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# Displaced tenants report thefts

Complaints filed following return to Mt. Olive Manor units repaired after storm

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MOUNT OLIVE — Pat Brophy felt like she had been left to fend for herself when management told tenants at Mount Olive Manor I to evacuate their apartments after superstorm Sandy tore the roof off the structure and water poured in.

While repairs to the roof and walls were under way, Brophy and 59 other tenants of the subsidized Manor I for low and moderate-income senior citizens could not return to their residences until mid-December. Brophy said her apartment and others were found in grimy states because of wall re-

construction and she discovered that her Keurig coffee maker was stolen in her absence.

After Manor I tenants were allowed to return on a staggered basis between Dec. 13 and Dec. 15 — some six weeks after the storm — five residents reported thefts from their apartments to Mount Olive police. Reported stolen were at least \$500 in cash, two Keurig coffee makers, and \$2,525 in jewelry, police said.

"It's still an active, ongoing investigation but as of right now, it's undetermined" who is responsible, said township Detective Jessica Groblewski.

The machinations around the six-week

removal of tenants from one of the two buildings that comprise Mount Olive Manor on Flanders-Bartley Road so incensed Tenant's Association President Christopher Wood that he collected 45 tenant signatures on a complaint that he mailed to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington.

"We appreciate this place and we like it here. We're lucky to be here. But it's the management and the way they treated us. Some of the people living here have been through wars and the Depression and they deserve better," said Wood, 70, a five-year resident

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Mount Olive Manor on Flanders-Bartley Road is a two-building facility with 110 subsidized apartment rental units. It is owned by Abiding Peace Senior Housing Corporation, an affiliate of the nonprofit Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey.

Mount Olive Manor I lost its roof during superstorm Sandy, forcing the relocation of the 59 tenants while repairs were made.

# DRILLING TO PREVENT TRAGEDY ON THE LAKE



Meghan Van Dyk of the Daily Record is brought ashore by Budd Lake Rescue Squad volunteer Kevin Petonak during an ice rescue drill in the frigid waters of Budd Lake. BOB KARP/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Journalist learns firsthand about ice rescues



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I was bobbing in Budd Lake enveloped by darkness and surrounded by six inches of ice.

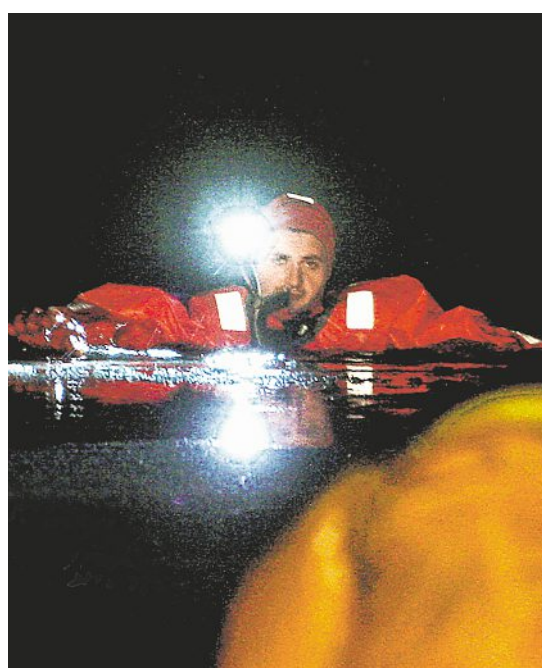
Just past 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, a man dressed head-to-toe in a yellow insulated wet suit cautiously crossed 100 feet over the ice to the 3-foot-by-3-foot hole, slid in and fixed me onto a sled before I knew what was happening.

"Are you OK?" he probed as he struggled with a rope. After my affirmative reply, he wrapped me in his arms and signaled that we were ready to begin the graceful slide back to solid ground, my eyes focused on the glistening diamond dust that danced over the ice between us and the throng of first responders waiting on the shoreline.

"It was a textbook rescue," Budd Lake Fire Department 2nd Lt. Bobby Sheard said later during an after-action review and after I had peeled off one of the department's heavy rescue suits and had my vital signs checked by the Budd Lake First Aid and Rescue Squad.

I was the third "victim" to be pulled from Budd Lake in an ice rescue drill hosted this week by the Budd Lake Fire Department. The suit kept me, and the other first re-

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Budd Lake Fire Department volunteer David Hoy swims out to 1st Lt. Kevin Perry, who plays a victim during the rescue drill. BOB KARP/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Rapper's lighting designs coming

E. Hanover store to feature fixtures

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Mention Vanilla Ice, the white rapper, and most people think of "Ice Ice Baby," his 1990 hip-hop hit.

He's hoping to change that starting this week as he introduces the world to LightsLights-Baby.com—the portal to his new six-piece collection of chandeliers and sconces.

The lighting fixtures, which arrive this week in Capitol Lighting's East Hanover store, feature custom "iced" nickel and bronze finishes. They're made with Italian brass castings and feature a silk shade and Swarovski crystals.

"I designed a really cool light. I like to design things," said the '90s pop icon whose real name is Rob Van Winkle. "What I do is different from other celebrities. Cindy Crawford has a furniture line. I'm sure she didn't design that."

At 45, he is enjoying the third season of "The Vanilla Ice Project," his own reality home improvement show. The project is the latest evolution in the life of a man who won three straight motocross titles at the Grand National Championships, had a No. 1 record, dated Madonna, became the sixth ranked Jet Ski racer in the world and had run ins with the police and a battle with drug abuse.

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