



**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN**  
**4233 KENNEDY BOULEVARD**  
**NORTH BERGEN, NJ 07047**  
**Phone: (201)392-2000**

## Purchase Order

THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES,  
 PACKING LISTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

**NO. 19-00016**

ORDER DATE: 01/02/19

DELIVERY DATE:

REQUISITION #: R8-07381

VENDOR ACCT NUM:

VENDOR PHONE #: (201) 798-7800

VENDOR FAX #: (201) 798-0018

### DELIVER TO

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER  
 4233 KENNEDY BLVD.  
 ROOM 203  
 NORTH BERGEN NJ 07047

### VENDOR

Vendor #: HUDS0235

HUDSON REPORTER ASSOC. LP  
 447 BROADWAY  
 BAYONNE, NJ 07002

### PAYMENT RECORD

CHECK NO.

DATE PAID

NOTICE: TAX EXEMPT - TAX ID: 22-6002151

| QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                   | ACCOUNT NO                          | UNIT PRICE | TOTAL    |
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| 1.00/EA  | CUST# 50405 - FEB 2019<br>SENIOR CALENDAR & ADS<br><br>INCLUDES:<br>1 HALF PAGE @ \$450.00<br>1 FULL PAGE @ 620.00<br>8 3/8 PAGE @ 398.40<br><br>BRC ATTACHED | 8-01-20-122-000-1080<br>ADVERTISING | 4,257.2000 | 4,257.20 |
|          |                                                                                                                                                               |                                     | TOTAL      | =====    |
|          |                                                                                                                                                               |                                     |            | 4,257.20 |

### CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATION & DECLARATION

I do solemnly declare and certify under penalties; of the law that the within bill is correct in all its particulars; that the articles have been furnished or services rendered as stated therein; that no bonus has been given or received by any; person or persons within the knowledge of this claimant in connection with the above claim; that the amount therein stated is justly due and owing; and that the amount charged is a reasonable one.

**X**

**Vendor Signature**  
**WAIVED**  
**-Purchasing Dept-**

OFFICIAL POSITION

DATE

### APPROVED FOR PURCHASE

*Suzanne Taylor* 3/11/19  
 SUZANNE TAYLOR, QPA DATE

VENDOR MUST SIGN CERTIFICATION STATEMENT ON THIS  
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**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**  
**4233 KENNEDY BLVD, RM 211**  
**NORTH BERGEN, NJ 07047**

### OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that there are sufficient funds available in the accounts of the Township to enable the commissioners to authorize the entering into this contract between the Township of North Bergen and the above vendor. By this certification, I have encumbered the above named accounts for the amount of the contract pending action by the Board of Commissioners.

*[Signature]* 3/13/19  
 SIGNATURE DATE

Having knowledge of the facts in the course of regular procedures, I certify that the materials and supplies have been received or the services rendered; said certification is based on delivery slips acknowledged by a municipal official or employee or other reasonable procedures.

*[Signature]* 3/20/19  
 SIGNATURE DATE



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

4233 KENNEDY BOULEVARD, NORTH BERGEN, N.J. 07047

TEL. NO. (201) 392-2040 FAX NO. (201) 392-8358

## REQUEST FOR CHANGE OR VOID TO A PURCHASE ORDER

FROM: Art Schwartz

PURCHASE ORDER NO. 19-00016

DEPT/DIV: Public Affairs / Public Information

REQUISITION NO. R8-07831

DATE: 3/11/19

ORIGINAL AMOUNT \$1.00

VENDOR NAME: Hudson Reporter Assoc. LP

ACCOUNT NO. 8-01-122-000-1080

VENDOR NO: HUDSO235

**PLEASE [ X ] CHANGE [ ] VOID THIS PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:**

[ X ] AMOUNT IS WRONG \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00 [ ] INCREASE BY \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$4,256.20

IT SHOULD BE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$4,257.20 [ ] DECREASE BY \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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IT SHOULD BE \_\_\_\_\_

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IT SHOULD BE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE IN DETAIL REASON FOR CHANGE OR VOID:**

eight 3/8 page ads @ \$398.40 each = \$3,187.20

plus one full page ad at \$620.00 and one half-page ad at \$450.00

total amount = \$4,257.20

**PURCHASING OFFICE:**

Date Change(s) were made: \_\_\_\_\_

Ref. Code #: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

SUZANNE TAYLOR, PURCHASING AGENT

# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BERGEN

4233 KENNEDY BOULEVARD  
NORTH BERGEN, NJ 07047  
TEL (201)392-2000

## REQUISITION

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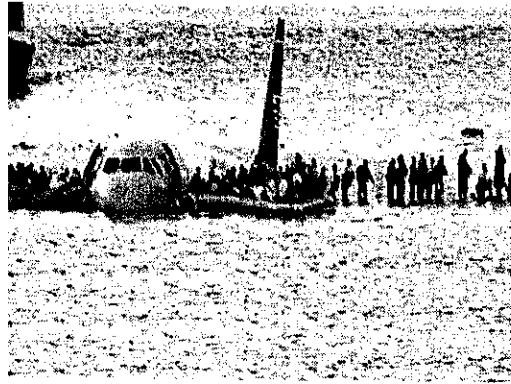
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F.O.B. TERMS:

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| 1.00     | FEBRUARY SENIOR CALENDAR & ADS | 9-01-20-122-000-1080 | 1.0000     | 1.00       |
|          |                                | ADVERTISING          |            |            |
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REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

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# **e Hudson' survivor** **0th anniversary** *to speak at a fundraiser* *ergen on Jan. 15*



story after surviving the "Miracle on the Hudson."

The pilot, Captain Chelsey Sullenburger, had no engine power and, after running through all the available options for dealing with the emergency, told the LaGuardia air traffic control tower, "We're gonna be in the Hudson," and began an unavoidable controlled descent into the Hudson River.

"I assumed the worst," Sanderson recalled. "I thought that if I did survive, I would be mangled."

"I knew something serious had happened. The next thing I heard was, 'This is your captain. Brace for impact.'"

— Dave Sanderson

**Touchdown and rescue**

The plane struck water just off the shore of Port Imperial in Weehawken. The fuselage began to flood rapidly. Members of NY Waterway, firefighters, police officers, and other first responders were able to rescue every passenger on board the sinking plane.

"Thank goodness the first responders and Waterway members jumped in immediately," Sanderson said. "If they hadn't gotten there so fast, it would've been an entirely different story."

Sanderson was one of the last passengers to be evacuated. He spent seven minutes in 36-degree water up to his waist, trying to aid fellow passengers escape from a fuselage that was cluttered with debris and luggage.

**A pivotal moment**

Following a hospital stay, Sanderson returned home, but with survival came psychological trauma he had to overcome.

He dealt with his trauma through public speaking, with the goal of helping others re-frame traumatic experience in a positive way.

"It was my pivotal moment," Sanderson said. "I started speaking immediately. I talked in a church about the physical evidence of miracles. A mental health professional encouraged this strategy for me and anyone else going through trauma. So many people internalize traumatic events, but it's important to get those experiences outside of yourself."

He routinely visits areas in the United States affected by natural disasters to offer support to those who lose homes or loved ones.

"It's truly a privilege, and I'm humbled," Sanderson said. "I get to talk to people and listen to what they're going through, and hopefully help them get through traumatic experiences. I'm from North Carolina, and every few years we get hit with devastating hurricanes. People lose their homes. It's amazing to get support from the American Red Cross to hopefully help reduce some of that human suffering."

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# **Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco** Announces for North Bergen Senior Citizens Only...

# **FREE MOVIE DAY!**

Must present Mayor's Council on Aging Card

**Friday, January 11**

Located at

**Empire 12 Cineplex**

32nd Street and Kennedy Blvd in North Bergen

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**AT 201-392-2157**

Services arranged by the Greenville Memorial Home, Jersey City.

**BURNS, TIA MONIQUE.** Funeral services took place Dec. 21 at Corinthian Baptist Church, Jersey City, for Tia Monique Burns of Jersey City. She passed away Dec. 16. She was the daughter of Claudene Burns, sister of Tasha Burns, granddaughter of Betty Jackson and also survived by a host of other relatives and friends. Services arranged by the Watson Mortuary Service, Jersey City.

**KHELLAH, FAYEZ A.** Funeral services took place Dec. 19 at St. George & St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Church in Jersey City for Fayez A. Khellah. He was born in Upper Egypt, and immigrated to the United States in 1971. Mr. Khellah's work ethic and intelligence allowed him to achieve the true "American dream." He spent over 30 years building and gradually developing a successful business allowing him to be a leader in the taxicab industry. He was one of the pioneers and the founders of the Coptic movement in the United States and Canada, and served alongside Dr. Shawki Karas and Dr. Selim Naguib. His love for his Coptic people reflected through his actions, his words and his behind the scene services. He helped establish the American Coptic Association, Coptic Solidarity and led many rallies to be a voice for the voiceless and defend the defenseless, the persecuted Christians of Egypt. He was a thoughtful, understanding, ambitious, funny, lighthearted man, and always wore his heart on his sleeve. He is survived and remembered by his children, sons John and Andrew, and his wife Elizabeth; daughter Mary and his granddaughter Ava. Services arranged by the Evergreen Funeral Home, Jersey City.

**KYNE, GERARD.** Funeral mass was held Dec. 22 at St. Rose of Lima RC Church, Freehold, for Gerard Kyne, 61, of South Amboy, formerly of Jersey City. He passed away Dec. 18 at his home. Born and raised in Jersey City, he settled in South Amboy. Gerard was a graduate of St. Michael's Grammar School and Ferris High School, both in Jersey City. He was the chief of security for the Franciscan Health Care System in Jersey City and Hoboken. Later, he was employed by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority as a toll collector and in the maintenance department. Gerard was a popular basketball coach. He returned to coach at his alma mater, St. Michael's Grammar and High Schools, as well as Hudson Catholic and St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City. He served as a counselor at various basketball camps at the University of North Carolina and the University of Kansas. Gerard served as a Eucharistic Minister at many Roman Catholic Churches throughout his lifetime. Predeceased by his parents Joseph and Mary Kyne, he is survived

by his brother Andrew and his wife Maureen, nieces and nephews, Lauren Kyne, John, Elizabeth, Ellen and Thomas Everett. He is also survived by many cousins and friends. Services arranged by the Spotswood Funeral Home, Spotswood.

**SPERLING, JEAN C.** A mass of Christian burial was celebrated Dec. 21 at Immaculate Conception Church, Secaucus, for Jean C. Sperling, 75. She passed away in her home on Dec. 15 after a short battle with cancer. Born and raised in Jersey City, Jean had been residing for many years in Secaucus. Jean was the mother of Jeanne Zenko

and husband Joseph Zenko, Kathleen Ricketts and husband Michael Ricketts, Kenneth Ash and wife Julie Ash; partner of James Woods; grandmother of Michael Zenko, Joseph Valenti, Jamie Collins, and Brian Zenko and great-grandmother of Joseph Valenti and Isabella Melody Valenti. She was also aunt to many nieces and nephews. Jean was predeceased by her husband Robert Sperling, sister Joan Latella, and brother John Boguszewski. Jean lived life to the fullest. She loved to sing and dance, to travel and party with family and friends. Services arranged by the McLaughlin Funeral Home, Jersey City.

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**Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco**  
invites North Bergen Seniors to enjoy a day at

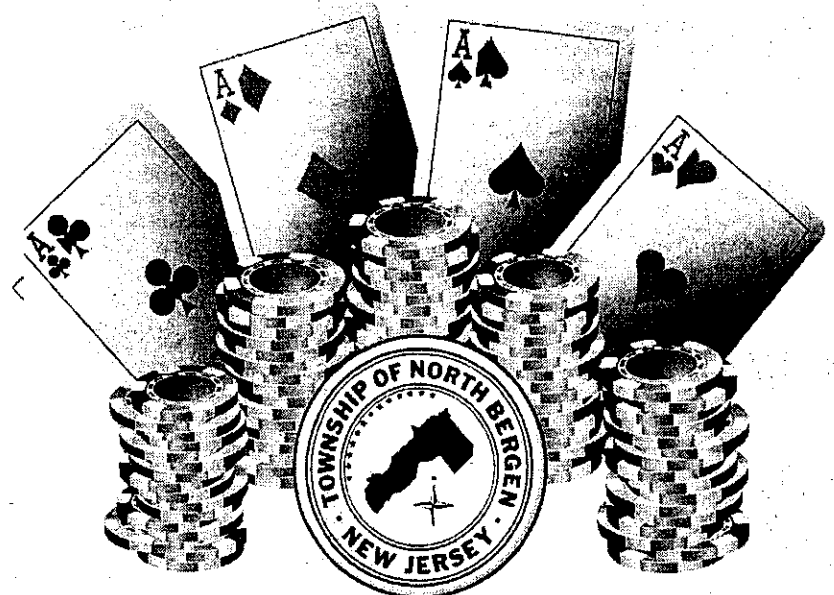
# EMPIRE CITY CASINO

& Yonkers Race Track

**Saturday, January 12**

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Receive \$10 coin voucher and \$10 food voucher.**



**North Bergen seniors only. Proof of residence is required.**  
**Seating is limited. Reservations are a must.**

For reservations or more information please call  
Community Services at 201-392-2157

*Registrants will be notified if the event is canceled for any reason*

# meeting roundup

budgeting grants, hires,  
on the Dec. 19 agenda

gins will also provide financial expertise to the Board of Education in hourly rates that will not exceed \$50,000 for the year.

### New hires and appointees

Lisa Gonzalez was hired by the Board of Education as a math teacher in the high school.

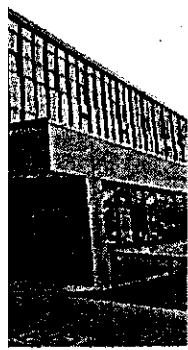
An additional technology clerk was hired for a one-year contract to assist the Technology Department.

The high school wrestling team appointed a new volunteer coach, Robert Dabal, who was a wrestler for North Bergen High School, winning four consecutive Region 4 championships.

The board appointed staff members and funding for an after-school book club, using a portion of the Title I grant, for the rest of the 2018-2019 year.

The high school will use a grant for the Hudson County Juvenile Community Service Project. Abel Cabrera, a tech support staff member, was appointed as a mentor for the program.

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too small or insignificant to notify dispatch or call the department about. I always try to put myself in their shoes," Corbisiero said. "We hope these meetings help demonstrate that no issue is too small, or too big, for us to take care of. Some complaints might seem minor on the surface, but the issues are significant to the people who face them every day."

The meetings have also helped the department spread important public information that requires detailed conversation.

"We had huge turnouts when roadwork on the 495 viaduct diverted traffic into local streets," Corbisiero said. "Just being able to explain to people new traffic patterns and what our suggestions were relieved a lot of the traffic, which had really built up in the beginning."

Corbisiero found that just having that level of department presence in an informal, comfortable setting was a solution in and of itself.

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## Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco

invites North Bergen Seniors to

# Cavalino's

## BAR & RESTAURANT

6800 Park Ave, Guttenberg, NJ 07093

**Wednesday, January 16**  
**1 - 3 p.m., \$17 pp**  
(price includes soda, tax and tip)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. SEATING IS LIMITED.**

**Appetizer:**

Choice of soup (split pea or chicken)  
or salad

**Choice of Entrée:**

Chicken Marsala  
Broiled or Grilled Salmon  
Grilled Steak  
(All entrées served with vegetable and potato)

**Dessert:**

Choice of ice cream or cheesecake



For additional information,  
reservations or transportation  
please call the  
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at 201-392-2157

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# lamed again as older chair

n meeting reinstates O'Dea  
nd Romano as pro tempore

concerns, and problems providing for inmates in the past. Most of these issues have been addressed over the last year, but another death or medical concern could raise protests again.

## New courthouse almost ready to break ground

The most significant projects for the upcoming year will be the start of construction on a new county courthouse complex and the possible opening of a county police academy, said Vainieri.

"We've finished clearing the land for the new courthouse on the north side of Newark Avenue," he said. "We should have a ground breaking shortly."

Early last year, the freeholders awarded a \$4.45 million bid to clear the land and develop a master plan for construction of a new Hudson County Courthouse.

Hudson County Assignment Judge Peter Bariso, who has been pushing for the development of a new courthouse for years, praised the freeholders for the move, citing problems

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"Things look good for 2019 if nothing bad happens at the jail." — Bill O'Dea

in the existing courthouse.

"There's water around people's desks," he said. "I would love for the project to move ahead with rabbit speed, but I'll settle for a turtle's pace as long as it keeps moving ahead."

Judge Bariso was concerned that acquisition of land would become unaffordable due to new luxury development in the Journal Square area.

The freeholders have been debating a new courthouse complex for more than a decade to replace the County Administration Building at 595 Newark Ave. The building was constructed in the 1960s but has had massive and costly problems over the last 20 years.

"Every year we wait conditions in 595 Newark Ave get worse," said Romano. "This is a critical issue."

County officials were notified about the problems at 595 Newark Ave. more than 25 years ago. Now the cost is nearly 10 times what the county originally estimated. A 1988 study done by the National Center for State Courts showed that the administration building was "functionally unsatisfactory in terms of circulation, structural, and environmental systems."

After the new complex is complete, the building at 595 Newark Ave. will be demol-

ished and the property will likely be sold to a private developer to help offset the cost of the court house construction.

The historic Brennan Court House at 495 Newark Avenue will remain.

## Maybe next year for county police academy

Vainieri hopes the county will move ahead to convert the former Juvenile Detention Center in Secaucus into a new police academy. Romano said this is contingent on whether money will be available.

Currently police departments around the county send their cadets to academies elsewhere, often at a significant cost. Jersey City in particular has been recruiting at a record

pace, but because the state allows only county governments to set up academies, Jersey City cannot build its own.

"We're waiting on permits from the state," Vainieri said.

Romano said the upcoming budget may not have enough money to make the conversion this year.

Romano, however, said the county will be focusing on parks and roads. This will include upgrades to two parks in Hoboken as well as sorely needed repair of county roads that passed through the Mile Square City.

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# Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco

invites North Bergen Seniors to the

## WOODBIDGE MALL

**Saturday,  
January 19  
10 a.m - 3 p.m.**

*North Bergen seniors only.*  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**  
*Seating is limited.*

**To register or for more information  
please call Community Services  
at 201-392-2157**

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## Public-police relationship

Fasilis said the residents-only policy expedites a number of police practices.

"We're able to network at a local level and get a better sense of community issues just through talking to our neighbors," Fasilis said. "New hires have friends already in the department. We also have a majority Spanish-speaking population, and this resolves any kind of communication issue."

The policy also helps police brass to vet new prospects.

"This policy is critical to our extremely thorough background check process," Fasilis said. "We can have thorough interviews with their neighbors, or anyone in the community they know. There are only a few degrees of separation between one of our officers and any North Bergen resident."

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ave a more vested interest in the community, nt," said Safety Commissioner Allen Pascua.

**LICHTENBERGER, LEE S.** Memorial funeral services took place Jan. 3 for Lee S. Lichtenberger, 66, of North Bergen. He passed away Dec. 28. He was born in Jersey City and lived for many years in North Bergen. Lee was an insurance broker and partner of the Lichtenberger Agency in Secaucus for many years. He was also active in both the local and state Republican Party, serving in many capacities. Lee was the husband of Ellen (Bogacz) Lichtenberger and the father of Blake Lichtenberger and wife Evelin. He was the brother of Roy Lichtenberger and wife Chelline as well as the uncle of Jaclyn and Courtney Lichtenberger. Services arranged by the Leber Funeral Home, Union City.

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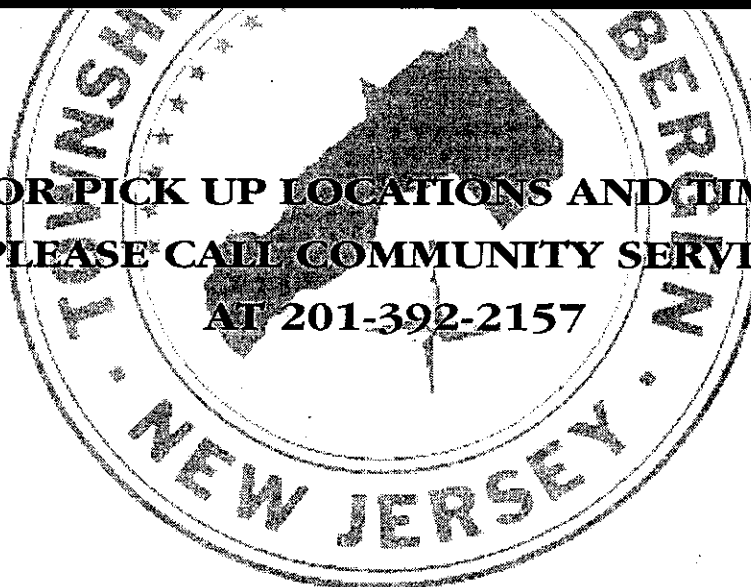
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substance use, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

"This resolution was passed widespread throughout Bergen County," Sacco said.

"We want to do what we can to raise awareness of mental illness and substance abuse so people aren't stigmatized."

— Mayor Nicholas Sacco

"We're the first town in Hudson County to pass it. We want to do what we can to raise awareness of mental illness and substance abuse so people aren't stigmatized. These are illnesses. Hopefully, other communities follow suit."

The resolution also urges residents with mental health or substance-use disorder to call the local department of health for assistance in seeking treatment and support.

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**WEBER, DIANE F.** A funeral mass was offered Jan. 2 at St. Anne's Church, Jersey City, for Diane F. Weber, 69 of Jersey City. She passed away Dec. 28 at her home. Born in Jersey City to the late Joseph and Florence Burzi, she was a lifelong resident and graduate of Dickinson High School. Diane was a homemaker, caring for not only her family but others. She was considered to be a second mother to many in the Heights neighborhood of Jersey City. She had an open door policy and boasts having babysat for hundreds of kids over a 40 year span. She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond Weber, and her brother, Floyd Burzi. Surviving to cherish her memory are her children; Dave Weber (JCPD) and his wife, Tracy; Ray Weber (JCPD) and his wife, Vanessa and Lauren Schwerdtfeger and her husband, Dennis, her grandchildren; Michael Martucci, Justin Weber - Gustoso, Sydney and Olivia Weber and Gianna and Alexandra Schwerdtfeger. She is also survived by her dog, Bella. Services arranged by the Riotto Funeral Home and Cremation Co., Jersey City.

**WILKES, CATHERINE.** A funeral mass was held Jan. 2 at Immaculate Conception Church in Secaucus for Catherine (Lynch) Wilkes, 81. She passed away peacefully on Dec. 27 at the Jersey Shore Hospital in Neptune. She was born in Jersey City and was a former 40 year resident of Secaucus, then Barnegat before moving to Farmingdale three years ago. She was predeceased by her husband William Wilkes who died in 2015, and her brother Charles Lynch Jr. She is survived by three sons, Joseph and his wife Linda Ortiz Wilkes, John and his wife Theresa Wilkes, and James and his partner Harry Mull; also surviving are her four grandsons and her three great-grandchildren. Services arranged by the Mack Memorial Home, Secaucus.

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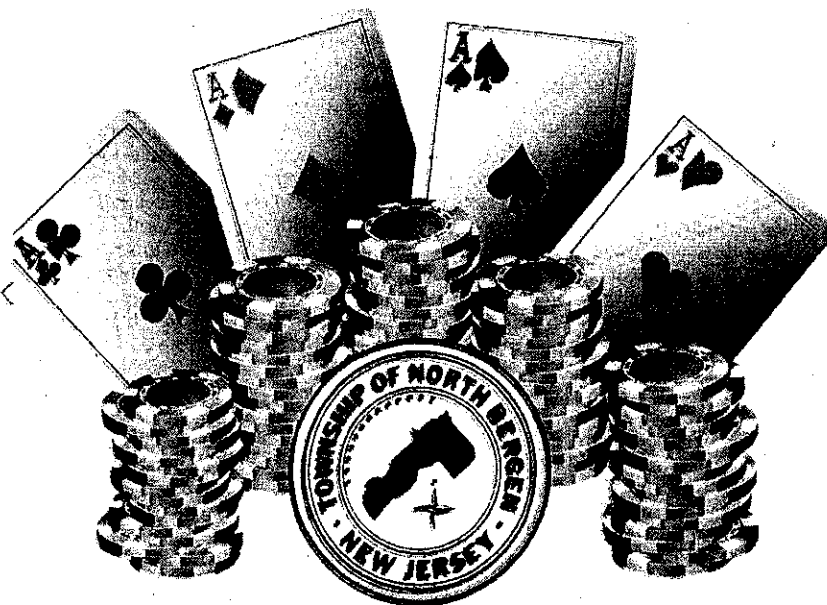
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## SANDS CASINO & OUTLET SHOPPING CENTER

**Sunday, January 27**

**8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Receive \$15 coin voucher**



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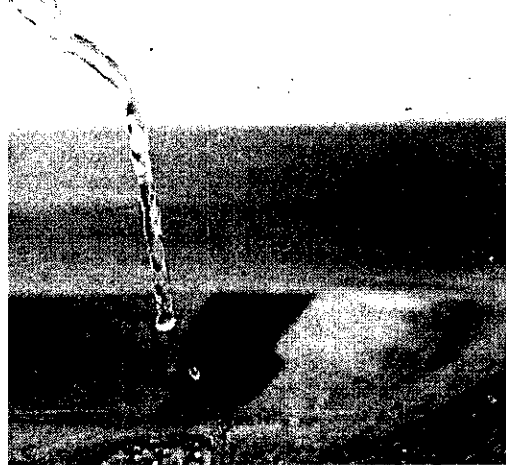
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# lead levels in local supplies

company reports  
results to DEP



terminated the "actionable level" to be 15 ppb (parts per billion).

The EPA reports, however, that its maximum contaminant goal is zero, because lead can accumulate in blood even at low exposure levels.

The SUEZ release linked the contamination to pipes that are either owned privately or by municipalities, external to the SUEZ-owned system.

"The likely source of lead in the drinking water is from the service lines, pipes that extend from the water mains to the homes and businesses, and from lead fixtures in customer homes." — SUEZ water company

"The water leaving our plant has no detectable level of lead," according to the Suez release. "In addition, we have no lead water mains. The likely source of lead in the drinking water is from the service lines, pipes that extend from the water mains to the homes and businesses, and from lead fixtures in customer homes. All of the 108 homes we tested were known to have lead lines."

Only 108 homes of the 800,000 New Jersey customers serviced by SUEZ have been tested; the magnitude of the problem hasn't been determined.

## Public health risks

An EPA report reveals that children and pregnant women face the greatest risk of adverse health effects from elevated levels of lead in their blood.

For children, those include "behavior and learning problems, lower IQ and hyperactivity, slowed growth, hearing problems, anemia, and in rare cases, seizures, coma, and death." Pregnant women are at risk for "reduced growth of the fetus" and "premature birth."

The federal government banned the use of lead in plumbing in 1986; New Jersey's Department of Health did the same in 1987. The Department of Health declared homes built prior to 1986 as more likely to have lead

plumbing. The DEP also estimates that 20 percent of lead exposure comes from contaminated drinking water.

## The scope of contamination

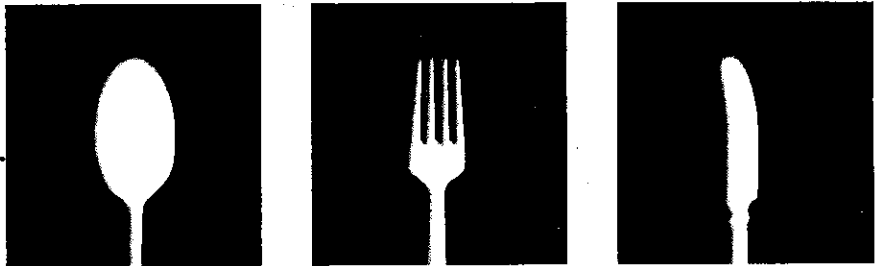
In New Jersey, law mandates that children get blood tests for lead at the ages of 6 months, 26 months, and once more between the ages of 3 and 6 years, for a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) analysis.

The most recent report was published in 2016, and included only large municipalities, so results for Weehawken are not included.

In that report, 50.2 percent of children under six years old in Hudson County were tested.

see **LEAD** page 12

**Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco**  
invites North Bergen Seniors to



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**Saturday,  
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**North Bergen seniors only.  
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Seating is limited.**



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## obituaries

**ABATE, MARIA M.** A funeral mass was offered Jan. 25 at St. Joseph of the Palisades Church, West New York, for Maria M. Abate, 95, of Kinderhook, N.Y., formerly of West New York and North Bergen. She passed away at her daughter's house on Jan. 20. An Italian war bride, she met her husband James at a Red Cross Dance in Italy during the war. They married June 1, 1946 in Italy. She was a Democratic county committeewoman in West New York for over a decade. In the early 1970s she worked as an interpreter at the West New York Police Community Relations Bureau mini-precinct, under Capt. Richard Warnock, retiring in the 1990s. Her work primarily encompassed helping the Hispanic community navigate immigration problems, citizenship, and informing the residents of West New York the services available. She was the wife of the late James J. Abate; mother of Janice Abate and her husband James Nadel and James Abate and his wife Pat; sister of Carmela Gabriele, Margherita Maldari, Vittorio Mossa, all of Italy, and the late Josephine Cerini, Lilana Albanese and Giovanni Mossa. Services arranged by the Vainieri Funeral Home, North Bergen.

**BROWN, ROBERT J.** A funeral mass was celebrated Jan. 23 at St. John the Baptist, R.C. Church for Robert J. Brown, 79, of Secaucus, formerly a lifelong resident of Jersey City. He passed away on Jan. 17 at the Hudson Regional Hospital. Robert was a graduate of Ferris High School and worked as a sergeant for the Hudson County Department of Corrections, retiring after 25 years. Prior to that, he worked at the Ballantine Brewery in Newark. He was the son of the late William "Sonny" and Margaret Brown and the grandson of the late Nora (nee Veale, a native of county Waterford, Ireland) and John Geraghty. Robert was predeceased by his sisters, Barbara Ann Brown and Eileen Cassidy, and his brother, Harold Brown. He is survived by his siblings, Elaine Rowan (Jimmy), Richard, William Jr. and John (Reem) Brown. He was the uncle of Grace Byrd (Ian), Jacquelyn Svercauski (Rob) and Ronald Cassidy (Reene); the great uncle of Robyn and Cassidy



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## Between the Lines

By Al Sullivan

### Roque needs a life preserver

Many political observers see Mayor Felix Roque's re-election bid in the upcoming West

New York election as akin to the maiden voyage of The Titanic — after it has already struck the iceberg.

The question is not whether the mayor's ship will sink, but whether he is smart enough to bail out before it does.

This has very little to do with his record as mayor.

Despite the political rhetoric coming at him in the runup to the May election, Roque has a fairly good record to run on — crime is down, the streets have been paved, taxes have been held steady.

While there are areas that need improvement, such as programs and facilities for after school, and the need to rebuild Miller Stadium

where some baseball greats have played in the past, Roque's potential demise would be purely political.

He has angered the big political bosses, he has refused to genuflect, and now he must pay the price.

Along with two other Hudson mayors, Roque was on the wrong side of last year's failed political coup against the Hudson County Democratic Organization and County Executive Tom DeGise. Because he can't generate 10,000 to 12,000 votes the way his ally Union City Mayor Brian Stack can, and he has failed to make statewide alliances the way Hoboken Mayor Ravi Bhalla did, Roque is out in the middle of the political ocean without a life raft.

## Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco

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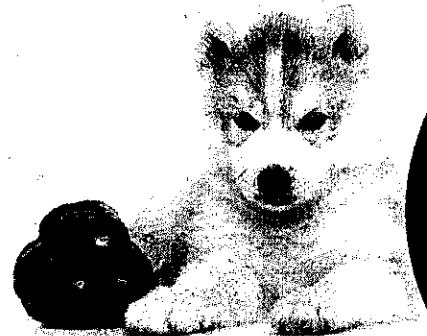
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## The Budget

With the project's anticipated \$14 million in bonding costs, township officials will pursue grant funding at the federal, state, and county level.

"The language in this ordinance allows us to aggressively go after Green Acres and Open Space grants from the county to reduce the money the township has to borrow," said Township Administrator Chris Pianese.

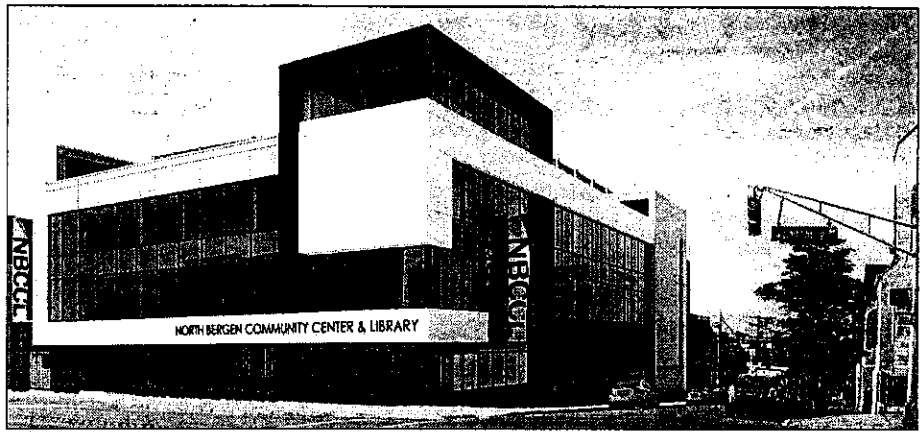
At the meeting when the project was introduced, Pianese noted that Moody's Investor Service, a bond credit rating company, recently upgraded North Bergen's bond credit rating to Aa2.

"This is sorely needed in the Downtown area, and we believe that it will benefit residents for decades to come."  
— Mayor Nicholas Sacco.

"This rating change will save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest when we receive grants for projects like this," Pianese said.

Pianese said that the township is waiting for state approval to begin accepting contract bids for the project, but that he expects to be able to accept bids in April, and start the job in May

see **CENTER** page 12



## Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco

invites North Bergen Seniors to enjoy a day at

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& Yonkers Race Track

**Saturday, February 9**

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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