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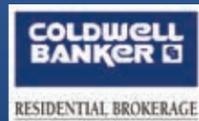
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Send in your summer vacation stories and pictures to be published in an upcoming North Caldwell Magazine. We love the participa-

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**Jaxon**

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When one loses a pet, it seems like there is an empty space in the heart that cannot be filled. No other pets can replace it. It's true, the love from a pet to an owner is irreplaceable, but that doesn't mean a new pet can't make that empty space smaller. For the Petrocca family, that is exactly what their Lab and Border Collie puppy Jaxon did for them, after the loss of their beloved dog Leaf.

Jaxon was adopted from BARK, which stands for Bonnie's Animal Rescue Kingdom, which, at the time, was based in the local PetSmart. He is only about a year old, born on September 6, 2013.

Jaxon is exactly the type of playful puppy one needs for a spirit booster. There is never a dull moment in his house, as he is always insistent on being played with, and will nudge your leg until you play with him. He is super funny, running across the snow covered pool cover in the winter, only to tilt his head confused at it when a pool was revealed in the summer. Additionally, he and the two cats the Petrocca family also owns ganged up to trap a chipmunk in the pool cover. Thankfully, the chipmunk was rescued by one of the Petrocca's older sons. As a puppy, Jaxon has definitely had some quirky moments.

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Written by Kat Krannich

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Colleen and John were high school sweethearts back in Wisconsin. Colleen was working in the World Trade Center and was leaving their condo in Hoboken to drop their 4 year old son, Alec, in Battery Park, one and a half blocks away. Running late, detoured by a post office stop she arrived at the Daycare center. Something happened, she called her husband, John. "There is talk of a helicopter or small plane hitting the tower, should I stay with Alec?" He told her to stay there, he would come to her. From the Upper West Side, John started driving down to the towers. Their conversation on the phone continued. "People are running in all directions! People are screaming!!" Then she said, "I have to go!" and the phone call terminated.

When he got to Houston Street, there were too many people. He hastily put the car into a garage and started on foot down the West Side Highway. He came upon barricades with Police, Fire Department, Coast Guard. People were running away from the towers exhibiting all levels of emotional terror and shock. Frantically looking across six lanes of humanity for his



**Battery Park. September 11.** John Miskulin stared into the pitch dark that had been his four-year-old son's preschool and found a frightened group of students and teachers in need of a plan. "Get each of the kids a wet towel," he said, and went back out into rubble. As coincidence would have it, he found a city bus and got kids and teachers on board. They drove towards the water and came upon the tugboat, Adriatic Sea. One by one, Miskulin handled the kids over the side to the crew and together they reached safety in Jersey City. Now, every morning, as Miskulin heads across the Hudson to work at the American Red Cross Compassion Center at Pier 94, his own son asks him: "Daddy are you going to find more People?"  
As seen in USA Today October 30, 2001

family, he noticed one tower had fallen... his breathing became shallow and erratic.

"I was, for the first time in my life, suffering a panic attack looking at the one tower. Then suddenly the second tower started to collapse into a mushroom cloud. I heard each floor collapse with a clapping noise." He believed that his family, in all likelihood, was gone as the devastating cloud overtook lower Manhattan. The daycare was blacked out completely as the cloud enveloped the building. Pacing back and forth barely breathing, John heard a voice in his head say "GO", and he could breathe again.

The flood of evacuees stopped, he bolted past the police amidst shouts to return. He ran around the financial district, past yachts in the harbor, but there were no people. The restaurant areas were strewn with coffee cups and briefcases abandoned in haste. The thick flakes and dust floated down reminding him of a peaceful, Wisconsin snow storm, he oddly remembers thinking. He saw a fireman on all fours, covered in white, coughing....and helped him up. John asked him, "Who is in charge? Looking around, he replied, "I think I am now". Beacon alarms coming from all directions in the debris pile from emergency locator beacons worn by the firemen who had perished... "Those are my buddies in there!!" the fireman said. John kept moving forward and assured the fireman, "I'll be back".

John pounded on the door of the Daycare Center. No answer. Finally a woman came to the door. Colleen remembers seeing a light all around John as he entered the darkened building. There were fifty five, in total, huddled in the back of the daycare, including a pregnant woman, and several people with

serious injuries who had sought shelter from the disaster outside. He checked with his family and then John went to the Daycare owner and asked, "What are your plans for evacuation?" The woman in charge said, "We don't have one." And he answered, "Well you do now, I am taking my wife and son and everyone else, and we are getting out of here!" He instructed them to cut up wet towels to hold over their faces as filters for their trek out. The kids were fed their snacks to keep it as normal as possible. And John promised, "I'll be back, but I need some water." He took a gallon of water with him, and returning to the fireman assisted in washing his face of soot.

Suddenly, a NYC bus rolled to the base of the tower and 25 firemen emerged with one man in a white shirt. As the bus started to roll away, John physically jumped and stopped the bus. "You're leaving with an empty bus!!" They had strict orders to go back to Brooklyn. "There is a daycare a half block away, a pregnant woman, and I want to take them all out of there". The man in the white shirt asked, "Do you have water? We need all the water we can get". John promised them water. The bus pulled a mere ten feet from the door..John ran back and announced "Not only are we leaving but we are riding out in style". The children, along with adults and gallons of water, were loaded quickly.

As they approached south ferry area, a Command Center was physically being set up. John asked the driver to stop so he could tell their situation on the bus and get instructions. As he exited, an elderly man went into cardiac arrest in the aisle. John ran to report this and two firemen were quickly dispatched to pull him off the bus, and initiate CPR. The fireman told John to offload the bus in single file and take them to waiting

tug boats that were called in to take survivors to New Jersey. One by one, John and another man handed the kids over the railing five feet down to the tug boat, Adriatic Sea. They were ferried off the island to Jersey City to blazing sunshine, leaving a fiery inferno behind them. On the trip across, Alec looked up at his dad and said, "Daddy, this was a very ugly day".

All weddings and events were canceled, so Great Performances started donating time and food already prepped for those events, setting up grills and serving meals to the relief workers. The American Red Cross Director asked the owner to sign a contract to feed the sixteen to twenty thousand people a week during the relief and recovery efforts. John was asked to be the Food Service Director for the three piers dedicated to the families, FBI, Mayor's task force and all types of government personal. Somehow, word of John's heroism reached the Director of the Red Cross. John was included in the "Ten Courageous American" campaign by the Red Cross and Burger King, famed photographer Richard Avedon photographed each one for USA Today Newspaper. Newspaper and magazine Interviews were followed by a spot on the Show Extra.

Many people have stories from that day. John feels very blessed as a family. He is humbled by the recognition from the Red Cross, knowing he had an impact in a lot of peoples' lives. "But", John states, "as long as I'm a hero to my son, that's all that matters."

Thirteen years later, John is proud he answered the call, and helped innocent young spirits experience a bus and tug boat ride to freedom.



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**Name:** Emily Dyme  
**Age:** 7  
**Grade:** 1st  
**Favorite Movies:** Frozen, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, McKenna Shoots for the Stars, and Elf  
**Favorite Music:** Glee  
**Sports I Play:** Tennis  
**Musical Instrument I Want to Learn:** Piano  
**Special Interests/Hobbies:** Read, Watch TV, Play with Friends, and Get nails done  
**Your Favorite Vacation:** Disney World  
**Upcoming Challenge(s):** Last Day of School (Loves School)  
**Something Unique About Me:** Knows a lot of Medical Information (Parents are doctors)  
**When I Grow Up I'm Going to Be:** Speech Pathologist  
**Favorite Food:** Animal Crackers  
**Favorite Color:** Pink  
**Birthday:** November 28  
**Favorite Book:** *Let's Talk About Epilepsy* by Melanie Apel Gordon  
**Favorite Sports Team:** Michigan Wolverines (football and basketball)  
**Favorite Show:** Full House



**Name:** Evan Dyme  
**Age:** 5  
**Grade:** Pre-K  
**Favorite Movies:** Elf, Lego Movie, Frozen, Nut Job  
**Favorite Music:** Frozen Songs, Family Tree  
**Sports I Play:** Hockey, Soccer, Kickball, Baseball, and Tennis  
**Special Interests/Hobbies:** Watch TV, Play Sports, Playing with Friends, and Legos  
**Your Favorite Vacation:** Disney World  
**Upcoming Challenge(s):** Singing Songs at Pre-School Graduation  
**Something Unique About Me:** Only One in the Immediate Family with Blue Eyes, Very Fair in School  
**Favorite Colors:** Blue, Brown, Yellow, Black, and Green  
**Favorite Food:** Waffles, Brownies, and Donuts  
**Favorite Sports Team:** Michigan Wolverines, and the Yankees  
**Favorite Book:** My Weird School Series by Dan Gutman  
**Birthday:** September 8  
**Favorite Show:** Legends of Chima



**Name:** Alex Dyme  
**Age:** 2  
**Grade:** Mommy and Me  
**Favorite Movies:** Caillou Holiday Special  
**Favorite Music:** Let it Go  
**Sports I Play:** Soccer  
**Musical Instrument I Want to Learn:** Piano  
**Special Interests/Hobbies:** Play on the Swings, Cook and Play Catch  
**Your Favorite Vacation:** Disney World  
**Upcoming Challenge(s):** Seeing his brother and sister leave for Day Camp and Going to school in the fall  
**Favorite Color:** Blue  
**Favorite Food:** Blueberries  
**Favorite Sports Team:** Michigan Wolverines  
**Birthday:** April 16  
**Something Unique about Me:** Obsessed with Muppet Swedish Chef  
**Favorite Book:** *My Little Wagon* by Alma Powell





# Meet your neighbors

## Heart and Soul

By Teddy Press  
Photos submitted by Daniel Kenny

“When we speak of life and living a full life, I believe it is important to live life in two ways: life with a heart and life with a soul”; these are the words of West Essex High School Class of 2014 Salutatorian, Daniel Kenny. By taking a closer look at his high school experiences, Daniel was able to realize that these two attributes can be found in everyday life, and all we have to do is acknowledge what each action means. When we do this, “a successful life is unavoidable”

Born July 17th, 1996, Daniel Kenny has lived in North Caldwell throughout his entire elementary and high school careers. He played baseball in his younger years. When he moved up to high school, he decided to start running track and field, as well as cross country. In both of these activities, he participated for all four years, and was the captain of the teams for both junior and senior years. He was named captain as a result of his amazing leadership qualities and character, making him one of the most well respected athletes at West Essex. For track and field, Daniel usually ran the mile.

As well as sports, Daniel also actively participated in the high school Jazz Band, playing the piano and taking lessons to improve his skills throughout high school. Daniel was also

involved with caddying at Greenbrook Country Club, as well as dog walking every day to support his college tuition.

In order to become salutatorian, one has to have the second highest GPA in the outgoing senior class. “I’m not the smartest kid in my class. There are others much smarter than I am,” Daniel said. He believes that he became Salutatorian through his hard work and determination.

Daniel said that his high school experience was “a lot of fun” and that “you have to have a strong work ethic to succeed”. Leading up to the hours before delivering his speech, he was nervous until he went to practice at the microphone during graduation rehearsal. Daniel said this helped to calm his nerves,



and by the time he gave the speech, he was fine. When asked how Dan got through his speech without getting distracted and scared, Dan responded, “It really eases the nerves to make people laugh.”

Along with Emily D’Elia, the class Valedictorian, they both addressed the entire West Essex Class of 2014, receiving tremendous feedback on how well spoken they were. Their speeches were featured in the Progress, among other publications.

Now, off to college, Daniel Kenny is planning to attend Boston College, at the Carroll School of Management for a degree in

Finance. He was accepted into the Honors Program. Although he considered options such as Villanova, TCNJ, Rutgers, the University of Virginia, and Georgetown University, in the end he decided to go with the Eagles of Boston College.

Through finding the two attributes of living life with heart and soul, Daniel Kenny has exemplified what it means to be an active member in a community, a dedicated athlete and captain, a hard worker, a salutatorian, and most importantly, what it means to live a truly full life.

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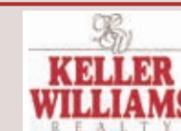
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Well it's September and that means the end of Summer and the start of the new school year. We said goodbye to the pool at the annual town picnic and begin the fall sports program: Cowboy football, Fall U.K. Elite Petite Soccer each Thursdays through October 16th, Senior Fitness Tuesdays from September 30th through November 20th. In mid October we hold our annual Newcomers Night - haven't set the date yet.

Speaking of newcomers in mid September Desi's our new bistro serving modern American cuisine will be opening its doors on the site of the old Forum men's shop on Bloomfield Avenue. The renovations I hear are nothing short of phenomenal with a menu serving all our residents, both adults and children. The proprietors Mike Desidario and Jim Faloni both grew up in North Caldwell and it's opening fulfills their lifelong dream to have a restaurant in town.

I have recently instituted a Long Range Planning Program for North Caldwell. I have asked council members each of whom chair one of our 6 standing committees, Legal and Ordinance, Public Safety, Finance, Personnel, Public Works and Recreation to meet with their members and heads of all town departments and boards, analyze how it operates discover needs, evaluate what is working and what needs improvement and propose solutions. Once this has been accomplished they will draft a report and devise a 5 year plan. This will allow us to be proactive instead of reactive. We can project what needs to be done in each individual area and how that affects others and devise a global plan. I assure you that our CFO Rich Mondelli will be an integral part of each step. He will track the financial consequences of every part of our plan and make sure that our visions and our fiscal stability are in sync.

We ask everyone to complete the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife survey on living with white-tail deer. You can pick up a flyer in Borough Hall or go on line to [www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/news/2014/deer\\_survey14.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/news/2014/deer_survey14.htm).

Finally I want to thank Joe Stigliano West Essex and James Madison alum for volunteering as my intern. Joe is a hardworking, dedicated, smart and uber organized community service volunteer. Joe you have been a great help to me and the tow and I really appreciate it.

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The 10U GRTBL Summer League Champions team finished with a record of 9-1 North Caldwell beat Passaic Valley in the championship game 5 -2.



Back Row (Coaches - left to right) Matt Lasher, Gerry Crum, Steve Campolattaro; 2nd Row (Players - left to right) Rob Lasher, Rob Simone, Chris Corbo, Chris Caggiano; Front Row (Players - left to right) Gerry Crum Jr., Mike Drago, Rocco Garcia, Nick Derizi, Mike Campolattaro, Alex Simone, Don Long; Not Pictured: Stefan Lopez

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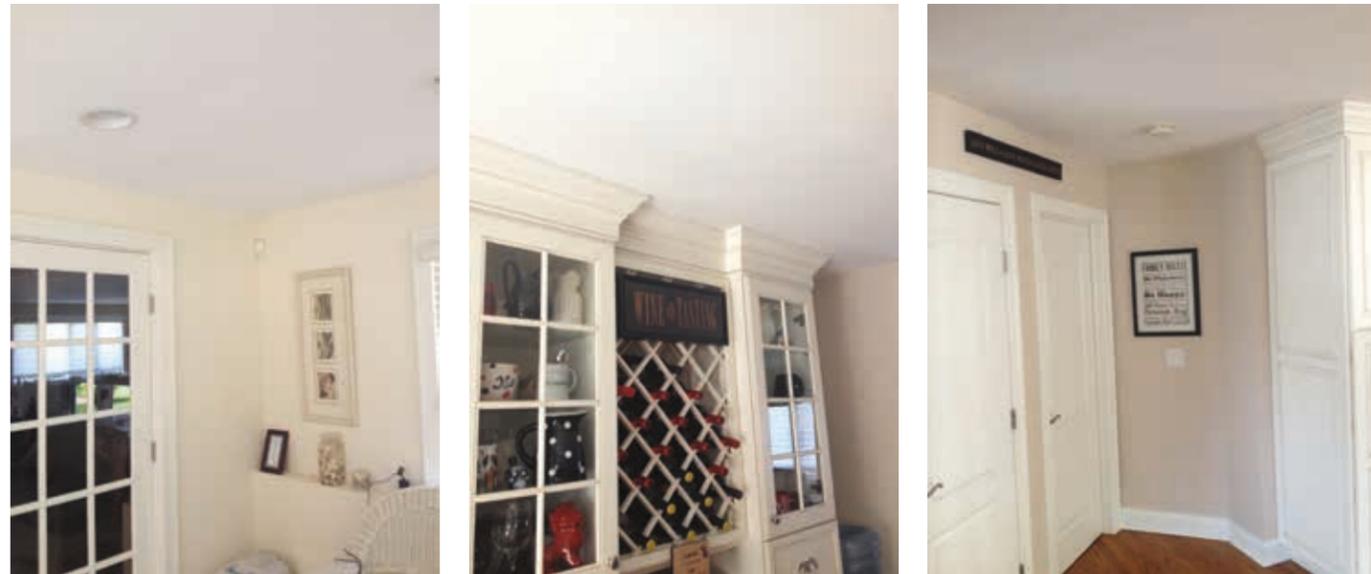
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Written by Megan Marsh  
Photos submitted by Steve Torrioni



Meet Steve Torrioni, owner of Prizm Painting Plus. Steve has been living in Essex County his entire life. He has been a resident of Fairfield for the past fourteen years. He has been working in the area for twenty eight years. Steve says " I will never leave the area because the people in this community truly care about one another and everyone here is a pleasure to work for." He graduated from Monmouth University with a business degree. He was president of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity for two terms. Steve painted his way through college, working weekend and summers. Once he graduated Steve immediately expanded the business and went full force. He has been doing this full time ever since. Today the business consists of interior and exterior residential painting, as well as power washing. They are a fully licensed and insured company that provides excellent workmanship at a fair and competitive price. Prizm Painting has twelve employees, most of who have been with the company for over fifteen years. Steve's Dad and Uncle owned a large scale painting company so he learned the trade from them at a very young age. His Dad now owns an accounting firm in Caldwell, which he has owned for over thirty five years, and his parents live in West Caldwell. Steve explains "My company is set apart simply because we cater to the customer. We make sure we meet or exceed their expectations every time." Please visit the company website for more information: [www.prizmpainting.com](http://www.prizmpainting.com)






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The name Rezza derives from two Italian words: purezza and sprezzatura, which in turn mean purity and the art of effortless mastery. Purity is the inception; sprezzatura is the carefully cultivated and sweetly savored end. Here at their table, a love of Italian food is fostered by the integrity of each ingredient, the heartfelt sentiment behind each composition, and that universal and undeniably Roman desire to be satiated. As the lupa nourished Rome's fathers, so may our Rezza feed both your hearts and bellies. Andiamo!

Rezza owner John Bendokas trained at the Culinary Institute of America, but his love of food started long before that. Rezza combines traditional old world Italian recipes with modern flair. Their fresh bread is sourced from Sullivan Street Bakery in New York City. The olive oil comes from a small family grove in Abruzzo, Italy.

The traditional Caesar Salad was very good. The Baby Arugula Salad is made with Roasted Beets, Ricotta Salata, and Balsamic Vinaigrette. The dressing is light, and didn't overwhelm the flavors

of the vegetables. The Escarole Salad is made with Pears and Walnuts and has shaved Pecorino cheese. We sampled Old Fashioned Pizza served on a wood board, homemade chicken wings are cured with just the right amount of spice.

The Eggplant Napolitano is made with an egg wash and grated cheese--no bread crumbs. This method really brings out the flavor in the dish. Homemade Cavatelli with Sweet Sausage was excellent. One of our guests commented that the Rigatoni with Sunday Gravy brought them right back to their Grandma's house on Sunday at 1:00 pm.



With so many delectable choices, I would hardly think that one of the highlights of the review would be the excellent Brussel Sprouts. But it is. Grilled to perfection with a hint of Guanciale--Cured Italian Pork Sausage, the flavors blended to melt in your mouth.

What Italian meal is complete without a little something sweet at the end? We tried Fratelli--similar to a Zeppole but

lighter, Their NY Style Cheesecake, and the Nutella French Toast. Just saying the names of the desserts makes your mouth water, and each was thoroughly delectable.

The restaurant is casual and intimate with a warm atmosphere. Our servers were very friendly, and knowledgeable about the menu. They answered any questions we had. We were a fairly large party. They were able to serve us efficiently, and

take care of anything that we needed in a timely manner.

One of our guests wrote, "Motte Bene" and "Change Nothing!" We will look forward to going to Rezza again soon.

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# Teacher of the MONTH:

*Cassandra Lo*

Written by Noah Eagle



All good things must come to an end. While the students of West Essex High School wrap up the school year, and excitedly embark on another summer, the departure of AP Language and Composition and Journalism teacher Cassandra Lo will be a great loss to the community and surely felt come the fall.

Lo began teaching at West Essex six years ago, after graduating from Holy Cross. From a very young age, Lo knew that teaching was something she could see in her future after watching her mother happily working in the profession for many years. While Lo originally planned to become an art teacher, her path quickly changed when she realized her lack of art skills. Lo always enjoyed writing and became inspired by her high school journalism teacher, who wrote for *Time Magazine* and covered the Monica Lewinski story that swept the nation in 1998.

With her love for English and Journalism, Lo's mother recommended she look in the newspaper for teaching jobs while finishing school and working as an editorial assistant for an online magazine. The first advertisement that caught her eye happened to be West Essex's request for an AP Language and Composition and

Journalism teacher, Lo's two favorite high school subjects. It's no surprise that she turned out to be a natural.

Ms. Lo has definitely left her mark on the school as she quickly became a key part of many aspects of West Essex. Aside from teaching, Lo has also been the advisor for both the school newspaper (the *Wessex Wire*) and the West Essex National Honor Society. With Lo's guidance the newspaper has gained both staff members and popularity throughout the school, and has continued to improve its content and professional-like layout.

While Lo has absolutely loved the past six years at West Essex, her future is very bright. This coming fall, Ms. Lo will be attending the University of Pennsylvania on a full scholarship to receive her doctrine. While Lo is sad to be leaving, she knows that this career move is necessary to achieve her overall goal of becoming an education professor. Her vision for the future is to work in a college environment and mentor new teachers entering the profession.

There is a reason Ms. Lo has been able to have such a great relationship with her students. By taking advice from her

mentor, her mother, Lo is a very understanding and open-minded educator.

"My mother has always said, 'know your kids.' It is extremely important to know every kid has a back story and has things going on in their life," said Lo.

As a result of this teaching style, Lo just received the National Honor Society teacher of the year award, and was nominated for the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award. With this being her final year at West Essex, Lo's award definitely reinforced how much of an influence she had on the kids.

"I was shocked and it was an honor. As a teacher it is always nice to know that your students appreciate what you're doing," said Lo about the awards.

It is obvious that Ms. Lo will be missed by many students in upcoming school years. With a fun and comedic spin in the classroom and a deep and genuine understanding of her students, Lo is truly a one of a kind teacher. While it will be difficult for many students next year without Lo in the classroom, she will never be forgotten around the halls of West Essex High School.

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# SEPTEMBER

## LOCAL EVENTS

### Every Monday-Saturday

*French, Italian & Spanish for Children*

**Where:** The Language Institute, 175 Fairfield Ave., West Caldwell, New Jersey

Now registering for our fall session. Weekday or Saturday classes. Age-appropriate curriculum, materials and approach. For children age 4 and older. We make learning a new language effective and fun! Please call or e-mail for scheduling options.

**For more information:** 973-228-1843

### Tuesdays in September

*Montclair Farmer's Market*

**Where:** South Park Street between Bloomfield Ave. & Church St.

**When:** 1pm-7pm

Montclair Center will be presenting fine wines and organic foods at the new Farmer's Market. Produce will be provided by Race Farms and School Lunch Organic Farms, with all meats coming from Heritage Valley Farms. Additionally, cheeses will be provided by Sutton Family Farms, and breads from Bakers Bounty.

**For more information:** (973)-509-3820

### Sunday, Sept. 14

*Musical Season Opening*

**Where:** 285 Madison Ave. Madison, New Jersey

**When:** 3pm

Come celebrate the start of another dynamic year with Opera at Florham at Lenfell Hall. Prepare to be blown away with stunning performances by professional soloists as they sing Arias and excerpts from well known operas.

**For more information:** www.operaatflorham.org

### Friday, Sept. 19

*Slaid Cleaves*

**Where:** Outpost in the Burbs, 67 Church St. Montclair, New Jersey

**When:** 8pm-10:30pm

Slaid Cleaves spins stories with a novelist's eye and a poet's heart. Twenty years into his career, the celebrated songwriter's Still Fighting the War spotlights an artist in peak form. Cleaves' seamless new collection delivers vivid snapshots as wildly cinematic as they are carefully chiseled. Dress William Faulkner with faded jeans and a worn six-string for a good idea.

**For more information:** www.outpostintheburbs.org

### Friday, Sept. 19

*Wanda Sykes*

**Where:** NJPAC, Prudential Hall, 1 Center St. Newark, New Jersey

**When:** 8pm

As a comedian and comedy writer, she's been on her self-titled, late-night talk show and Wanda at Large on Fox.

**For more information:** www.njpac.org

### Saturday, Sept. 20

*11th Annual Jazz and Brew Fest*

**Where:** Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center, 4 Boland Drive, West Orange, NJ

**When:** 2pm-8pm

A day of celebration with the best names in jazz and great food. Musicians include Bob DeVos, Aaron Diehl, Osmany Paredes, the Gary Bartz Quartet, and more!

**For more information:** www.njai.org

### Saturday, Sept. 20

*Artie Bennett*

**Where:** Watchung Booksellers, 54 Fairfield St. Montclair, New Jersey

**When:** 10:30am-Noon

Meet acclaimed children's book author Artie Bennett! Artie, author of the beloved, highly praised picture books such as Peter

Panda Melts Down!, will showcase his spanking-new picture book, the uproarious Belches, Burps, and Farts--Oh My! Hailed as "the Dr. Seuss of your caboose," Artie will also discuss the remarkable science behind his books, as well as sign them. You won't want to miss it!

**For more information:** www.watchungbooksellers.com

### Saturday, Sept. 20 & 21

*Fine Art and Crafts Exhibit*

**Where:** Anderson Park

**When:** 10am-5pm

Come see the new and delight in the veteran exhibitors at Anderson Park. Many new exhibitors, as well as your favorites, will grace Essex County's Anderson Park in Upper Montclair on September 20-21 with their exquisite fine art and fine crafts. From 10 am to 5 pm, rain or shine, Fine Art and Crafts at Anderson Park will, for the 31st time, transform the park into 170 mini galleries and boutiques featuring etchings, oils, watercolor, photography, wearable fiber, jewelry, glass, leather, wood, clay and much more.

**For more information:** www.rosesquared.com

### Sunday, Sept. 21

*An Evening with Willie Nelson and Family*

**Where:** Prudential Hall

**When:** 7pm

With a six-decade career and 200-plus albums, including his latest, Band of Brothers, Willie Nelson has earned every conceivable award as a musician and continues to forge paths as an author, actor and activist.

**For more information:** www.njai.org

### Sunday, Oct. 19

*Harvest of Arias*

**Where:** 285 Madison Ave. Madison, New Jersey

**When:** 3pm

Enjoy two hours of Opera Arias and Broadway Songs sung by professional artists in the Mansion's lovely Lenfell Hall, Madison, NJ campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University. You are welcome to come at 2pm and bring light fare to enjoy with friends prior to Musicales. Light refreshments served at intermission.

**For more information:** www.operaatflorham.org



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# The Electric Vehicle (EV) REVOLUTION...

## And Options That Bridge the Gap

By Beverly & Steve Smirnis

After enjoying some success at the beginning of the 20th century, the electric vehicle began to lose its position in the automotive world. Petroleum was plentiful and cheap and answered to the demand for vehicles capable of travelling farther and faster. Limited to urban use by their low range and slow speeds, early electric engine vehicles virtually disappeared as gasoline powered engines became mainstream.

After the energy crisis years of the 1970s and 80s, there was some renewed interest in electric and other alternative fuel vehicles, but a number of design challenges and reported political wrangling limited alternative attempts from getting very far. But a modern Renaissance, prompted by increased concern over damage to the environment and dependence on foreign resources, has helped new technologies gain significant ground. Hybrids utilizing some electric assistance are everywhere nowadays, and true EVs are benefitting from revolutionary advancements including batteries capable of longer ranges, better motors, better construction, more advanced electronic management, availability of public charging stations and federal tax incentives.

EVs are no longer driven merely by the young, eco-conscious crowd proud of the statement they make by driving a Nissan Leaf or a Mitsubishi i-MiEV. Indeed, you'll have to look hard to see if the Ford Focus or Volvo C30 passing by is an EV or gasoline-powered vehicle. The BMW ActiveE, Honda Fit EV, Toyota Rav4 EV, Fiat 500E, and Scion iQEV are some of the others helping build a healthy market for EVs. A true game-changer is the Tesla Model S which is ranked among the top selling plug-in electric cars in the country, meaning that electric motors have been embraced by the luxury vehicle buyer; and this buyer would never settle for it if it didn't look sexy or achieve the 0 to 60 sprint in 4.2 seconds that it delivers. The Tesla sets the bar for all the others, who continue to make advancements in design, acceleration and range.

Even with a range close to 200 miles like the Tesla can deliver, a "quick charge" taking 20 minutes is something that would be a game-changer on long trips and there's still that worry of run-



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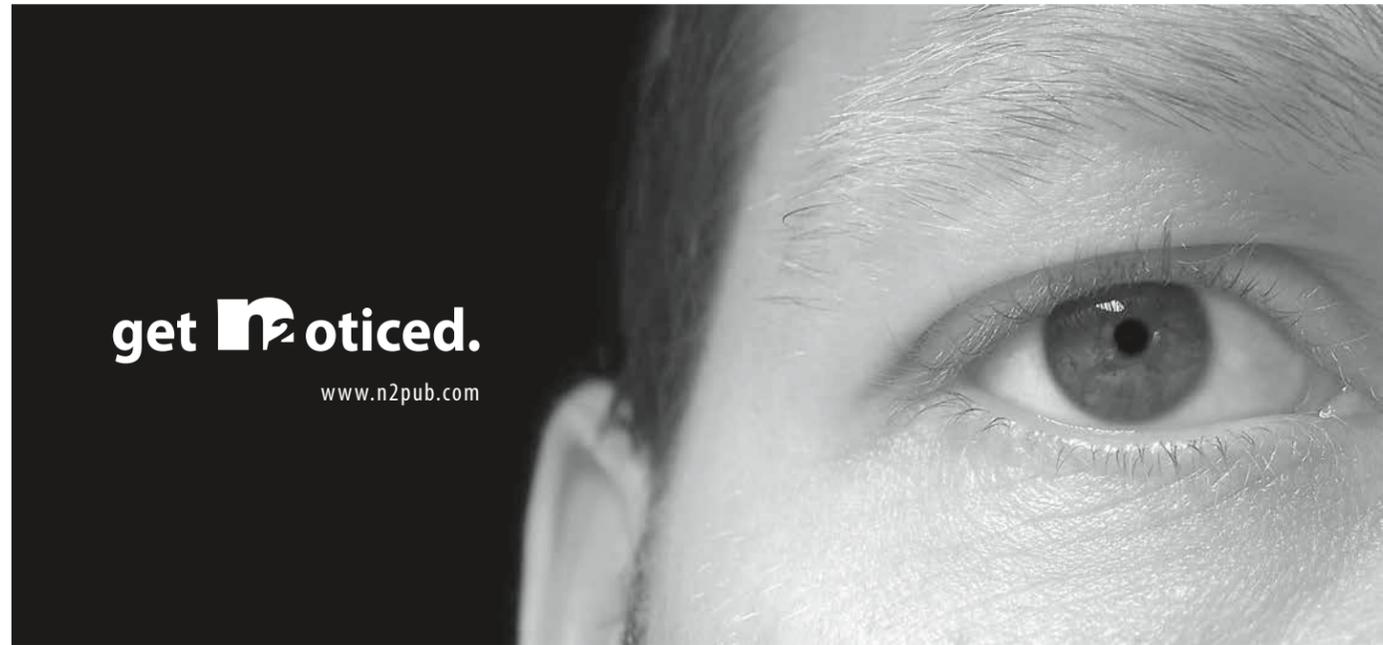
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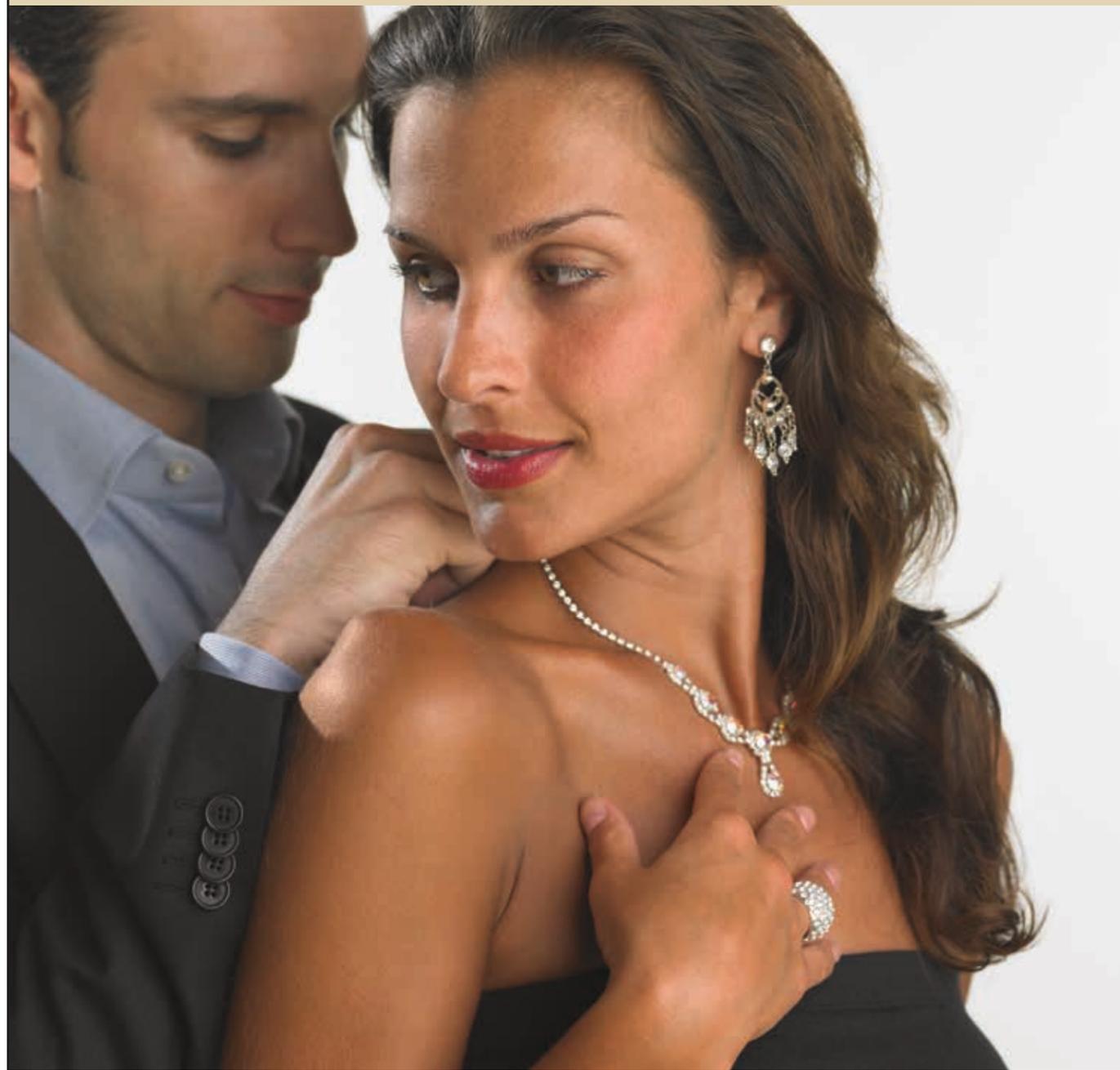


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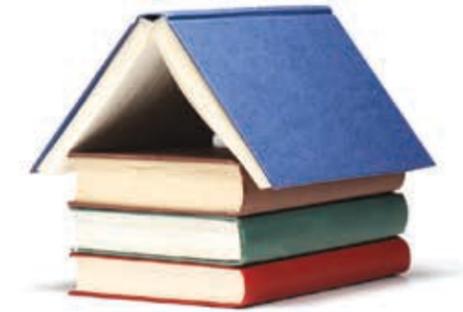


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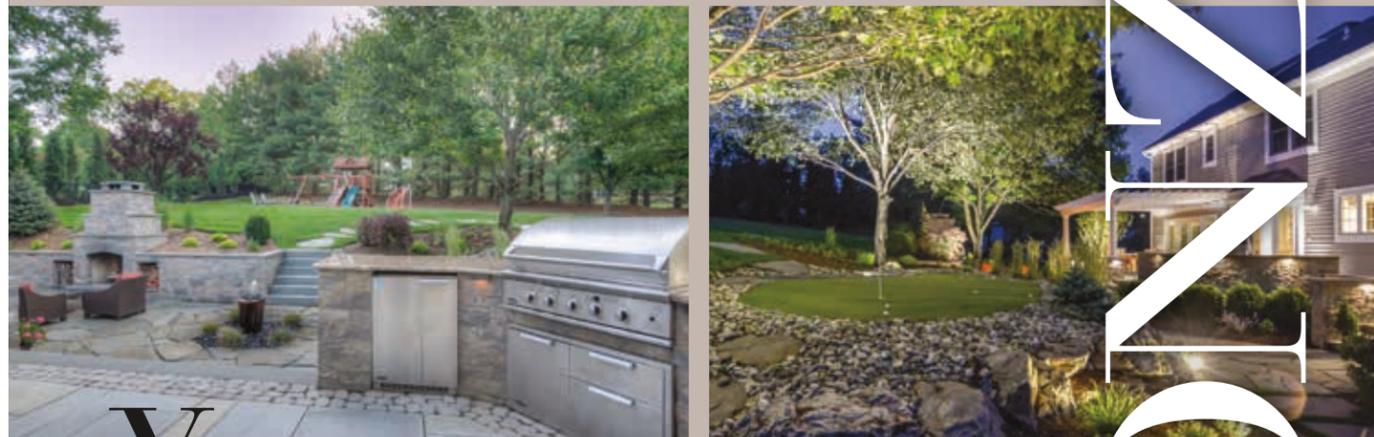


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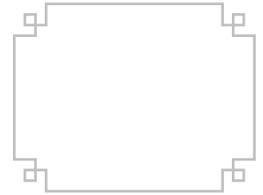
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