
Hallelujah Trail January 27

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, January 4**
10:00 a.m. Leisure Club Executive Meeting
- Wednesday, January 11**
1:00 p.m. Leisure Club General Meeting
Entertainment Peter Lieberman
Pizza donated by Costa Memorial Home

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, March 31**
Brownstone Restaurant Trip
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Flu Season Info

Marilyn deRussy, Secretary of the Hasbrouck Heights Health Department, offers this information about the flu season.

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each fall, but good health habits and antiviral medications are other measures that can help protect against the flu.

Good Health Habits

Good health habits are also an important way to help prevent the flu.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

How Flu Spreads

Flu viruses spread in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing.

They usually spread from person to person, though sometimes people become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to five days after becoming sick.

That means that you can pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

Influenza Viruses

Influenza, also known as

the flu, is a contagious disease that is caused by the influenza virus.

It attacks the respiratory tract in humans (*nose, throat, and lungs*). The flu is different from a cold.

Influenza usually comes on suddenly and may include these symptoms: fever, headache, tiredness (*can be extreme*), dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion and body aches.

These symptoms are usually referred to as "flu-like symptoms."

"Anyone can get the flu, but the disease is more severe for some people," said Mrs. deRussy.

Most people who get influenza will recover in one to two weeks.

But some people will develop life-threatening complications (*such as pneumonia*) as a result of the flu.

Millions of people in the United States — about 5% to 20% of U.S. residents — will get influenza each year.

An average of about 36,000 people per year in the United States die from influenza, and more than 200,000 have to be admitted to the hospital as a result of influenza.

Anyone can get the flu (*even healthy people*), and serious problems from influenza can happen at any age.

People age 65 years and older, people of any age with chronic medical conditions, and very young children are more likely to get complications from influenza.

Pneumonia, bronchitis, and sinus and ear infections are three examples of complications from flu.

The flu can make chronic health problems worse. For example, people with asthma may experience asthma attacks while they have the flu, and people with chronic congestive heart failure may have worsening of this condition that is triggered by the flu.

The Flu Season

In the northern hemisphere, winter is the time for flu. In the United States, the flu season can range from November through March, and even past March in some years.

During the past 21 flu seasons, months with the heaviest flu activity (*peak months*) occurred in December in four years, January in five years, February in nine years, and March in three years.

What You Should Do If You Get the Flu

Mrs. deRussy offers these suggestions: rest, drink plenty

of liquids, avoid using alcohol and tobacco and take medication to relieve the symptoms of flu.

Influenza is caused by a virus, so antibiotics (*like penicillin*) don't work to cure it.

The best way to prevent the flu is to get an influenza vaccine (*flu shot*) each fall, before flu season.

Never give aspirin to children or teenagers who have flu-like symptoms — and particularly fever — without first speaking to your doctor.

Giving aspirin to children and teenagers who have influenza can cause a rare but serious illness called Reye's Syndrome.

Children or teenagers with the flu should get plenty of rest, drink lots of liquids, and take medicines that contain no aspirin to relieve symptoms.

The Myth of the "Stomach Flu"

Many people use the term "stomach flu" to describe illnesses with nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

These symptoms can be caused by many different viruses, bacteria, or even parasites.

While vomiting, diarrhea, and being nauseous or "sick to your stomach" can sometimes be related to the flu — particularly in children — these problems are rarely the main symptoms of influenza.

The flu is a respiratory disease and not a stomach or intestinal disease.

Questions & Answers

Can herbal, homeopathic or other folk remedies protect against the flu? There is no scientific evidence that any herbal, homeopathic or other folk remedies have any benefit against influenza.

How long can human influenza viruses remain viable on inanimate items (*such as books and doorknobs*)? Studies have shown that human influenza viruses generally can survive on surfaces between two and eight hours.

What kills influenza virus? Influenza virus is destroyed by heat (*167-212°F [75-100°C]*). In addition, several chemical germicides, including chlorine, hydrogen peroxide, detergents (*soap*), iodophors (*iodine-based antiseptics*), and alcohols are effective against influenza viruses if used in proper concentration for sufficient length of time.

For example, wipes or gels with alcohol in them can be used to clean hands. The gels should be rubbed until they are dry. ###

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Clubs Continue for Winter 2006

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will continue to sponsor two popular clubs into the New Year.

The two ongoing clubs now in full swing include the Crafts-to-Share Club and the Clutter Club.

The Craft Club is held the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. The next meeting will be January 3rd.

Craft members have adopted the name "Crafts-to-Share" because it captures the essence of the club.

This is a chance to share your talents or develop some new ones and enjoy the camaraderie. Participants have done everything from scrapbooking to knitting and crocheting, to beading, to finger knitting and more.

The Clutter Club (*next scheduled to meet on January 12th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and the second Thursday of every other month*), is for all of us who face the clutter

"nightmares" in our own homes, garages, and filing cabinets.

Learn tips and techniques from professional organizers and designers Susan Corbo and Bernadette Flaim of the firm, "Attention 2 Detail."

At each meeting a new topic is presented and discussed. Previous subjects included "how to tips" on how to attack the clutter, storage ideas, tools and techniques for garage sales, psychology of clutter, and preparing for the holidays, stress free. Don't forget that January is "Get Organized" month!

Please call the Library at 201-288-0488 for more details and to sign up. ###

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Troop 467 visits Xcel Tae Kwon Do

Junior Girl Scout Troop 467 visited Xcel Tae Kwon Do Center on November 11th to learn about the ancient martial art. After a brief history lesson the girls got to stretch, kick and yell all under the supervision of Master Steven Lee, who is experienced in Tae Kwon Do for more than 20 years.

Troop leader Michelle Ru-roede stated the girls had a great time at the school and they were going to use this experience to request a scout badge.

She also stated the Junior Girl Scouts enjoyed class so much they would return to continue their Tae Kwon Do training. ###

Corpus Christi School Celebrates Start of Catholic Schools Week

With the frantic holidays now a distant memory, and the energy of a New Year in front of us, Corpus Christi School prepares for the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 29th through Friday, February 3rd.

This year's theme, "Character, Compassion and Values" brings together Catholic schools across the United States to celebrate the many facets and advantages of a Catholic school education. Each day of this special week highlights the students, faculty and people that help to make Corpus Christi School a true community.

The week starts off with the Opening Mass in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. followed by Open House and school registration. Personal tours of the school are available for all new families. Corpus Christi School encourages all parents to take advantage of this registration period as many classes fill up at this time.

Community Day on Monday, the 30th, brings in grandparents and special friends for the Grandparent Social. Grades Pre-K-3 through 2nd Grade prepare a special presentation and then join their invited guests for special treats.

Student Day on Tuesday centers activities within all the classrooms.

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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.

The second session begins on Monday night, March 6th at 6:45 p.m. at the Care Center and deals with hardware concepts. The second class on March 13th deals with software concepts, the third class on March 20th deals with mousing skills, and the fourth class March 27th deals with keyboarding.

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

Wednesday's Nation Day will again offer Open House and registration. The popular Science Fair, prepared and presented by the upper grades is always a school favorite. The day concludes with an evening concert.

Vocations Day on Thursday will honor the priests that help guide the students and staff of Corpus Christi School.

On Friday the faculty, administration and volunteers will be acknowledged for the hundreds of hours they devote to the school. An honors award ceremony will be held for students and a special alumni evening is also being planned.

For more information about this special week, Open House and class registration, please call 201-288-0614. *Story by Sonya Buckman* ###

What's Cookin'

The Friends of the Library cookbook, "What's Cookin' in Hasbrouck Heights," is comprised of favorite recipes collected from Heights notables.

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Lincoln School Earns State Excellence Award

Acting Governor Richard J. Codey and the Department of Education announced the 22 schools named 2005 Governor's School of Excellence Award winners for the significant efforts they have made to improve over the course of two school years.

Lincoln Elementary School in Hasbrouck Heights was a recipient of the Governor's School of Excellence Award.

The Lincoln Elementary School staff nominated two teachers, Mrs. Kathy DiGuglielmo and Mrs. Lynne McGreevy, to accompany the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Joseph Luongo, and the Lin-

coln School principal, Dr. Patrick Ciccone, to the recognition ceremony Tuesday, November 22nd at the Masonic Temple in Trenton where the school was awarded a \$25,000 check.

Lincoln Elementary School is the only elementary school in Bergen County to earn the Governor's School of Excellence Award in 2005-2006.

"These schools have shown they can give their children the best opportunities to succeed because of their marked improvement," said Acting Governor Codey. "They wanted to get better, and it's no doubt their students benefited as a result."

In its third year, the Governor's School of Excellence Awards Program recognizes schools that show significant promise and meet five of nine criteria for two consecutive academic years.

"These schools are excellent examples of how we can prepare our students for a 21st century workplace," Acting Commissioner Lucille E. Davy said.

"We're thrilled to announce these schools today. We're sure they will sustain their improvement and keep providing outstanding opportunities for their students."

The nine criteria considered are:

- Outstanding growth in literacy measures;
- Improved parental involvement in school matters;
- Improved student attendance, graduation, and retention rates, and/or dropout reduction;
- Fewer violence and vandalism incidents as demonstrated in the annual Violence and Vandalism report and other measures;
- Creative and increased

involvement with partnerships and/or the community;

- Increased and creative use of technology as a tool for learning in a school's curriculum;
- Improved the quality of professional development of teachers;
- Improved learning for special needs and/or specialized populations; and
- Other category: this is an area where a school may submit documentation that shows areas of significant improvement that may not fit one of the criteria above.

Despite struggling previously, Lincoln Elementary School, Hasbrouck Heights School District now scores in the top 10 percent of schools in the entire State.

The most dramatic statistical gain occurred in mathematics, where the percentage of the total population of students scoring in advanced proficiency more than doubled.

Lincoln Elementary School has successfully initiated, executed and sustained new policies, procedures, school culture, and instructional meth-

odologies that have elevated academic achievement.

Mr. Luongo commented, "Dr. Ciccone, the staff, students and the parents at Lincoln School must all be commended for their team effort in the fantastic improvement of State test results."

Dr. Ciccone stated, "I am thrilled to be part of such a dedicated and committed staff. The school community's capacity to bolster student achievement is truly exceptional and worthy of great commendation."

The school barely met AYP criteria (*Adequate Yearly Progress*) -- which corresponds to progress schools make on standardized State tests ... schools that fall below the AYP statistic are penalized and have to submit school-wide remedial plans to the State.

The ultimate goal that is being supported and sustained by Lincoln Elementary School is to create classrooms that are aligned in content and rigor to the NJCCCS (*New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards*) and the NJASK (*New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge*) tests. ###

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It's A Team Effort

The Aviators Hasbrouck Heights High School Football team started this year with a loss to Ridgefield, went on to win 10 straight games, and then concluded the regular season as Bergen County Olympic League Champs with a chance to play State Finals at Giants Stadium.

But the story begins in January 2005 with weight lifting and speed/conditioning camp to improve their personal individual skills. It was about the players' personal commitment to the team's success.

During the summer, several players went to All County Football Camp (*speed/conditioning camp*) two times a week. After the workouts, the players would go down to the field, throw some balls and run patterns, and work on offense and defense.

Players would also work out on their own by lifting weights and running through Hasbrouck Heights streets.

There were no vacations or trips down the shore for these players — just football 24/7 — living, eating, breathing, drinking, and sleeping football, from the summer training (*some of it during 100 degree days*), four to five hours a day — with aches and pains and illness — to the final play at Giants Stadium. Some of the players even participated in two sports last winter in order to sharpen their skills for the season.

There was definitely a family atmosphere among the team members.

Some remembered when, after an exciting win, the entire team ran up to the Franklin Avenue fence to give Luke Ruroede the game ball. Luke

had to miss this game because he had chicken pox.

The team produced three first team All County players: RB Jeff Seidel, G - Joe Armeli and DE - Anthony Yeswita.

These starting offensive and defensive players received All League (*BCSL Olympic Division*) honors:

First Team Players: RB - Jeff Seidel, C - Brandon Melchior, G - Joe Armeli, TE - Bryan Fill, DE - Anthony Yeswita and DB - Luke Ruroede.

Second Team Players included: QB - Jamie Pasqualone, RB - Dan D'Amato, T - Chris Barone, LB - Bobby Calderone and DT - Mike DeSimone.

Receiving honorable mention were LB - Brendan Garreffa and G - Jonathan Paige.

The players stated that they appreciate the dedication of head coach Nick Delcalzo (*who was recognized as Bergen County Coach of the Year*), and the coaching staff who worked with the team for the past year, attending clinics, scouting the opposing teams, watching hours of films and inspiring the players.

The coaching staff includes: linebacker coach Corey Lange, line coach Mario D'Agostino, defensive coordinator Rocco Minichiello, quarterback coach Joey Colangelo, line coach Frank D'Amico, offensive coordinator Arnie Perrone, and offensive coach Joe Caruso.

Fundamental to the team's spirit was the support of everybody in the Hasbrouck Heights community throughout the 2005 season.

Many in the community appreciate the excitement the football season gave to the town. ###



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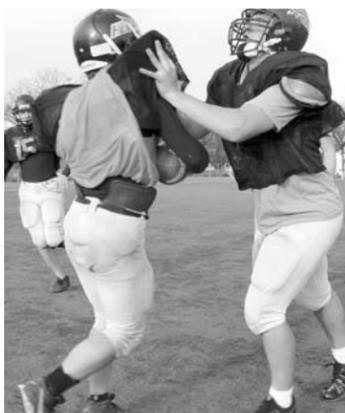
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HHFD Was "At The Ready"

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to a working fire at the American Legion Post 136, 41 Union Street, Lodi, NJ, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 14th.

Mutual aid companies also responding to this third alarm included Hasbrouck Heights, Wallington, Little Ferry and Wood-Ridge.

Aerial ladders from Lodi and Wallington poured water from the top. Several pumpers operated to support several hose attacks on the ground.

Several firefighters were

in the building working the fire when the alarm sounded to vacate the structure. The roof near the entrance collapsed a short time later.

With the freezing temperatures, ice was forming on the men and equipment.

Several men were in the basement of the building when the fire broke out, but none were hurt.

A witness stated that while walking home from school he noticed smoke, then the whole thing went up in flames.

By Wednesday evening,

the flames were extinguished and the building was razed.

Firefighters retrieved hundreds of World War II artifacts that survived the fire.

The items included photos dating back to 1919, the Legion's post colors, 1,000 military uniform patches which were behind glass, and photos of World War I veteran and post founder, Joseph Lane.

According to a post spokesman, this wasn't the first trauma the post endured -- the patches sustained worse damage during Tropical Storm Floyd. ###

HHFD Offers Group Tours

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department announced that guided tours of their new facility at 248 Hamilton Avenue are now available to community organizations.

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It's 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 Knobloch Family

By Justin Watrel

Artie Knobloch has been in the fire service for 27 years, two in Wallington and 25 in Hasbrouck Heights.

He held the position of Chief of the Department during the time of 9-11.

Chief Knobloch was born and raised in Cliffside Park and graduated from Cliffside Park High School.

This is where he met his wife, Cathy, who lived in Fairview and Jersey City. They have been married for 33 years.

When they started their family, they moved to Wallington to raise their two children, Jennifer and Robert.

"I got involved in the Department when I was in Wal-

lington through my neighbors who were involved and I found it a way of helping people in town," the former Chief said.

In his 25 years on the Department in Hasbrouck Heights, Chief Knobloch has 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 as Fire Chief.

During the time serving our community, the Chief also

worked full time as an electrician with Local 164.

The Chief started taking pictures of fires in the 1960's for publication and is a founding member of the New Jersey Metro Fire Photographers Association, an organization of fire fighting photographers formed in 1985. The Chief has had 300 pictures published and, in 2005, was named Vice-President for a second time.

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

The love of firefighting has been passed on to his children.

Robert Knobloch joined the New Jersey Metro Fire Photographers Association in 1994. He has had about 20 photos published in national

magazines.

Robert Knobloch joined the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department in 1994. He was Secretary of the Ambulance Squad.

Robert has served as the Lieutenant and Captain of Engine Two and as Lieutenant and Captain of the Rescue, where he currently serves.

Robert is also a member of the HHFD Honor Guard.

Robert, a Hasbrouck Heights High School Alumnus, currently works at the Jersey City Medical Center as an EMT and is a part-time firefighter with the Monroe Township Fire District 1.

"There is a sense of satisfaction with being able to help people," Robert said. "I also like the camaraderie among the firefighters. What's nice is when you travel the country; you're welcomed in other houses as a firefighter."

He adds, "Being in both a paid and volunteer environ-

ment, we do the same things. Fire does not know the difference. What I learn from each house, I bring to the other."

Robert has a six year old daughter, Kaitlyn, who boasts to her friends at school that "her daddy's a firefighter," and "that makes me the proudest dad ever."

Jennifer Knobloch, also a Hasbrouck Heights High School Alumnus, has also served on the Department as well. She has been the Secretary of the Ambulance Squad as well as Lieutenant and Captain. She has also been on the Ambulance Committee in 1998. Because of an injury, Jennifer had to leave the squad.

When asking the father and son their perspective of the Department, Chief Knobloch said, "There is a lot more training than in the past with Anti-Terrorism and HAZMAT. Also, because of fire prevention and awareness, we have fewer fires than in the past.

Buildings have become safer and I think people are better educated themselves on fire safety."

Robert added, "People don't realize how dangerous our job is. When we go out on a call, someone may not come back.

I have dated fellow firefighter, Gail Cardaci (HHFD's second female firefighter), for six years and it puts it into perspective when I am not just looking out for fellow members but the woman that I love as well."

(Gail's daughter, Jen, was one of the first Junior members. Gail and Jen were the first mother/daughter in the history of the Department.)

In the post 9-11 world of firefighting, both father and son agree that it has changed.

"Before 9-11, people really did not understand what it was we did," the Chief explained. "Now I think they understand what our job entails."

"People have a lot of respect for the Department," Robert said. "They realize how dangerous the job is that we do and that we are not just a group of guys that march in a parade a couple of times a year."

The Chief concluded that, "Even though my wife is the only family member who has not been involved in the Department, she knows that we are as careful as we can be and we are there to look out for one another.

The two of us have seen each other though a lot of situations and I believe that has made us better firefighters." ###



EMT Jennifer, Firefighter Robert and Chief Artie Knobloch. Photo by Ronald Jeffers

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Light the World

by Reverend Joseph Pickard, Vicar
Church of St. John The Divine (Episcopal)

The Season of Advent has drawn to a close, and Christmas is about to be a memory. Many of you, I'm sure, have taken a deep, deep breath (as I have) and have given thanks to God for all that has been prepared for each of us from the beginning of time.

God's promise of a Savior has come to pass in our time. We have seen it with our own eyes, heard it with our own ears, and felt it in our hearts in these past "many" days.

We sang with the praises of angels, marveled with shepherds at the wondrous delight of New Life, and shed joyful tears at the truth of God's Peace passing all understanding.

God continues to come to us: Incarnate! Loving! Light of Light! Hope resplendent!

So that we might continuously share this new news with all the world, Epiphany awaits. The word, "epiphany," from its Greek origins, means "showing forth, appearance, or manifestation."

God, through the choice of the Magi, sends forth the incredulous story of Love, to all the world. Christ came into the world as the True Light to dispel the darkness of our lives and to bring joy to the hearts of those who believe.

It is God's nature to reveal the truth of Love and the Joy of bringing all things into being and to wholeness.

Today, we continue to bear witness to the Light; bringing acceptance to this cynical world and giving reassurance of God's continual love for all of creation.

Through our lives: Hope is shared; Love is made manifest; Joy blossoms in others; and Peace becomes reality.

The story of God's coming into the world as one of us, Emanuel, and of the spread of the Good News of Salvation is as present today as it was 2006 years ago.

That "day" in God's eternal time was just as unique as is this "day." It is God's gift, God's "present."

Today, in God's presence, we begin another calendar - January!

It is just as full of Life and Wonder as was December, and it begins with the celebration of The Epiphany on Friday, January 6th. Life continues to grow and change and reveal God's presence in us: exciting,

exhausting, wondrously creating anew the continued story of the plan of salvation.

We are all a part of the design of Divine Love making itself felt and known.

Some questions often asked about Epiphany...

Why is the visit of the Magi (The "Wise Men") celebrated on the day called Epiphany?

The visitation of the three Magi to the baby Jesus has been celebrated in the Church on January 6th since the fourth century.

Christians regard this visitation as a symbol that Christ was born, not to one group of people only, but that he was the "Light of the World" (John 8:12) - a light for all people everywhere.

Another name for this celebration is sometimes called the "Festival of Lights," where candles are used to depict the dispelling of darkness everywhere and represent the Light in all corners of the world.

In many countries around the world, the celebration of the Feast of The Epiphany is also called "Little Christmas."

Why do some children put oats in their shoes on Epiphany?

Children in France place their shoes, filled with oats, on the doorsteps of their homes on the eve of Epiphany, so that the beasts of burden of the Magi may have something to eat while they are enroute to Bethlehem.

The next day, the children awake to find that the Magi have left gifts in their shoes.

In a somewhat similar tradition, children of Spain, Mexico, and other Latin countries place their shoes at the foot of their beds on Epiphany Eve in anticipation of gifts left for them by the benevolent "Wise Men."

What's all the fuss about The Three Kings NOT being a part of the Christmas story?

The common portrayal of that first Christmas in Bethle-

hem pictures Mary, Joseph, the Baby, shepherds, and the Three Wise Men (or Magi; or "Kings") at the manger. But, according to the record, the Magi never knelt at the manger.

The Gospel of Matthew reports that they came "to the house" where the Child was (Matthew 2:11).

Most scholars agree that the Wise Men didn't visit the baby Jesus until one or possibly two years after his birth. Several facts suggest this to be the case.

There is no mention of the presence of the "Kings" in the Gospel of Luke where the night of Jesus' birth is described in great detail.

What is more, in order to find their way, the Magi not only had to sight the new star that appeared in the heavens, but also had to interpret its meaning.

This would have been time-consuming, and they would have been hard-pressed to reach the manger in time for the birth.

Finally, when the travelers reached King Herod seeking directions, Herod became so enraged at the possibility of another "king" arriving on the scene that he ordered all the male children two years and younger to be killed (Matthew 2:16).

Had the Christ child been yet an infant, the two-year designation probably would not have been made.

Perhaps the visit of the Magi should not be included as a part of the manger scene at Christmas.

Rather, they ought to be "enroute" to the Creche, and begin the celebration at Epiphany.

The 'Kings' can then move throughout the Season of Epiphany into all the world, and into our lives today. ###

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Bob Mees: One Life of Service

By Rev. Carole J. Suraci,
The Community Church of Christ

It's Sunday morning a couple of hours before the 10:00 o'clock service and there's Bob Mees bringing in coffee and supplies needed for coffee hour.

As Deacon of Community Church of Christ (CUCC) located on the corner of the Boulevard and Charlton in Hasbrouck Heights, Bob Mees would prepare the altar with the appropriate vestments for each Sunday and then return about an hour before service and make the coffee for fellowship after the service. He even stayed to the end and cleaned up.

He took care of the church building by calling the repair men to fix the roof, arranging for snow removal and yard work, and calling the plumbers and, as Deacon and Treasurer, took care of all financial matters.

Bob Mees was a dedicated Board Member at CUCC and he and his wife Joyce were the first couple to be married in this church.

But the story of his service does not end there. You see, not only did he serve the church tirelessly, but his second love next to his wife and family was his service as a volunteer firefighter for the Lodi Fire Department.

He served for 50 years as a volunteer in many capacities. He served as Fire Chief as well as Fire Chaplain to the men and women.

One Sunday morning he was so enthused and desired to share with us what he had prepared for the service. You could see his love and dedication not only to those he served with, but also to the position of Chaplain, bringing inspiration and wisdom to the men and women.

Bob Mees made his transition on December 4, 2005.

The Lodi Fire Department and Police Department came to the wake at Alesso Funeral Home in Lodi and Peter Cristiana, Chaplain, gave a fitting

eulogy not only to honor his service but to show appreciation for the man who was Bob Mees.

Bob did all these things quietly and with such joy and gratitude in his heart for the opportunity to serve.

He was more than the jobs he performed, he was first a man with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm for whatever he did.

At the wake his daughter, mentioned that he made chicken soup the Friday before his passing. He and his family ate his "famous chicken soup" together that Saturday night. He loved to cook and on Sunday mornings we would hear what he was going to cook when the family got together on holidays.

He will be missed not only because of what he did but because his spirit and faith carried him through whatever the challenge that lay before him.

Those of us at Community United Church of Christ will remember him for his service to the church but most of all for his warm smile, his sense of humor and his warm hand shake as he greeted each one at the door as we entered the church and later after service before we so-journed for coffee and fellowship.

On the day of his funeral service given by CUCC's Associate Minister, Rev. Edward Glasser, men from the Lodi Fire Department carried his casket into the church.

There were several fire trucks outside and there was Lodi Truck 1, Bob's truck, decorated with his firefighting turn-out gear as they drove past his house and on to the Lodi Cemetery. He was one of six Directors of the cemetery.

Bob is survived by his wife, Joyce, a son, Bob, living in Wyoming, and a daughter, Korry Gianni, who is married and living in Hasbrouck Heights with her three children. ###



The Lodi Fire Department carrying the casket. The back of the Lodi Truck 1 with his firefighting turn-out gear and Honor Guard. The Lodi Fire Department during the funeral procession. Bagpiper plays Amazing Grace.



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Heights/Teterboro Area Celebrated The Season

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December 4th.

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at The Circle at 5 p.m., December 4, 2005, sponsored by the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee.

The Community Awareness Access for All (*committee to assist and improve the lives of persons with disability*) held a Christmas party in the Senior Center on December 6th.

The United Methodist Women held a free Christmas Concert on December 8th.

About 100 children enjoyed the Jr. Women's Club Annual Pizza with Santa at the Senior Center on the evening of December 9th. The event included photo with Santa, craft, goody bag, pizza, refreshments and raffle.

The VFW Post 4591 held a Christmas Dinner Dance on December 10th where they enjoyed a Chicken Francaise dinner and music by Peter Lieberman.

All eyes were on the skies

over Teterboro Airport on December 10th 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.

The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library and the Junior Women's Club held a Story hour with Santa on December 13th for children up to age 8.

Senior citizens enjoyed their Annual Leisure Club Holiday Party at The Graycliff on the afternoon of December 13th.

Corpus Christi School Children's Choir presented a concert of favorite carols and holiday songs on December 14th for family and friends.

Santa also had a special breakfast with crafts, music and a photo at the school on Sunday morning, December 18th. The event was sponsored by the Home School Association.

On Sunday, December 18th, 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. Hoped 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 17th and 18th, with final selections on

Monday, December 19th.

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

Just about every club and organization held a Christmas party.

Every church offered extensive "Christmas Celebration" services.

Community Generosity

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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 the welfare of the 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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Part Eight of a series about our American Legion.

The 1960's

Elsworth Conover became the Commander in 1960. As had become the custom, a Thanksgiving dinner was held, as was the fund raising yearly raffle.

The annual Christmas party pleased everyone and both affairs were held at, as it was termed, the Post "Hut." The salvage drive, run in conjunction with the Catholic War Veterans, gave us a goodly sum that was used for the benefit of the people in the Veterans' Home. (We collected old newspapers, etc., on a certain day of the month.)

The Memorial Day Parade, in cooperation with the VFW, was held and Mr. Gus Lauer of Rutherford, who had a flag and decorations business, decorated the Post for \$20 for Memorial Day. I keep mentioning prices because they amaze me.

Thomas Culligan was elected for 1961 and 1962 becoming the fifth member to serve two consecutive terms as Commander.

At this time Gordon Hiltbold was our Chaplain and he also had the honor of being a Vice Commander in the Bergen County American Legion.

A fund raising raffle of ten various prizes (Record Player, Bicycle, Radio, etc.) was run in the spring. A St. Patrick's Day dinner took place in the "Hut."

We sponsored a baseball team in the American Legion

League and The Memorial Day Parade was in May.

Plans to improve the building were being considered and at the end of 1962 a loan was arranged with Polifly Savings.

The cement basement floor was replaced and asphalt tiles installed. Some plumbing and electrical work was done.

During these times we also helped many of the Veterans with their claims for compensation against the Veterans Administration. The annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Officers' Installation were held at the Post in November.

In 1963, Clarence Hoener, an original Post member, was again elected Commander. Work continued on the building with the roof being replaced and the improvements to the interior continuing. Again, a raffle was held in the spring to raise money, the St. Patrick's Day dinner was a success and plans were made for the Memorial Day Parade.

Our baseball team had a good season and a picnic was held in late August. A Turkey Raffle took place in conjunction with our Thanksgiving Dinner. We finished the year with a Christmas Party.

Cliff Miller became Commander in 1964. The annual St. Patrick's Day celebration and spring raffle occurred. In conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary we sponsored, as we had been doing in the past, a Bingo Party at the Veterans Home.

The Memorial Day Parade and Armistice Day ceremonies again were held these years in

cooperation with the VFW. In November a Thanksgiving Dinner and Turkey Raffle was used to raise funds.

Our rifle and pistol team had another successful year. Incidentally, in 1965 fuel oil cost 15 cents a gallon.

Albert Borchert was chosen as Commander in 1965, 1966 and 1967. Under his leadership the improvements to the basement were finished. A room was built in the basement to make a recreation area.

A bar, actually one of the teller's counters from the Polifly Savings Bank that was then undergoing renovations, was installed in the newly constructed recreation room. All the social affairs were then held in that room.

Again, with the cooperation of The Auxiliary, Bingo Parties were sponsored at the Vets' Home and the St. Patrick's Day and Thanksgiving parties were held. Memorial Day Parades and Armistice Day ceremonies were held in conjunction with VFW Post 4591. The sponsorship of the baseball team continued, as well as, the rifle and pistol teams.

In 1968 Robert Flannery was selected as Commander and he continued in that Post in 1969 and 1970. The Post continued to serve the community as it had since its inception in 1919. ###



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



Memorial Day Honor Guard with members at the new Post. Circa 1970's



The combined VFW Post 4591 (left) and the American Legion Firing Squad during Memorial Day services.

"Patriot's Pen"

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4591 Commander Elmer F. Winterfeld announced the winners of the "Patriot's Pen" contest. Fifty-one middle school (sixth, seventh and eighth grade) students participated.

The winners are: Tiffany J.

Amariuta, first place, Thomas J. Halter, second place, Kyle Gugliotta, third place and Brittany A. Biroc, fourth place.

Ms. Amariuta's entry also won the District #2 contest and therefore was entered into the VFW Department of NJ competition. ###

Who Are Today's Patriots?

By Tiffany J. Amariuta

I used to think of patriotism as an abstract concept or as a quality of a precious few. Then I turned seven...

I began to realize that one doesn't have to perform extreme acts of patriotic bravery, or die in battle to be a patriot. Clearly, those who rise to that level of patriotism deserve our gratitude forever. Without our brave soldiers and courageous leaders, we would not be the great country that we are today. Without those that guard us and protect us at home and abroad, I would not get up every morning knowing that I am safe and free.

As I grow up, my eyes are opening to the fact that patriotism is the glue that ties us all together in strong, vibrant communities and in a mighty American nation. Left and right, we are surrounded by patriots. They touch our lives, even shape our lives, but for the most part they tend to remain anonymous. They are the dedicated parent, the inspiring teacher, the courageous fireman, the soldier, the often forgotten veteran, the nurse, the selfless volunteer, and many more: each member of our American family, each contributing their best to make it stronger, each a patriot.

I think loving my country is like loving my home. Yes, I brag about it; yes, I feel proud about it, but I will not stop there. If the roof leaks, I'll replace it. If the plumbing doesn't work, I'll fix it. And if anyone tries to sell me on the idea that somehow trash, even in clever disguises, is acceptable in my home, I will certainly give them a piece of my mind. As members of one family, we love each other and come to each other's help. And if anything or anyone really tries to hurt us, we band together, tighter than peas in a pod and stronger than steel. Why? Because we are one family.

And what a family! We hardly look the same, eat the same, and even speak the same. But, in a multifaceted diamond, the myriad of points of light is precisely what accounts for its unique brilliance. It is up to us, the millions of often unknown and unsung patriots, to keep our diamond hardest on Earth and shining. It is up to us to show the world that indeed a diamond is forever. ###

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Dog License Renewal Info

Marilyn deRussy, Secretary to the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health, reminds all dog owners that their 2005 dog license will expire on January 31, 2006 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 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 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. ###

FOCAS Kitten/Cat Adopt-A-Thons

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 – January 7, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Westwood Pets - 15 Westwood Ave., Westwood, NJ Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with a Special Adoption Event: Saturday – January 14, 2006

PetCo - Rt. 17 N., Paramus, NJ, Saturday - January 21, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please consider giving a home-nurtured, loveable, deserving orphan a “forever” home. For additional information, visit www.focasnews.org or call FOCAS at 201-943-4019. ###

Kiwanis Collects Canceled Stamps

As you receive greeting cards from around the world, remember, the Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights/Teterboro is collecting all canceled stamps both foreign and US.

The stamps are sold to collectors and the monies received from the sale support the St. Benedict's Day Nursery and Infant Hospital of Georgetown, St. Vincent of the West Indies.

St. Benedict's cares daily for 175 children from age 3 months to 4-1/2 years -- at which time they enter a government infant school.

If you would like to help the Kiwanis Club in collecting canceled stamps, please trim the stamps to 1/4 inch around the stamps. The stamps can be dropped off or sent to: The Gazette Newspaper, 343 Boulevard, HH. ###

Having an Affair?

If your organization is having an event that is open to the public, we can help you tell “everybody” about it.

Simply provide the following event details: name, date, times, cost, brief explanation of program features, etc., along with contact information.

Send these details at least 45 days prior to the event to: info@hasbrouck-heights.net or drop them off at: The Gazette, 343 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

The reorganization meeting of the Mayor and Council was scheduled for 11:45 a.m. on January 1, 2006 in the Council Chamber at the Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Complex, 320 Boulevard. The public was welcomed.



Firehouse 101 by Local Author Justin Watrel

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 house, 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.

“This was the starting point for my book,” Mr. Watrel said.

Firehouse 101 is one of the first novels to explore the emotional aftermath of the 9-11 tragedy through the lives of ordinary citizens.

This book may be ordered online at: www.iuniverse.com

Top Experts Urge Energy Conservation

Energy prices are up -- but you knew that! What can you do about it? The first thing you can do is conserve.

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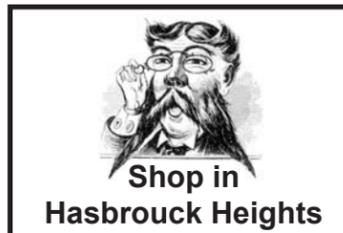
- Tune up your present equipment and **save** 3 to 6%
- Setting back your thermostat will **save** 2 to 5%
- Upgrading your burner will **save** about 15%
- Insulating your home can **save** over 25%

Additional practical energy saving tips include:

- Remove AC Window units in winter
- Don't block heat vents, radiators or baseboard heat with furniture, rugs, etc.
- Replace cracked windows, caulk, weather stripping, etc.
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Maywood \$549,000

Step into this beautifully expanded Colonial on a quiet tree lined street. This home is a decorator's dream. Soothing color scheme and gleaming hardwood floors throughout. Large living room (13' x 24') with a white stone fireplace opens to a formal dining room (11.3' x 14.8'), large modern kitchen (11.5' x 11'). Upstairs features 3 nice sized bedrooms with ample closets. Full bath has whirlpool tub. A small but well arranged office is also on the 2nd floor. The basement is completely finished with a family room and full bath. Beautiful yard completes this lovely home making it ideal for a growing family.



Hasbrouck Heights \$689,900

BRAND NEW! New construction ready for early winter. Five bedroom bi-level, three full baths, family room and dining room. Granite in the kitchen with tile floor. Bedrooms will have carpeting, foyer will have tile and the dining room will have carpeting, central air conditioning, heating - gas, two car garage. Blueprints in the office. Early enough to choose colors and make minor changes.



Washington Township \$582,500

JUST LISTED! Move right into this lovely Cape on a quiet street with park like property. Updates include new windows, new baths & much more. Very large 2 car attached garage. Outside entrance to basement includes a mud room on the ground floor, a full bath, kitchen, family room and storage. Could be a great in-law suite. 12' x 12' shed in rear. Covered patio is wonderful for entertaining.



Washington Township \$495,000

MUST SEE! Three bedroom, three bathroom expanded Cape Cod in the heart of town. Large living room with bay window. Eat-in-kitchen has new appliances, ceramic tile floor and granite countertops (to be installed). There is a large master bedroom w/double and single closets on the first floor and another bedroom along with a full marble bathroom. The second floor has two nice sized rooms. There is also a new full marble bathroom and plenty of storage. Basement is full and finished with another full bath. This home can easily accommodate a large or extended family.



Little Ferry \$650,000

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.



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.



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.



Hasbrouck Heights \$659,900

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 x 13) 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.



Wood-Ridge \$455,000

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.



Clifton \$429,900

Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath loft style townhouse in Riverwalk section. Built in 2003. Features gas fireplace, all recessed lighting plus much more. Very convenient to NJ Transit and shopping.



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