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Happy New Year North Caldwell!

I hope you had a fun and safe holiday season connecting with family and friends, and that 2014 has already started off great for you as well!

I would like to say a special thanks to all of those residents who contributed to the North Caldwell Magazine in 2013 on any level. Whether it was an article, pictures, or series of pictures, thank you!

Please don't forget that the North Caldwell Magazine depends on your contributions! This is YOUR community magazine, so please do not hesitate to contact me with your ideas and suggestions for future issues. I welcome any item that is newsworthy. So send in those photos and ideas, and don't worry if you are not a writer, we do all the heavy lifting.



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By Teddy Press
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It's not Jewish dominoes. It's a complex, thought-provoking game. It combines the rules of many popular games like poker, Rummikub, dominoes, and bridge. Played in groups of four, it can also be a fun, social game. Bets are usually made, but in small change like quarters and dollars. It's nothing like the computer game, which is only just matching tiles; the real game has many more rules. People who play regularly look forward to it every week. These are just a few of the qualities of the fantastic game of Mah Jong.

Mah Jong is a complex game, involving many complicated rules. The object of the game is to match a pattern on a card with the tiles that you possess. Each player starts with thirteen tiles, the dealer starting with fourteen. There are 144 tiles in the set. There are four different types of tiles: craks (Chinese symbols), bamboos, dots, and honor tiles. Honor tiles include winds and dragons. The players each get a card, and the patterns on the card change every year. The dealer rolls two six-sided dice, and the total number they roll becomes the cold wall. The cold wall is the section of tiles that are played at the end of the game. The players then trade tiles with a series of passing, and joker tiles cannot be passed. After the passing is completed, the dealer then puts down the tile that he/she does not want. The person on the right then picks up a tile from the pile and puts a tile down that he/she does not want. If a person wants a tile



that another person puts down, he or she may pick up the tile to complete a section of the pattern. The person then puts up that section of tiles on the board, along with that called tile. The players keep picking and calling tiles in a clockwise fashion until the tiles run out or someone calls "Mah Jong"! A player calls Mah Jong when he or she has successfully completed a pattern on one of their cards. These are just a few of the rules that go into the game of Mah Jong.

Throughout North Caldwell, there are many different groups that play Mah Jong. A Mah Jong group consists of four players, usually experienced. Each group tries to meet about once a week, although other commitments may force the groups to not meet. Some groups play during the day, and some play at night. Ellen Reilly, a Mah Jong player for 6 years, meets every Thursday, along with Judy Jarmel, Marcy Siegel, and Kathy Iannarone, and Cindy Traverso is a substitute if one of the members cannot make it. Every summer, Ellen Reilly hosts a



Mah Jong party so that people from other groups can socialize and interact with each other. Multiple other groups play every week, like Shari Grey's group, which includes Karen Caplan, Shari Grey, Robin Fishman, and Laura Rubenstein. Most of the groups meet just to have fun and socialize, while a few have very strict rules. Many of the 55 and older communities have Mah Jong groups for the people that play well into their older years. The game has traveled through many generations, with parents teaching their children how to play. Without a doubt, Mah Jong is a game for everyone.

Mah Jong originated in China, and was imported into the US in the 1920's by the company Abercrombie & Fitch. It was created in China in the late 1800's. There is a National Mah Jong League in the US that hosts tournaments every year. Mah Jong

is the most popular board game in Japan. In ancient Japan, tiles used to be made out of ivory, now they are made of hardened resin. In the US, Mah Jong was made popular by Jewish women. Mah Jong was also shown to have positive effects on the brain, and it also helps prevent memory loss. Therefore, that is why Mah Jong is popular in Senior Citizen communities. The card game of Rummy is believed to have been derived from the game of Mah Jong.

Mah Jong is a very popular game in the US, and even has positive health benefits. From serious players to fun and interesting conversation, Mah Jong has become a hobby for women across North Caldwell and has grown every year. To get a card and learn more about Mah Jong and its rules, visit nationalmahjongleague.org for more information.

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kids2kids

Name: Amanda Taylor Conway
Age: 4 (1/2)
Grade: Preschool
School: Grandview School
Brothers or Sisters: 1 brother-RYAN
Sports I Play: Soccer and Gymnastics
Musical Instrument I Play: whistle, banjo and drums
Musical Instrument I Want to Learn: keyboard
Something Unique About Me: I sleep in my mom's bed, not mine!

When I Grow Up I'm Going to Be: an Art Teacher or astronaut

Favorite...
Activities/Hobbies: playing with my "Little People"
Animal: Panda Bear and my dogs
Color: Red
Food: Lucky Charms cereal and Gogurt
Movie: Alvin and The Chipmunks
Music: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
Place to Play: Down the shore
Sports Teams: Jets and Mets
Subject in School: "Centers" in Miss Johannsen's Class
TV show: The Backyardigans
Vacation: Sea World and Disney World



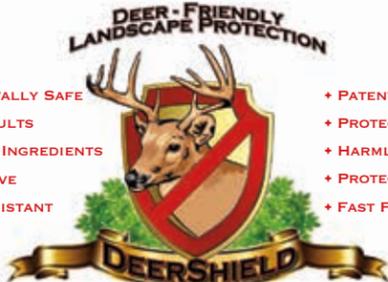
Name: Ryan Patrick Conway
Age: 7 (1/2)
Grade: 2nd
School: Grandview School
Brothers or Sisters: 1 Sister-AMANDA
Sports I Play: Soccer, Basketball and Baseball
Musical Instrument I Play: none
Musical Instrument I Want to Learn: "a "Rock"

Sports Teams: Jets & Mets
Subject in School: Math and P.E.
TV show: The Amazing World of Gumball and Almost Naked Animals
Vacation: Florida

Guitar
Something Unique About Me: I almost never forget a birthday or special date
When I Grow Up I'm Going to Be: a teacher or soccer player

Favorite...
Activities/Hobbies: Playing Minecraft on my ipad mini and boxball
Animal: Rhinoceros
Color: Purple
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Place to Play: anywhere where my cousins are!

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Joseph Lelinho

Submitted by Bunny Jenkins
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Well, another year with my honeybees has come and is now nearly gone.

Hi, I'm Joseph Lelinho a beekeeper from North Caldwell. I've been keeping honeybees for nearly 20 years in my backyard within the trees of the Hilltop property. I also have hives throughout West Essex towns and on the rooftop of the Hyatt Regency on the Hudson in Jersey City.

Here in North Jersey, our "Bee Year" begins as early as the dandelions poked their yellow flowers from their leaves. This begins the first flow of nectar and pollen into the hive as it was collected by the foraging honeybees. The nectar, after being ripened, into honey, by the little honeybee will become the lifeblood of the hive. This nectar, along with the necessary pollens, specially cared for by the nurse bees, is used to feed the babies growing in the waxen cradles. Honey is a natural preservative and the bees knew this well before we ever figured it out, so they mix a bit of honey with the pollen to preserve it for future use. Honey of course is the only food every worker bee consumes and she feeds on it her entire life to stay well fed and healthy. You see, honey from a variety of floral sources, contains small amounts of a wide array of vitamins, minerals, amino acids and antioxidants that is all important to the honeybee. This next



fact may sound unbelievable, but even for humans; there is only one food, no other, that includes all the substances necessary to sustain our life, which is honey!

I'd like to cover the basics of the colony or family of honeybees. The hive is made up of 3 distinct individuals with very specific tasks. Of the total population, 97% are female worker bees. In the summer, the life span of the worker bee is about 45 days. They perform every task necessary for the successful operation of the hive. You will find: nurse bees caring for the babies, bees making and sculpting wax comb, house bees cleaning the hive, food transfer bees, fanning bees to cool the hive, undertaker bees to carry away dead bees as well as a police force of guard bees and of course attendant bees to care for the queen.

The first 17 days of the worker bee's life is spent within the hive learning each task from the bee which is one day older.

After 17 days of learning and doing, they become foraging bees collecting; nectar, pollen, plant resins and water, this is done until they die.

The second individual in the hive is the Drone or male bee. He has no responsibilities in the hive, yet he is important. The Drone is fed by the workers because he has no mouthparts to feed himself; he has no stinger to defend the hive, nor pollen baskets on his legs. He is born in May or June and is not allowed to live beyond the end of September. Unlike his sisters, he is free from any responsibility in the hive. However, he is gifted with excellent vision and a strong wings. His job is performed outside the hive in the blue sky by mating with a virgin queen and dying in the process. Basically he is part of the colony for mating alone.

Finally, the third individual of the hive is the one and only Queen herself. She is



the mother of all in the hive, lives up to 5 years, lays from 1,500 to 2,000 eggs per day in the summer, can lay both fertilized eggs or unfertilized eggs (it is her decision). She is attended by what I call, "adoring maids" always trying to keep their heads pointed towards their goddess and when she stops moving they will encircle and await her instruction.

Blessed with an acceptable amount of sun and rain throughout the season, has made this a very good year for the hive. Therefore, the early season produced a good amount of light amber honey from sources like fruit trees, Horse chestnut, berries, Dandelions and Crocus. In the mid and late season, honey comes from Basswood, Sumac, and Goldenrod. The much sought after Coca-Cola dark, Japanese Bamboo, is also an excellent late season honey.

Sadly 40% of all the hives I'll put to bed for the winter, which have worked so hard through cold and heat, rain and sun, the honey flow and the dearth will not live to see the dandelions of the upcoming spring. Honeybees are endangered and dying at a frightening rate. Not only is this the case in New Jersey but throughout the United States and the world. Pesticides, Fungal diseases, Parasitic Mites, Virus, Stress, and even poor beekeeping practices, have contributed to the steady decline of honeybee colonies since I have been keeping bees and again, that's nearly 20 years! Even the cover story of the August issue of Time Magazine had the headline, "The World without Bees".

Beekeepers have limited resources to repopulate dead colonies and with that in mind we began a new company. Bee Bold Apiaries is focused on bringing in the



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I hope this writing gives you a better picture of the city of the bees; its inhabitants, products, problems and a local solution. Any questions please write: Joseph Lelinho, Klutch.Cargo@verizon.net <http://beeboldapiaries.com/>

around town



Photo of the month by Heather Krannich



Senior Carlysa Oyama of North Caldwell placed 4th in the North II Group II State Cross Country Finals running a time of 20:35 in the 5250-meter race, one of the best scores received by a runner at West Essex. (It is 250 meters longer than a 5K.) Carlysa placed 12th in the State Finals November 16 in Holmdel, according to West Essex Cross Country Coach Leon Samuels.

The West Essex Middle School Student Council thanked school support staff with a special Thanksgiving feast on November 26 in the Middle School Cafeteria. Students served turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, string beans, salad, pumpkin pie, apple pie and cookies. Seventh grade student council members Frankie Rizzo and Alex Burrowes thanked secretaries, custodians and board office staff for everything that they do for the students.

"We are so lucky to be students at West Essex Middle School because we feel it is an ideal place for all students to learn, grow, socialize and have fun," they said. "We know that we would not have any of the positive experiences we do were it not for all of you and the support you provide...whether keeping our school clean and safe, helping us when we have a question or a concern or aiding us in learning the skills to be successful, please know that your efforts do not go unnoticed.

"On behalf of the entire student body, the student council would like to thank you for all of the things that you do to make our experience here at the middle school so special," they said.



West Essex Middle School student council members Jordan Flusser of North Caldwell, Allison Schachtel of Essex Fells, her cousin Carolyn Schachtel of North Caldwell and Ellie Decker of North Caldwell serve up the sides at the feast. Jordan, Allison and Ellie are seventh graders while Carolyn is an eighth grader.

The council also presented each staff member with a thank you certificate and a bracelet and Pomptonian Food Service for preparing the food. The student council served the food at the feast.

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Third graders at Grandview School in North Caldwell participated in the Art Renaissance program in which parent volunteers teach children about different artists. They learned about Jackson Pollock and created a grade-level splatter canvas



Looming for a Cause - Third graders at Trinity Academy had a good idea to help others during the holiday season. The girls hand-made over 200 Rainbow Loom Bracelets and sold them to other students. They raised \$220 and donated the money to Clown Care at St. Barnabas Hospital, a program which enables professional clowns to entertain sick children in the pediatric ward. The girls met the clowns on November 26 when they presented the donation. Pictured with the clowns are North Caldwell residents Amanda (middle) and Ashley (far right) Rohde

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Rich Gilbert and Hal Wolfson ride with Caldwell Cares team



Ben Goodman and Evan Snerson for Teen Cycle where all money raised goes to Pediatric Cancer

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In 2004, Jennifer Goodman Linn heard the three words no one ever wants to hear, "You have cancer". It didn't matter that she was newly married and had a wonderful life ahead of her or in the best physical condition. Her diagnosis, sarcoma, was one of the "rare cancers". Like all rare cancers (pediatric, brain, ovarian, pancreatic and more), it was not well-funded.

A few years later, amidst surgeries and chemo, Jen decided to combine her passion for indoor cycling and her desire to give back to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. With that, Cycle for Survival was born.

Motivated by this "fearless" woman, friends and family at all fitness levels spread the word and hopped on 50 stationary bikes in teams of 4 to 8 people. Her original goal was to raise \$10,000. They raised \$250,000.

As Jen's sister-in-law, Emily Goldberg, states, "Cycle for Survival participants are on the same page emotionally. When we ride we are celebrating life and pedaling with a purpose."

Emily has captained her own team since 2009, and many North Caldwell residents have joined in the battle. As word spread,

Cycle for Survival - A Community Fights Back...

By Kat Krannich

many of our residents continued to form teams over the next few years riding in New York City, or at local satellite sites. Finally, last winter, Cycle for Survival's co-sponsor, Equinox, opened a gym in Summit and hosted the first official New Jersey ride with 200 bikes and over 1,000 participants.

Maureen Lehr, who attended Livingston High School with Jennifer, is a dedicated supporter of Cycle for Survival. "I have been spinning for over 10 years and was enthused that my daily routine could somehow be connected to a fund raising event for rare cancers."

Last February, Lainie Gilbert, also with Livingston roots, was captain of Team Caldwell Cares, and both she and her husband have been involved for the past six years. This year their teen-aged children will join them as they ride to honor several family members.

At her first ride, having never cycled before, Karen Cowen experienced the charged atmosphere of hundreds of people coming together for a common cause at the Equinox in New York City. She was recruited last year by Emily and plans to return every year. She states, "Unfortunately we all know someone who has, or had, cancer. It hits especially close to home with our family." Dale Lazarovitch has been cycling for the past three years. She

explained, "I am very proud to have met Jen Goodman at my first event. She was still alive, and very much part of the energy." It is now bittersweet on so many levels for Dale. In June 2010, Dale lost her mother-in-law to brain cancer. Her sister-in-law is in complete remission from brain cancer and living a full life.

In 2011, Andy Dunberg became involved as an instructor at the satellite event in Caldwell. He explains that North Caldwell and the West Essex Community have brought local awareness to Cycle for Survival - a proclamation from the North Caldwell Mayor and Council and plaque hang in the Caldwell Community Center.

Some, like Wendy Brosse, and the Snerson and Wolfberg families, ride to honor family members and support friends. Others ride to exercise and give their time, knowing that 100% of money raised goes directly to MSKCC. A common goal motivates each and every participant. The message is simple - A single person can make a difference.

On Saturday, February 8, 2014, teams of friends, colleagues and family will be taking turns riding stationary bikes at Equinox in Summit, New Jersey. Join the fight started by one warrior, join the battle and help win the war. As Jennifer Goodman Linn was once quoted, "Nobody beats cancer until we all beat cancer."

According to their website, Cycle for Survival has raised over \$32.4M since 2007 and has funded 85 clinical trials and research studies.

To get involved, go to www.cycleforsurvival.org; or contact Emily

Goldberg at brettem@optonline.net or Sarah Wozniak at: Sarah@cycleforsurvival.org (646) 227-7290.



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restaurant Review

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CIELO—OLD WORLD CUISINE RIGHT IN NORTH CALDWELL'S BACKYARD

To describe Cielo in one sentence, I would choose a direct quote from Chef/Owner, Anthony Pucciarello.

“Most people cook to live, I live to cook.” And it shows in his unique menu, which satisfies both the “old-school” appetites, as well as those looking for unusual creations!

A favorite is Chef Anthony’s signature “inside-out” meatball. It is a huge meatball stuffed with spaghetti. Out of this world! And the tomato sauce is obviously made from the best San

Marzano tomatoes, as it is a deep, rich red with the perfect hint of sweetness.

Chef Anthony also serves creative appetizers such as fried eggplant and fava beans. The eggplant is light and crispy and the fava beans are huge, creamy, and very fresh!



Also, the petite filet mignon meatballs with potatoes are tender, juicy and flavorful.

Pasta is a treat at Cielo as most of the pasta is handmade. A very unique pasta dish is the pappardelle with pulled pork. This dish was perfectly orchestrated pulling together the combination of taste and texture. The pappardelle was cooked al dente, which can be difficult to achieve with fresh pasta. But it was necessary for this dish as the pasta is topped with a hearty portion of pulled pork and served in a tasty broth. This dish is so unique and will definitely please those looking for something different. And, for old-world favorites, the fresh fusilli in a short-rib tomato sauce was also delicious, served with a dollop of the creamiest ricotta.

The flounder entrée is fantastic and fresh, fresh, fresh! It is soft, flaky, and buttery topped with a light crispy topping. Chef Anthony obtains all of his seafood at Hunt’s Point. Other delicious entrees include pork chops and venison, both fresh, tender, tasty, and juicy.

The entire staff is welcoming and friendly, from host to servers. The servers are attentive and knowledgeable and the food is artfully presented.

The atmosphere is lovely with comfortable lighting and seating which is placed well. This results in a relaxing dining experience. There is also a large bar which is the perfect place for you and your dining companions to meet. Enjoy cocktails before or drinks after dinner .

Chef Anthony is passionate about providing an experience which you will enjoy from beginning to end. He refers to Cielo as a place he calls home, and

he welcomes you to his home!

He also offers private party menus. It is a very nice venue for a private party, so you may want to consider it for your next affair. Also, check out his event calendar, as he provides live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights.

There is also a fantastic lunch menu for \$10.95; offering brick oven pizzas, steak sandwiches, chicken cutlet sandwiches, pepperoni peppers and eggs, and pasta fagioli! Sounds great doesn't it?

Cielo translates to “heaven” and is pronounced “chello” (rhymes with yellow). So next time you find yourself asking, “Where should we go for dinner tonight?” you will not have to go very far. Try Cielo and have a HEAVENLY evening!

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North Caldwell Holiday Celebration

By Kat Krannich
Photos by Heather Krannich

The winter holidays were officially started on Sunday, December 1st at Borough Hall! North Caldwell held their annual Community Holiday Celebration, "Joy, Peace & Goodwill" event. The Mayor, the Town Council and the Recreation Department, together with the various community service groups, were there to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Toys were collected to be distributed to the Joseph Sanzari-Audrey Hepburn Children's House in Hackensack, NJ for children receiving medical treatments at Hackensack University Medical Center. Former Girl Scout Troop 308 of North Caldwell, helped with the Holiday Toy Drive.

A roaring bonfire kept everyone toasty warm, under the watchful eyes of the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department.

North Caldwell Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts served hot cocoa, cider, cookies and other refreshments to the crowd.

The Dapper Dans of Harmony, a barbershop chorus, serenaded everyone with songs of the season. During the holiday season, they perform at various events in the area and sing at local nursing homes. They invite all men who are interested in joining, to go to their website, www.DapperDansofHarmony.org

There was also a craft area for the children to make special ornaments. Valerie Servidio, owner of The Coloring Room in Caldwell and fellow resident, supplied the materials and was on hand to help out. Be sure to visit www.thecoloringroom.net.

Mayor Joe Alessi thanked one and all for their support and efforts. He went on to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday, and how events like this make North Caldwell such a wonderful place to live!

As residents gathered together to celebrate the Festival of Lights by lighting the Menorah in front of Town Hall, Rabbi Alan Silverstein, of Agudath Israel of Caldwell, said a few words. He offered a prayer of gratitude and told how this is the only time in our lives when Thanksgiving and Hanukkah will fall in the same week. Then he joined some young members of HaZamir choir sing a Hanukkah song.

Next, Fr. Anthony Randazzo, of Notre Dame Church in North Caldwell, expressed his thoughts on the season. He explained how, on that very day, Christians celebrated the first light of the Advent season; and that we all are similar as we share in this season of light, hope and peace.



history, the tree lighting was held by Walker's Pond on Mountain Avenue. The Walkers would graciously share their holiday season with all the residents. Afterwards, the children would skate on the pond. It was a tradition that many fondly remember from the not-so-distant past.

The evening festivities culminated with sirens blaring and lights glaring, as a special guest was heralded in. The kids all ran to see Santa Claus arrive in style on the town fire truck to mark the beginning of the Christmas season. Santa handed out candy canes donated by the Fire Department to all the children gathered around.

This year Nick and Byron Walker (grandson and son, respectively of Woody Walker) were in charge of lighting the Christmas tree in Woody's honor. For so many years in our town's

Then the crowds started to thin, holiday wishes were expressed, as everyone bid their goodbyes to neighbors and friends.

Administrator of the MONTH

“40 Years’ Worth of Memories”

Written by Christine Laible
Photos by John Paul Endress

West Essex Middle School Principal David Montgomery never claimed to be an earth shaker; he never claimed to move mountains. Mr. Montgomery’s goal throughout his whole career was to be fair and truly care for his pupils.

Never originally set on the educational path, Montgomery attended Ursinus College, where he majored in political science with the intent of becoming a lawyer. But after his freshman year, Montgomery added on a minor in education. Despite completing his law boards, Montgomery couldn’t find a reason to enter into the law practice. He had simply fallen in love with teaching.

Yet, he still found ways to incorporate some of his legal background into his teaching career. During his career as a teacher at West Essex High School, Montgomery focused mainly on social studies, teaching US History for 11th and 12th grade, Macroeconomics and Sociology. He even created his own class, a semester course known as Constitutional Law. In this class students would learn and discuss laws and their constitutionality and review cases that set or overturned precedent. Mr. Montgomery found teaching that class one of his fondest memories. He



loved discussing the current events and hearing the students perspective on both world and local news. “It was an eye-opening experience,” Montgomery said.

After teaching for 27 years and coaching football and track, Montgomery assumed the position of principal. Although he found that in the beginning he missed the classroom, Montgomery was happy to step into the job of principal. “I had always wanted to be able to touch the lives of 600 kids, instead of 25,” Montgomery said.

Despite his claims of being a regular instructor, Montgomery has made several notable contributions to both the high school and middle school, beyond the creation of Constitutional Law. He also introduced MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing to the middle school. This standardized test helped immensely in gauging student’s learning and tracking their progress. It



also helps the school to help to identify areas of weakness and adjust student’s learning accordingly.

But it wasn’t only the curriculum he influenced. Just as he hopes to have influenced the people who he taught, Montgomery found that those who taught him had a large impact on his life. During his younger years, Montgomery was part of the track, football and wrestling team. His coaches for these sports were strong male role models who helped inspire him to the path of teaching.

Unfortunately for future students of West Essex, Mr. Montgomery will retire at the end of this year. Montgomery plans to spend his retirement relaxing in a house on the ocean in North Carolina. Although he is sad to leave, Montgomery is ready for a much deserved break. “I will probably still work part time,” Montgomery said.

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From the MAYOR'S desk...

HAPPY 2014 TO EVERYONE

By Mayor Joe Alessi
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The Holidays are over. We are all a little fatter, except in our wallets. It is too early to have broken all of our resolutions so hope springs eternal. I try not to make the same ones every year especially if I can't keep them. My friend and our town Attorney, David Paris makes one of the best resolutions each

year; that is to smoke more cigars. I don't say this to endorse smoking, but David says this totally relaxes him and he never has a bad time doing so. Thank God my pulmonologist feels the same way in moderation. I am really using this as a euphemism to say that we should all make it our business to have a little bit more fun next year. And most of all that our families should be healthy. If you are like me I never understood the importance of my parents saying "your health is the most important thing". And when you have your health you have everything. Now that I have reached the 30th anniversary of my 33rd birthday, this sure rings true, and I wish you and yours a happy and healthy new year.

There is a lot going on in the borough this year, we won't have the leadership of Jim Campbell but I am looking forward to working with our most recent addition to the council Joshua Raymond. I know that Josh will be a great asset to the Borough.

The Council and I are already working on our new budget. Last year we were able to keep our municipal tax rate level. Be rest assured, that we will do everything in our power to keep costs down without sacrificing services and the amenities that you all have come to enjoy and expect.

In the upcoming year, there are several priorities that we are working on; we will continue to speak with the Walker family about acquiring Walker's Pond. Our ultimate goal is to restore the property to its past natural beauty which was the centerpiece of the borough for several decades. The community always enjoyed ice skating on the pond and the hospitality and hot chocolate supplied by Woody and Carlee Walker.

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We are updating the website(www.northcaldwell.org) to make it more user friendly. You can now register for all Recreation Programs on-line through Capture Point. We are in the process of setting up optional online water meter reading submittal. Please make sure you update your contact information on NIX-LE, so that you may receive emergency bulletins from the Police Department. (See the Borough website for more detail)

We are continuing to work with the Deer Task Force to find ways to decrease the deer population to reduce the associated automobile accidents, incidents of lyme disease and environmental damage.

We are marketing the package and consumption liquor license which will earn significant revenue for the borough in 2014.

Our recreation department is now running the borough soccer program.

For the first time in several years North Caldwell will be having a Mayor's Ball on Saturday, March 8, 2014. The main purpose for this event is to raise funds for the construction of a long desired turf field. Most communities in our area have already enjoyed the benefits of these facilities. A turf field will enhance our recreation programs and benefit the physical well being of all residents. We are purposely keeping the price more affordable to be more inclusive for all residents. It will not be a formal black tie dinner. Our main emphasis will be selling advertisements for our ad book. This is most cost effective way of raising funds. We welcome as many people as can to attend and support this worthwhile project. The citizens of North Caldwell have always been very civic minded and generous in helping our community. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail within the next few weeks. Again the best of everything in the New Year.

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By Matilde Pope
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Let's face it--New Jersey winters can be harsh—especially if you are not a fan of the cold weather. That's why it is hard to beat a Miami escape, even if only for a long weekend. Just a quick two-and-a-half hour flight and you could be sipping pina coladas on the beach instead of shoveling snow! Or how about dining alfresco in South Beach? Or maybe golf, tennis, jogging or just about any other outdoor activity that you enjoy! Dining options in Miami just keep improving, as many of the

top NYC restaurateurs have headed south to make their mark. They have created a Miami which is every foodie's dream come true. I have tried the best, and they do not disappoint!

Accommodations are eclectic and vary from old-world elegance to chic and hip. For example, the new St. Regis at Bal Harbour is very high-tech in design; however, it maintains its old-world traditional rituals which were put into place by the Astor family at the original St. Regis in NYC. Traditions such as butler service, sabering of the champagne at 7:30pm, and tea service upon request are just a few examples.

Particularly lovely are the "day villas", which are just steps away from the beautiful beach. These "day villas" or "cabanas" are private and include lounge chairs, table and chairs for dining outdoors, and private indoor accommodations which include a daybed, full bathroom, TV, and refrigerator stocked with Veuve champagne and other drinks. And, of course, your own butler, who will cater to your every desire. Luxury to the max!

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Month of January
A Night with Janis Joplin
Where: Lyceum Theatre, 149 West 45th Street
When: 7pm
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For more information: 888-VISIT-NY

Month of January
Kijana Kheper Female Rites of Passage
Where: The Blended Beverage, 307 B Orange Road, Montclair, New Jersey
When: 1pm-4:30pm
 Female Rites of Passage is a program for young ladies 10-16 yrs of age. The goal is to assist the young ladies as they transition from childhood into young adulthood through various activities and events. They develop positive, self-confident attitudes, good morals and personal values, leadership skills, and a tolerance and understanding of others. Bi-weekly meetings, trips, cultural activities, guest speakers, safe and educational environment
For more information: 862-253-6018

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Wednesday, Jan. 15-26

Disney on Ice: 100 Years of Magic

Where: Izod Center, 50 E Peripheral Road, Route 120, East Rutherford, NJ

When: 7pm

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Wednesday, Jan. 15-31

Jersey Boys

Where: August Wilson Theatre, 245 W 52nd Street, New York, NY

When: 7pm

Jersey Boys is the story of how a group of blue-collar boys from the wrong side of the tracks became one of the biggest American pop music sensations of all time. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records world-wide – all before they were 30! This new musical features their beloved hit songs "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "Oh What a Night" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You."

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Saturday, Jan. 18

New Year, New You Expo

Where: Morristown Armory, Morristown, NJ - 430 Western Ave

When: 10:30am

The New Year, New You! NJ Expo will also have light food and entertainment as well as lectures that will help you find ways to look, feel and live better!

For more information: onthepulseproductions.com

Saturday, Feb. 1

Charlie Wilson

Where: Wamu Theater, 4 Penn Plaza

When: 8pm

As lead singer for the Gap Band, Charlie Wilson sang on four number one R&B hits: "Burn Rubber (Why You Wanna Hurt Me)," "Early in the Morning," "Outstanding," and "Addicted to Your Love" -- as well as the classics "You Dropped a Bomb on Me," "Yearning for Your Love," "Party Train," and "Big Fun."

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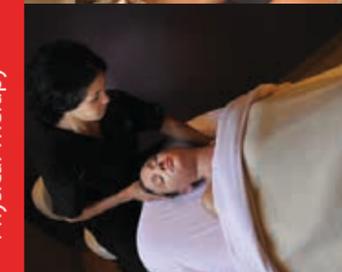
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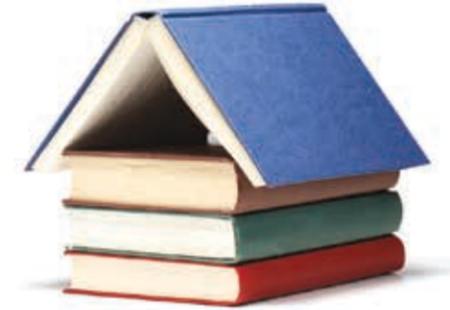
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111 Rensselaer Rd*	Essex Fells Twp.*	\$1,150,000	\$1,075,000	20	4	2	3
50 Lindsley Rd*	North Caldwell Boro*	\$449,900	\$450,500	23	4	1	2
3 Wind Ridge Dr*	North Caldwell Boro*	\$529,000	\$511,000	234	4	2	2.1
8 Hillcrest Pl*	North Caldwell Boro*	\$549,900	\$529,000	135	3	4	2.1
26 Four Seasons Drive	North Caldwell Boro*	\$572,116	\$569,616	58	2	2	2
16 White Oak Dr*	North Caldwell Boro*	\$574,800	\$575,000	18	3	2	3
99 Four Seasons Drive	North Caldwell Boro*	\$580,650	\$569,710	74	2	2	2
103 Four Seasons Drive	North Caldwell Boro*	\$589,950	\$586,500	4	2	2	2
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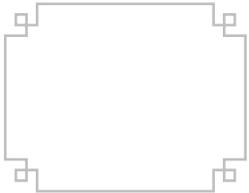
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