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RANKING UP!



Alisha Foley rises to Montvale's third police lieutenant. She'll oversee half the patrol force.

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LEAVING MARIJUANA MONEY ON THE TABLE?

State league says mayors should act on revenue

BY MICHAEL OLOHAN OF PASCACK PRESS

As wrangling continues over a bill to legalize recreational marijuana in New Jersey, which proponents say could generate \$80 million to \$100 million in annual revenues, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities is warning mayors that time is of the essence to protect their towns against costs—and to reach for their slice of the pie.

Meanwhile, many Pascack Valley municipalities have come out strongly against legalization and local sales.

A marijuana legalization bill is expected to be introduced this year, and in fact was a campaign pledge of Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy.

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HOOP DREAMZ, TEEN TEAM UP

Bar mitzvah project fights pediatric cancer



NOTHING BUT NET Oradell resident Jack Corrigan, 13, organized a basketball clinic featuring Billy Armstrong and Hoop Dreamz at the Westwood Community Center Sept. 22, raising an estimated \$1,500 for the fight against pediatric cancer. The event coincided with Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month.

BY JOHN SNYDEROF PASCACK PRESS

Jack Corrigan, area actor, middle schooler, and all around mensch, put his passion for hoops into lifesaving action on Sept. 22, organizing a basketball clinic as his bar mitzvah project.

The effort starred the renowned coach Billy Armstrong from Hoop Dreamz and was powered by donation after \$5 donation to Cherry Hill-based Go4TheGoal, which works against pediatric cancer.

Supporters also netted gold shoelaces for an additional donation and a chance at prizes. Jack's mom said the drive, at Westwood Community Center, 55 Jefferson Ave., raised approximately \$1,500.

Jack's bar mitzvah is in December in Passaic. The clinic coincided with Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month.

The Oradell youth told Pascack Press he chose Westwood for the clinic because he'd taken Armstrong's basketball summer camp here and loved it, and Armstrong graciously offered to host

Westwood Recreation

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MAYOR THROWS OUT POT BAN

Wants path open to sales of medical marijuana

BY JOHN SNYDER OF PASCACK PRESS

Executing the third veto of his administration, Westwood Mayor John Birkner Jr. on Sept. 22 negated a nearly unanimous council vote banning both recreational and medical marijuana in the borough, saying the measure was rushed and otherwise negligent.

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Reaction, including from Police Chief Michael Pontillo, was sharp.

Birkner filed notice with the borough on Sept. 22, three days after he told Pascack Press he was very likely to do so and four days after the council voted, 5-1, to ban "any establishment involved in the cultivation, distribution, and/or sale of marijuana, either recreational or medicinal" in in all districts, including the hospital.

Birkner is calling for a new ordinance to be introduced that removes the prohibition of medicinal use in accordance with New Jersey's 2010 Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act.

State law says the mayor may veto all or part of an ordinance and the council may override the veto by a vote of two-thirds of the full membership, which is four votes.

The governing body's next work session is Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall, 101 Washington Ave. Its next regular public meeting is Oct. 16.

"I am exercising veto authority specific to conditions detailed as

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HRBEK HALLOWEEN

PHOTO COURTESY HEATHER CORRIGAN

Save the date: The Ninth Annual Sgt. Christopher Hrbek Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27.

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Bock in time...

An ambush in the night: The Baylor Massacre was 240 years ago.

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