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Man charged with sexual assault of a child



BY JESSICA BONDURA
Special Staff

A 27-year-old man from Verona, N.J., was indicted on charges of sexual assault of a child, according to the Essex Superior Court Tuesday.

The man, identified as David [redacted], is charged with sexual assault of a child, according to the Essex Superior Court Tuesday.

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CEDAR GROVE

Proposed hiring law debated

Attorney resigns, tabbed as Christie's chief counsel

BY JESSICA BONDURA

There was a surprising development in the proposed hiring law debate in Cedar Grove Tuesday.

The law, which would require employers to disclose the names of their top executives, was being debated in the Cedar Grove Board of Education Tuesday.

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Deal OK'd

CGEA board approves new contract

BY JESSICA BONDURA

The Cedar Grove Board of Education Tuesday approved a new collective bargaining agreement for the Cedar Grove Employees Association.

The new contract, which covers the period from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2020, was approved by a 12-3 vote.

ENVIRONMENT

Cleaning up local streets

Should amount of litter lead to concern?

BY JESSICA BONDURA

When walking down the local streets, it's not hard to find litter. From plastic bottles to crumpled paper, the amount of trash on the ground is a concern for many residents.

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Verona Mayor [redacted] is leading a team of volunteers in cleaning up the streets of Verona. The team is working to remove litter and improve the appearance of the town.

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Police use of force reports reveal shooters

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Use of Force reports reveal agencies that fired weapons

BY JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS

When police officers use their firearms, it is a serious matter. The reports filed by the agencies that fired the weapons reveal the agencies that are most likely to use force, according to a new report from the South Bergen Police Department.

The report, which was compiled by the South Bergen Police Department, shows that the agencies that fired the most weapons were the South Bergen Police Department, the South Bergen Fire Department, and the South Bergen Sheriff's Office.

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Compassion, not conviction, for drug offenders
Police offer rehab instead of jail cell

BY JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS

For many years, the South Bergen Police Department has been known for its compassionate approach to drug offenders. Instead of sending them to jail, the police offer them rehabilitation programs.

The police believe that rehabilitation is the best way to help drug offenders. They believe that drug offenders are often people who are struggling with addiction, and that they need help, not punishment.

The police offer a variety of rehabilitation programs, including counseling, drug testing, and job training. They also offer support groups and other resources to help drug offenders get back on their feet.

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Suit alleges harassment over dog kennel

BY JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS

A woman has filed a lawsuit against the South Bergen Police Department, alleging that she was harassed by police officers over her dog kennel.

The woman, who is a dog breeder, says that she was harassed by police officers because she had a dog kennel on her property. She says that the police officers threatened her and her family, and that they harassed her for several months.

The woman says that she was forced to leave her home because of the harassment. She is now living in a temporary housing arrangement.

The woman is seeking damages for the harassment and for the loss of her home.

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The Montclair Times

Bringing Marco home

Bob Cannon, Community Editor

THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

Community

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Crowdfunding for a cure

Montclair family reaches out to bring son home from Finland

BY BOB CANNON

While waiting for a cure to be found for a rare genetic disorder, a Montclair family has turned to crowdfunding to help pay for the care of their 11-year-old son, Marco. The family has a 10-year-old daughter and a 7-year-old son. Marco was born with a rare genetic disorder called Marfan syndrome, which affects the connective tissue in the body. It can cause a variety of health problems, including heart disease, aortic aneurysm, and dissection. Marco's condition is so rare that only about 100 people in the world are known to have it. The family has spent a great deal of money on medical care for Marco, and they are now looking for a cure. They have turned to crowdfunding to help pay for the care of Marco. They have raised over \$10,000 so far. The family is hoping to raise more money to help pay for the care of Marco. They are also looking for a cure for Marco's condition. They are hoping to find a cure for Marco's condition so that he can live a normal life. They are also looking for a cure for Marco's condition so that he can live a normal life.



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Is the world too dangerous to teach courage, compassion?

There is a consensus in the world that the world is too dangerous to teach courage, compassion?

By Bob Cannon

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St. Nick gets a mountain of mail delivered to Montclair

By Bob Cannon

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Montclair author takes a long look at income inequality

By Bob Cannon

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Seeing need for housing, many seek reduced plan

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Seeing need for housing, many seek reduced plan

Public weighs in during two hearings



WIZARDS CAST A SPELL OF FUN ON VILLAGE

The Village Council is an excellent way to entertain the community, and the annual wizard show is a highlight of the winter season. The show is held at the Village Center, and the performers are all local residents. The show is held on Feb. 11 and 12, and the performers are all local residents. The show is held at the Village Center, and the performers are all local residents.

PLANNING BOARD

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The board of planning and zoning officers met on Feb. 2 and 3 to discuss the proposed amendments to the master plan. The board is made up of seven members, and the public is invited to attend the hearings. The board is made up of seven members, and the public is invited to attend the hearings.

PUBLIC WORKS
Winter weather starts to take its toll



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MILK DAY

'The dream is in you'



Dickie Shuler, an attorney of Montclair High School, read the keynote address at the 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast at Montclair.

King Scholarship Breakfast focuses on legacy

BY RICARDO KAULESSAR

The Jan. 21, Montclair High School's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, a community event, was held at the Montclair Marriott Hotel. The event was held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and the school's commitment to education. The keynote address was given by Ricardo Kaulessar, Education Editor of the Montclair Times. Kaulessar spoke about the importance of education and the role of the media in society. He also introduced the King Scholarship, which is awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to community service. The scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and is awarded to students who are members of the Montclair High School community. The breakfast was attended by over 100 people, including students, parents, and community members. The event was a success and provided an opportunity for the community to come together and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

BUZZ-WORTHY

Montclair's moon man looks back

Aldrin recalls years as a student here

BY RICARDO KAULESSAR

Ricardo Kaulessar, Education Editor of the Montclair Times, recalls his years as a student at Montclair High School. He speaks about the challenges he faced as a student and the lessons he learned. He also discusses the impact of the school on his life and the role of education in shaping his future. Kaulessar was a member of the Montclair High School community and was active in various extracurricular activities. He was a member of the school's newspaper and was involved in many school events. He graduated from Montclair High School and went on to attend college. He has since become a successful journalist and is now the Education Editor of the Montclair Times. He continues to be involved in the Montclair community and is proud of his alma mater. He believes that education is the key to success and that every student has the potential to achieve their dreams.



The iconic photo of Buzz Aldrin on the moon is seen here in a new light. It was taken by the Apollo 11 lunar module on the moon's surface. The photo shows Aldrin standing on the moon's surface, with the Earth in the background. The photo is a black and white photograph and is one of the most famous images in space exploration history. It was taken by the Apollo 11 lunar module on the moon's surface. The photo shows Aldrin standing on the moon's surface, with the Earth in the background. The photo is a black and white photograph and is one of the most famous images in space exploration history.

ALL IN FOR ALCOR AND ALICE

The Alcor and Alice Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides support and resources for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The foundation was founded in 1975 and has since grown into a large organization that provides a wide range of services to its members. The foundation's mission is to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities and to provide them with the opportunity to reach their full potential. The foundation provides a variety of services, including individual and family counseling, support groups, and educational programs. The foundation also provides financial support to its members and helps them to find employment opportunities. The foundation is a member of the National Association for Public Child Welfare and is committed to the highest standards of care and support for its members.

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In no rush to pay up

Democratic operative still owes \$81G court fine from 1992

BY TERRENCE T. McDONALD
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Eighteen months after The Jersey Journal first revealed that Jersey City political operative Eugene McKnight had not paid most of the \$81.500 he was ordered to fork over after pleading guilty to racketeering in 1992, McKnight has yet to cough up one more cent of the fine.

In an interview last week at City Hall, McKnight, 66, a Democratic ward leader who makes \$75,000 annually as a case manager for Jersey City's prisoner re-entry program, told The Jersey Journal he intended to pay what he owes, which includes \$76,000 in restitution and an additional \$5,500 fine, in a "one-shot deal."

Asked when that might happen, he said, "I'll send you an email," before abruptly ending the interview.

In the meantime, McKnight, whose 1992 guilty plea resulted from a welfare scheme in the 1980s that billed city taxpayers out of \$4.5 million, dips into his wallet for the occasional campaign donation, giving or in being at least \$3,397 to Democrats since 2013, campaign records show.

Former Gov. Jim McGreevey, McKnight's boss at the prisoner re-entry center, said he was unaware that McKnight still owed the penalty.

After asking The Jersey Journal how it knew the amount of the debt, a reporter emailed him a document from the New Jersey Department of Corrections (DOC) indicating McKnight is in arrears \$81,144.20.

"Mr. McKnight is entering into a payment plan to pay down restitution," McGreevey said in a subsequent email.

Last year, when The Jersey Journal first reported that McKnight had not paid off the fine and restitution, the former governor said McKnight would "address his obligation."

To date, McKnight has paid the state \$355.80 in fines, according to the state document obtained by The Jersey Journal after filing a public-records request. That money came in 19



MAJOR STEVE Fulop and Councilwoman Diane Coleman smile at Eugene McKnight during Coleman's election victory party on Nov. 6, 2012 in Jersey City.

in installments ranging from 50 cents to \$40.92 while he was incarcerated in 2000. He was released that August.

DOC spokesman Minhaj Hassan declined to discuss McKnight's case specifically, but said when state prisoners are ordered to pay restitution, the DOC is required to collect it. Once released, Hassan said, they are given up to six months to make payments on their own, and if payments are not made, an outside debt-collection agency takes over.

Inmates who do not make payments can find their wages garnished by the state, he added. A state Treasury spokesman, citing confidentiality rules, said he could not confirm whether McKnight's pay is being garnished.

Twenty-three years after McKnight's guilty plea, he remains a master political operative in Jersey City's heavily African-American Ward F.

He helped to mastermind Ward F Councilwoman Diane Coleman's election victories in 2012 and 2013. Her campaign paid him \$2,600 in consulting fees for the earlier campaign, records show. The two remain allies.

More recently he worked behind-the-scenes on Angela McKnight's successful bid to win the Democratic nomination for one of the two 31st Legislative District Assembly seats. Angela McKnight — the two are related by marriage — is expected to win the seat only in November in this largely Democratic district.

He joined Angela McKnight's campaign \$1,226.47, donated \$630.68 to Freeholder



STATE SENATORS BOB MENENDEZ AND CORY BOOKER

Lawmakers: N.J. needs 3 more months for Sandy claims

BY JONATHAN D. SILANT
IN ADVANCE MEDIA

WASHINGTON — The New Jersey congressional delegation is asking the Federal Emergency Management Agency to extend until Dec. 15 its deadline for receiving requests from Hurricane Sandy homeowners to reconsider their damage claims.

The lawmakers, in a letter to FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, sought another three months to give all homeowners enough time to contact the agency. As many as 41,800 Sandy victims could be affected.

FEMA spokesman Ralf-Louis Lemaire said the agency "remains laser focused on encouraging as many policyholders who believe they may have been underpaid to register by Sept. 15."

Following a March meeting with U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez and Cory Booker (D-N.J.), FEMA agreed to reopen the claims following reports that adjusters and engineers downplayed the damage caused by the hurricane. The agency sets Sept. 15 deadline for homeowners to submit requests, but the lawmakers said more time was needed.

Both Menendez and Booker supported the request, as did all 12 House members from New Jersey.

"FEMA's outreach efforts have only recently begun to match the scale of the need," they wrote.

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Insiders reap rewards of Chris Christie's Camden tax breaks

By Jeff Horwitz and Geoff Mulvihill

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Under Gov. Chris Christie, New Jersey has provided more than \$2 billion in state tax breaks since 2014, often to corporations with political connections and at least once to a developer who already owed millions in unpaid state loans, according to an Associated Press review of the financial incentives.

The incentives given to businesses that agreed to relocate or expand their operations in the state, provided by the state's Economic Development Authority, are worth more than the total amount issued during the decade before Christie took office.

That aid has gone disproportionately to businesses in Camden, a city of 77,000 that ranks among the nation's most impoverished. Development projects in the city received \$630 million in future tax breaks last year. Because of those grants, Christie said in his State of the State address, Camden is "seeing a new tomorrow."

As Christie considers a Republican presidential campaign, the prospect of a renaissance for heavily Democratic Camden would offer a useful counterpoint to New Jersey's lackluster economic performance. But a closer look at the grants — they will amount to nearly four times Camden's annual budget — indicates they may do less for the city than advertised and more for Christie's political alliances.

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Camden's Tax Breaks

Geoff Mulvihill
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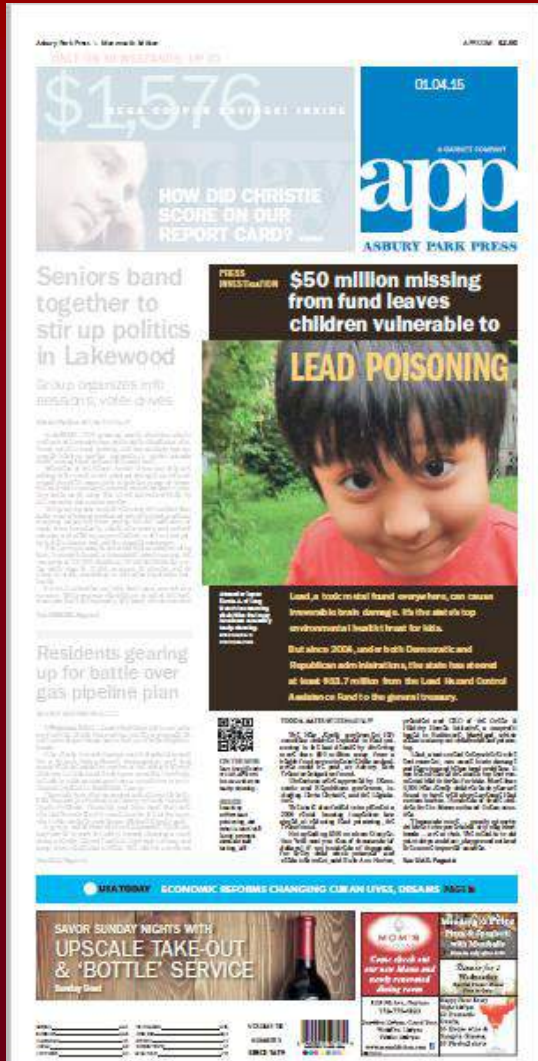
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Fentanyl fatalities add to N.J. drug crisis

Killer tightens its grip on N.J.

Amid heroin crisis, major rehab center could close, CEO warns

Stephen Stirling



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Twin W deserves better

Information deserves to be public

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Editor

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TOWN FORUM

EDITORIAL

Twin W deserves better

The news that Twin W (TWC) has been selected to be the Twin W Food Aid (TFA) is a wonderful news to a community that has a long tradition of volunteer group service.

The Township Council chose not to continue to give the rescue squad money for the operations after the township will be equal recipient of the agreement. The township council has been holding the money since March 13. The money has been held in a trust account for the township, which was a decision set by the township.

Not only has the township agreed to continue to give the rescue squad money for the operations after the township will be equal recipient of the agreement, but the township council has been holding the money since March 13. The money has been held in a trust account for the township, which was a decision set by the township.

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH WRITING? Susan Danoff

The five-paragraph handoffs

BY SUEAN DANOFF

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Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Cartoonists Board drops the ball

Harry Trumbore

Opinion

The cartoonists and editors of the *Item* are to be commended for their responsible journalism.

Cartoonists

When I see the cartoonists' work, I am often reminded of the cartoonists who were active in the 1960s. They were not just making fun of the establishment, they were making fun of the establishment and themselves. They were not just making fun of the establishment and themselves, they were making fun of the establishment and themselves. They were not just making fun of the establishment and themselves, they were making fun of the establishment and themselves.

Letters to the Editor

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Bye-bye, PARCC

Harry Trumbore

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Opinion

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Editorial Manager
MILLBURN, N.J.

How about opting in?

THE NEW PARCC TESTING WILL BEGIN TO TEST IN MANY elementary schools. After months of testing, many parents, teachers, administrators, and students, including students who didn't opt in to the test.

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With no sign of winter in sight, John Jones, head of the Public Works Dept., says another salt hauler will be ordered 150 tons of salt on order for Millburn...

IF THERE'S ICE UP HERE, WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!

GO EASY THERE, JOHN. THIS IS ALL I CAN DO FOR YOU!

MAY I USE YOUR UMBRELLA? THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

By Harry Trumbore

Letters to the Editor

KEEP TALKING SERVICE AT SHORT HILLS

I am writing to you regarding the service at Short Hills. The service is excellent and I am glad to see that you are continuing to provide it.

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Where to work or play

Millburn Township is looking for employees to work in the Millburn Public Library. The position is full-time and requires a high school diploma.

Application Information

Interested applicants should submit their resumes and cover letters to the Millburn Public Library, 100 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041. The deadline for applications is March 10, 2015.

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The Ocean City Gazette

"Those people" are our people

Anonymous, nasty, and unneeded in Ocean City

Bill Barlow, Editor

COMMENTARY

Speaking of Which with CHRISTOPHER SOUTH

If it smells like a duck...

I'm always interested in what I call the "blatant clichés" people use in conversation or via telephone or video media. Some years ago (I think) Owen was quoted in the sports page of a daily newspaper, when he had just been interviewed during a previous interview by a young former columnist (I think) Owen was quoted as saying, "The way they talk in St. Charles like that and it smells like a duck, by god, it's a duck."



I refer to Owen's statement as "blatant clichés" because he is referring to his own - namely the expression "I smell a rat" and the old saw "It smells like a duck, and quacks like a duck."

Probably, I'm not even sure what it is, except like that but that's the point because of the cliché language. However, I would like to see if other metaphors we are going to have people using expressions like "I smell a duck" and "It quacks like a rat..." and to quote Winston Churchill, "We don't have to look for perfect and perfection to find a legitimate difference. I am sure we would find some communication at the local level as well."

One day I noticed that I forgot to buy my daily dose of oatmeal, so for what was thought to be a simple, I stopped in a local convenience store and looked for the single dose packets hanging on the wall. "Oh, in store," I said to the clerk who had begun chatting to my purchase. "I really wanted one of those single dose packets."

"OK," he responded, "but they only have one capsule in store."

I noticed some people are not familiar with the term "capsule" as in a container (see Webster, but most likely, when I was of high school there was an all-time competition of "capsule" in which the "capsule" was the person who wrote the advertisement on the inside of the "capsule" (see Webster, but most likely, when I was of high school there was an all-time competition of "capsule" in which the "capsule" was the person who wrote the advertisement on the inside of the "capsule").

EDITORIAL

'Those people' are our people

It's a problem for every town. It can affect every family, every family. People of every color and ethnicity at every point in the economic spectrum, level tangled with addition. Whether it be alcohol or coffee, illegal drugs or recreational, additional can affect the innocent and the innocent, the rich or the poor, those from town, those from out of town, those who are from here in the world.

Police in Cape May, Avalon, Ocean City and Wildwood struggle with addiction, as do police in North Wildwood, Ocean Beach, jet port, Wildwood.

In Wildwood, state and city officials are concerned about the opioid epidemic that Cape May Indian opened a new office on New Jersey Avenue, focusing on addiction prevention. Staff members at the organization say the group was offered a good deal on the space when it was owned by a Wildwood owner to include their immediate neighbors going on.

City officials and residents opposed to the plan followed on Tuesday at the city council of Wildwood meeting, trying to stop the sale of the building to Cape May Indian. City officials say the matter would include Wildwood residents with existing drug.

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Joe's take Stop toying with our birthright

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By JOE WILSON

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Editorial Congress drags its feet on train safety controls

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill that would require the Federal Railroad Administration to set up a new agency to oversee the safety of high-speed rail lines.

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Columnist The great debate seems eternal between believers and nonbelievers

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South Jersey Times

Santa at steep price naughtier than nice

PETA loves N.J.'s Lucy but not too much

Congress gives maddening pass on train safety controls

Elliot Goldberg

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Asbury Park Press

Campaign to reform property tax system

Randy Bergmann

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Our View

Fight back on property taxes!

Are you sick and tired of rising property taxes? Are you sick and tired of neighbors and family members moving to Delaware, the Carolinas or Florida because they can't afford to pay them? And are you worried that you might have to be next?

There is something about the fight back! If things are going to change, it will be because you and your neighbors have finally said "enough is enough" and insist that your elected officials either fix the problem or face the likely prospect that their current term in office will be their last.

Year after year, crushing property taxes are cited by New Jerseyans as their No. 1 concern. And year after year, nothing gets done.

Property taxes have now reached an average of \$1,161 per household. Last time increases in 2 or 3 percent a year — in some cases much more — isn't enough to make property taxes in New Jersey affordable. They remain the highest in the nation, by far. It's time for our legislators to take steps to substantially reduce them, not just a slide for ease of mind with taxpayers.

Can't be done, you say? You're right. We will not continue in the deep end unless we start swimming next Monday. We will be running a multipoint series of stories, "Our Tax Plan," about New



This is our property tax bill. It's an astounding total!

Jersey's excessive property taxes, why they remain so high, who stands to profit from them, and what can be done to drastically reduce them.

Over the years, a variety of ad hoc solutions have been offered by commissions, study groups, academics and organizations, but none has worked. In our Sunday Delawarean, we will present recommendations from a half dozen policy experts and advocates for change. We also will offer our own suggestions for the best

ways to substantially reduce the property tax burden. It's important to understand that there is only one major impediment to making property taxes more affordable: The progressive keep voting into office our after

year — officials who either personally benefit from the status quo or lead the battle required to stand up to the House resistant to change. Our governors and state lawmakers have all the power they need to enact our tax plan.

It's long past time to do

something about it. And that's what we plan to do, with your help.

Our campaign to reduce property taxes already has begun. We're making every candidate for the 2012 Assembly vote to support or oppose Nov. 3 legislation to reduce property taxes.

Participate now. As a lawmaker, will you pledge to introduce and/or support legislation by the end of 2012 that will make our local property taxes 10 percent below the national average?

We also are asking that you and your friends and neighbors sign our petition to send a message to legislators that you won't settle for caps or freezes. You've set a property tax cap.

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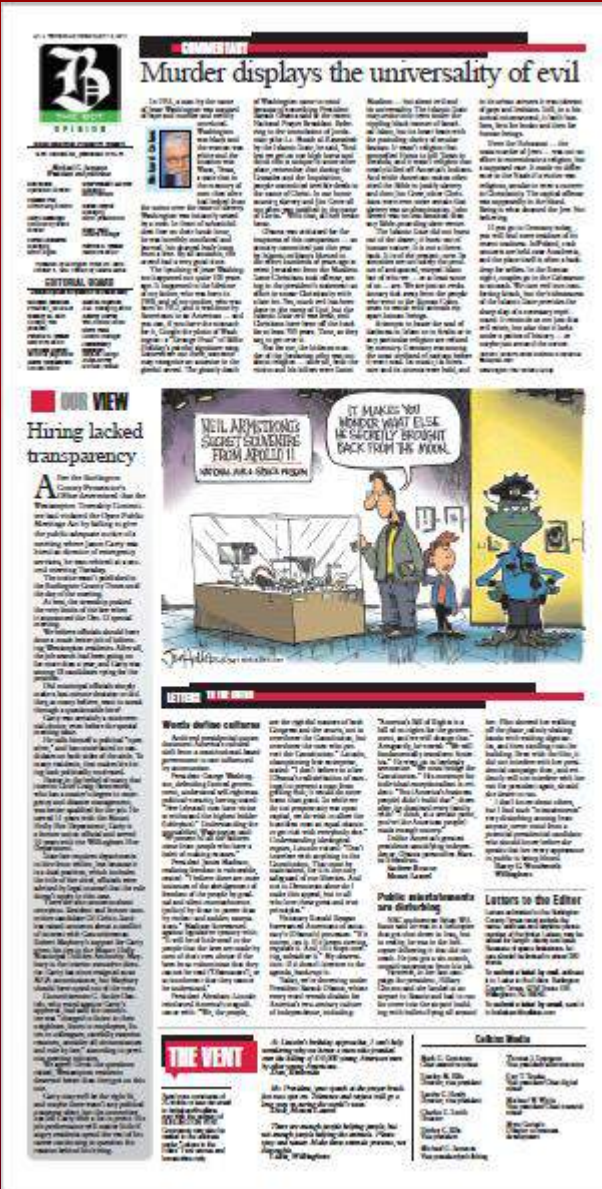
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Editorial

Judges need to remember the first amendment

Mercer County judges don't seem to understand a vital part of the constitution that they are sworn to uphold. That pesky First Amendment.

Barring the public from public hearings and making it difficult or impossible for reporters to gain access to information and proceedings is fully sanctioned practice in local courthouses.

The desire to conduct court business in secret is troubling at best and downright terrifying at worst.

The public's right to know, and the media's right to report, are vital parts of running a government for the people.

Occasionally conducting a private meeting or proceeding is reasonable when explained properly and done with respect to the open and public nature of our court system.

Thursday, Judge Andrew Smithson publicly chastised a Trentonian reporter for publishing information obtained through proper channels from the court itself. The previous day Smithson held a private meeting concerning some in-of-the-mill judicial business. He failed to read the record on that meeting and reporters were able to acquire an audio recording of the meeting, as is available for all public court proceedings.

The media's right to publish that should not be questioned, but this particular judge felt the need to do so publicly in what amounts to hounding of a reporter. Smithson's behavior on the paper and the reporter is cause for concern for anyone who believes in the right

to publish information that is public and readily accessible.

We can't entirely blame the judges because the state of New Jersey is terrible with open records and transparency.

Requesting public records is part of the duty of every journalist. Most government agencies will deny those requests from time to time citing a variety of reasons.

In states that are serious about transparency, there is an appeal process that usually involves a board or agency that is staffed by experts in open records laws. Those experts know exactly what is a legitimate denial and what is often just a misguided interpretation of which documents are public and which are not.

In New Jersey the only recourse for a denial of a public records request involves lawyers and courts and often expense that average citizens and news gathering operations alike are not able or willing to pay for.

What this state needs is a crash course in First Amendment rights, a refresher in what it means to be a public servant and, for those who enforce the law, an enforcement of the mandate given by our Constitution. They are to serve the public, providing open and free access to the inner workings of our courts and courts, without subterfuge, personal bias or stroking their own ego. It is the law they have taken an oath to uphold.

Cartoonist's view



Back Talk

Teachers

These overpaid Hamilton school teachers showed up in force at the school board meeting to demand raises. They are saying they make less now than they did five years ago, because they're paying more for health benefits. Don't these idiots realize they are now paying equal to what everybody else in Hamilton has been paying for years. They should be giving money back to Hamilton for stealing from us from all these years.

Tenure and a pension worth millions.

—Hamiltonians

I'm so tired of hearing about the teachers complaining about their contracts, their raises and how

ing to finally pay for "some" for their healthcare. Well, come to the real world! Why they think they are so privileged is beyond me. The private sector have been paying for years and our paychecks are also less than previous years. Where do they think this money is going to come from? I'm tired of paying for everyone else. The schools have become so top heavy, just like the government with positions that are so unnecessary that it's costing the taxpayers wasted money. For the teacher complaining in last week's article about how much time it takes to prepare for his class, guess what that's your job and what you're getting paid for. If you don't like it go find another one!

—Ed Metz

Bodyguard

All I have to say is if the Township of Hamilton is so safe why does our mayor need a bodyguard?

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Because.

—Ed Metz

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Who's at risk for developing Alzheimer's? Chances are you or someone you care about will get this disease

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More than 2,000 people took part in the Walk for End Alzheimer's in a recent year at the State Capitol Park in Trenton. The event was held to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's research, support and services and to honor those who have been affected by the condition. (Photo by David J. Phillip)

Alzheimer's disease facts and figures

- One in three** Americans over age 65 will develop Alzheimer's disease during their lifetime.
- One in ten** of the people with Alzheimer's will be diagnosed before age 65.
- 46 percent** of Alzheimer's cases will be undiagnosed.
- One in six** women who reach the age of 85 will develop Alzheimer's disease during her lifetime.
- 170,000** Alzheimer's cases are expected to be diagnosed in New Jersey by 2025.
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- 12 percent** of New Jersey's total Alzheimer's cases are expected to be diagnosed before age 65.
- 1.6 million** Alzheimer's cases are expected to be diagnosed in New Jersey by 2025.
- \$2.3 billion** is the total cost of health care for Alzheimer's disease in New Jersey in 2025.

Source: "2011 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures" by the Alzheimer's Association

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Hats off to BHS grads!

The Bogota High School Class of 2015 graduated on June 25. Family and friends gathered on the football field to celebrate and watch the commencement ceremony. See more photos, page 2.

BOGOTA LIBRARY

Reading program kicks off

BY CHRYL O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

The 2015 Summer Reading Program is in full bloom at the Bogota Public Library with a superhero-themed registration and celebration that occurred June 27.

Children were treated to a "How Training" party at the registration kick-off where they received a reading log and incentive of new for them. The character team Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), who designed a nationwide initiative so every child has a story, a model that served as a day of fun activities for participants on registration day.

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Officials address complaints regarding employees' coverage

BY CHRYL O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

Recently, complaints surfaced from Bogota employees regarding alleged cancellations of their AFLAC coverage and problems through the borough due to the town's failure to make their premium payments.

A source stated that although the payments were deducted from paychecks, they were not forwarded to AFLAC.

"As the mayor, I am very concerned about treating people fairly and doing what is right for our borough, including all of our borough employees," Mayor Chris Korman commented on June 22.

"If there was an error or oversight in our accounts payable or payroll system related to periodic payments deductions, it must be corrected. I personally had spoken to our CFO since I found out there was a problem, and he assured me that the problem had been addressed. I was told that some of the problems actually go back to over a year ago. We are in the right track now and there will be no more status quo anymore and absolutely nothing was intentional," he continued.

When asked to comment about the alleged cancellations, Chief Financial Officer Frank DiMarta said on June 23 that employees do have AFLAC coverage and "there was no issue with it."

Councilman John Mitchell addressed the situation at the June 25 council meeting and mentioned there has been a lot

of "in fact, the staff" regarding the issue.

Mitchell further stated that while DiMarta said the payments were paid, he had been receiving calls from borough police officers saying their policies have been cancelled. Mitchell suggested setting up a meeting with DiMarta, Borough Administrator Joseph Scarpia, and the police department.

"These guys are working, they have families," said Mitchell. "They have to be covered. We have to ask our professionals what is going on."

Police Officer Thomas Skedel said on June 29 the lack of payments resulted in different insurance plans under AXA AIG (AFLAC coverage as well as wage garnishments in certain cases).

"All hands were being directed from our way and each year our newly notified members that the payments were not being made by the borough," said Skedel.

According to Skedel, officers received notice from AFLAC that stated their plans would be cancelled by July 1 due to non-payment. In addition, Skedel said the approximate dates when payments stopped was April 8 for retirement plans and March 21 for AFLAC coverage. According to Skedel, from the borough payments including the interest on loan have begun to be paid on the various pension funds.

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Parents raise concerns over cancer, illness due to buses

BY MEGHAN GRANT

Concerns by parents and teachers about children getting sick on school buses have led to a meeting in North Bergen to discuss the issue.

The meeting was held on Feb. 10, 2015, at the North Bergen High School. Parents and teachers from various schools in the district attended the meeting.

The meeting was held to discuss the issue of children getting sick on school buses. Parents and teachers expressed their concerns about the health of their children and the safety of the buses.

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The school bus was seen on a snowy road in North Bergen.

Does your police department reflect your community?

BY MEGHAN GRANT

Police officers in North Bergen are being asked to reflect the diversity of the community they serve.

The North Bergen Police Department is currently recruiting officers from diverse backgrounds to better represent the community.

The department is looking for officers who are committed to public service and who can work with people from all backgrounds.



KKK threatens to sue after police foiled recruitment

BY MEGHAN GRANT

The Ku Klux Klan has threatened to sue the North Bergen Police Department after it foiled their recruitment efforts.

The KKK had been recruiting officers in North Bergen, but the police department refused to allow them to do so.

The KKK has threatened to sue the police department for discrimination and for interfering with their recruitment efforts.

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TRENDS IN EDUCATION

State puts districts (and parents) to the test

Practice smooths the way for implementation

BY MARSHA STOLTZ
Marsha Stoltz
Staff writer

With approximately 100 districts, New Jersey and Christiana County are piloting the state's new standards-based assessment system for students in Grades 3-11 starting this week.

Locally, school administrators may have long since adjusted their curricula to meet the demands of Common Core. District officials have also held coffee klatches and employed webinars to prepare teachers and administrators for the new system.

"The feedback from teachers in this has been very positive and we expect fewer miscommunications this year as a result of state districts," said Dr. Marie Chinnella, superintendent of the Midland Park & 12 districts.

Having conducted practice runs to become familiar with the computer testing used, officials consider their districts ready for the new year.



New testing of students in Grade 3-11 requires some degree of technical savvy.

Statewide standardized testing challenges. "The feedback from teachers in this has been very positive and we expect fewer miscommunications this year as a result of state districts," said Dr. Marie Chinnella, superintendent of the Midland Park & 12 districts.

What are the consequences of opting out?

BY TOM NOBILE
Tom Nobile
Staff writer

Parents in Ramsey and Mahwah avoided their respective school board meetings last week as well as events in questions posed by the Institute of Assessment of Mathematics for College and Career.

Gov. Chris Christie announced the need for PARCC in high school because the one with the most comprehensive assessment system. He said he was also aware of the purpose of the test, which will gauge performance in math and English, such assessments as PARCC and SAIT are available.

"It does not seem to be a way to decrease the number of students leaving our state to go through the state of testing," said Superintendent Joseph Superiore.

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'Internet of Things' Could Drive Litigation Uptick

By Charles Toutant

As security for the growing number of appliances, automobiles, smart and other everyday items connected to the Internet will prompt a wave of litigation in coming years, some lawyers have predicted.

The number of devices connected to the Internet worldwide, currently estimated at 25 billion, is expected to reach 50 billion by 2020, according to technology company Cisco. The fastest growth is in what is known as the "Internet of Things"—devices other than computers, smartphones or tablets that may be Wi-Fi capable to transmit data.

You can already buy a refrigerator or a Mr. Coffee that connects to the



Internet, and increasingly cars and even medical devices need updates to remote servers. Growth has been driven by the popularity of apps that allow home appliances and lights to be controlled remotely with a smartphone, and of bracelets that transmit data on the user's physical activity.

What could go wrong with this scenario? Plenty, according to some attorneys.

For one, there's the risk of bodily harm from tampering with medical devices that track the patient's vital signs wirelessly to a doctor or hospital. In 2007, then-Vice President Dick Cheney received a pacemaker with serious functionality, raising speculation that he may have been tampered with by someone who stalks with the device remotely.

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Connell Foley Officially Returns to Newark

By David Glusacello

Connell Foley, making good on plans to re-establish a meaningful physical presence in the city it called home for nearly five decades, has opened the doors to its new office space in Newark.

As of June 8, 16 of the firm's roughly 160 lawyers occupied the 12,000-square-foot space on the 19th floor of One Newark Center—where Seton Hall University School of Law also is located.

According to Connell Foley's Newark managing partner, Lisa Walsh, it's a location the firm settled on after looking at about a dozen sites in the Penn Station vicinity—and one that's costing more per

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Paulsboro Can't Seek Damages For Stigma From Train Wreck

By Charles Toutant

A federal judge in Camden has ruled that the Borough of Paulsboro may not recover from Conrail, Norfolk Southern or CSX for alleged damage to the town's reputation stemming from a 2012 train derailment and chemical spill.

U.S. District Judge Robert Kaplan of the District of New Jersey granted the defendants' motion to dismiss a claim by the borough that says coverage of the accident would stigmatize Paulsboro, depressing property values and reducing combined



GOV. CHRIS CHRISTIE

Did Christie's Court Win Doom Pension Reform?

By Michael Smith

Republican New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie may have won the fight over whether he should be allowed to unilaterally withdraw from the historic pension reform agreement he reached with the Democratic-controlled state Legislature in 2011, but he may also have raised any possibility of future reforms.

In a 9-2 ruling issued June 11, the state Supreme Court said the 2011 pension reform statute, known as Chapter 78, did not create an enforceable contract right between the state and hundreds of thousands of current and retired public sector workers. (Full report about the ruling on page 11.)

Shortly after the ruling came down, Christie urged lawmakers to join him in new negotiations over how to solve public pension funds' financial woes, which include billions of dollars in unfunded mandates.

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GANG VIOLENCE

The state of gangs in Trenton

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ransom ». After 16-year-old Jah'vae Minney was shot and killed, pictures of him flaunting cash and flashing street signs were shared across several social media platforms.

A picture of a memorial banner in honor of Minney's death was displayed on the front page of *The Trentonian*, and the banner included the phrase "Who Gang?"

Minney was gunned down near the corner of Prospect Street and Bellevue Avenue around 11 p.m. on June 28. When the story about his death was published with the aforementioned photographs, readers concluded that Minney was a gangbanger. In the July 2 edition of the newspaper, contributors to Back Talk assumed that Minney was killed because he was in a gang, and even accused him of flashing "gang signs" in a separate picture that was published alongside the story about his death. But police say those assumptions may be false.

"We're getting calls from people saying that there's an issue with Vae Gang or Twizzy Gang, but that's not the case," Detective Luis Baez of the Trenton Police Gang Unit said last



Jah'vae Minney

week. "This is nothing more than his friends representing him and mourning his death. Everyone thinks this is a gang, but it's not."

Police officials say young people will often use various hashtags across social media that include the word "gang" while mourning the death of a friend or family member. Police say their intelligence has so far found no evidence of the terms "Vae Gang," "Twizzy Gang," or "The Gang" before Minney's death, and that the group as a whole is not involved in criminal activity. Police also say they have so far found no information suggesting that Minney was involved in drug dealing or any other type of criminal activity normally associated with gang membership.

"Every time there's a

passing of someone who was well liked, we see this trend," Baez said. "Friends will use that person's nickname as a 'gang,' or they'll use a house number or the block where they hung out most as the name of a 'gang.' Friends will also represent whatever color the deceased wore most. But we don't jump to conclusions and classify anyone as a gang member unless the identifiers are there. We would classify these people mourning his death as more of a street crew. But I'll phase out after a couple of weeks and maybe show up again next year on the anniversary of his death."

In regards to the picture of Minney flashing hand signs, police say it's a typical pose that young people in urban cities use when taking pictures. In the picture, Minney is seen raising the pinky finger on his right hand, and his left hand forms the letter "L." Police say the pinky pose means "I got money," and the "L" means "I've got my gun nearby." But Minney, police say, does not appear to have a reputation for carrying a gun or dealing drugs. Police believe that picture, and other pictures of Minney flaunting cash, were merely the poses he used to fit in with peers.

"That's a normal pose that boys make nowadays,

but at this time I wouldn't classify him as a gang member," Baez said. "Maybe he's trying to fit in with friends. We hear that he was a likable kid."

Police acknowledged that some of the people rumored to associate with Minney may have questionable pasts. But Minney himself was trying to live a straight life, according to several people who spoke to *The Trentonian*. In fact, government officials say Minney applied for a summer job with the City of Trenton about 10 days before his death. His father Eric Parks said Minney also applied for another job, but was murdered before he had a chance to interview for the position.

"They actually called me a couple of days ago because he hadn't contacted them about the interview," Parks said. "I had to tell them that he was deceased."

Minney was also an active member of Shiloh Baptist Church, which he attended on a regular basis for at least a year and a half.



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Banner pays tribute to 16-year-old Jah'vae Minney who was murdered in Trenton.

Inclined. I am extremely saddened, frustrated and angered by Jah'vae's murder."

The state of gangs in Trenton

Police say the current state of gangs in the capital city is not as it used to be from 2000 to 2005 when

law enforcement faced a legitimate "gang war." Gangs today are largely disorganized, police say, and street brawlers mostly look out for themselves, as opposed to adopting a gang ideology as they did 10 to 15 years ago.

According to the bylaws of most gangs, if someone asks a member if he or she is a gang member, the member should say "no."

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BY RICARDO KAULESSAR
MONTCLAIR



This is part of a series of anonymous donations made to the Montclair Times. The donors are asking for anonymity as they have received threats from the public, and they want to keep their identities safe.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Proposed budget to hike tax levy 4%

BY RICARDO KAULESSAR
Education Editor

The plan for the budget to be presented by the Montclair Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, March 10, is to increase the tax levy by 4 percent, or \$1.2 million, to cover the cost of additional education programs, including the new Montclair High School, and to pay for the new Montclair High School building, which is expected to be completed in 2015.

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MASTER PLAN
The end is near
Planning Board to make final evaluation of plan element

BY JENNIFER BROWN
Staff Writer

The final plan for the Planning Board's review of the Montclair Master Plan is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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MONTECLAIR SCHOOLS
Search for a super is on

BY RICARDO KAULESSAR
Education Editor

On the morning of a recent rainy day, the search for a super is on at Montclair High School.

The school is looking for a super to lead the school's search for a new principal.

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Students, parents discuss their choices

BY RICARDO KAULESSAR
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PLANNING BOARD

Advocates challenge video recording guidelines

BY HASIME KUKAJ
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A Nutley Planning Board's resolution, setting guidelines for video recording, has caught the attention of New Jersey open government advocates.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, the planning board approved an ordinance that would require "open" meetings, according to its attorney Gary Cozart.

"We've been studying it for a few months because we haven't had any guidelines on how the videos are done, so the study began several months ago,"

Kukaj said. The study is essential to the Nutley Zoning Board's policy, he added.

Zoning board attorney Diane McGovern said her board passed a resolution in May.

"The guidelines are posted," McGovern said. "We had to agree to document in accordance with the law and (they've been) posted" on the board's website.

"Video recording guidelines were sent by Thomas DeCicca, Lohan and approved by the board," the zoning board's May 10 meeting minutes state.

"The board has discussed

the recording of the board meetings by participants, with proper safeguards achieved as to beneficial citizen participation in local government, provided such recording does not disrupt the business of the board or violate citizens' right of access, and whereas, the board wishes to improve accessible guidelines to ensure the foregoing, now therefore it be resolved, that persons recording of the public portions of the meetings of the zoning board of adjustments in hereby permitted, subject to the regulations set forth below..." the zoning board resolution states.

"In addition, any person who boards in video record any meeting must provide their full name, address, phone number and email, and sign the agreement to comply with the guidelines."

Agreement

The agreement for the planning and zoning board lists rights and restrictions. Some of those include no additional lighting or sound amplification, recording devices should be placed in an inconspicuous location of the room, at the rear or to the outside ends of the room, and the location is to be approved by the chairman, a commissioner, or the board secretary. The board also states that the camera should not be relocated once placed.

"In addition, the secretary may or the chairman has the right to cease recording if it becomes disruptive."

"Non-compliance with any of the above guidelines shall be

grounds for any or all of the following: (a) the immediate cessation of the recording; (b) contribution of the recording members, which shall be held by the board chairman or township clerk and such fees as will otherwise be incurred; and (c) forfeiture of the opportunity to request future proceedings," the agreement reads.

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Challenge

Nutley attorney Lee Dery and New Jersey Federation for Open Government's Matt Jordyn recently announced that they're challenging the board's recording guidelines.

"This is the first time I've seen a planning board trying to restrict or regulate microphone activity," Walter Lauer, president of the New Jersey Federation for Open Government, told the Sun. "I have never seen any agency or administrator give to themselves the power to self-censor their citizens."

In addition, Dery said, the board's ordinance is unconstitutional because it restricts the public's right to record a public meeting.

According to NJPA's Lundy, she was not allowed to video record a July 1 planning board

meeting, with an official stating it was not considered a public meeting.

"The law doesn't distinguish between meetings characterized as workshop meetings and other types of meetings," Lauer said. "There's only one type of meeting: that's a public meeting."

In June's meeting of a called a caucus, workshop session or an agenda meeting, Lauer said. "As long as it's a meeting of a quorum body, it's open to the public. It's been the law since 1964."

Jordyn said that a similar situation occurred five years ago in the townships of Roselle Park.

"There was a 60-minute meeting, the policy on that one," Jordyn said. "I said that same thing back then, that it's not reasonable."

Roselle Park no longer has restrictive guidelines, he said. "It's basic, just videotape. Don't be obstructive. Don't lie in the way," he said.

"From what I can, they were very respectful," Jordyn said. "I have never seen a planning board do this."

"I just hope that they can get to the bottom of this," he said.

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COMMISSIONS

Parking enforcement post goes part-time

BY HASIME KUKAJ
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The Nutley Board of Commissioners acted on Wednesday to hire a part-time parking enforcement officer.

A first meeting took place on Tuesday, Aug. 4, to discuss the public safety officer's duties, per diem position. The base salary maximum is \$15 an hour, and the maximum is \$25 an hour. A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 10.

Following an introduction on July 7, the board passed an ordinance to hire a part-time parking enforcement officer. The position would go from full-time to part-time. The position includes a base salary maximum of \$20,000 and a maximum of \$40,000.

At an second meeting, the board also approved a one-hour parking limit limit between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the west side of Route 1 Avenue from Niagara Square to Trenchard Place.

Based on the Parks and Public Property grant agreement's recommendations, the board approved a \$20,000 change order with the Howard Tree Service Co. of Lawrenceville.

The board authorized a \$17,000 change order with AJM Construction, Inc. for a project at Clamhaus and Willow places. The contract was awarded from \$12,274 to \$14,662.

The board passed two amendments in the 2015 budget. The first item of \$25,000 is available from the fiscal year 2015 Clean Communities Program. Green, and \$10,000 is available from the fiscal year 2015 Volunteer Safety Communities Program.

Signage decisions approved for Diann and Spring Hill LLC, Regillion LLC, Pedlar Corp., Conica Flexible Management LLC and Squat S. Ridge Post No. 463. A resolution regarding the establishment of a new ordinance by the Nutley Board of Health, fire, code enforcement and police departments.

Nutley Mayor Abraham Proctor was absent/recorded from the Aug. 4 meeting.

Other business

At the previous commission meeting,

■ Revenue and Finance Commissioner Thomas Frano introduced an ordinance for asset protection, such as that by the

Safe Haven at Schools program. It supports measures to enhance public awareness of the elementary schools, such as installing traffic lights and coloring crosswalks.

Originally set with a \$175,000 grant, DOT approved projects totaling more than \$200,000 increase in grant support. A public hearing is scheduled for next Tuesday.

■ The board authorized the township participation in a larger statewide fair share analysis, regarding Nutley's obligation to affordable housing. Parking enforcement were set pending in \$2,000 for the study.

■ The commissioners authorized going out to bid for a handicap-accessible ramp for Owens Park.

■ The board approved two change orders for AJM Construction, Inc., an increase for more concrete work at Niagara and Customer avenue, and a roadwork project that came in under budget.

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After putting their names in the hat...

Ward 4, 5 & 6 candidates say why you should vote for them

By Steven Rodas
Reporter in Profile

The is the second of two articles on Hoboken's upcoming Nov 3 City Council races.

The Hoboken City Council election will be held Nov. 3. Six of the nine seats are up for election, each representing a different part of town.

Mayor Dawn Zimmer currently supports candidates in five wards, and most of the wards have two candidates running. Zimmer's allies have a 5-4 majority on the board, something that may increase or decrease depending on the election.

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Hoboken Ward map provided by the Hudson County Board of Election

Garcia may modify lawsuit against city

Behind the scenes emails show mayor's husband advised HHA on Garcia's firing

Alan Grossbard and Mayor Dawn Zimmer

By Al Sullivan
Reporter Staff Writer

A lawsuit filed against Mayor Dawn Zimmer, the city of Hoboken, the Hoboken Housing Authority (HHA) and others by terminated HHA Executive Director Carmen Gross - who is an associate of Mayor Zimmer's - may be modified to include new complaints against the mayor's husband.

Recently, during the course of hearing the wrongful termination suit filed by Garcia in October 2014, emails have surfaced among Mayor Zimmer's husband Fran Grossbard who holds no official position with the city, and two commissioners on the nine-member volunteer HHA Board of Commissioners. In one email, Grossbard gives suggestions about how the HHA should deal with a number of issues, including, ultimately, terminating Garcia's contract with the agency.

Garcia filed the suit over a year ago, claiming he had been wrongfully terminated and that the mayor was conducting a campaign of getting rid of her opponent in official positions in Hoboken.

But the HHA board gave several reasons for terminating Garcia as the head of the agency, which involves thousands of units of federally funded apartments for the poor in the city. Local housing authorities are already overrun by the federal department of Housing and Urban Development, but not by volunteer boards of commissioners and paid executive directors.

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BY TERRENCE MCDONALD
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Jersey City Councilman Khemraj "Chico" Ramchal was arrested and charged with drunk driving after midnight Saturday after he was involved in a three-vehicle crash at Communipaw and West Side avenues, according to police and city officials.

According to an off-duty NYPD officer who was driving a 2004 Mazda and waiting to make a left turn from Communipaw onto West Side, Ramchal — driving southbound in a 2013 Ford Explorer around 12:30 a.m. — blew through a red light and T-boned a tailgate that was heading west on Communipaw.

The cab spun around and hit the off-duty NYPD officer's car, according to a statement given by the officer, Sgt. Raymond Elie Pierre, to Jersey City police.

A passenger in the cab was taken to Jersey City Medical-Barnabas Health complaining of back pain, police said.

Ramchal had a blood alcohol level of .15, almost twice the legal limit, police said. Ramchal, 39, had earlier in the evening attended a St. Patrick's Day party at Casino In The Park, the catering hall all inside Lincoln Park.

The police report says when police approached Ramchal's car to see if he was hurt, the officer "detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle." The officer also smelled alcohol on the councilman's breath, the report says.

Police then called for a field sobriety officer to respond to the scene. That officer administered a

Corner prone to crashes

Shop owners near the intersection of Communipaw and West Side avenues said the scene of Saturday's three-car collision involving a Jersey City councilman who was charged with DWI has had plenty of accidents before.

"There's like two to three accidents here a week," one store owner, who declined to give her name, told The Jersey Journal.

"When I looked this morning I knew there was an accident," said a store owner. "I saw residue and glass on the street. There has been a lot of accidents on this corner. It's (people) all seem to do accidents."



STEVEN ROZAS

INTERSECTION OF Communipaw and West Side avenues, where the three-car accident occurred following a late Friday night party attended by Councilman Khemraj "Chico" Ramchal, below.

field sobriety test, which Ramchal failed, according to the report.

An Alcotest was then administered and registered the .15 blood alcohol level, the report says.

The vehicle he was driving was impounded. Ramchal, a Democrat, was first elected to the City Council in June 2011. A Hudson County Improvement Authority enforcement

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officer, he was an aide to Freeholder Bill O'Dea, his political mentor, and to David Donnelly, the former Ward 8 councilman. He is an ally of Falop, Journal staff writer Steven Rodas contributed to this story.

Councilman arrested on DWI charge

Ramchal was released by authorities at 6:45 a.m. Reached for comment Saturday night, Ramchal clamored up.

"Although I want to elaborate, basically on the advice of my attorney I can't," he said. His attorney, John Coyle of Jersey City, could not be reached for comment.

City spokeswoman Jennifer Morillo called the incident "a very serious matter" and said "appropriate consequences will be implemented" after the police complete their investigation.

Mayor Steven Fulop yesterday declined to comment further.

Ramchal told police he was driving south on West Side Avenue when he collided with the 2011 yellow Ford SUV "car the red light," causing the cars to collide. But the cab driver and the NYPD off-duty officer told police it was Ramchal who barreled through the red light, according to the police report.



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PHOTO BY ROMAN USCHAK

Firefighters douse a blaze that erupted in a two-story home at 66 Belmont Ave. in Belleville on Saturday night.

BELMONT AVENUE
Community aids resident, 91, after fire

BY ROMAN U.SCHAK
Staff Writer

The longtime Belleville home may have suffered in a fire on Saturday night, but Illene Smith is alive and well.

Smith, 91, lived for decades at 66 Belmont Ave. and it was understandably burned over the weekend and rendered uninhabitable. Smith is currently staying with Belleville First Ward Councilwoman Marie Stomelio-Hurks and she can find a new place to live.

In the wake of the fire, Smith was provided with clothes, food, and just about everything else she could need to get back on her feet.

"Everything I have on," she said on Monday. She thanked Stomelio-Hurks' home. "They provided me with gifts, and they all came to my aid. Marie gave me a place to sleep, and they tried to make it better."

"They all came together," Stomelio-Hurks said. "They did what they could do, and there was just an outpouring of love for this woman."

They also helped her to get out of the house when it began burning after 7 p.m. two days



PHOTO BY ROMAN USCHAK

ago. Smith, left, sits with First Ward Councilwoman Marie Stomelio-Hurks on Monday afternoon in Stomelio-Hurks' home in the Silver Lake section of Belleville. Smith, 91, survived a fire on Saturday evening at her home.

after Thanksgiving.

"When the fire started, somebody couldn't hang on the window, yelling, 'Get out, get out,'" recalled Smith, who made it out the

front door under her own power before she turned back to look at her longtime home.

"I couldn't believe my own eyes," she admitted. "Flames were shooting upward. It was terrifying to see."

The building at 66 Belmont Ave., which according to a neighbor is a two-family home that was constructed in 1927, was cordoned off with plastic tape and barriers on Monday, and several agencies could be seen on the sidewalk along with search marks. The only casualty of the fire was a dog that lived on the second floor with its owner.

"It was a nice dog," said Smith, who lives in Stomelio-Hurks' living apartment.

"The fire was above and beyond," praised the councilwoman, who also praised police officers and others who helped with the fire. "They worked all night."

The fire

Capt. Frank Depaulis of the Belleville Fire Department said that the call came in Thursday night at 7:27 p.m., and firefighters were on scene just minutes later. There was heavy fire

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The Middle Township Gazette

*Trooper shoots 4-H pig in
Woodbine, Animal control
describes 'Hatfield' as
aggressive*

David Benson



Diminutive duchess

Bryson Schaefer, 11 months old of Kennett Square, Pa. is about to show off her crown as the "Duchess of Candy Land" in the 23 annual All-County Baby Parade Monday, July 13, on Wild Swans by Stone Harbor. For more photos see page 25.

Community garden offers township chance to eat right

By DAVID BENSON
Staff writer
WILMINGTON — Healthy eating, exercise, startup and teamwork: good habits that young. That's the theme officials at the Middle Township Recreation Department hope to convey, which the staff and its children will display July 13, on Wild Swans by Stone Harbor. For more photos see page 25.

Recently, the department received a \$20,000 grant to help develop healthy eating, better among young people from the Robert J. Stillwell Foundation. It hopes that the kids will take the habits home to their families.

The grant, along with another \$2,000 equipment donation, are being used at the township's community garden at Main Street in Woodbine, where children learn to plant, take care of, and ultimately harvest fruits and vegetables.

As a society, we're feeding our children too much junk food, according to Robert Muller, the township's Recreation Supervisor.

"It's not easy to put that much sugar and fat into their bodies, by that. We hope it'll have diabetes and other health issues," he said. That's what the Stillwell grant hopes to

prevent, he said. Robert J. Stillwell died of complications due to diabetes.

"The kids will get the message on that side-line and learn not to fill their bodies with sugar and processed foods," Muller said. "We'd love to get involved and eat, diabetes can lead to death."

Nicholas Torres, with Curry Little at the Recreation Department, said that the intent of the program on families that can lead to bad eating habits, especially young families.

"It's not easy to change or get organic food," Torres said. "Organic foods in most supermarkets. The stuff that's hard to see is cheaper, and that's where families fall," he said.

Organic vegetables with more nutrients are produced locally. Muller said a \$500 grant with lower pricing, it's hard to make the right choice.

Muller attached a supermarket's label from the store, to illustrate the choices people make when shopping.

"You can get milk for \$1.10, or the case of water for the same price," he said. "Which would you choose?"

Healthy green products can be hard to buy

Trooper shoots 4-H pig in Woodbine Animal control describes 'Hatfield' as aggressive

By DAVID BENSON
Staff writer
WILMINGTON — A State Trooper shot a pig's leg Monday in a road near Woodbine after a neighboring housewife complained that the animal, which had escaped to the area, was aggressive and had damaged her car.

"My son had been making the pig strike the car on March 1," said Wanda A. Hatfield, a Woodbine resident.

"The pig was kept in a pen," he said. "A



Picture above is a view of the Middle Township Recreation Department's community garden in Woodbine, where children learn to plant, take care of, and ultimately harvest fruits and vegetables.

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Heidi Erickson's loss affects school, community

BY JESSIE LITVIN
Heidi Erickson's death has left a void in the community and at the school she attended. Heidi's death has affected the lives of many people in the community and at the school she attended. Heidi's death has affected the lives of many people in the community and at the school she attended. Heidi's death has affected the lives of many people in the community and at the school she attended.



Heidi Erickson, 21, was killed in a car accident on Monday, Aug. 23.

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MURDER: Quiet community in shock

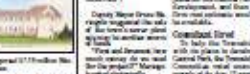
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A car accident scene on a residential street.

COMPLEX: Revised estimate

BY JESSIE LITVIN
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A large building complex under construction.

TOWN: Resolution for JCP&L

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PARK: Other options studied

BY JESSIE LITVIN
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Murder-suicide rocks town

Heidi Erickson's loss

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LEH Police Shooting Investigated

Police Chief Defends Actions of His Officers

Friend Remembers Police Shooting Victim

Pat Johnson
Reporter

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LEH Police Shooting Investigated

The names of the individual police officers involved in the fatal shooting on Tuesday of a Little Egg Harbor man who was visiting a family will not be released until Ocean County Prosecutor's Office spokesman AJ Della Spina at Thursday's annual news conference. County Prosecutor's Office has recently supported that same practice when its investigating officers in shooting incidents report their findings unless there are extenuating circumstances.

The official press release from the prosecutor's office dated Nov. 10, 2011, at approximately 11:35 a.m., the Little Egg Harbor Police Department responded to 911 1000 Oak Drive in the Royal Teachers Center after receiving a telephone call placed by a concerned family member requesting a well-being check of Francis Harbeck, 47, who resides at that location. The caller advised 123195 that Harbeck was possibly suicidal and was attempting to harm himself.

Three officers, along with department de-

Police Chief Defends Actions Of His Officers

Department Needs Replacements

Five days after the fatal shooting of a 47-year-old man and his wife, resident Francis Harbeck, by police from Little Egg Harbor police officer, Police Chief Richard Huddy defended his officers and said he was offended by social media posts that called his officers "crazy."

"I know when all the facts are in and the investigation is complete, the officers will be shown to have acted heroically," Huddy stated.

"We're all suffering, the officers involved are suffering terribly," he added, speaking with The Township immediately after he asked the township committee to approve having additional manpower to replace the officers involved in the shooting who are on administrative leave.

"It's a situation we have all dreaded, frankly, with all the incident occurred we have never second-guessed. We are doing everything we can every day in the station. I almost expected it."

The officers involved are some of our finest people, highly experienced and trained.

"I'd like to see the public well served, first and foremost, but the investigation is complete. I can't comment on specifics."

When asked if Ocean County's Psychiatric Emergency Response Services stationed in the Southern Ocean Medical Center were called, Huddy again said he could not talk about specifics but did say in the past, the PSRS have called the police to respond to situations first.

And asked if alternative measures such as a stun gun or self-defense could have been used, he said the state statute requires the same type of lethal force to police officers before their case is closed. "I don't like to change the statute, it's not helpful," he said.

In late August, Little Egg Harbor police did handle a similar psychiatric event in two days, one that required the Ocean County SWAT team. No one was hurt in those incidents.

Incident: Pat Johnson
News on Department

Because the three officers involved in the shooting incident are not allowed to continue on patrol, during the Nov. 27 afternoon meeting, Huddy asked the committee to allow him to fire three sworn police officers.

Friend Remembers Police Shooting Victim

Acknowledges Depression Had Returned in Force

James Staley of West Creek had been close friends with Francis Harbeck until he was shot and killed by Little Egg Harbor police last week in an incident that is under investigation.

"It's very [it's devastating] in an under-estimated," said Staley several days following Harbeck's death on Nov. 10 after police were dispatched to the father's apartment to check on him and confirmed he was visiting a family.

Harbeck and Harbeck had both friends since they were high school classmates at Southern Regional High School. "We were 14 years old. I met him after school when he worked by my house. So I talked him, 'Who where you going?' and he said, 'I'm going out on my date. You want to come?' and that was the beginning of our 15-year friendship."

"I know he suffered from depression and had tried suicide before when he was off his medication, due to a lack of insurance or access to medical insurance," said Staley.

"He also makes me remember that there's a huge sense of security. It'd be taking his medication and all would be going well and then he'd stay taking them because he still has his own life and everything would come flooding back."

Huddy said Staley "didn't know the particulars" and couldn't remember the details on his diagnosis, but did know he had been hospitalized before for mental illness.

"I know his depression was kicking his butt again. He was diverted to August and he hadn't even hit boys in a while. He didn't"

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Outpouring of support
Shooter had past*

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Thursday, August 27, 2015 10:42 AM

Shooter had past run-ins with law

BY ERIC HOSTETTLER

Eric Hostettler is a freelance writer and editor who has worked for several news organizations. He is currently a freelance writer and editor for the Echoes-Sentinel. He has a background in journalism and has worked for several news organizations. He is currently a freelance writer and editor for the Echoes-Sentinel. He has a background in journalism and has worked for several news organizations.



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GRAFFITI PREVENTION - Residents in the Riverview Neighborhood objected when this artwork was painted near the 100 Steps without any notice.

In the eye of the beholder?

Questions raised about mural covering stone wall



GARDEN WALL - This mural covers a controversial garden in Jersey City. Residents nearby say some of the artwork the city has commissioned is an attempt to curb illegal graffiti.

Celebrating in the streets

Italian festival going strong after 113 years



Face painted at La Festa Italiana in Jersey City

By Al Sullivan
Reporter/Staff writer

Frank Colanardo remembers being a part of La Festa Italiana when he was a small boy. "I must have been five or six and this kid," he said, holding his hand about three feet off the street.

The festival started in 1902 as an Italian celebration. But over the years it has evolved to reflect the changing population in the area.

The festival runs for five days, starting on Aug. 11 and ending on Aug. 16, between Hramwick and Monmouth streets. Colanardo is one of a number of family members that maintain a booth near the middle of the two-block long street.

Amid the food vendors and other attractions, his booth stands out because it is filled with historic photographs, many of which depict the history of the food trade.

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'Healing is power'

Army veteran comes back to Jersey City to help other vets



By Al Sullivan
Reporter/Staff writer

When Yolanda Dorch-Amikar joined the United States Army in 1965, she had a number of reasons.

Based in Jersey City, she says she joined the military to get away from many of the problems of the inner city. At 11 turned out, she served in

MAKING A DIFFERENCE - Yolanda Dorch-Amikar hopes to help other veterans.

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Former Christie allies indicted

Another ex-official pleaded guilty to conspiracy in carrying out a vendetta.

By Andrew Malachuk and Martin Sklar

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FREDDIE GRAY DEATH

6 OFFICERS CHARGED IN BALTIMORE

By James Beckwith

Baltimore police officers charged with the death of Freddie Gray ...

BALTIMORE — Six Baltimore police officers have been charged with the death of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old African American man who died in custody after a long and painful journey to the hospital.

The charges include involuntary manslaughter, assault and carrying a weapon.

The officers are: Sgt. William Porter, Sgt. Cedric Belfrage, Sgt. ...

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Cedric Belfrage	Involuntary manslaughter	Yes	Yes
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Bordentown Twp. restaurant closes

BY JENNIFER STEINBERG
 It's a sad day for Bordentown Township residents who once enjoyed dining at the local eatery. The area has lost a dining establishment, as the local restaurant, which operated for nearly 10 years, has closed its doors.

The local eatery, located at 1100 N. 2nd St., has been closed since last week. The restaurant, which was owned and operated by the late John J. "Jack" Lippman, has been closed since last week. The restaurant, which was owned and operated by the late John J. "Jack" Lippman, has been closed since last week.

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Blaze closes homeless shelter

BY JENNIFER STEINBERG
 A fire at a building in Bordentown Township has closed a homeless shelter. The fire, which occurred on Thursday morning, destroyed the building and caused significant damage to the surrounding area.

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Fire destroys warehouse

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Chimney sweep busy this time of year

BY JENNIFER STEINBERG
 As the winter season approaches, chimney sweeps are busy cleaning chimneys. The sweeps are busy cleaning chimneys to ensure that they are safe and ready for the winter season.

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Medford vet takes aim at a Hollywood career

BY JENNIFER STEINBERG
 A veterinarian in Medford is pursuing a career in Hollywood. The veterinarian, who has a passion for acting, is working to land roles in films and television shows.

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Senator's trial will stay in New Jersey

Minimum of 100 witnesses would be called in Washington, D.C.

IN NEW JERSEY, the trial of Sen. Chris Christie will stay in New Jersey, a federal judge ruled Wednesday. The judge, Judge Robert J. Spira, said the trial will be held in Newark, N.J., and will be presided over by Judge Spira. The trial is set to begin in late 2015 or early 2016. Christie is charged with racketeering and conspiracy in connection with the Bridgegate scandal. The judge's ruling is a significant development in the case, as it means the trial will not be moved to Washington, D.C., where the federal government had initially requested it. Christie's defense attorneys had argued that the trial should be held in Washington, D.C., to ensure a fair and impartial trial. However, Judge Spira ruled that the trial should be held in New Jersey, where the crime took place. The judge's ruling is based on the fact that the crime was committed in New Jersey and that the trial should be held in the state where the crime took place. Christie's defense attorneys are expected to appeal the ruling. The trial is expected to be a lengthy and complex one, with many witnesses and a large amount of evidence. Christie is currently on bond and is expected to remain in New Jersey until the trial begins. The Bridgegate scandal has been a major political and legal issue in New Jersey, and the trial is expected to have a significant impact on the state's political landscape. Christie is a member of the Republican Party and was elected Governor of New Jersey in 2010. He was re-elected in 2013 and was serving his second term as Governor when he was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2014. Christie's tenure as Governor was marked by controversy, including the Bridgegate scandal and his firing of a judge. Christie's defense attorneys are expected to argue that the trial should be held in Washington, D.C., to ensure a fair and impartial trial. However, Judge Spira ruled that the trial should be held in New Jersey, where the crime took place. The judge's ruling is based on the fact that the crime was committed in New Jersey and that the trial should be held in the state where the crime took place. Christie's defense attorneys are expected to appeal the ruling. The trial is expected to be a lengthy and complex one, with many witnesses and a large amount of evidence. Christie is currently on bond and is expected to remain in New Jersey until the trial begins. The Bridgegate scandal has been a major political and legal issue in New Jersey, and the trial is expected to have a significant impact on the state's political landscape. Christie is a member of the Republican Party and was elected Governor of New Jersey in 2010. He was re-elected in 2013 and was serving his second term as Governor when he was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2014. Christie's tenure as Governor was marked by controversy, including the Bridgegate scandal and his firing of a judge.

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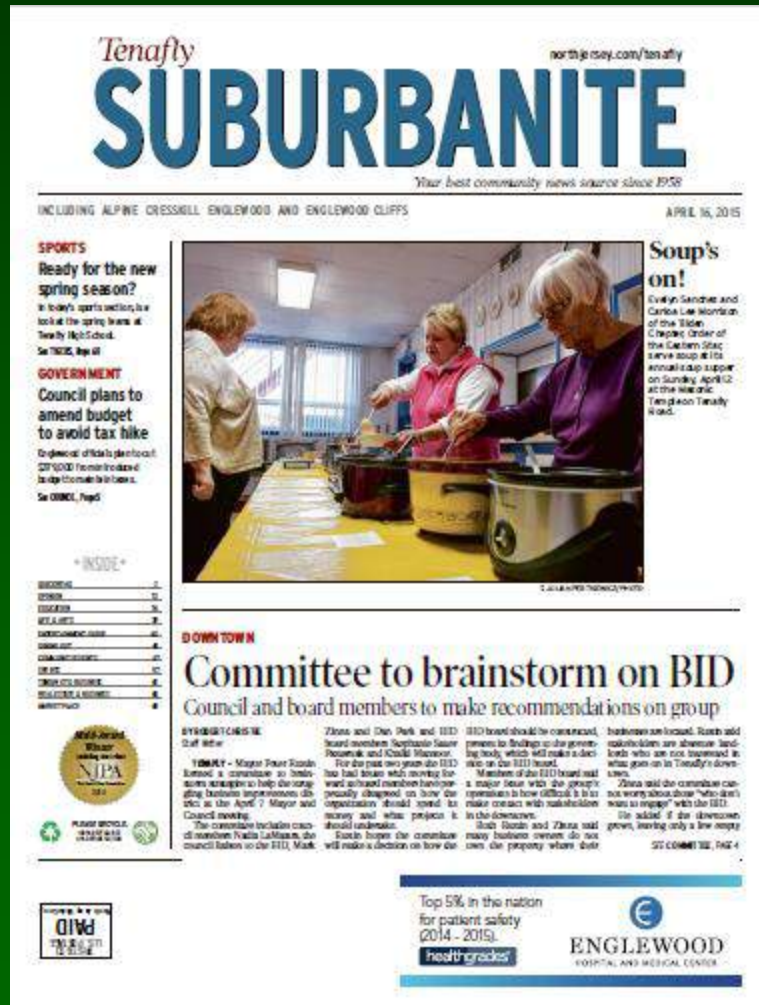


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Upper Saddle River is seeking to restrict its half of the Apple Ridge Country Club to single-family development.

APPLE RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

Upper Saddle River seeking limits on development of bi-town course

BY SARAH NOLAN
Correspondent

With reporting by Marilee Stiller.

UPPER SADDLE RIVER – Mayor and council have taken steps to limit development on their portion of the Apple Ridge Country Club to single-family homes.

In February, council directed its Planning Board to review a redevelopment plan for the borough-owned 7.8 acres on the Ranney border east of Floriohans at 600 Route 17 north. The property is zoned for multi-family development and would be specifically designated to receive the affordable housing

units now assigned to Apple Ridge and the former Creative Gardens property at 400 E. Saddle River Road.

This follows a November council resolution stating its intention to place affordable housing units on borough-owned

DIRECTOR SUSPENDED

DPW's computer use investigated

BY TOM NOBILE
Staff Writer

WARNING – Department of Public Works Director Ed Sinclear has been targeted by Mayor William Lafiret for investigation following an investigation that reportedly found “inappropriate material” on DPW computers, according to The Record.



Lafiret issued a prepared statement to The Record on March 9 stating that a police investigation into the matter was continuing.

Sinclear's attorney, Michael D. Carruthers, called the action “unreasonable, unfounded and in bad faith” and in an interview with Suburban News said he may take legal action in response.

“We will be exhausting all legal and administrative avenues available,” Carruthers said. He declined to comment further.

Neither Lafiret nor Police Chief James DeStefano would discuss the matter with Suburban News.

Sinclear has the option of appealing Lafiret's action to Township Council.

Council President John Bluth said Lafiret has the authority as mayor to remove department

heads. However, he said, the council can overturn that action with a three-fourths majority vote.

He declined further comment.

Law enforcement authorities began investigating the matter after receiving an anonymous letter saying that computers at the DPW garage on East Ramapo Avenue were being used to view “inappropriate material,” The Record reported.

Lafiret, the article said, declined to describe the material other than saying it “was not a criminal matter,” and had not been viewed by Sinclear. However, the article said the mayor was holding Sinclear responsible because he is charged with the oversight and management of the DPW.

Lafiret delivered a letter to Sinclear on March 9 suspending the hire for 20 days with pay “pending” investigation,” The Record reported.

Councilman Rich Horvath said he was unaware of whether any DPW employees other than Sinclear received a suspension notice. He declined to comment further because it is a personnel issue.

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SCHOOLS

Sposato: I'm a Nutley resident

BOE president says he has an apartment in town

BY HANNA KUKAJ
Staff Writer

Nutley Board of Education President Thomas Sposato wants to put concerns about his residence



Sposato

"I'm a Nutley resident. I grew up in Nutley. I live in Nutley. My apartment is in Nutley. My bank account is in Nutley," he said Monday.

The board selected Sposato as president in an 8-to-0 vote on Jan. 5. "There's a lot of talk because (Sposato) got married," Sposato said, making his wife's name a red herring in Monroville.

Three days a week, Tim Monroville and on Thursdays, the days, Saturdays and Sundays, I'm in Nutley," he said.

According to tax records, the three-bedroom, one-bath apartment in Monroville is listed under Lucia D'Addesio, who purchased the home in 2011. D'Addesio is a guidance counselor at Pompton Lakes High School.

Sposato said that, when he is ready to change his residence, he will. "This is not ready yet," he said.

According to Nutley Board of Education bylaws, a board member "must be a resident of the dis-

trict, the member represents and must have been such for at least one year immediately preceding the member's election or appointment."

Nutley Board of Education Assembly Man. Zilman said, "You can have multiple residences. It's where you consider to be your permanent residence." He said that he has knowledge all board members have had to be reading addresses to live in. "That seems good for us now," Board Vice-President Charles March said.

No outgoing board president, Nutley's outgoing president for the past two years.

Board member Lisa DiStasio said she was the chairwoman for Sposato's candidacy. "The board did not know he was moving to a new residence," DiStasio said. "We have been submitting a Certificate of Residency of Sposato's residency."

She said one of her main concerns was Sposato's residence in Nutley. She said that Sposato attended nine board meetings last year.

If a member misses three consecutive meetings without good cause, they can be removed from the board, according to Zilman. An incoming board could be held in an election or family emergency.

Continuation of Sposato's term. "Whenever a member of a local or regional board of education shall cease to be a bona fide resident of

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the district, or if any conditions stated in a certificate of appointment which he represents, or shall become mayor or a member of the governing body of a municipality, his membership in the board shall immediately cease and, any member who fails to maintain and conform the residency of the board without good cause may be removed by the board. It is my belief that the board needs a leader that is (really) engaged," DiStasio-March said.

She also said the charges which Sposato as residential developer were concerns. "I really don't agree on the matter," DiStasio said with the residential construction, planning board, zoning board, zoning and planning department will not impact the school," DiStasio-March said. "I do it will impact. We're also making. We had concerns about it."

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NEW MILFORD

HQs plans proceed as disputes persist

BY PHILIP DEVENCENTIS
Assistant Editor

A vote last week to proceed with construction of a larger police headquarters in New Milford triggered another dispute over decisions that some say have been made too hastily and with little regard for taxpayers.

Robin Conroy, the architect who has spent more than two years working with officials and local police to design a new headquarters, presented plans for the building to the Borough Council at its regular meeting on Oct. 26.

The presentation was followed at the end of the meeting by a back-and-forth on the plan among Democratic council members who believe the proposed building is too big and too expensive, and their Republican counterparts who have been pushing for months to advance the project because they think the police department's current station is too cramped.

"The public safety needs in this town must be met," Republican Mayor Chris Schmitt said in casting a tie-breaking vote to go ahead with the project.

"I don't see the point in making this a political football," the may-



Concept that architect shows what New Milford's new police headquarters would look like.

or added, "My vote is 'yes' to proceed."

With that, the governing body passed, by a vote of 4-3, a resolu-

tion authorizing Conroy to move to the construction documents phase and Borough Administrator Clark Christie, DeMatto to go

out to bid for a contractor.

Democratic Councilmember Michael Adamo, who was part of the committee that devised the

plans, disagreed because he said it was "premature" to move to the construction phase.

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BERGENFIELD

Church packs hygiene kits to send to Syrian refugees

St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church in Bergenfield is collecting hygiene kits for Syrian refugees at its annual International Festival.

The church is at 283 Ivy Lane. The festival is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. today, Nov. 7; Friday, Nov. 8; and Saturday, Nov. 7.

Almost 4.2 million refugees of the Syrian Civil War have crossed the border since 2011, with most fleeing to Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

Parishioners of the church were inspired to send hygiene kits overseas for Syrian refugees by Jonathan Stanton, who runs a blog called Humans of New York.

His best-selling book of the same name is a collection of portraits and interviews of ordinary people he has met on the streets

of New York City. Stanton, 30, is a resident in Europe, interviewing refugees who landed mostly in Austria, Greece and Hungary.

"For two weeks, my team did a 'rally' sort of thing to help Syrian refugees," Stanton said.

"People likely are looking for a reliable way to help," Stanton said, "and we at St. Anthony's are proud to be a trustworthy outlet for those who wish to participate."

On Oct. 28, parishioners assembled 275 hygiene kits, which they're delivering to refugees through International Orthodox Christian Charities.

Each kit contains the following

now items: a washcloth, hand towel, bar of soap, toothbrush, comb, nail clipper and six standard-sized Band-Aids.

Parishioners are requesting people bring kits with them to the festival. Kits must be packaged in pillow-sized, washable bags.

Parishioners hope to collect at least 200 more kits at the festival.

Besides the collection of hygiene kits, the festival will feature ethnic cuisine and holiday gifts for sale. Proceeds will go toward charities.

The church is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. And, its pastor, the Very Rev. Father Joseph Allet, is marking his 50th year in the priesthood.



Parishioners of St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church in Bergenfield assemble hygiene kits for Syrian refugees. Among those who participated, top photo, were Robyn Zierba, the Very Rev. Father Joseph Allet and John Zierba. The assembly line at work, bottom photo.

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City council rescinds police chief's contract

Councilman resigns in protest

By COLLEEN HOGGINS
Staff Writer

CAPE MAY — Cape May City Council voted 3-2 to rescind the contract of Cape May Police Chief Robert Sheehan in a controversial meeting Tuesday, prompting the resignation of Councilman Jerry B. Barone II, who was elected to his office in January.

Indervies stated the action by City Council, which was supported by Mayor Ed Mahoney and Councilmen Barone II, Larry Pasquon and Trent Fazio. Councilman Sheehan joined Indervies in voting against a resolution rescinding Sheehan's contract.

The vote came two days before a one-year probationary period for Sheehan as police chief would have ended.

City Council approved the resolution after a discussion to discuss ongoing investigation of Sheehan, council members said. Sheehan said there is an administrative investigation underway by the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office, and not a criminal investigation. He said he

is not the focus of the investigation.

"As a retired public safety official, I think it's a slap in the face," Indervies, who was chief of the Cape May Fire Department for more than 10 years, after the vote. "Sheehan has earned that appointment. The department is in good shape."

Indervies said he was very upset that an evaluation of Sheehan's performance as police chief was not done by city administrator Bruce MacLennan, and instead there was a violation of Sheehan's contract. He made a motion that an official investigation be conducted into why Sheehan's contract was not followed.

MacLennan and his executives are done of city employees, including the police and fire chiefs, and construction officials.

MacLennan indicated that a murder, which was

delated on a 10 a.m. Tuesday.

"I'm not going to sit here and sit a witch hunt on this man," Indervies said after work. He and Mahoney stepped in a heavy rain back and forth and the Indervies offered to be interviewed on Page 2.

Indervies says he will take fight to city council

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Staff Writer

CAPE MAY — Councilman James Indervies Jr., who resigned on Tuesday, March 3, Cape May City Council meeting, said he doesn't want to be associated with the city council that rescinded Rob Sheehan as chief of police.

"I will not sit at that table and leave my name for their actions," Indervies said, speaking by phone Wednesday. "I will not sit with that group and let them bring me down as a person. I'm not a quitter but I had to remove myself from that office."

He said he is actively organizing a group in Cape May in "Right City Council from the street" side of the council. He said they "oughtn't out of our charge." He said the change could possibly come before the next municipal election, pending a court decision.

Indervies said he believes the majority of City Council was wrong in the way they removed Sheehan from his position as police chief, and that they may could be held liable. So the way they handled Sheehan's removal, Indervies said Sheehan's contract called for the city to evaluate his performance, but an evaluation was made.

"Based on that, there was an evaluation, why was he removed?" Indervies said.

Sheehan was removed as chief and as

acted for previous work as captain, and will still be in charge of Cape May Police Department.

Indervies said the three council members who voted to rescind Sheehan's contract, Mayor Ed Mahoney, Councilman Trent Fazio and Councilwoman Lisa Pasquon, based their vote on one source investigation, Councilman Sheehan Barone and Indervies voted against the same investigation.

"He was not proven to have done anything wrong, and Prosecutor Robert Taylor confirmed there was no investigation," Indervies said.

Indervies said there was no criminal investigation, only an administrative investigation involving time sheets.

"There was an issue with one of the police members on the time sheet. Since Rob was the department head, Rob dealt with these details. He was investigating it, we now have been charged with this in a administrative, nothing criminal. No one is supposed to be charged with this," Indervies said.

He confirmed that the administrative investigation has to do with copy time on Rob's time used by an officer in the Cape May Police Department.

Indervies also said someone at the council table should not have been involved to be interviewed on Page 2.

RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES

Chief Parker, 3, of Cape May, works on packing a crayon puzzle back together during Pinchout Story Time Wednesday, March 4, at the Cape May City Library. For more photos, see Page 2.

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Judge says state can proceed with dune project

By NANETTE LOBONDO GALLOWAY
Staff Writer

CAMDEN — A federal judge announced the state Tuesday, Dec. 11 is trying to quiet a beachfront property for a dune project that would be a landmark project but also a direct of spending the city the preliminary injunction it requested.

“City VENTOR failed and continues to fail — to follow the procedures set forth in the Federal District Act in holding,” U.S. District Court Judge James M. Donnelly said in legal opinion in the case brought by the city of Margate and beachfront property owners Mark and Roberta Stinson against the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Donnelly denied without prejudice a request from the city of Margate for a preliminary injunction to stop the project. He ruled that the U.S. DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers can proceed with the awarding a contract to build sand dunes in Margate and Longport, but cannot start the project without notifying the city at least 30 days in advance of construction. At that time, Margate can return to federal court to argue that the state cannot take the necessary project measures without due process.

Margate officials said they hope to bring this day in court. In reaching, but opinion, the judge said Margate is likely to succeed in proving that if it was denied this process, that that it is not likely the city could proceed with the project. He issued a preliminary injunction to stop the project in December. He said that the city is “an extraordinary remedy” that should be granted only if the party seeking the relief can demonstrate that granting preliminary relief would not result in the owner greater harm than the defendant and that the public interest favors such relief.

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New Jersey’s Business Domain Act

Margate argued that the dunes would not protect the city from tidal flooding because most of the flooding takes place on the beach and dunes behind the ocean, and that dune construction would be a detriment to the existing drainage system, allowing water between the dunes and the beach.

By taking the property for administrative use, the state denied the city the opportunity to challenge the Army Corps of Engineers’ 20-year-old Atlantic Island Shore Protection Plan. Dunes have been built according to the plan in Atlantic City and Ventnor, but not in Margate and Longport.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection filed with the Atlantic County Clerk’s Office Oct. 10 state the public and private easements through administrative action.

According to attorney Rob Anderson, who brought the case to federal court on Margate’s behalf, if the state does not include necessary dune-proceedings to take the easements, Margate will file to protect the rights of residents, who approved two preliminary injunctions indicating that they do not want sand dunes built in Margate.

The state had more than 15 months after the governor issued an executive order to hold the dunes to the department to take the easements. “Had the DEP timely complied with Executive Order 141 and filed the conditions proceedings, plaintiffs would have long had the constitutional process the state due,” he said.

Margate City Commissioner Nancy Hanning testified that the city would suffer a significant loss of beach, parking, recreation and the cost of beach and dune management. “The state concerned that it would suffer if it could not award a \$15 million contract by the end of the fiscal year,” she said. “The state’s total loss will be \$40 million. Following construction, the state will lose \$20 million, the state argued.

Attorney General’s Office

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Ventnor, Longport voice support for dune project

By NANETTE LOBONDO GALLOWAY
Staff Writer

VENTNOR — The mayor of Ventnor and Longport made it clear at a press conference Wednesday, Dec. 14 that they do not want the state’s pending dunes project to be held up by Margate.

Margate, which filed before the two towns, sued the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to force them to negotiate an alternative to a federal sand dune project that calls for building a wall of sand dunes along the coast from Cape May to Sandy Hook.

“This is a case to this state, just Margate,” Ventnor Mayor Michael Fogarty said, standing close to Ventnor Mayor. “My intention is to make sure the federal judge hearing Margate’s case knows that it’s not just Margate that is at stake here, it’s the entire Atlantic coast area.”

Fogarty said he filed a letter to District Court Judge James Donnelly Tuesday that he and Donnelly want to show Donnelly that the DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers are not aware of the fact that Ventnor and Longport want to be included in the dune project.

“An elected official and mayor of Ventnor and Longport who are responsible for the health, safety and welfare of our property owners and residents, we can no longer afford to be left out and remain only one municipality among a number of project included along the ongoing protection of property and infrastructure in Atlantic County,” he said.

“It is no longer this in a state with regional officials affecting the region,” he said. “Margate and Cape May are the only two municipalities that have produced results in the dune project, there is a solution there and the only way to get the dune project to the state is to get the support of the state’s residents and the state’s officials.”

Stockton study finds that big dunes prevent ruins

By NANETTE LOBONDO GALLOWAY
Staff Writer

STOCKTON — A study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found that big dunes prevent ruins from being destroyed by the ocean. The study found that dunes that are 10 feet high and 100 feet wide can prevent waves from reaching buildings and other structures.

The study was conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Coastal Engineering Research Center in Vicksburg, Miss. The study was part of a larger project to study the effects of dunes on coastal erosion.

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Longport study finds that big dunes prevent ruins

By NANETTE LOBONDO GALLOWAY
Staff Writer

LONGPORT — A study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found that big dunes prevent ruins from being destroyed by the ocean. The study found that dunes that are 10 feet high and 100 feet wide can prevent waves from reaching buildings and other structures.

The study was conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Coastal Engineering Research Center in Vicksburg, Miss. The study was part of a larger project to study the effects of dunes on coastal erosion.

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The image shows a newspaper page with several articles. At the top is the masthead for the Burlington County Times. Below it is a headline 'Introducing the watchdog team, other changes' with a small photo of a person. The main article is 'Football Dreams' about a 7-year-old boy named Carmelo Anderson who is the heart of a Pop Warner League football team. There is a large photo of the football team on the field. Below that is a smaller photo of the boy sitting on the grass. To the right of the boy's photo is a small red circular logo with a white 'V'. At the bottom of the page are several small advertisements, including one for 'RUTS CHEVROLET SONIC' and another for 'FIND YOUR TAG'.

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Last week's rougher-than-usual commute on the New Jersey Turnpike was a taste of what's to come. The state's transportation department says it's planning to raise tolls to help pay for a \$1.5-billion expansion of the Turnpike. The tolls will be raised to \$10 a day, up from \$7.50. The department says the tolls will be raised to help pay for a \$1.5-billion expansion of the Turnpike. The tolls will be raised to help pay for a \$1.5-billion expansion of the Turnpike.

Detection lacking in sex assaults by teachers
By Kelly Rappier
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Kids, library honor Dr. Seuss
Library Coordinator Nikki Spiegel, left, adds whistles to Madison during the Dr. Seuss Celebration at the Bogota Public Library March 7. See more photos, page 3.

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Emergency responders oppose vehicle reassignment

BY CHERYL O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

The Bogota Mayor's Council and the Bogota Volunteer Fire and Emergency Squad presented identical official statements to the mayor and council March 19 opposing their recent decision to reassign the Chevrolet Suburban driven by Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator Tim Jackson.

Due to the high volume of operator who attended the meeting, which violated the building fire code and Sunshine law, the council reconvened it for April 1.

Back on Feb. 19, the council voted to transfer the vehicle, which is equipped with emergency medical and life-saving equipment, to the Bogota Police Department.

The statements, signed by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief Loren Carden, Deputy Chief of EMS Patricia Dyer, EMS Captain Sean Hells, Chief of Bogota Rescue Squad Wayne Stopy, Lt. John Fowler, and President Robert Foster, stated their support of Jackson and noted the vehicle was used as a first responder in more than 78 percent of EMS calls in Bogota last year. In addition, the statement cited that equipment from the vehicle has been used in at least six life-threatening calls "where the outcome would have resulted in a death had the equipment, truck and its operator, the OEM coordinator, not arrived and skillfully attended to the care and transportation of those critically ill and injured patients."

According to the squad, removing the vehicle from the OEM could result in delayed patient care, and in situations where seconds and minutes count, it could potentially contribute to an avoidable outcome.

"The vehicle as we understand it was to be reassigned to the police department" who has stated that they have "use" for the vehicle as it is configured for OEM and EMS responses. Currently a vehicle in the parking lot of this police station unused, since the Mayor and Council's decision. Last week it was unavailable to respond to [a] serious motor vehicle accident on Route 80 in Bogota where a Bogota County Police Officer was injured," said the official statement.

"There should be no question as to the importance of maintaining a vehicle of this nature; to have it available in a parking lot stripped of its life-saving equipment is not in the best interests of any of the residents we serve," said the statement.

According to Jackson, the decision to reassign the vehicle is a case of "politics before public safety."

"I feel it is obvious that this is political payback, harassment, personal vendetta and retribution by you and the council members for my refusal to send a reverse 911 about a change in the garbage."

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Should Lyndhurst change its form of government?

BY NICHOLE W. CRUCE

It's the question that has been on the minds of many in Lyndhurst, N.J., since the town's form of government was changed from a mayor-council system to a council-manager system in 2002. Now, as the town prepares for a referendum on whether to change its form of government again, the question is being asked once more.

The referendum is set for June 23, 2015, and will be held at the same time as the town's annual election. The referendum will ask voters whether they support changing the town's form of government from a council-manager system to a mayor-council system.

The referendum is being held because the town's current form of government is being challenged by a lawsuit filed by a group of residents. The lawsuit claims that the town's current form of government is unconstitutional.

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In honor of Father Judge

Park dedicated to amazing man of God

BY NICHOLE W. CRUCE

The statue to honor the late Bishop John J. Neumann, a prominent figure in the Roman Catholic Church, is being dedicated at Father Judge Park in Lyndhurst, N.J., on June 18, 2015.

The statue, which was created by the artist John J. Neumann, is a tribute to the bishop's life and work. Bishop Neumann served as the bishop of the Diocese of Camden from 1981 to 2002.

The dedication ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at Father Judge Park. The statue will be unveiled during the ceremony.

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Junior high school plans unveiled

BY NICHOLE W. CRUCE

The plans for a new junior high school in Lyndhurst, N.J., are being unveiled. The school, which will be named after the late Bishop John J. Neumann, is set to be built on a site in Lyndhurst.

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Can the Williams Center save Rutherford's downtown?

By Meghan Grant

Rutherford's downtown is in a state of flux. The Williams Center, a new multi-story building, is set to be completed in the next few months. The center is a mix of residential and commercial space, and it is expected to bring a new wave of development to the area. The center is a mix of residential and commercial space, and it is expected to bring a new wave of development to the area.

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Williams Center

More restaurants to serve up booze if state begins serving up cheap licenses

By Meghan Grant

The state is considering a plan to issue more liquor licenses to restaurants. This move is expected to lead to a decrease in the cost of alcohol for consumers, and it is also expected to lead to an increase in the number of restaurants that serve alcohol. This move is expected to lead to a decrease in the cost of alcohol for consumers, and it is also expected to lead to an increase in the number of restaurants that serve alcohol.

Campaign funds reported as towns appoint professionals

By Meghan Grant

Several towns in South Bergen County have reported that they have received campaign funds from professionals. This move is expected to lead to an increase in the number of professionals who are involved in local politics, and it is also expected to lead to an increase in the number of professionals who are involved in local politics.

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Hands raised and off holster?

BY CHRIS KUPCHIK RENDA

In the unrelated trial of two Bloomfield police officers, the suspect who was charged retaliated he did not resist arrest, while a fellow officer admitted to making a false statement regarding the arrest circumstances.

Officers Sean Coarier and Orlando Trinidad face charges of conspiracy, official misconduct, leading or assisting with public disorder, and false swearing in connection with the 2012 arrest of Marcus Jeter, an ex-Carter State Highway. Trinidad is also charged with aggravated assault. A third officer, Albert Sutterlin, pleaded guilty to tampering with records, took early retirement and awaits sentencing.

The case evolved from police dashboard camera videos, allegedly showing officers breaking the driver's side window of Jeter's vehicle and dragging him from the car. The Essex County Prosecutor's Office dismissed

the charges against Jeter after a recording from police dashboard camera No. 4 surfaced in April 2013, bringing into question whether the suspect resisted arrest.

Jeter told the court Tuesday, Oct. 21, what it was like for him, as a person of color, to be confronted by officers with their weapons drawn.

"My worst case scenario that night was being shot," he said. Growing up hearing about cases such as Rodney King, Jeter said he felt he had to grant interviews to Channel 7 and HoHo7 when they contacted him.

"People need to understand that people get falsely accused every day," he said. "You watched those situations with police hostility, and I can testify that I was a victim of that."

Coarier's attorney Charles Clark questioned Jeter's credibility after he linked the interview and cultivated followers on an Instagram page. Jeter emphasized the seriousness of his convictions. "Who's to say the other officers hearing

stop grabbing my gun? I wouldn't have shot out."

Both sides reviewed the video evidence with Jeter, trying to establish whether he had his hands were up the entire time before being pulled from the vehicle. Coarier's attorney Clark pointed out a few seconds of the recording, where Jeter agreed his hands were out of view.

"At this point, [Coarier] is allowing my jaw while trying to remove my shoulder. This is the point where he starts saying, 'Stop trying to grab my gun,' Jeter pointed out. "The other officer is walking around the vehicle."

That other officer was Sutterlin. Sutterlin initially approached with shotgun drawn, but had replaced it in his vehicle by the time.

Injury lawsuit
Another point of credibility for Clark was Jeter's medical records.

The defense case examined

Board of Ed trustee dies

His name to stay on the ballot

BY HASIME KUKAJ
Special to BloomfieldLife



Bloomfield is mourning the death of board of education member Kent Weisert. He is on the ballot for next week's election.

On Friday, Superintendent Salvatore Gracaleva posted a message on the school district's website: "I am very saddened to report to all of you the sudden death of Kent Weisert, a board member who served since 2012. Although I do not have any further information at this time, I will share arrangements with members of the community as well as contact information for those wishing to express condolences."

Gracaleva could not be reached for comment on Tuesday.

Board Attorney Nicholas Detoli said that Weisert was "a wisecracker."

"Kent is an attorney member of the bar and long-standing Bloomfield resident. He was a very rational, very reasonable man," Detoli said. "My condolences go out to his daughter, who is visiting up here from Florida."

Board member Shane Berger called the death a shock after meeting Weisert at last week's board meeting.

"I know the whole board of education community really has their hearts out to his family," Berger said. "When a colleague passes away, it really affects your life deeply."

Berger was in Atlantic City on Tuesday for a board retreat. He

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Spooky sights for Halloween

ON GARDEN — A trio of costumed crawls in an attempt to escape a residence along Garden Street.

Uptown blocks decorate to the hilt; various events lined up

By Steven Rodas
Reporter/illustrator

While scavenging the outside of 1101 Garden St., where a creative spider makes a rope web, one paucity accident help drive in.

"It's not done by a web, come back to a web, Steven (Viana)" installakes are incredible."

Last year, Viana exhibited "good creative" which are exactly like they sound — indeed, dimes are dangling from rooftops like clouds. Plus of the creative web's go completely outside this year.

"It'll be adding you "land some" like "caught up and consumed in the web with the spider meaning their breath out, later on" Viana said later it hope to have it finished by the evening (Oct. 14)

"Viana's local artist, dabbling in various art forms including glass work, painting, and digital prints.

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Who deserves your vote in the municipal race?

City Council candidates in Wards 1, 2, 3 make their case

By Steven Rodas
Reporter/illustrator

This is one of two articles on Hoboken's upcoming Nov. 3 City Council race.

The Nov. 3 municipal elections are a little over two weeks away. Three candidates are running for the City Council seats representing various areas of town. The job is part-time. The council can be done strange ways that will be up for election in 2017.

Although it's unclear how the race will turn out come November, Mayor Dawn Zimmer currently holds a 5-4 majority on the council.

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Hoboken Ward map provided by the Hudson County Board of Election



1st Ward Councilwoman and Incumbent Theresa Castellano



1st Ward City Council candidate Michael DeFusco



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The image shows the front page of the Burlington County Times newspaper. The masthead at the top reads "Burlington County Times" with the website "burlingtoncountytimes.com" and social media icons for Twitter and Facebook. Below the masthead, there is a small headline: "Man guilty of luring girl, 14". The main headline is "2+2 = Fun" with a sub-headline: "Homesick, a national game at Thornapple Elementary School, gives a small crowd of children a chance to practice math skills as part of a program funded by a P.E.C.E. in Public Education grant." Below this is another headline: "Landslide threatens homes in Florence" with a sub-headline: "The National Guard is on 'standby' for the area, according to a statement from the National Guard. The National Guard is on 'standby' for the area, according to a statement from the National Guard." The page also features a small photo of a young girl smiling, a photo of a man in a suit, and a photo of a group of people. At the bottom, there is a large advertisement for "2015 GOLF TOUR CARD" with the text "\$125 for 12 ROUNDS of GOLF" and "12 parkland golf courses, 1 hour round-trip, featuring 12 professional caddies." The NJPA logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

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Idea for gas terminal off East Coast rankles fracking foes

By Wayne Parry

EATONTOWN, N.J. (AP) — All that would peek above the ocean waves off New York and New Jersey would be two small buoys tethered to underwater pipes. But they're already casting a large shadow, with potential effects on the economy of the New York metropolitan area, the marine environment, and even America's future as a net importer or exporter of energy.

Liberty Natural Gas wants to build a deep-water port in federal waters 19 miles off Jones Beach, New York, and 29 miles off Long Branch, New Jersey. Its stated purpose is to bring additional natural gas into the New York area during times of peak demand, thereby lowering home-heating prices.

Business and labor groups support the plan, which was first proposed in 2008 and is projected to generate 800 construction jobs. But environmentalists, fishing groups and some elected officials say it is a dangerous, unnecessary project, given that America is awash in large supplies of domestically produced natural gas, much of which is produced in the Marcellus Shale formation just west of New York.

A public hearing on the proposal last week drew more than 1,000 people, many of whom said they fear the project, dubbed Port Ambrose, is really a Trojan horse designed to be switched to an export facility once it is built, to facilitate the sale of gas produced by hydraulic fracturing, better known as fracking, to overseas markets.

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To Save, SEPTA Pays Consultants \$2.8M

By Paul Hiesterman
The work to save money SEPTA has paid about \$2.8 million to a dozen local consulting firms, including payments of more than \$100,000 to four or more consultants.

Agency officials say the work has more than paid for itself with reductions on legal claims and other costs.

By Joseph Carter, who writes about local government and politics. He can be reached at jcarter@inquirer.com.

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Penn Relays leap into action

Eastern Pennsylvania Relays, competing in the final round, are set to begin their final day of action on Friday at the University of Scranton's outdoor track and field facility in Scranton. The event is the final of the 2015 Eastern Pennsylvania Relays. The event is the final of the 2015 Eastern Pennsylvania Relays.

Official: Phila. VA 'the worst'

Now leadership is needed at benefits office if it is to improve its services, a top investigator said.

By Travis L. Hedden
Washington — A top VA investigator said Monday that the agency's benefits office in Philadelphia is "the worst" he has seen in his 10-year career.

NFL concussion deal approved

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Amount paid to three under age 21 who played five or more seasons in the NFL and require extensive treatment over their lifetimes.

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Amount paid to three older players who were never ruled out of play due to a concussion.

\$190,000
The average payment for the NFL contract players who did not require treatment.

Stockton University president resigning

By David L. Johnson
The resignation of Stockton University President Robert G. Latham Jr. is expected to be announced in the next few days. Latham has served as president since 2006.

Eight million callers to IRS were cut off this tax season

By Stephen L. Johnson
WASHINGTON — The IRS cut more than eight million callers off its phone system during the 2014 tax season, according to a report by the Congressional Budget Office.

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HOOP STARS



Garfield beat Elmwood Park, 63-56, in high school basketball action on Jan. 15. (Above) Elmwood Park's Eugene Figueroa goes to post in the second half.



Garfield's Kevin Burton shoots the ball.

SADDLE BROOK
Mayor rescinds police promotions

BY KATHERINE MILSOP Staff Writer

Saddle Brook Mayor Bob White rescinded two police sergeant promotions given last month by outgoing mayor Kevin Chamberlain.

Chamberlain gave the promotions during a Christmas Eve ceremony that Saddle Brook Police Chief Robert Kagler said he was not made aware of, nor consulted with beforehand.

White told township officials sent on Dec. 29, Kagler asked White to rescind the promotions to officers Douglas Halkomeier and David DeGennaro, and called the move "politically motivated," "arbitrary, absent of any merit and/or fringe consideration of the eligible candidates and done with no legitimate reason."

While that isn't the first time the former mayor has promoted police officers without the chief's knowledge, Kagler said that in this case, the top candidate, Officer Jeffrey Parayza, was overlooked for several reasons that the chief called "unfair and discriminatory."

Additionally, he said that there was no review or evaluation of any of the candidates' personnel files or work performance.

"The actions taken by Mayor Chamberlain here and will cause unnecessary conflict, dissension and a disruption in the police department," Kagler said.

White told the two officers, "I'm sorry that you were not promoted."

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PHOTO BY REBECCA GREENE

Protestors gathered outside Town Hall last week in unity with Wyckoff family whose dog was killed during a burglary investigation.

LAW & ORDER

Officials support officer at the center of 'tragic event'

BY REBECCA GREENE
Dispatch reporter

WYCKOFF - Angry over the fatal police shooting of a family pet during a burglary investigation brought the German shepherd's owners and other area dog-lovers to a Township Committee meeting last week to voice their concerns. About an hour before the meeting, about 30 people descended on the municipal building, some with dogs on leashes, others carrying signs that read, "Justice for Otto" and "If police are

scared of dogs, then they shouldn't be police."

Passing motorists honked their horns in solidarity. Inside, those who wanted to attend the meeting were greeted by extra security measures that included bag searches and body scanning. When Mayor Kevin Hooney opened the public portion of the meeting, he did so with a statement directed toward the owners of the slain dog, the Valschenskiens. "This was a tragic event,"

Hooney said. "We extend our sympathies to the family. We have asked for additional oversight in the ongoing investigations."

Police have said that Officer Kyle Ferrara had mistaken the address he was given by dispatch and went to the wrong home while investigating a reported robbery on April 29. They said when he got no answer after knocking on the door, he proceeded to the back, the house at 622 Lawrence Road and saw that a window was

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MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

'Go to' employee happy to be at public's beck and call

BY REBECCA GREENE
Dispatch reporter

WYCKOFF - It was the end of the work day prior to a meeting of the governing body and the township's clerk was ready to leave.

"She must have to get home, have something to eat and then get back here for the meeting," Joyce Santimaro said.

As she straightened her desk, a

man walked in to inquire about a food handler's course that evening.

"Joyce" an office staffer called out.

"Santimaro jumped up and looked at her year's roster calendar and said quickly, "Oh, boy, scheduling again."

That is just one of the things Santimaro handles on a regular basis. She was honored for her work last

week, the 46th annual Municipal Clerk's Week.

She explained her duties are much like those of other clerks in the state.

She is in charge of the governing body, the chief administrative officer of decisions held in the municipality, voter registration, records manager and licensing official.

"That's what her job description says, but all towns had people call her the 'go to' lady."

"Generally, clerks and their office staff are the 'go to' people for residents with inquiries about town business," she said.

"Santimaro doesn't know the answer, she knows where to find it. After 22 years as clerk, she said her favorite part of the job is the people.

"I enjoy my personal working relationship with the residents who

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INVESTIGATION Police look into alleged kidnap and homicide

BY SVETLANA SHKOLONIKOVA
Staff Writer

FORT LEE - Local and New York City police are continuing to investigate how a 24-year-old Fort Lee man was allegedly kidnaped from his Carnegie Plaza apartment and found dead in the trunk of his car in the Bronx on Jan. 15.

John Johnson had been missing since Jan. 11 when he was last seen driving away from the factory high rise, located on 14th Street Island. Fort Lee Police Department headquarters, in his black 2005 BMW 350i (Greg Tardano), according to police.

The living apartment, Megan Fusker, said she received reports from Johnson that night asking to meet him at an address in Harlem but they sounded odd as he never showed up at the location.

After making several failed attempts to contact Johnson, Fusker allegedly returned home to find their apartment ransacked and large amounts of cash and jewelry missing, according to police.

The building has 24-hour doorman service and security surveillance cameras. There were no signs of forced entry, said police.

Two days later, a New York City police car with license plate number 1-Johnson's BMW, which had been registered as missing, near the intersection of East 21st Street and Tryon Avenue in the Norwood section of the Bronx and led police to his body.

On Jan. 17, the New York City Medical Examiner's office ruled Johnson's death a homicide and an autopsy revealed he had died of asphyxiation to the neck.

Police released a video this weekend of a man caught exiting Johnson's BMW around 2:45 a.m. on Jan. 14 and are asking for the public's help in identifying the man. Johnson was last seen walking away on Tryon Avenue, was wearing a blue hooded jacket, light blue jeans and dark sneakers.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Unit.

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THEODORE S. LACEY, vice chairman of the Bergen County African American Advisory Committee, is the master of ceremonies at a event honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 19. The committee organized the ceremony that was held at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus.

COMMUNITY

Celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Speakers contend striving for peace and justice still a societal goal

BY JIM NEFF VAZQUEZ
New Staff

NAUCKENON - In the crisp cold morning hours, the idea of peace and justice resonated throughout the hallowed halls of the Blackwood Inn.

Those were two of the central themes discussed during Monday's Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus.

The ceremony, which took place at the foot of the statue depicting King, was attended by

representatives of the local, county and state levels as well as religious and community leaders.

Theodore S. Lacey, vice chairman of the Bergen County African American Advisory Committee, and chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission, addressed those in attendance, proclaiming that we should walk in King's path and stand up for the things he fought

for. "We hope you will come often to visit the monument and as you look into the mirror of life, we hope that you will see yourselves

standing up for the things that he stood for: justice, peace and love of all humans and respect," she said.

County Executive James Iudicone III, who attended, touched upon the importance of civility within a community. "Mr. King stood for justice and the rights for all, but justice we are credited with one another, unless we talk with one another, unless we can shake hands with one another, unless we can work together we are not going to accomplish the goals that Dr. Martin Luther King set out for

us," Iudicone said.

Through the statue, stands before us, it's upon us for each and everyone of us to talk his words and put them into true meaning," he continued. "That means that on an everyday basis we should work to making peace, justice, and civility for all our citizens go."

In his discourse to the audience, Pastor/General Minister Church Rev. David M. Ford said that King's words speak to us even today, during a time of

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Neighboring residents assess the damage at the Avalon at Edgewater apartment complex on the morning of Jan. 22, 20 hours after a massive fire raged through the complex the night before. The four-story building was gutted and more than 1,000 residents were displaced from the complex and surrounding buildings.

FIRE AT AVALON
A thousand displaced, homes and belongings gone
Many residents thought the blaze would be easily contained, left with only the clothes on their backs

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

DISASTER — Fire alarms went off frequently at the Avalon at Edgewater, an apartment complex, so when they sounded again on Jan. 22, most grabbed their coats and stepped outside for what they thought would be a brief interruption to their day.

No one imagined it would be the last time many of them saw their homes.

"I could've grabbed my kids' pictures, said one tenant. "We weren't sure it was a real fire."

Instead, she and about 1,000 others left with little more than the clothes on their backs.

"I was thinking they'd be able to contain it," said Ben Ross, who lived on the second floor of the Avalon Avenue building with his husband

and five-year-old son. "I didn't imagine we'd come to the state that we're in right now."

Sparked by maintenance workers using a blowtorch, the blaze, initially described as a "minor fire" by property managers in an e-mail to residents, destroyed 240 units and left more than 100 people homeless.

Residents trying to get their belongings at the Edgewater Community Center, a makeshift relief center in the days following the fire, struggled to understand how quickly the flames grew wild and consumed their homes and belongings.


"We thought everything was under control and then I went upstairs and I looked through our window and I saw hell," said Isabel Cobiella, a resident of the adjacent, still-standing Dover Meadows building. Fire officials have attributed the

spread and extent of the damage to lightweight wood used in the construction of the complex.

A similarly devastating fire had engulfed the property when it was nearing completion in 2008, destroying nine homes across the street on Underhill Avenue and about a dozen vehicles.

John Schwartz, watched both fires as a construction manager at Adams' Walk, located less than a mile north of the Avalon, and said he felt "drips" on all two again.

"That one was a bigger fire but there were no people living there," he said. "One time there are people and there are animals and there are children and possessions. It sounds like, 'Oh, he lost a dog with his children's picture' but it's not like, it's



Sharon Weisler of the Leonia Fire Department watches as his department prepares to truck on a small Avalon Avenue to continue pouring water over the active "hot spot" at the apartment complex.

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**Man charged with harassment, stalking
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**FBI: 21-year-old man
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BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

FORT LEE — A 21-year-old Fort Lee man who became distant from his high school friends and now has no future for himself in the U.S. has been accused of allegedly plotting to head overseas to provide support for the Islamic State, according to a criminal complaint filed by the FBI.

Svetlana Shkolnikova: I was arrested at his borough house on June 17 and charged with one count of conspiring with others in New Jersey and New York to provide services and personnel to the terrorist group. He expressed in federal court in Newark on June 18 and has entered into plea negotiations with federal prosecutors.

Federal agents began investigating Topas in January after a person close to him allegedly became concerned he might be "something weird" under the influence of two friends who were "prophet," son Topas' acquaintance and trying to recruit him, according to an affidavit prepared by an FBI special agent.

In a Dec. 23, 2014 post on Facebook, Topas, a recent convert to Islam, allegedly wrote, "Only thing I'm asking for is Citizenship for Allah(SWT) to remove this feeling of melancholy from my life and for my wife to be provided to me if not on this life, to paradise in Sha Allah." The image, registered under "The Art of Language" username, features photos of Topas clad in jihadist fighter-like head and face coverings with the caption, "Which answer are I, or am I all of them?"

By May, Topas was raising "traps and snares," luring and making suggestions to enroll in community college, saying he had no future in the country and that "they" promised him four wives and \$7,000 a week, claimed the indictment.

In a text message to a co-conspirator, Topas allegedly wrote, "...I'm not sure how much longer I can take not being in the 'dawla', a reference to the Islamic State, and complained of money requests delaying his purchase of a plane ticket to the Middle East.

"Ultimately, everything is not accessible and unobtainable and excessive in America that I feel any result longer I've ever here I might just start trying to get reach closest to God... I'm beyond frustrated with everything," he allegedly wrote.

On two occasions, the informant claimed they had Topas' passport to prove him from traveling.

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Flag raising ceremony
CHIEF HILTON, a friend of the Fort Lee VFW, helps Post Commander Jim Viola and Kevin McMahon raise a flag and also sit on one of the Maywood, Colorado chairs. The Fort Lee VFW Post 2342 conducted the flag-raising and retiring of the colors ceremony on June 14.

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The Class, general manager at Landmark Medical Imaging in the middle, lies in the CT lightroom ready during a demonstration of the long-awaited procedure.

Just breathe

A new test proves success in detecting lung cancer in its early stages.

BY KRISTEN COPPOCK
STAFF WRITER

For a long time, the only way to find out if you have lung cancer was to wait until you had symptoms, such as coughing, chest pain, or shortness of breath. But now, a new test called low-dose CT scanning is making it possible to find lung cancer in its early stages, before it has spread to other parts of the body.

Dr. Robert Brooking, a pulmonologist at Landmark Medical Imaging, said the test is a game-changer for lung cancer patients. It can find small nodules, which are often precursors to lung cancer, before they grow large enough to cause symptoms.

Low-dose CT scans are usually done on people who are at high risk of developing lung cancer, such as those who have smoked for a long time or who have a family history of the disease. The test is a quick and painless procedure that takes about 15 minutes to complete.

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CT technology 'kiss' the body Health officials say that some Americans who have never smoked are getting lung cancer at an earlier age than ever before.

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KICK VIEW
Saga of 'Star Wars' goes digital with a special collection

By KRISTEN COPPOCK
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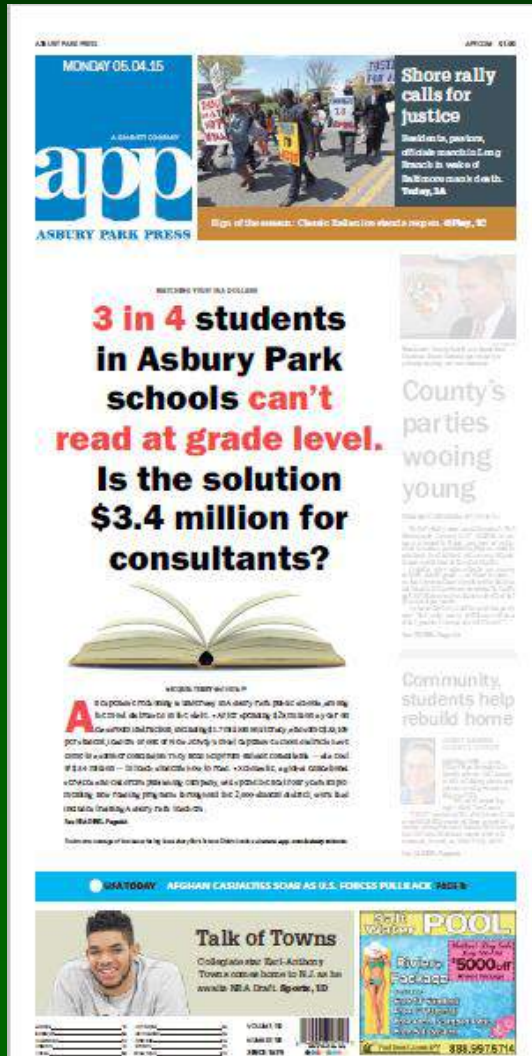
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Transit, taxes top Assembly to-do list

CHERRYLAKE BRIDGE
By Tom

A legislative session may get through this year in Trenton with the party playing its usual power cards in the state Assembly. That is, the Democrats hope to pass a budget, raise the toll on the Turnpike and increase the tax on the state lottery. The Republicans, on the other hand, want to see the state's transportation system improved and to see the state's budget balanced.

The balance of power
While it is expected that the Democrats will control the Assembly, the Republicans are still a force to be reckoned with. The House of Representatives is expected to be controlled by the Democrats, but the Senate is expected to be controlled by the Republicans.

Cape man sets sights on poker glory

DATA WATCH:
By Tom

Like many people who live in the state of New Jersey, the state's economy is in a state of flux. The state's unemployment rate is at its highest in over a decade, and the state's budget deficit is at its largest in over a decade.

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Heroin addiction's youngest victims

BY TOM WITKOWSKI, Reporting from an undisclosed location

"I remember thinking, 'I'm not stopping.' It had a nice ring to it, that's what I would say. But then I realized I was going to get treatment, it had to be all or nothing."

NIKE KOSMINSKI, 15, of WOOD BRIDGE



Nicole Leonard, 15, of Wood Bridge, is a heroin addict. She is the youngest victim of heroin addiction. She has been addicted for over a year. She has lost her job and her home. She is now living in a shelter. She is now being treated at a rehab center.

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Historic area hearing draws large crowd
 By Leah Kahn
 The first meeting of the Princeton Historic Area Commission was held on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the Princeton University Library. The meeting was held to discuss the proposed historic district in the Princeton Historic Area, which includes the area around the University Presbyterian Church and the Princeton University Library. The meeting was held in the historic building that houses the Princeton University Library. The meeting was held in the historic building that houses the Princeton University Library.

Sounds of the season
 By Leah Kahn
 With the first of a month and a half of snow in the Princeton area, it's time to turn on the holiday music. The Princeton University Library has a special holiday concert on Friday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. The concert will feature the Princeton University Library Chorus and the Princeton University Library Orchestra. The concert will feature the Princeton University Library Chorus and the Princeton University Library Orchestra.

Mayor Liz Lempert prepared to face a Simon challenge
 By Leah Kahn
 Princeton Mayor Liz Lempert on Monday did not deny the reports of a possible challenge from Simon. Lempert said she is not planning to run for re-election in 2011. Lempert said she is not planning to run for re-election in 2011.

Housing plan will call for more affordable units
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Neighborhood has seen many changes since 1700s

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Sections of crime-ridden housing project slated for demolition



WORK ON A NEW IDEA—These buildings, slated for demolition, will make way for a new concept for public housing.

By Al Sullivan
Reporter Staff writer

When you grow up in a housing project, you're bound to get mixed feelings when the buildings are demolished to make way for the future. One part of you might remember the after-school fights, the scary walks home at night, the street gangs, drug dealers, and the visible and invisible scars of living with loneliness and violence. But another part of you might regret seeing a place you called home vanish.

These are the mixed feelings that some Jersey City residents may feel when three of the six remaining Montgomery Gardens buildings are demolished on Sunday, Aug. 30.

The scheduled implosion is part of a more than \$100 million effort to eliminate concentrations of poverty in Jersey City and recreate the area as a mixed-income community.

In place of more than 400 units dedicated to housing some of the poorest residents of the city, the complex will offer senior housing, affordable housing, and market rate housing.

The result will be a much smaller concentration of the poor.

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FUN IN THE SUN—Kids take full advantage of the water park and other features of the newly-reopened Boyd-McGuinness Park.

Just in time for the end of summer:
Expanded Boyd-McGuinness Park designed to serve all ages

By Al Sullivan
Reporter Staff writer

Neighborhood kids ran through the sprinklers and slipped down the slides at the newly-reopened Boyd-McGuinness Park on Aug. 29, while adults gathered to eat, see others, and celebrate the reopening.

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THE STARS will be out

Golden Door Film Festival returns to Jersey City Sept. 24 to 27



Paul Sorvino, well-known actor, is a frequent attendee at the Golden Door Film Festival.

By Al Sullivan
Reporter Staff writer

Golden Door over: The festival will take place from Sept. 24 to 27, with the opening and closing nights at the Landmark Loew's Theater and

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BEARING IT DOWN

The ins and outs of SDA's Cedar Grove proposal

BY DYLAN MOROSOS
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On Tuesday, Dec. 8, the Mountain Road Spin Center Academy will present plans to construct a facility in Cedar Grove for a \$12 million and will discuss the final meeting before the zoning board. The plans require an additional permit from the township and a lot of the noise coming from the facility will be directed towards the residents of Cedar Grove. The township is currently reviewing the plans and will be making a decision on whether to approve the plans or not.



The Spin Center Academy is a non-profit organization that provides dance and fitness classes for children and adults. The facility will be located on a 10-acre lot in Cedar Grove, which is currently zoned for residential use. The township is currently reviewing the plans and will be making a decision on whether to approve the plans or not.

Breaking down the noise concerns

The township is currently reviewing the plans and will be making a decision on whether to approve the plans or not. The noise concerns are a major issue for the residents of Cedar Grove. The township is currently reviewing the plans and will be making a decision on whether to approve the plans or not.

Issues about lighting in the area

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Population growth has put a strain on infrastructure, creating the need for investment in bridges, roads and tunnels, along with an update to bus and train systems.

Demographic shifts prompt sea change

By KENNY WALTER
Staff Writer

The population of central New Jersey is expected to grow as the number of foreign-born workers increases and young professionals flock to urban centers.

James Hughes, dean of the Edward J. Bloustein School at Rutgers University, said he expects Middlesex County to continue its growth, while Monmouth County will reverse its recent downward trend in population.

"Both counties have advantages. We are not making any more waterfront property, so water is magic, the Jersey Shore is still

magic," he said. "Monmouth is always going to be an attractive destination."

"It is the quality of life, the amenities in Monmouth County that will make it attractive," he added. "In Middlesex, you can have a greater concentration of office workers."

Hughes said one of the factors in the growth of Middlesex County and the decrease in Monmouth County is the prevalence of foreign-born workers.

"We have one of the great concentrations of foreign-born workers in America, and that is reflected very heavily in a lot of municipalities — more so in Middlesex," he said.

"Monmouth has just Bell Labs and lost Fort Monmouth. Those were pretty big high-tech areas with a lot of foreign-born scientists."

Hughes estimated that 21 to 22 percent of the state's population was born outside the United States, higher than the national average of 13 percent.

He said while Monmouth has lost many tech jobs, Middlesex — which is home to several pharmaceutical companies and Rutgers University, and is close proximity to Princeton University — has seen a resurgence.

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Improvements planned for Livingston Ave.

By KATHY CHANG
Staff Writer

Roadway changes, a restaurant row and an overall aesthetic upgrade may be in store for Livingston Avenue.

Michael Hritz, director of the North Brunswick Department of Community Development, and Darlene Green, a senior project planner at Moore Consulting, laid out a proposed action plan for the corridor during a Feb. 9 workshop meeting of the Township Council.

The vision is for an economically viable corridor that is aesthetically pleasing. The plan includes 32 action items divided into short-, medium- and long-term initiatives.

Over the past year, North Brunswick officials have studied Livingston Avenue to see if it meets the criteria for an area in need of redevelopment. They have also considered alternatives such as reconfiguring the area and creating special improvement districts.

Since the width of Livingston Avenue ranges from 65 feet to 100 feet, a "road diet" is proposed to narrow and improve the corridor, Green said.

New Brunswick has proposed a similar road diet to its section of Livingston Avenue, Hritz said. The only difference is that city owns this section of the road, while the section in North Brunswick is state-owned.

Officials in the two towns are engaged in dialogue, and North Brunswick will follow New Brunswick's model so that the corridor stays consistent.

A preliminary analysis revealed that the area consists of 31 properties, and officials said they would further investigate if the land qualifies as an area in need of rehabilitation.

Green said representatives have met down privately and separately with five developers, and that all builders indicated an interest in a residential component if they were to redevelop the corridor. A majority of the developers proposed mixed uses, and all proposed three or more stories buildings.

"There are a lot of holes and nonconforming issues," he said. "There are a limited number of uses in the C-1 zone."

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In Menendez Case, Friendship Defense Could Prove Effective

By Charles Toutant

As the government's case against U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez moves toward a trial, both sides in the case will be honing arguments about the true meaning of friendship.

Menendez's contention that the corruption charges against him are unfounded because his longtime friendship with Florida eye doctor Salomon Melgen is genuine is his best defense in the case, according to some lawyers, but whether it gains traction will depend on the details of

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Citi Memo Stirs Debate Over Law Firm Data Security

By David Stamatis

A recent Citigroup report recently made public—criticizing law firms for what it characterized as a reluctance to report cyberattacks—has fueled the debate

whether firms are properly protecting against and responding to threats.

"The issue, why they're high-risk, isn't so much because of who their clients are," said Michael Nelson, managing partner of information technology and security firm TFCM Consulting, which is based in Philadelphia and has a Microsoft office. "The better the clients they have, the better info they have."

TFCM partner Ron Pyle said he's "worked with some law firms and legal services companies that are very much on the ball," but they "typically don't like to update things," such as software, he added.

"The way they share info is often insecure, and they don't even know it," he said.

The New York Times last month reported that an internal report from a Citigroup cybersecurity expert paid said law firms were generally unwilling to report or even acknowledge cyberattacks.

"Due to the reluctance of most law firms to publicly discuss cyberincidents and the lack of data breach reporting requirements in general in the legal industry, it is not possible to determine whether cyberattacks against law firms are on the rise," the February report said, according to the Times.

The Citigroup report added that firms are at high risk and "continue to be targeted by malicious actors looking to steal information on highly sensitive matters such as mergers and

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SECUR CYBER ITY

Looming Indictments Could Hurt Christie's Presidential Hopes

By Michael Roth

New Jersey Republicans Gov. Chris Christie and his administration may soon be facing what they had least hoped would happen: indictments by a federal grand jury of some former staffers and a close friend and ally on charges that have their roots in the deepest classes of local access lanes to the George Washington Bridge in September 2013.

Persons familiar with the investigation led by U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman of the District of New Jersey, and at least one other related case, have said it appears that those investigations are drawing to a close, although it should be noted that media predictions about the possibility of indictment

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GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE

McElroy Deutsch Faces Gender Bias, Sexual Harassment Suit

By Charles Toutant

McElroy, Deutsch, Meluskey & Carpenter has been hit with a suit by a former associate who claims she was fired after complaining about gender discrimination and sexual harassment.

The suit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York on March 10, claims the New Jersey-based firm requires women associates to sign a release and confidentiality agreement before they can socialize with male attorneys after work.

The suit also claims male associates at the firm receive better work assignments than their female counterparts, allowing them to receive larger bonuses, while women lawyers are given more amenable work, which does not count toward quotas.

In response, McElroy Deutsch issued a statement denying the allegations and said the "complaint is frivolous" and that the firm intends "to defend our firm to the full extent of the law and seek all remedies available."

The suit was filed by Olina Chocholaty, who worked at a summer associate for the firm's bankruptcy group in 2008. After graduating from Fordham University Law School in 2009, and clerk-

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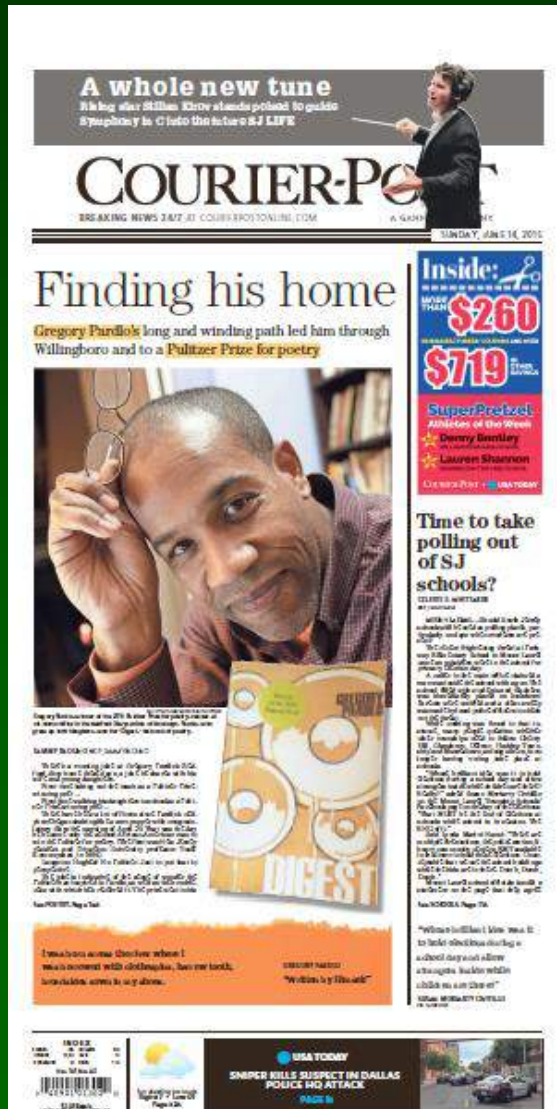
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WANT to stay in their homes, residents of a Burlington County township are fighting a foreclosure lawsuit filed by a bank.

The lawsuit, filed in the Superior Court in Trenton, seeks to force the sale of the homes. The residents are fighting the lawsuit because they believe the bank's actions are unfair and they want to stay in their homes.

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Flush with rhyme

Flumber and poet, Burlington Township man inspired by 'wonderful life' with wife



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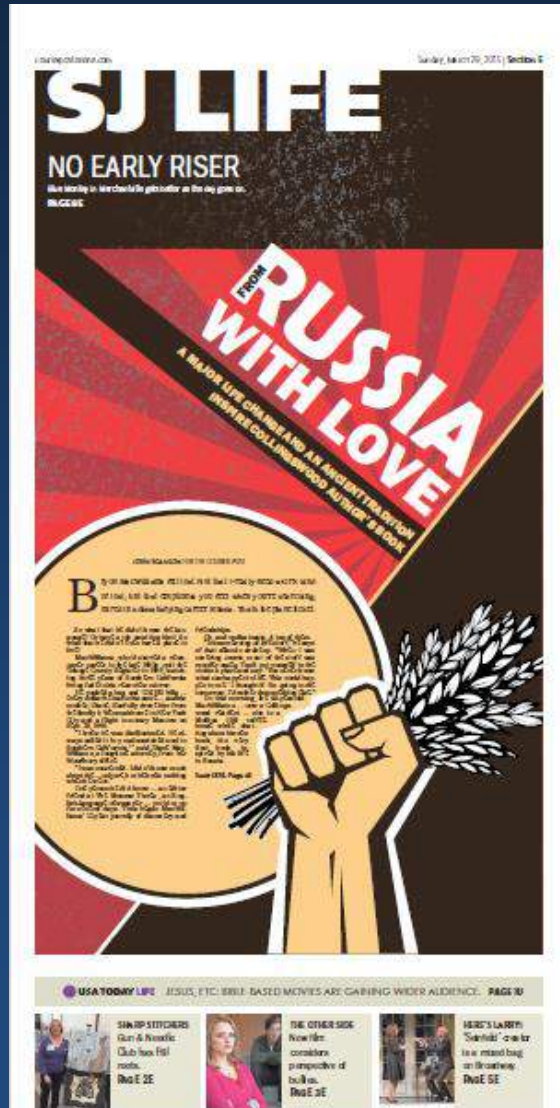
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For Ocean View man, interest in kilt making started with heavy metal

Christopher South

Ocean View man's interest in kilt-making started with heavy metal

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
SOOTH
MAKING
 OCEAN VIEW — It's not every day that you see a man in a kilt, but in Ocean View, it's not every day that you see a man in a kilt who is also a heavy metal fan. Christopher South, 37, is a self-proclaimed "heavy metal kilt maker" who has spent the last few years of his life creating kilts for himself and others. He says his interest in kilt-making started with heavy metal music.



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South, who lives in Ocean View, says he has been making kilts for about a year. He says he started making kilts because he was a fan of heavy metal music and wanted to create something that was both a tribute to his favorite music and a piece of traditional Scottish culture. He says he has made kilts for himself and others, and he has even sold some of his kilts. He says he has received a lot of positive feedback from his customers, and he says he is proud of his work.



South created the American flag, Scottish flag, European Union flag, and Irish coat of arms kilts.

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EHT 'car guy' on a mission to restore auto body education

By LAURA STETSER
Staff Writer

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP — Inside a nondescript classroom building along Caldwell Avenue in Egg Harbor Township, John Thomas is in the middle of a presentation. His auto restoration shop is full, though it is not a conventionally advertised business. Word of mouth alone has drawn the many students that are in all stages of repair and damage around the workshop space, even from as far away as South Carolina.

The 28-year-old son of two works alongside his father, teaching and helping his own skills to the students.

Thomas has managed to create a "real" world experience for his students. "Not everybody wants to sit over 18 years in behind a computer all day."

— John Thomas, owner of Thomas Mobile Care

to be like of students, those loved building things rather than being a traditional path to college. He was surprised by how many young adults he had to help with academic preparation.

Not Thomas but his father, who is in the trade still doing auto body work, says that through the exposure to learning how to do the work in a hands-on way, the students will learn.

"My son's friends come here all of the time and they are always asking what we are doing," he says.

They think it is so cool," he explains. "I'm just here to present the program in the right way to the students."

So, he has been that one of the local vocational high schools had cancelled its auto body program out of a lack of interest, he shows a lot of interest.

"If you show the kids this interactive stuff, they will get it," he says.

Thomas' work is often the quality and appearance, he says, and it's also the matter when they are in the shop.

Local education trends are different than they were. Thomas was surprised into auto body training that he and his son's shop made, Atlantic County Institute of Technology, cancelled its high school auto body program in 2014-2015 school year.

The school still offers evening classes for adults, though the focus of the curriculum is mostly on maintenance and repair work.

"They are going away from being a trade school, and that's exactly what it should be. That school should be the last stop for students to get into the car to get a job. Not everybody wants to sit behind a computer all day," he said. "I was trained there, and I've done my own work. And the education are already there."

The auto body courses at other vocational and technical schools have not the same fate in the past five years.

A vocational school in Camden County cancelled its program a few years ago and Cumberland County had to be considering cancelling its course when its current instructor retired in October, Thomas said.

"It makes no sense," Thomas said. "They are jobs out there for these kids."

He has been teaching his son to the A.C.T. administration for months.

"What happens every time there is a school?" he said. "People need to get into the shop. They just need to be trained."

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John Thomas and his son, Mike, of Egg Harbor Township get into the shop.

IT'S 'GAME OF THRONES' TO THE HILT

The table was filled for a medieval feast as a group of students gathered for the "Game of Thrones" costume contest by the Egg Harbor Township branch of the Atlantic County County System Wednesday, March 23. The contest was the premise of the school's 2016 annual April 13 on (HRC), where some dressed as their favorite characters from the series.

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Alder Avenue Middle School eighth-grader wins regional spelling bee

Second place goes to Fernwood student

The Egg Harbor Township middle school students had their annual spelling bee at the South Jersey Spelling Bee, taking the top two prizes on Saturday, March 25. The event is an annual competition between all of the school spelling bee champions from South Jersey.

The final two students from the year's event were both from Egg Harbor Township. Sarah, from Alder Avenue Middle School, won the first prize, and the second prize went to a student from Egg Harbor Township.

And after an exciting 25 rounds of competition, Sarah Mahomed from Alder Avenue Middle School, beat out the champion from the other 42 schools and was declared the 2015 South Jersey Spelling Bee champion.

Mahomed's win marks the first time that student from Egg Harbor Township school has ever won the championship. For winning, she received an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., where she will represent South Jersey at the Scripps National Spelling Bee from May 24 to 29.



Fernwood Avenue Middle School eighth grader Sarah Mahomed, left, and Alder eighth-grader Sarah Mahomed beat the region.

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Rare Bible uncovered at Drew

Student discovers first edition of 1611 King James Bible

By Christine Lee

When Drew University graduate student Chase Gregory walked through the Gothic archway of the library's rare book room, he was looking for a book that would help him understand the history of the King James Bible. Instead, he found a book that he had never seen before. It was a first edition of the King James Bible, published in 1611.

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FDU to screen 'Downton Abbey' season premiere

FRIDAY NIGHT Fans of the hit British television series "Downton Abbey" will have a chance to watch the season premiere of the show on Friday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. The series, which is a historical drama, is set in the early 20th century. It follows the lives of the aristocratic Crawley family and their servants in the fictional town of Downton Abbey.

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Girls night lock-in builds respect, confidence

David Benson



Middle Township resident awarded Bronze Star

ATLANTIC CITY AIR NATIONAL GUARD (A-1) member of the 17th Fighter Wing and Middle Township resident recently received the Bronze Star Medal in recognition of his meritorious service in a combat zone.

1st Lt. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Christopher W. Donohue, a pilot, formed attack controller with the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron, received the Bronze Star Medal in connection to a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom Jan. 4, 2011 through Sept. 2, 2011.

Donohue worked in support of the 3rd U.S. and Afghan Air Force units where he flew the F-16C Fighting Falcon, and was the 3rd U.S. Airman in over 100 combat missions. Donohue was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal for his meritorious service.

Donohue was able to accomplish a series of flight missions accomplishing his mission of delivering ordnance, providing support, and conducting search and rescue missions, which directly enhanced his own's ability to contribute to the mission while flying through Afghanistan, according to military officials.

Donohue participated in a number of missions throughout the combat zone, comprising hundreds of kilometers of over-flight missions, which included Donohue carrying out search and rescue.

The ceremony took place in front of a standing-room-only crowd which included U.S. Rep. Frank A. Loufaro, 17th Fighter Wing Commander Col. Gary M. Gentry, Donohue and family of Donohue, and fellow Airmen.

What was most important was that Donohue was recognized, and that it's about to be held in a ceremony in my town, and I will be able to see it in my second family," said Donohue.



Tech. Sgt. Christopher Donohue, right, is congratulated by Col. Gary M. Gentry, commander of the 17th Fighter Wing, after receiving the Bronze Star Medal at Atlantic City Air National Guard Base, Sunday, Feb. 8, 2011.

By DAVID BENSON
Staff Writer
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE - It started as a whisper: "I believe in me." A shout that went round and round the room.

Thirty-one girls and 30 girls in each circle, their hands on one another's shoulders as the girls marched around tables. Loudly and loudly the chant grew as 150 voices rose to shout, "I believe in me."

The girls stamped their feet as they walked. Encouraged. Uplifted. Confident.



Girls participating in a night lock-in activity.

They stepped out in a line, their feet on chairs and tables. The chant changed and each of the girls looked at her neighbor: "I believe in you."

The cry rose throughout the cafeteria as Middle Township Middle School, where last week the girls joined together, Friday, Feb. 4 for a night of camaraderie and belief in one another.

It was a night of belief in each other, confidence, respect and belief in one another.

Department of the event - Monica Donohue, school counselor, and Lisa Ann Kline, school nurse - had organized about 30 to 50 girls to take part in the event. There were 100 girls when they began but many joined the girls lock-in.

"It was on saving the girls' right to hold a sense of school community,"

Donohue said over the phone. "It's to empower girls - to empower women and to give them a better sense of self-worth and self-esteem."

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Violent crime down in Middle Township

By DAVID BENSON
Staff Writer
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE - Violent crime has dropped in Middle Township for the second year in a row, said Police Chief Christopher LaSalle.

LaSalle said the decline is due to the department's data-driven approach to fighting crime.

While the total number of crimes in Middle Township rose between 2011 to 2013, violent or high-crime - such as murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault and vehicle theft - dropped from 30 violent offenses in two years ago to 21 last year.

Chief LaSalle said the police department's population of 16,000, and as more people live in the town, "it's a good sign to see."

"Middle Township is a pretty nice community," LaSalle said. "It's a good sign to see."

Living history
Cape May County Technical High School students in the Communication Arts Technology class create a 1915 classroom and a lecture in agriculture as part of the school district's 100-year anniversary celebration Tuesday, Feb. 16. John Donohue, teacher of automotive technology at Cape May County Technical High School, portrays James Macdonald, a teacher of agriculture in 1915 in Cape May County. For more photos see Page 6.

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Village steampunks

Also Villagers and Malibu Athletes Alvin of Haverhill, Pa., under the guidance of Malibu's Cade Krilling Village dressed in steampunk style, a nod to Victorian sci-fi inspired in part by H.G. Wells' "The Time Machine" for The Global Festival, a Year Travel Adventure Festival, Sept. 19. The event was produced by ShoreStage Events. For more photos, see Page 5.

Villas Fire Co. earns favorable insurance rating

Water service expanding

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Staff Writer

LOWER TOWNSHIP—Residents here from the Villas Fire Company are pleased to see the 21 Lower Township Council members for their first year in a new role in the business services office (BOS) being, according to the report, the insurance rate for residents. The Chief Brian Brown will Deputy

Chief Brown, who said the 1977 rating had dropped from a C rating to 2000 to S3. Commission will be better than one another 2015 rating. The 21 Lower Township Council members for their first year in a new role in the business services office (BOS) being, according to the report, the insurance rate for residents. The Chief Brian Brown will Deputy

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Fines waived for bike parking violators

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Staff Writer

LOWER TOWNSHIP—Four violators who parked bicycles in the Cape May Township paved public spaces were fined \$100 each. The violators were: [names redacted]. The violators were: [names redacted]. The violators were: [names redacted]. The violators were: [names redacted].

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New music education program kicks off at LCMR

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Staff Writer

LOWER TOWNSHIP—The new music education program will be held at the Lower Township Community Center, 1000 N. Atlantic Ave., on Sept. 27. The first of what is planned to be a series of music education classes will be held at the Lower Township Community Center, 1000 N. Atlantic Ave., on Sept. 27. The first of what is planned to be a series of music education classes will be held at the Lower Township Community Center, 1000 N. Atlantic Ave., on Sept. 27.

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At 9, Lower girl is wearing starkly different hats

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Staff Writer

LOWER TOWNSHIP—A young girl is wearing different hats every day. She is wearing different hats every day. She is wearing different hats every day. She is wearing different hats every day.

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At 9, Lower Township girl is wearing starkly different hats

Christopher South



Malagany kicks, it starts off her first football game, which she has paired with a white hat. Malagany is a member of the Lower Township Tigers football team. In the upcoming Cape May game.

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Walking the Walk: Appalachian Trail

Maria Scandale
Reporter

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The Ups and Downs of Escaping 'the Hurry and the Crowds'

Walking the Walk: Appalachian Trail

By MARIA SCANDALE

John Chaffee's open lead article introduced the story of his 4,218-mile-long Appalachian Trail experience. It was the first run for the "AT," an ultra trail that had started.

But it's not as much the physical miles as it is the mental challenge that powers the hike, Chaffee said.

"It's all about," he points to make the statement.

"If you have enough time, any body can do this trail," he insists. "It's more just deeper than a marathon, except for a few places. That's it. You're on one of the hardest trails because by the end of it, you will have done an elevation change of about 16 or 17 times."

Some of his many friends would shake their head but, so, they could do the trail. It's all about the story could, that which to agree with each other's thinking?

Chaffee, a 2012 Southern Regional High School graduate from High Star, New York, holds a master's of divinity and is in the admission process with Theological Institute.

The trick will be the topic of our next article, or "How to find the good life. It's right in front of you."

From Georgia through Maine, he will continue over 16 months with two week breaks in the middle. Chaffee called the trail in Pennsylvania to help a friend who was looking for a natural camp for year.

He did have a moment of explaining that to his mother, a department chair at Cabot College, before he left.

"This seems so simple," said his dad, Ron. "She was so worried. She said, 'There's going to be snakes, there's going to be ticks, there's going to be mosquitos.' But me, worried about this guy? Noah, I know it was coming."

"I called my parents up on January 30th and I think I think there was no reporting," Chaffee continued. "I just said, 'I'm going. It's two weeks of a good stress lifestyle. I had done some backpacking and camping before, and the trail for AT was still in my mind, so for the past couple years I have slowly been gathering the equipment."

Hitting the Trail Hard,
He introduced his April, which is when the "season" starts.

Physical preparation had been done at the gym, but nothing beat the real-time experience of walking the walk.

"I went in the gym every day for six months. And that was the wrong thing to do," he learned. "I had had my idea in my head, but I thought that what I needed, I was doing a lot of squats and was trying to work my legs up as much as possible. But walking is the same, so working a 30-pound pack and just going 10 miles."

Chaffee did his best to train for it is to run on the trail 500 miles.

Chaffee's 11-year-old, 5-foot-10 frame weighed 200 in Georgia and closer to 160 in Pennsylvania.

"For the first two weeks, your body just completely readjusts," he said. "For the first two weeks, your body just readjusts, and it can't do the trail until that you have become that the best source of nutrition for your body. But then after two weeks, your body says, oh, I guess this is the



Photo by John Chaffee

TRAIL TIP: A backpacker from his left, sleeping in the scenery is well served for hiker John Chaffee. He's on the trail in Virginia in a campsite. Overmountain Chapter in Tennessee is an adapted Revolutionary War-era hike. Chaffee watches a mountain animal on the valley below and would be further rewarded later by a double rainbow.

new rhythm, and it converts back to hiking life."

By the time he reached Virginia, his choice of how long to walk from Brooks/Cascadia trail running took care in three for a while. "I'll tell you, because my feet were allowed to heal."

Hiking boots aren't always the answer because "you sleep down on everything," he said. "There is no way to hike your feet dry, either, from mud or dirt. Sleeping down on your shoes, so it's better to get shoes that breathe so they dry out overnight."

Hiker poles are key equipment. "They're also great when you're going through some really bad terrain."

"I carry two 30-pound packs when I'm on the trail, or I'll carry a 30-pound pack along the way, but some were loaded with more or less with spacers."

Most people progress on the trail at a pace of about 20 miles a day, or two miles an hour. You're not always alone, the trail is streaked with the immediate view of a mountain.

"It's a great life in an old one."

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Can you guess which Eagles tackle used to be a grave digger?

Eagles wide receiver Riley Cooper reunites with young N.J. fan

Kelly Roncace

SUCKER THINK
Trouble with the tablets
It was always a bit of a head that part of the rumors of celebrity couple were sort of true — because they had reverse a part of my life.

LIVING
BY JESSICA M. BROWN

KEEP IT SOCIAL: Sammy D's
Dinner at the new Sammy D's in the city is a bit of a social media event. The restaurant is a popular spot for the city's social media influencers to hang out and take photos. The restaurant is a popular spot for the city's social media influencers to hang out and take photos.

RESTAURANT WEEK
The city's restaurant week is a popular event for the city's residents. The restaurant week is a popular event for the city's residents.

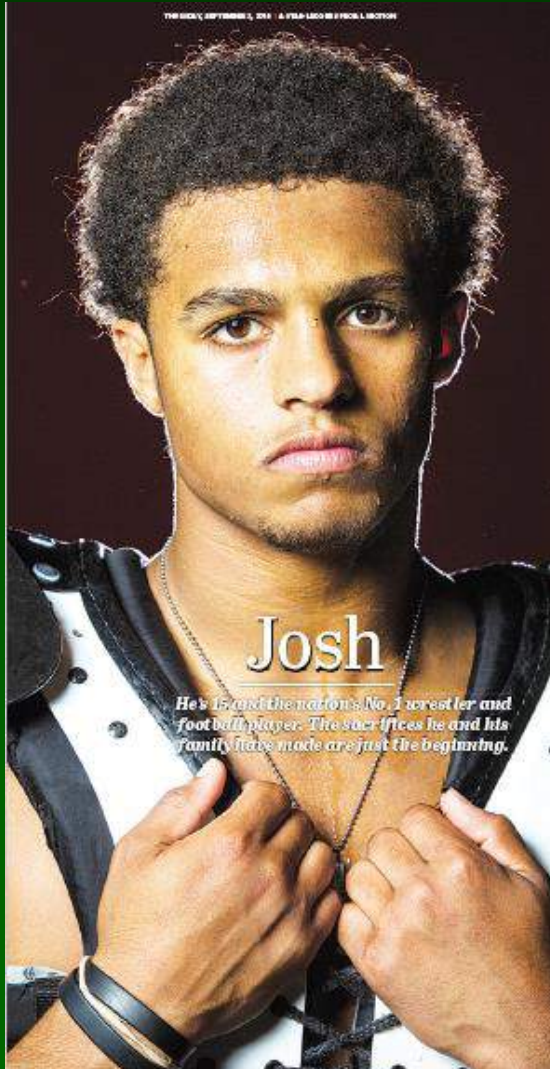
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The city's food truck scene is a popular event for the city's residents. The food truck scene is a popular event for the city's residents.

BOY WITH AUTISM FINDS FRIEND & WINNING SPIRIT WITH YOUTH TEAM
Here's a game-changer
The city's youth football team is a popular event for the city's residents. The youth football team is a popular event for the city's residents.

Exploring mindfulness meditation in the workplace
The city's mindfulness meditation program is a popular event for the city's residents. The mindfulness meditation program is a popular event for the city's residents.



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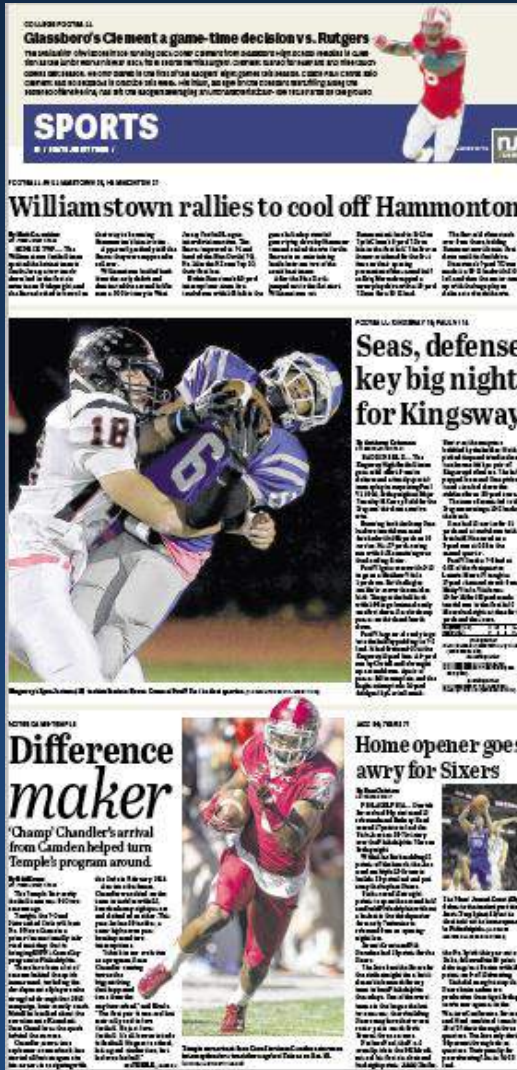
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True grit

Finding the light

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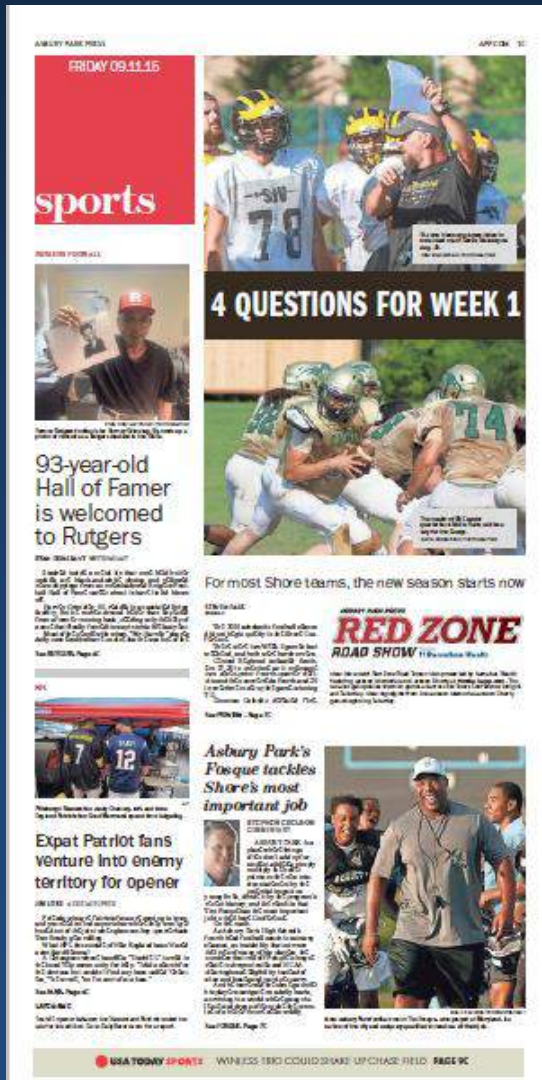
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New Jersey Jewish News

Auld lang rhyme, 2015

Strangers in a welcoming
land

Andrew Silow-Carroll

Opinion

Editorial

Jewish-Muslim outreach

It's no coincidence that the last few weeks have seen a flurry of Muslim-Jewish dialogues, much of it initiated by Jewish groups. In this issue we report on a visit by 10 Syrian refugee families to Bnei Keshet in Montclair, whose rabbi welcomed them by recounting the story of his own family's flight from Europe. Temple Shalom in Scotch Plains was among the initiators of an interfaith rally against bigotry at which Jewish, Christian, and Muslim leaders spoke out against, in the words of Rabbi Joel Abraham, "those who would use hatred as a tool for political gain." We also profile a physician from Monroeville who is working with his hospital's Muslim chaplain to make their Staten Island community a more welcoming place for people of all faiths.

Despite these gestures, the Muslim-Jewish

dialogue pales when compared to the decades of solid progress that mark the Catholic-Jewish dialogue. This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, the landmark Vatican document that all but eradicated centuries of anti-Jewish lackluster within the church. Earlier this month, the Vatican issued what one Jewish leader called the "first formal document that makes it clear there is no intentional desire [by the church] to actively proselytize amongst Jews."

Few expect such strides to be made in our relations with Muslims, in part because Islam is a diverse religion and lacks a central power structure like the Vatican, and in part because the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (and the exploitation of it by Muslim political and religious leaders) remains a massive stumbling block. In the United States,

those engaged in dialogue must sidestep the issue and stress mutually beneficial themes like freedom of religion and freedom from discrimination. And even as we recognize that extremists do not represent mainstream Islam, we'd be foolish to deny the threat from the stable minority that carries out violence in the name of the faith.

That doesn't mean it is pointless to continue the work of reconciliation. If we can't agree on Islam, we can agree on coexistence. And we can certainly stand up for people in distress, and jointly declare our abhorrence at religiously inspired terrorism and our support for religious moderates. Deep, systemic reconciliation is a long way off, but, to paraphrase Rabbi Tartn, while it is not our responsibility to finish the work of dialogue, we are not free to desert from it, either.

Editor's Column

Auld lang rhyme, 2015

Well, that year is over, and
thank goodness too,
And I don't just say that
because I'm a Jew.
Between global warming
and such ISIS angst,
Let those of all faiths join
in our gale.

Great for the state of the
Republican race,
Led by a host who lacks
even a trace
Of respect for the truth,
and turns the debates
Into celebrity roasts of all that he hates,

Leaving his rivals, from Christie to Bush,
Trying to figure out how far to push
Back at the Donald and not lose the state
They'll need when the Trump balloon fully
deflates.



Meanwhile the Democrats held
their own tourney
Between Mrs. Clinton and a
lanky named Barack

Who often seemed less like a
polished debater
Than the grizzly old uncle
who shows up at seder.

Oy vey for the way that
American Jews
Turned on each other when
they had to choose



Andrew
Silow-Carroll

Between backing Obama's nuclear pact
Or siding with Bibi, who thought that it lacked

The minimum needed to halt the production
Of stakes by the knooks seeking Israel's destruction.
Let's hope that the deal delivers the goods
Although, somehow I feel we're not out of the
woods.

A slow motion uprising by auto and knife
Put every Israeli in fear for his life,
Made worse by the constant media blabber
That failed to distinguish 'twixt victim
and slayer.

Yet for all of the talk of a new Intifada
Thousands of others said that they'd
rather
At least give themselves a good
fighting chance
By moving to Israel and forsaking
France.



In two thousand fifteen we bid a farewell
To Bob Simon, Bess Myerson, Theo Bikel,
We lost Leonard Nimoy, who charmed us as Spock,
And Oliver Sacks, an illustrious doc.

Jon Stewart's alive, but still we were slow
When he quit as host of *The Daily Show*
Just when his targets seemed so ripe and abundant
(or perhaps he knows satire is somewhat
redundant!).

The year that just passed wasn't only a mass
Howard Stern took a turn to lambaste B.C.G.

And after a spat between their two nations,
Israel and Turkey restored their relations.

#LoveWon after judges okayed same-sex marriage.
Good people fought back against those who'd
disparage

The Muslims who live here and those fleeing war
(After all it was us who went through that before).

David Blatt a early led the Cavs past Golden State.
Catholics and Jews recalled 'Nostra Aetate'.
And so one expected Spain's act of contrition
When it offered amends for the Inquisition.

The new *Fiddler*, said critics, was fresh and
fantastic.

And a study said Hitler was monotheistic.
(I'd define that for you, but I'd be
berated:
This column, you see, is always
G-rated.)

So enjoy a gay seder, however you devise,
(I tried that in Yiddish, of
which I'm no maven.

I take lessons from
Trump — and here, I
will show ya.)

"Schlof, everyone —
it's been good to
know ya."



The views expressed in this column are those of the author.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1982

OUR VIEW

Why are we forgiving of some, but not others?

We are shocked with the police officers who have been arrested for the same crime as the other officers who have been forgiven. We are shocked because we are not being forgiven for the same crime as the other officers who have been forgiven. We are shocked because we are not being forgiven for the same crime as the other officers who have been forgiven.

FIRST, MY 'LOCAL' FILL... THEN MY 'PATIENCE' WILL... THEN I'M READY FOR THE GREEN STATE PARLIAMENT!

YOUR VIEWS

State monitor says inflation gas will hurt jobs, economy

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When a friend fades into a treasured memory

Advice easily given, hard to follow

Nancy Rubenstein
Columnist

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OPINION

The end of the line



When can you find the pile of meat? You may be surprised to learn that the answer lies somewhere in Verona or Cedar Grove. Send your guess along with your full name and street address to [veronacdgrove.com](mailto:veronacdgrove@veronacdgrove.com). The first person to correctly identify the location of the photo above will earn a steak as big as your week's paper.

EDITORIAL

Standing up

If you agree with what you have in my, and I'd defend in the last year I'd agree.

An opinion should never become a dead weight. Last week, 12 people were brutally murdered in a senseless act of violence. The victims can now be held responsible for the horrific attacks with their families.

As a member of the community, I have a responsibility to my fellow citizens. I have a duty to stand up for what is right, to speak out against what is wrong, and to demand that the government and the courts do their jobs. I have a duty to stand up for the victims and their families, and to demand that the government and the courts do their jobs. I have a duty to stand up for the victims and their families, and to demand that the government and the courts do their jobs.

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| 7 pm, Verona Community Center, Community Calendar Meeting, 1000 Woodland Ave. | 7 pm, Verona Community Center, Community Calendar Meeting, 1000 Woodland Ave. |
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To stand or not to stand? is only part of the question

PHOTO: JAMES HARRIS

OK, get ready. It's coming. Put the Playbill down. Put down the water bottle (don't let it roll under the seat in front of you). Critics, put down your notebook and pen — securely but not under your feet. You don't want to slip on it. (Now to production: Is sure would be nice if you'd put airplane pouches on the seat in front of us. And cupholders. Put our drink pouches, cough drops, you know, stuff.)

And get ready to rise. Sometimes I know I will, but am not sure how when. Sometimes I have to, in order to see. The "I just want to see" ovation doesn't count. The "opening night and we've passed the house" ovation also doesn't count. But standing ovations are meaningful. They remind us we're all in it together. As awards season closes, I've been going to the theater a lot.

I'm an Oscar Critic. Check your e-mail and I've been thinking about them.

There's my ranking of the "standing O."

NUMBER ONE: THE "LEAP"
These are the best. Across last show and smile. When actors say every audience is different, believe them. I've Leaped this year a few times.

At "The Italian Comedist" at BAM, the whole audience jumped to its feet, though the play was nearly four hours long. When Nathan Lane came on to take the bow, his loud cheer hit my ears. It was a safe Leap, because it was obvious everyone would do it.



INNER MONOLOGUE
GWEN OREL

many of her choices, a different local cheer performed at each show. In the final song, a gorgeous piece by John Browne, the choir sang "We're All Here" while the names of the dead were projected. Houselights were at half, so my Leap was expressed. Everybody in the house could see me and my companion crying. (Only in the theater is a white "noisy note," but we stood as soon as we could stand.

When I saw "The Real Thing" by Tom Stoppard, with Jeremy Irons, I was flab on my feet. I stood there in my "six inches" put out playing for the risk of the audience to catch up, if they had it, I wouldn't have cared.

The "Leap" ovations are like falling in love. You just know.

THE "WAIT"
Audience members shout, but they only rise on stage for the principal. At "The Visit" this past weekend, people cheered at the end of the 90-minute musical, with book by Terrence McNulty and score by John Kander and Fred Ebb.

The musical is based on the 1956 play by Friedrich Dürrenmatt, about a wealthy old woman who seeks revenge on the man who betrayed her by paying the

sum to murder her. The show was tender, smart, haunting. Across the aisle from me, another critic clasped her hands so hard they made heavy thud.

Still, she, and I, didn't stand until Chris (Irene) took her bow.

Sometimes these "waiter" ovations are applause for the actor's long history in theater. When the principal is a star it's not always easy to tell.

But Irene deserved them. So did Roger Rice.

THE "ON THE BENCH"
Loud applause. Enthusiastic applause. But it could go either way. Poor reviews saw in. If others stand, I'll stand too. But I can't summon the energy or drive to do it every time.

ANALYZING AN OVATION
Standing is kind of a chore. You're got to put everything down (see you about, peaches above). You've got to get ready. When it's over, you've got to bend down and pick everything up. You're exposed.

And if you stand right at the top of the curtain call, you'll be standing for a long time. So it had better be a real Leap of Love.

I only stand for great plays, not for great performances. A grouse is a mediocre production. I'm looking at you, "Dr. Zhivago," good as you were, Paul Alexander Nolan won't get a

standing ovation from me.

Then, some shows brush their ovations with weak endings. Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe's "Hello, Dolly!" at Encore at City Center did that last month. Excellent performance, excellent music, with the orchestra playing. Actors used at bold scripts, but they've given up this concert — for some time now, it's been obvious that the cast is full costume, one old book, and always choreographed. Keith Carradine was terrific. Nathaniel Hackman's "They Call the Wind Marlin" rocked the show. The music soared.

But Act II is full of repeats, and ends wistfully. I'd choose "Yay, I guess" not "YAY."

Compare and contrast the jubilant finale of "On the Twentieth Century" with Kristin Chenoweth, it's moving, glamorous. When the last note finished, everybody Leaped.

For tonight (i.e. tonight) plays, it's OK to have a quiet ending, so long as it's praised. A standing ovation is a great last moment. "Hand to God" by Robert Askin ends with a speech by the demonic puppet. Tymon. He calls religion a "puppet show." Chilling.

I had the play ended with the previous scene, between a troubled son and his mother. I'd probably have done the "Wait," but Tymon's sly, scary speech!

Leap, leap. The Leap is scary. As a Leap should be. But it's also fun. I won't Leap unless I mean it. And I'm always hoping I will.

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GIRLS LADDER: KINGSEY 14, BOUTHAIR DUBLINGTON 10 (PT)




Sloppy Phillies lose to Marlins

By STEVE COFF
PHILADELPHIA — It's the season when every major league team is looking for a hot start. The Phillies, however, are still looking for a hot start. They lost to the Marlins on Wednesday night, 5-2.

TURNING POINT

Northern Burlington saw a lesson in its loss after Kingsley's tactical overtime before winning.

By STEVE COFF
PHILADELPHIA — The game was to be decided in the late innings of the game. The game was to be decided in the late innings of the game. The game was to be decided in the late innings of the game.



Don't expect Sandberg to move Utley anytime soon

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BASEBALL: PHILLIES 2, MARLINS 5 (PT)

Hayes' OT goal lifts Rangers over Penguins

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HIGH SCHOOL, SOCCER
Robbinsville girls top WW-P North
ROBBINSVILLE (AP) — The girls soccer team from Robbinsville won a 1-0 victory over the North Warren-Pike team in the state championship game on Saturday. The game was held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Robbinsville scored the only goal in the 11th minute of the game. The game was a rematch of the 2011 state championship game, which Robbinsville also won. The game was a defensive battle, with both teams making several saves. Robbinsville's goalkeeper, Kaitlyn Thompson, made a crucial save in the 10th minute. The game was a testament to the team's hard work and dedication throughout the season.

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NBA PLAYERS
Nets fall, down 2-0 to Hawks
The Brooklyn Nets fell to the Atlanta Hawks in a 101-90 victory on Tuesday night. The Hawks dominated the game from the start, leading by 20 points at halftime. The Nets struggled offensively, shooting just 35 percent from the field. The Hawks' defense was particularly effective, forcing 18 turnovers from the Nets. The game was a blow to the Nets' season, as they now trail the Hawks in the Eastern Conference standings.

THUNDER KEEP ROLLING
The Oklahoma City Thunder continued their winning streak on Tuesday night, defeating the Memphis Grizzlies 108-95. The Thunder's offense was in full swing, with Russell Westbrook leading the way with 28 points and 10 assists. The Grizzlies struggled to contain the Thunder's attack, particularly in the second half. The Thunder's defense was also solid, forcing 15 turnovers from the Grizzlies. The win extends the Thunder's winning streak to four games.

Eagles' most dangerous foes feature familiar faces
The Philadelphia Eagles' upcoming schedule is filled with tough opponents, including the New York Giants, the Washington Redskins, and the Dallas Cowboys. The Eagles will face these teams in the next few weeks, and they will need to be at their best to win. The Eagles' offense has been struggling lately, and they will need to find a way to score more points. The Eagles' defense has been solid, but they will need to be even better to stop the Eagles' opponents. The Eagles' fans will be cheering for their team to win all of their games.

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Electric atmosphere charges up already crackling rivalry

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Her cup runneth over

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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Third Time No Charm

Linden pulls away from Ridge late to win sectional crown

BY KELLY FENTON

WILSON, N.J. — While the crowd at the sectional meeting in the North-Central Conference in Mendon, N.J., had the air of a festive occasion, something of a somber mood was in the air for the boys' basketball teams. The air was thick with the tension of a rivalry that has been going on for as long as the teams have existed. The rivalry between Ridge and Linden is one of the most storied in the state. It is a rivalry that has produced some of the greatest players in the sport. The rivalry is so intense that it has become a tradition. The rivalry is so intense that it has become a tradition. The rivalry is so intense that it has become a tradition.



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Electric atmosphere adds charge to crackling rivalry

BY KELLY FENTON

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Randolph frustrates Ridge for 2nd time in 3 years

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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Mountaineers fall short of dream but reach several lofty goals

BY KELLY FENTON

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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Mahon hits three to extend game but Ridge falls in OT

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HOME COOKING: Playing before their fans in Middletown, the Southern Regional varsity girls volleyball team River East, 5-23, on Thursday, Feb. 5. After a timeout and a stop, a player provided the difference.

Rebounds Push Rams Past Raiders

Forward Gabby Davis had 17 rebounds as the Southern Regional varsity girls basketball team River East, 5-23, on Thursday, Feb. 5. "I could have made more fast shots," Davis said. "Other than that..."

Davis was quickly reminded that she had 17 rebounds.

Handing the Rams' game captain Tobi Haack said she was disappointed with her team's effort, but she was looking ahead to a big Monday matchup against Brick Memorial.

With Monday's game looking to be her last for the Stone A South League, Haack said a classic sports term like the Rams' coaching is a big game.

Coach Morgan Handwerker said the team just came in with the

SPORTS Ice Hockey Rams Clinch Team's First Division Title

A-South Champs Await Playoffs

By RICK MELLERUP

Southern Regional High School has now done it all. A list of championship athletic events. The Rams ice hockey team clinched its first ever South League A South title on Friday when it defeated Free River South, 11-0, in a game decided in two periods by the Rams' goal.

The win against FRS was the completed, South's one-year program (the Rams were the New Jersey State Public Schools in 2010) but the Rams' patch of rough ice, with its team suffering through a 1-15-2 campaign.

A more important sign to Southern's coach is a championship was taken the evening before when the Rams came roaring back from a three-goal deficit in the first period to tie Free River South, 7-7. The point earned by the Rams on play being the difference between Southern and the division's second place team, Brick Township. The Rams finished with 20 points in divisional play while the Green Dragons had 10.

Indeed, the most important sign... team, actually - on Southern's trail to a title and on Jan. 20 when the Rams beat the Green Dragons, 5-3. Not only had Brick Township, the division's two-time reigning champion, handed a 4-0-1 home loss in the first game of the season back (9-1 on Dec. 10), but the fact is that Southern had never defeated Brick Township since the Rams hockey program began in 2006.

It just didn't show up to play (against Brick Township) in December, and that's all it could do for the first-year head coach Matt Hayes, who spent five years as the team's assistant coach. "That line was not one specific person's fault. That line belongs to everybody. We were just not playing well enough to score goals in five or six second readings with them, we made the proper adjustments and came out with the 'A' as a team."

It may have been the most important moment in the program's history, although a 7-7 victory over Montgomery in the first round of last year's New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Public A Championship Playoffs, the team's first ever playoff win - capped off the last home "Add'l Hayes said the program has had three flashes of greatness in the past.

"During the 2008-09 season, we made it to the State Conference (Championship) final and lost to Free River South," the eventual state champion that season.

Southern can add to its list of greats like seasons because played 10 times to approaching. On Tuesday, the Rams were seeded sixth in the 16-team State Conference Championship. Rick Haack, the team's head coach, is defending down, we carried the top seed, followed by Free River South's runner-up, State John Vianey, which finished second behind Brick in A. Central, will be the home school while Middletown North, which finished behind Free River South, was seeded South, Middletown South, the 11 South champ, ended up second fifth.

Southern will start its second season on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 4 p.m. when it "bouts" 11th-ranked Point Pleasant Borough. The word built up in question marks because Southern plays its "home" games at the Whiting River skating center in Free River.

Point Pleasant Borough comes into the contest with an 8-5 record (6-3-1 in A Central, good enough for fourth place in that division). The Panthers' record is a 1-10 when they played the Rams back on Dec. 20.

It's Southern parents, the next opponent will be the winner of the other three "home" teams. The next match-up.

By virtue of its record, Southern



BASEBALL: Barnegat High School Coach Bob Davis with (from left) Aaron Young, CJayn Ferriere, Manny Brown and Sam Maddox on Feb. 4.

Four Bengals Make Commitments on Signing Day

The Feb. 4 National Signing Day is almost treated like a holiday around the country where college football is king. It was also a major event at Barnegat High School, where four talented athletes signed letters of intent to play on the collegiate level.

Manny Brown, who played wide receiver and linebacker, will be taking his talents to Penn State. Memorial offensive lineman Sam Maddox is off to the University of Georgia. Quarterback CJayn Ferriere will be joining the ranks of the Harvard team. Offensive lineman Aaron Young is committed to Stoneman College, an NCAA Division II school located in

Forest, Mass.

Brown and Ferriere initially made commitments to the schools, but the summer's Hurricane Irene commitments were non-binding, they were free to look elsewhere.

The 6-foot-5, 285-pound down line was a special honor standing in a kickoff last past winter. Free River South, known as the "A" team, was going to the University of

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BASEBALL

Condito commits as legion ball stays hot

By Joseph DiFranco
Staff Writer

For the last three seasons, Nutley baseball could not be spoken about in those mentions of the prolific left-handed swing of Anthony Condito.

He has earned him recognition throughout northern New Jersey and has caught the eye of numerous Division I schools such as Seton Hall, Boston College, Miami and Villanova.

However, Condito is particularly drawn to Rutgers University for reasons which extend far beyond the game of baseball.

"They're local and I want my grandparents to be able to watch me play," said Condito. "It's special to me since I was six years old and I think it will be cool to play for one of the best college baseball programs in New Jersey."

It appears Condito will get his wish after making a verbal commitment to the Scarlet Knights.

Recently Condito completed in the Camden State Leadership program. All Star game and ended up two straight. He outdid himself a few days later in the Home versus Hudson County Underclassmen All Star game where he blasted two triples and drove in four RBI to take home MVP honors.

All of the aforementioned pro-

grams dovetail at the idea of inserting Condito's run-producing ability into the middle of their lineup following that performance but the Knights said by the time they reap the benefits of Condito's very high ceiling.

As he enters the summer before his senior year, he continues to hone his craft for Nutley's senior legion program led by Phil Agosta, who is also the nearby approach head coach. The nation's top baseball has seen over the years in due in large part to the coaching continuity with Agosta being there throughout the spring and summer. The affable ball coach keeps a strong dialogue with nearby local coach Bob Harbison through the summer months, updating him on returning players and especially new young talent whose performance warrants worthy recognition.

Agosta has seen quite a bit of Condito over the years and recalls about the first time he heard about the kid with the sweet lefty stroke. "I first heard about him when he was tearing up the Nutley American Little League and [Harbison] and I watched his arm get the High School level as a freshman," said Agosta. "He has not disappointed as since the made his way into the backcourt on his first day. I don't think there is anything he can't do on a



Anthony Condito smacks a double to left during the GAT semifinal versus Seton Hall (left) in early May.

baseball field and I know Harbison is getting a kid who respects the game of baseball, which is the most important part of being a great player. I know he will play hard for every single day no matter what type of game or day he is having and most of all he will be the best offensive anyone can ever ask for."

"I don't want his senior year to come and go that quickly because I will miss him, but I am excited about what he is going to accomplish at Rutgers and beyond, possibly on the Major League level," said Agosta.

As a kid, all Condito ever wanted to do was follow the path his brother had laid as a ballplayer at Nutley high after graduating in 2012.

"Ever since I was little I remember watching my brother play and imagining how awesome it would be to play with coach Harbison and Agosta because they're both great coaches and they both taught me the game well," said Condito. "I thought it was pretty cool when my brother graduated and I was able to come in and wear number 10 and share the Condito number and have that with my brother."

It's safe to say Condito has exceeded his very own legacy as one of the best ball players to ever walk the halls of Nutley High.

Condito's legion teammates are following his lead this summer as

the Bats' are clicking on all cylinders. Entering this week they hold a 5-0 record with victories over Cedar Grove, Glen Ridge, West Orange and two victories over Edison as they await a doubleheader this past weekend.

The pitching has been light so far with Mike Lawson, Steve McGrath, Nick Scaturro, Anthony Bernatelli, Nick Scarpello and Jake Everett all having a hand in the wins.

The hitting has been equally impressive. "Whenever you can get Andrew Cortez, Anthony Condito and Jake Barnowski in the middle of your lineup along with Nick Bellone and Justin Bellone, you are going to win a lot of games during the summer months," said Agosta.

Spurred throughout the lineup are some very impressive youngsters who are contending for early playing time such as Peter Lopez, Steve Bernatelli, Anthony Alonzo and Marty Higgins.

Agosta is particularly high on Higgins, not just because he will only be a freshman this fall but because of his athletic pedigree.

"If anyone knows anything about Nutley High School Sports, you certainly know the Higgins name. Marty's dad, his uncle Michael and Patrick and Kent Ken were all outstanding All State athletes at Nutley High School and went on to great college

careers. Michael was even drafted by the Colorado Rockies," said Agosta.

"He will make an immediate impact in Nutley High School sports in both baseball and basketball on the varsity level right away."

Agosta continued, "Marty will make his own statement when he is done in four years. He could be the best figure of them all when it's all said and done. We are happy he decided to get his education here at Nutley and play for the Bats."

Both O'Neil in another incoming freshman with a versatile skill set who can play and play both the outfield and infield. Seth Antonick in another dynamic young player who can play anywhere in the infield. September Mike Charles has been a rock behind the plate for the Bats as the captain has seen through the program and incoming senior Nicky Miller is earning twenty merit with his play on the outfield.

The bones of the summer legion season is not limited to the fall, summer coverage on the unbreakable record of a word but perfectly meaning up a ball. For Agosta it provides both a glimpse of the future and an opportunity to appreciate a program in the midst of a baseball renaissance.

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Anthony Alonzo stands on the base during a doubleheader versus Seton Hall.

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For Howarth family, swimming is second nature

New gym, old gym

Like father, like son

Bill LeConey
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Sports

For Howarth family, swimming is second nature

By BILL LECONEY
Staff Writer

BY HOWARTH DESIGN — It can seem to draw a diagram of the Howarth family history it might be more of a fact sheet than a line. And indeed, the career with Waterloo.

Because the Howarth family of Ventnor and Egg Harbor Township is all about swimming — with precision and velocity — through the centuries' shape, almost challenging nature of life. For each of these decades, these generations of Howarth have been swimming competitively and teaching others how to swim. On one hand, parent, the Howarth have used their swimming prowess to raise their children in ways to help them who don't swim as well, instead or caught up in strokes or struggling in dangerous waters.

"We grew up in Ventnor," said Kevin Howarth, 24, one of the second generation of Howarth swimmers. "We were all just there in the bay and had to be able to swim or else, basically, to be alive."

And the legacy continues, piling up super swimmers, setting up records and remarkable accomplishments during the war. Today Howarth, Kevin's youngest daughter and junior at Egg Harbor Township High School, is continuing that legacy. She will compete in Friday, Jan. 10, at the Atlantic City Invitational Swim Meet at Atlantic City High School, where her coach, Bill Howarth, is the longtime girls swimming coach.

"In our family it started with my oldest uncle Vince," Kevin recalls. "My uncle and my dad just didn't see the pool when they were young, so we have to be taught to swim well, and we just kind of kept doing that. Once we got into school, we realized that we were doing

well. We just kept going and now it's a tradition. I'm really happy to be a part of it."

Kevin is the youngest of the Howarth eleven, following in the footsteps of Macarolina, Shannon and Paige, all of whom were student, coach/teaching swimmers at EHT. Macarolina was an Olympian at the University of Delaware. Paige later went to swim an instructor with the EHT. Shannon was a swimmer at the University of Delaware.

It all started 87 years ago with the patriarch of the family, William Howarth II, a legendary all-ports athlete at Atlantic City High School. Of his four sons, Bill Jr. was the last swimmer — a state champion in the 100 freestyle — as well as a starting quarterback for the football team. The team earned Atlantic Island three times but failed to win.

It is now, his brother Kevin says, that he has a goal to go to the bank time, of which he is captain.

"Bill's the root of the family," Kevin says. "He's a fighter and he has a will to go to the bank time, of which he is captain."

Bill Jr.'s three daughters — Nancy, Courtney and Megan — all swam and earned the Atlantic City High School and the Ventnor team points. Nancy, like her father and grandfather, is a member of the ACSF Hall of Fame, graduating with an achievement record, and went on to be a swimmer at The College of New Jersey.

Under Bill Howarth, the ACSF girls swimming team has been one of the state's top programs in the area in 2006. The team placed the Lady Vikings to the program's 100th anniversary in 2006. One of his son swimmers, Courtney Callahan, a national expert in individual state elite — the next year



At the 2008 Ventnor Massed Swim, Bill and Kevin Howarth, at left, pose with sons Bill Jr., Kevin, Gary and Kevin.

by a New Jersey girls swimmer — from 2008-13.

"He always just made me girls to do well," Kevin says. "He had the spirit from one season (2007) to the next, but he always has kept me and his daughters, and goes to all their meets to cheer."

Kevin has been a member of the Ventnor City Beach Patrol. Kevin says a cousin on the beach and another in all their meets to cheer.

"It's talk about swimming, all the time but don't really compete against each other," Kevin says of his swimming career and some. "It's love swimming, and we love talking about it, but there's no pressure involved. Even though we have the Olympic team, it's nice to know that you get to the pool, you wear your best, you do your best and be happy with the outcome — because that's

Bill Howarth

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At one of the hardest sports to work hard and, win or lose, still get up the next day and go for it again. "There's a lot of dedication in the sport of swimming, whether individually or as a team," he explained. "Life is hard, and it has to be work you love to do at a young age."

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Copper's continuous pursuit of a dream

BY JOE DURANCO
Sports Editor

Mick Copper, a 2011 graduate of Bloomfield High School, choosing a dream very few of us have the opportunity to pursue. Fortunately for him, his dream of one day becoming a professional football player is steadily nurtured by his scholarly ambitions.

In May, Copper earned his undergraduate degree in communications from American International College (AIC) in Springfield, Massachusetts and was named to the Commencement Honors Roll in his final two semesters.

As a Bengals, Copper was a dynamic player on the gridiron, earning all-area recognition as both a wide receiver and cornerback. Following his senior year at which he was named both captain and team MVP, Copper received a full scholarship to play for the Division II Yellow Jackets. He has thrived in the defensive back position where he has 53 career tackles, 11 pass interceptions and one forced fumble. Slowly but surely, Copper has turned himself into a legitimate NFL prospect.

As he enters his final season of athletic eligibility this fall, Copper intends to pursue his Master's in Business Administration.

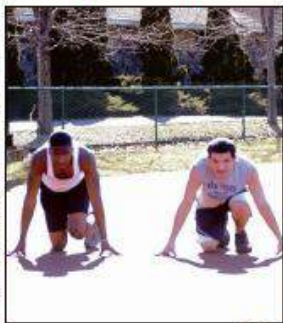
"Towards the end of my undergraduate I didn't think it was the end of the road for me. I consciously remind that football is not forever as once I finished my undergraduate I'm going to get my Master's one day after," said Copper.

ask like there was no need to pursue the inevitable." Parents who have over-looked Copper speak highly of him. Bloomfield's varsity head football coach Mike Carter, recently spoke, as how proud he is of Copper's accomplishments in college. "Mick was an absolute pleasure to coach, incredibly bright, aggressive and very coachable. Comes from an outstanding family."

From with the support of success he has had in his young life, you would not be able to tell he is speaking with him. He carries a level of humility unheard of for a man of his age. His attributes his strong character to the love and guidance his mother Sherrita and father Gerald have provided him throughout his life.

"Both of my parents are incredibly hard working people, they are who I model my work ethic after. They always told me that I have to work two times as hard as I do because I am an African-American male. I've always been cognizant of that point but I've never let it define me. Because I feel like I am going to be successful because of the work that I put in regardless of my age, race, gender or whatever the case may be, I am going to be good because of my dedication to succeed and the faith that I put in God."

The secret to Copper's limitless ability as both a scholar and an athlete is simple. "I like to put 100 percent into everything I do. That includes football, as well as the classroom. Because I know that one day football is going to be



Joe Duranco

Mick Copper, a two-sport athlete, stands on the field prior to a track meet during his time at Bloomfield High.

over so I need something to fall back on. But I don't think football is a part of my system yet."

Football is far from over for Copper. As he first will, 100 percent into everything I do. That includes football, as well as the classroom. Because I know that one day football is going to be

Chances have not hindered Copper from anything he has wanted to do in his young life and through it, prospects being picked up by NFL teams is certainly not unheard of.

Professional ball dream in his blood. He uncle, Harry Sparrow was selected 70th overall in the 1980 NFL draft by the New Jersey Nets and went on to have a respectable 14 year career with a number of teams in the NFL.

Copper has yet to find someone he has not excelled at. He has distinguished himself not only with his academics but with his cerebral ability and his ambition to see beyond the realm of sport.

"At an early age my parents instilled within me the importance of an education. A lot of young African-American males think sports is the key to get them out of whatever situation they are in, to get a better life. But for me, football is just a small part of what I am, it's not all that I am."

Copper makes his professional years playing football in the William Policy League and looking up to the varsity football players, yearning to one day be at that level, but always believing it was within his grasp. His passion for sports is long to one day play for the New York Giants.

"I would love to come back to Bloomfield after finishing graduate school, but I'm willing to go wherever I get taken and follow my instincts. They haven't let me down yet."

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Take a trip to Cooperstown

Bloomfield Babe Ruth baseball league is looking for 20 players to make up two teams which will play a game at the historic Deane Day Field in Cooperstown, New York, on Wednesday July 23.

Since its construction in 1920, the historic field has been graced by the presence of every one of the immortal players who entered not a few miles back down the road in the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Players will have the opportunity to play full live games on the ballfield grounds, attend in the same locker's box Babe Ruth once stood in and throw from a mound once occupied by some of the greatest pitchers who ever lived.

Following the game, the rest of the day will be spent touring the Hall of Fame Museum and visit-

ing the historic downtown district.

This offer is extended to the registered players from the previous summer. Babe Ruth League and Royal Travel Baseball program.

The itinerary for the day goes as follows:
6:30 a.m. - Departure from Bloomfield Board of Education parking lot, 125 Broad Street.
11:00 a.m. - Arrival in Cooperstown.
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - National Baseball Hall of Fame visitation.
2:45 p.m. - Arrive at Deane Day Field approximately two blocks from the Hall of Fame.
3:00 p.m. - Game time.
8:15 p.m. - Departure from Cooperstown.
12:00 a.m. - Arrival back at Bloomfield Board of Education

parking lot.
The cost for each player is \$81. Supervision for including but not including Babe Ruth League and Royal Travel Baseball program.
There are 20 seats available for parents, family members and the general public for \$50 each. This includes transportation and entry into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.
Parent attending must be accompanied by a parent or another parent that will agree to be their chaperone. If a player's family decides to supply their own transportation to Cooperstown, there is no discount for the player.
For more information, contact Anthony Tolomeo at 979-943-4448.

-Joseph DiFranco

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The Bloomfield varsity baseball program will be hosting a clinic at the Bloomfield Middle School baseball field.
The camp will run three separate weeks, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 20-24, July 27-31, August 3-7.
Fees range from \$150 per week, \$285 for two weeks and \$420 for three weeks.

Offensive stations will include: set bats, batting, footwork, tee drills, live batting practice and situational hitting. Defensive stations will provide athletes with training methods to improve hand-eye coordination and skills to become better hitters.

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Snyder not slowing down after first win since 2011

BY JASON BERNSTEIN FOR THE JERSEY JOURNAL

The football players were singing on the bus ride back from Caven Point, and when they arrived back at Snyder High School on Thursday night, they were greeted to a heroes' welcome by the school band and excited parents.

The jubilation was understandable. The Tigers had just defeated West Side 13-4, ending that evening an unspun 30-game losing streak. No one on the team had ever experienced the joy of winning while wearing the school's black and orange.

The celebration could have easily continued well beyond Thursday night. Instead, Snyder was back at work the next day.

Sure there was a buzz and excitement with in the school the following day, but soon after class ended, the Tigers were back at Caven Point practicing in preparation for their game this Thursday at Hoboken.

For the players and coaching staff, it's about more than just snapping the state's long losing streak, but it's about the pride in a program that has been lacking for years.

"They understand that the one win is good, it's the first win to snap the streak for us, but what we're looking at is the bigger picture," said first-year Snyder head coach Raymond Marshall. "We want to become a program. We don't want to be a doormat anymore. We don't want people just walking up and beating us. We don't want people scheduling us for homecoming, we don't want that anymore."

"We want everyone to know that when they play us, win or lose, they know that they're going to have to fight us till the end."

Marshall understands how long and difficult that process can take. He experienced it first hand as an assistant coach under Robert Hampton at Lincoln.

Hampton has turned the Lions from a doormat into one of the state's top small school programs. Now, Marshall hopes to do the same at Snyder.

"I've just been following Robert Hampton's blueprint on how he changed the culture at Lincoln, changed the attitude of the kids and changed the attitude of the community to get more people involved," Marshall said. "It's always going to be an uphill battle since it's been so long since they've won. We need to follow the blueprint and what I was taught over the years by other coaches. It's working out pretty good."

Murphy says he can already see some of the changes taking place. In addition to many messages of congratulations, Murphy had had 12 kids approach him looking to join the team within the first three days since Thursday night's victory.

In total, Snyder now has 56 players on the roster, headlined by junior defensive end Charles Ransom, who had nine tackles, two sacks and a fumble recovery in Thursday's win.

Senior tight end/defensive end Tyrek Rice is playing varsity football for the first time, but is showing the raw potential and ability that could make him a college prospect, in Marshall's eyes.

Titan Whitehead, Dakim Lyons, Idris Givens, Malik Brooks and Sam Mesmith were also key contributors to the victory.

The euphoria of that Thursday night may still be fresh in everyone's mind, but there's still more work to be done.

They hope that this is just the first of many steps toward revitalizing the Snyder football program.

"I don't want my kids to get too ahead of themselves and forget what we're trying to do here," Marshall said.

"We're trying to build a program here. The win is good, but we want to build a program and establish a culture, a winning culture so that when our kids leave Snyder High School they're ready for success. That's what we're trying to do in the building right now."




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SNYDER PLAYS against Bergen Tech earlier this season at Caven Point in Jersey City.

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From Dan King Plaza to Harry Harty Way...
Atlantic City's named a street after just about everyone

By DAVID COLEMAN

Atlantic City is a city that is full of history and tradition. One of the most interesting stories in the city's history is the naming of a street after just about everyone. The street is named after a variety of people, including politicians, athletes, and celebrities. The naming of the street is a testament to the city's rich history and its commitment to honoring its past. The street is a great place to walk and to learn about the city's history. It is a great place to see the city's landmarks and to enjoy the view of the ocean. The street is a great place to be, and it is a great place to be named after.

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Pope John captures first sectional title

By Carl Barbati
Pope John's victory over the Holy Cross in the sectional title game was a surprise to many. The team, which had been considered underdogs, managed to pull off a stunning upset. The game was filled with excitement and drama, with Pope John's defense proving to be the key to their success. The victory marks a significant milestone for the program and a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players and coaches.

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Paige Garland
Hopkinton High School
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Paige Garland, Hopkinton High School 2015 United Way Scholar Athlete, has grown into a leadership role.

In this column, we will explore the challenges and triumphs of being a Scholar Athlete. Paige's story is a testament to the power of hard work and the support of the community. She has overcome numerous obstacles and emerged as a leader in her school and beyond. Her journey is an inspiration for all who strive for excellence in both academics and athletics.

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Study on WO twins furthers NASA's plans of visiting Mars

By Sean Quinn
Staff Writer

Growing up in West Orange, Mark Kelly always wanted to become an astronaut. In high school, he even had dreams of doing a NASA mission, launching into the cosmos and becoming the first person to walk on Mars. But there is a wide gap between dreams and reality, and Kelly decided that his goal of one day venturing into space would never be achieved.

"I can't say that I ever really seriously thought it would happen," Kelly told the West Orange Chronicle in an Aug. 28 phone interview. "I was a realist, and I think I understood how difficult it is to be selected as an astronaut. I understood that it was very competitive, so I don't think I was ever convinced it would happen. But at the same time, I figured I should maybe do my best to put myself in a situation where at least I could be competitive."

Kelly did just that, earning several prestigious awards as a naval aviator, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, before logging more than 5,000 hours in six different aircraft as a test pilot. In 1996, his dream of becoming an astronaut came true when he was chosen to join NASA, and he eventually went on to become one of only four people to visit the International Space Station on four separate occasions.

Though he retired from NASA in 2011 to care for his wife Catherine, the former star Arizona anguillero who was shot

in an assassination attempt, Kelly is not yet finished adding the contents of his travel. In fact, along with his twin brother and fellow astronaut, Scott Kelly, Mark Kelly is now participating in a study that will provide the agency with unprecedented data on the effects that being in space long-term can have on the human body.

As part of NASA's historic Twins Study, Mark Kelly will act as the Earth-bound control subject while Scott Kelly — who is on track to becoming the American with the longest time in space for his yearlong mission aboard the ISS — will act as the test subject for researchers to determine whether there are any serious physical or psychological side effects of a prolonged stay in space. Factors in the study include weightlessness, radiation and isolation. The agency already has plenty of research documenting what happens within six months, but effects beyond that are relatively unknown at this point.

The Kelly brothers hope to remedy that by taking part in the study, with their families behind making them the perfect candidates for doing so. Being identical twins with nearly the exact same DNA, the Kellys are the ideal subjects for recent tests to notice and compare any differences their bodies and minds experience when subjected to radically different environments. As a result, it would give NASA an idea of what to expect and prepare for before sending

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Letters sent to council speakers get personal

Anonymous drone supporter lashes out against ordinance advocates

By ANDREW PARENT
OCEAN CITY — Less than a week after Levente Geary spoke against drone use at City Hall during City Council's Nov. 17 meeting, during which a unanimous vote endorsed a drone ban that encompasses most of the city, an anonymous letter authored by a self-identified "drone fan" showed up in the mail.

The papering corners of Geary's stance on the issue meet so far as including her actual property name, information that is publicly available, and accusing her of being "a personal narcissist," and "a person who has polluted some of the city and county."

"This had the right to attack my ideas, but he must further," Geary's



All aboard
Jan Ulrich, 6, of Mt. Laurel takes a photo while Myrae Birch, 3, of Egg Harbor Township admires the locomotive carrying up the tracks of the South Jersey Garden Railroad Society's G-1 gauge model display during the Train Show Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Ocean City Mall. (For more photos see page 15.)

Struggling for normal, facing cancer

'To take it in stride and keep living every single day with joy and purpose, that's her legacy.'

By ANDREW PARENT
OCEAN CITY — It took three days in the Garden State to get Christi Rose located.

Her long, after waking California for the first time while visiting her brother, where she searched for her brother's cousin at the Cumberland engineering firm where she worked.

She was drafted in an early telephone call in her 2010 and volunteered



Better let this one go
Jesse Skelton captured this image of a breaching humpback whale while fishing for striped bass off Ocean City over the weekend. According to the director of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center, the whales are trying to bulk up for their long swim to the feeding grounds of the Caribbean, where they feed for the winter. See Page 6 for more.

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Glen Ridge natives reach lacrosse pinnacle

BY JOSEPH DIFRANCO
Staff Writer

A pair of Glen Ridge lacrosse talents crowned each other as the Memorial Day weekend at Notre Dame's St. Ignace Sports and Learning of Harvard's St. Ignace took the field against one another in the semifinals of the NCAA Division I championship.

"It was pretty funny going into the tournament because I realized that if we made it, if Denver made it, and if Syracuse made it, there would be three Glen Ridge guys in the final four with Notre Dame or Syracuse," said Diao.

No. 1 seed Denver and No. 1 seed Notre Dame shared the same side of the bracket and competed at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field for an opportunity to play for a National Championship.

In an amazing battle of will, Denver would upset Notre Dame on this Saturday afternoon, defeating the Irish by a score of 11-10, in a thrilling overtime game.

Karlie and his teammates captured their first National Championship in school history two days later after they defeated No. 6 seed Maryland by a score of 10-3.

"We got back Monday night, and Tuesday the school put on a great welcome home celebration," said Karlie. "The student body, the mayor was there, the church for people. It was very cool to see how much support we had from the city of Denver and the Glen Ridge lacrosse community."

Karlie chose to attend the University of Denver after graduating from Montclair Kimberley Academy in 2012. He played variety lacrosse all four years, earning the captain title in two, along with a laundry list of accolades.

Karlie had no reluctance joining one of the region's top Division I programs. "I started getting recruited by them only in my junior year and I took one visit in October and I was sold. I called the head coach right after the visit and contacted him on the spot. It was done pretty quickly and it's really just from a bigging up to get to Denver over time," said Karlie.

The Denver Honor attributes his motivation as an addition to the youth athletic organizations in Glen Ridge. "Growing up playing lacrosse in Glen Ridge was really great. The town is so small and so tight knit and everyone is so into playing lacrosse. Playing in an area where everyone cares as much about you and the game, was real key," said Karlie.

"I know Steve pretty well from growing up. I've known him



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Joe Karlie holds the National Championship trophy following Denver's 10-3 victory over Maryland at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.



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Notre Dame goalie Steve Diao saves a shot in goal during their 10-3 overtime final defeat to Denver in the semifinals of the National Championship.

through the youth program and summer teams and we were pretty close friends growing up, I'd say. We could both tell it was such a cool experience for us to be there and know each other and Steve played so well in the semifinal game, they were just so deserving to win that game so we were."

Reflex, Diao packed his bags for South Bend, he announced an equally lengthy romance as captain, with some hardware to show for it, leading the Rodgers to a Great Lakes Championship in 2011 and two Essex County titles in 2011 and 2012.

During his senior year in 2012, Diao did not hesitate when the Irish came calling. "Last second

without growing up in a town like Glen Ridge. I'd get pictures from everyone at Fitzgerald's watching the game and all the parents and coaches I know. It was great to have that support and know that there are little kids out there watching me, a position I was in 10 years ago. All the final four there were a lot of Glen Ridge kids yelling for me and that was so huge. I'm so fortunate to call Glen Ridge my home."

The opportunity to compete against one another for the greatest equivalent of the Rose Bowl, so far, seemed like something out of a movie, but if you take a look at the accomplishments of these young men, their character as human beings and

athletes, and the borough with which they reside, it all begins to make sense.

Sport has this innate ability to make even the most improbable occurrence come to fruition.

The brand of Glen Ridge lacrosse was on full display on the national stage, and those athletes answered the call, writing an incredible saga for the borough and adding to its legacy of interdivisional athletes.

"Growing up I always saw Pat play. He ended up going to MKA so I never really got the chance to play with him but he was a guy who was just a great player and interdivisional athlete," said Diao. "We had played Denver earlier in the year and they beat us in overtime but I know it wasn't going to be the last time we saw each other. I have a lot of respect for Pat and huge congratulations to them for winning the championship."

Although these two athletes embarked on different parts of the country, their journey always remained close where they came from.

"Going to the Final Four and seeing all the kids running around, it reminded me of when I came from," said Diao. "I think it's just a really cool experience that I get to go back there and see that as a player."

"The Final Four of lacrosse is really the pinnacle of the sport, and there are so many fans, so many kids who look up to you," said Karlie. "I remember when I was walking around the Final Four as a little kid. Seeing these guys in the hotel led me straight

to each other very similar observations from the tournament, however, from distant, yet vivid childhood memories as their lacrosse parents came full circle. It reminded me of when you actually become the athlete you once dreamed of being as a wide-eyed 11-year-old."

Many of us can recall moments from our youth when sports provided the ultimate backdrop to our dreams. Just as Diao and Karlie did, we dreamed ourselves taking the field for "the Golden State of them all," when we'd simulate an at-bat in the World Series or score a touchdown in the Super Bowl. The sublime nature of sport allows us to live in those moments, regardless of time and place.

These two young men demonstrated the ultimate possibility of both life and sport, all while embracing their will, their skill, and just how small the world really is. Email: djfranco@northjersey.com

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Glen Ridge natives reach lacrosse pinnacle

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REDEVELOPMENT

Moving on up or moving on out?

Community leaders discuss redevelopment in Montclair

BY IZAL MARIN-CARRERA
Montclair

It's an often posed question on the minds of Montclair residents: Is it a time to move up or move out? The answer, according to a panel of community leaders gathered at the Montclair Public Library last night, is a resounding "it depends."

The Montclair Redevelopment Authority is currently in the process of preparing a plan for the future of Montclair. The plan will include a mix of residential, commercial and public uses. The next phase is to hold public hearings to gather input from the community.

Montclair Mayor Robert P. Kelly, who is also the chair of the Redevelopment Authority, is one of the panelists. He said that the plan is still in the early stages and that he is looking for input from the community. He said that the plan is not a blueprint, but a guide that will be refined as more information is gathered.

Other panelists include Councilwoman Christine Longo, Councilman Robert Kelly, and Councilman Robert Kelly. They discussed the challenges of redevelopment in Montclair, such as the need for affordable housing, the need for job creation, and the need for public services.

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ANIMAL SHELTER

Committee: Dawson's the cat's meow

Volunteers show support for shelter's director

BY ANTHONY GIBERTI
Montclair

Members of Montclair's Animal Shelter Committee, including Mayor Robert P. Kelly, Councilwoman Christine Longo, and Councilman Robert Kelly, gathered at the Montclair Public Library last night to show their support for the shelter's director, Anthony Giberti.

Mr. Giberti is the director of the Montclair Animal Shelter, which is a non-profit organization that provides care and adoption services to animals in Montclair. The shelter has a long history of providing quality care and has recently implemented several new initiatives to improve its services.

The committee members praised Mr. Giberti for his dedication to the shelter and his efforts to improve the lives of the animals in its care. They also discussed the challenges of running an animal shelter in a small town with a large population.

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*Renaming bill passed by both
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POST OFFICE
Renaming bill passed by both houses

BY RODRIGO TORREJON
Staff Writer

WALDWICK — As the community last week awaited the final step in a three-year effort to rename its post office in honor of fallen Marine Staff Sgt. Joseph D'Agostino, the father on Tuesday, Sept. 29, characterized it as "a mixed blessing."

On Sept. 24, the House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation to rename the post office at 1 Walker Hammond Place the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Agostino Post Office Building." The bill had already been approved in the Senate in an effort spearheaded by Rep. Scott Garrett (R-N.J. District) and co-sponsored by the entire New Jersey congressional delegation.

The bill now sits before the president, whose deadline to sign it into law is September, Oct. 10.

The post office would become the 14th in the state to be dedicated to an individual, and the fourth in Bergen County.

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TRIBUTE TO AN OFFICER
He's making sure his son's legacy keeps on truckin'

BY RODRIGO TORREJON
Staff Writer

WALDWICK — It didn't take much for Christopher Goodell to fall for his 5th truck.

It was January 1990, during his shift at Hovos Hardware, when he got a pull on. It was a powder blue and white 1986 Ford F100 pick-up truck, one of the first with Twin T-Boost front suspension and a chassis that would be used in most trucks in the line until 1995. Like most cars, some of 20 years, it was a fair offer. But it was a fair offer that Christopher, 14 at the time, had already set his mind to fix, just two months before receiving his license.

"We had spent a lot of time early on working on the truck," recalled Mark Goodell, Christopher's father and co-owner of Good Landscapes Contractors. "We love it all the way down to the frame. It was a family project. Every Sunday afternoon we'd get together and work on the truck. We didn't work on it every Sunday, but probably maybe two to three Sundays a month, for sure."

The previous car owner, a Ridgewood resident, had begun restoration of the vintage truck but had decided to move to the Shore. When he sold the truck for \$2,200, some of the parts to be used for restoration came with the sale. For three years, father and son worked to refurbish the truck in Mark's cloudy-paved greenhouse workshop. It was there where father and son would order pizza, joke around and share in the process of transforming a relic with potential. Christopher had even picked out the color scheme: yellow with white accents.


But Sept. 13, 2011, everything changed abruptly. For Christopher Goodell, a year out of high school,

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Mark Goodell finished the restoration of his 50th birthday in time to lead the township's Memorial Day parade.



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Council looks at water main breaks, holiday parking

Pursues Neumann Leathers development, Observer Highway repaving

By Steven Rodas
Reporter Staff Writer

The recent water main breaks in Hoboken wanted to trickle over just about every topic discussed during the Wednesday, Dec. 2 City Council meeting.

A resolution to allow for the temporary lift of parking fees in city lots during the holidays was passed unanimously to help businesses recover from the fall water advisory and road closures that reduced customer traffic two weeks ago.

The council also discussed extending the altered time for repaving and milling Observer Highway, but the matter ran into substantial scrutiny once residents already faced transportation snafus after the main breaks.

And the council conferred over the adoption of recommendations made by the Planning Board to the Neumann Leathers Redevelopment Plan, located in the northwest where the brunt of the water pressure lag took place. The plan envisions to renovate a former factory building near the city's border, one that is home to arties and small businesses.

When Hoboken resident David L. Liebler began talking about legal matters involving the mayor's husband at an Oct. 21 City Council meeting, Council President Ray Shaha had police search him from the meeting. Now he has filed a lawsuit with the U.S. District Court of New Jersey to restrain and avoid damages from further speaking in the upcoming holiday.

Shaha, who is himself an attorney, said that Liebler — a critic of the administration of Mayor Dawn Zimmer — was ejected the speaking about a "private citizen" and behaving "in a disorderly manner."

Liebler filed the suit on Nov. 20 and is seeking compensatory and punitive damages, counsel fees, and the costs of suit. He alleged that the ejection violated his right to freedom of speech.

Was ejected after talking about legal matter involving mayor's husband

By Steven Rodas
Reporter Staff Writer

LIEBLER — Hoboken resident David Liebler speaking at a Dec. 2 City Council meeting.

COUNCIL — Council President Ray Shaha at the Dec. 2 City Council meeting.

Aftermath of ejections

Charles Gerard Liebler's attorney of Birch Bayler LLC of Roseland, says that during the designated public comments section of the meeting, Liebler addressed several topics including bike safety, rail waste project, and budgetary issues.

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Strother supporters protest firing

Supporters of recreation director demand his reinstatement



LOUD VOICES — About 40 people showed up for the City Council meeting in support of Ryan Strother.

By Al Sullivan
Reporter staff writer

A handful of people showed up in Van Vorst Park on Wednesday to fight the two-block march to City Hall to protest the firing of Ryan Strother, the popular director of the city's Recreation Department.

While the protest march was attended by more spectators than protesters, the event was also attended by one of Mayor Steven Fulop's aides, who stood partly hidden by trees and appeared to be recording or filming to comments being made by the organizers.

Speaking to the protesters in the park, Carolyn Oliver-Pan, Fulop's assistant and executive director of the North Jersey Chapter of the

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JC schools may be short 7,000 spaces

2013 report shows shortage of classrooms after 2018

By Al Sullivan
Reporter staff writer

Estimates vary on how big a shortage of classroom space Jersey City schools will face, but a 2013 schools facility report predicted the city may not have enough room to accommodate a rise in student population after 2018.

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Jersey City remembers

Ceremony honors those who fell on 9/11, and afterward

By Al Sullivan
Reporter staff writer

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A cross of palm fronds, with a fly, marks the spot where Ernesta Hernandez, 77, of Nutley, was struck and killed by a van as she tried to cross Centre Street.

Grand jury: Driver did not knowingly leave the scene

BY HASIME KUKAJ
Staff Writer

The driver that hit Nutley resident and Essex, Belleville and owner Ernesta Hernandez was not leaving the scene because, in the view of an Essex County grand jury, he was unaware there was an accident scene to be.

Tuesday marks the first anniversary of the death of the 77-year-old Nutley resident, a death which was ruled accidental according to an Essex County Prosecutor's Office investigation report.

On July 15, 2014, the Prosecutor's Office announced that a grand jury "declined to originate criminal charges against the driver," rejecting a charge of

knowingly leaving the scene of an accident, according to the Prosecutor's Office spokeswoman Katherine Gardner. According to the Essex County Prosecutor's investigation report, obtained via an Open Public Records request, the driver was identified as Shickles Ajani, 41, of Belleville.

"I think [the driver] should be held accountable for what he did," Prosecutor's son, Al Hernandez, told the Sun. "I don't believe it's possible that the person didn't know he hit someone."

"I know that there's nothing that could be done to bring her back," Al said. "I don't think they did right by her."

Another son, Sal Hernandez, said "I feel that everybody dropped the ball."

We had to keep chasing [the prosecutor's office] to do the job. All they told us was, 'It's been, and we have a lot of cases.'

Sal alleged that officials did not follow up at the hospital and did not secure his mother's clothing that day.

"I feel she got killed, and it was like it never happened," Sal said. At least a statement for leaving the scene would mean "somebody took notice" he said. The driver never offered the family his name, he added.

The incident

According to authorities, a 2007 black Ford Focus van hit Hernandez about 11:55 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014, at the intersection of Centre Street and Havens Avenue. The vehicle

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More than a day

Lawyer gives legal counsel to wounded soldiers

BY CISA WARD WIGGANS

In the Times's 146th anniversary, the current people here in Montclair are an everyday army, and the war continues every day. Wounded soldiers are still coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan.



STANDARDIZED TESTING

For BOE, no walk in the PARCC

BY BRADLEY SUTCLIFF

The Montclair Board of Education will vote Monday on whether to opt out of the PARCC standardized testing program. The board will also vote on whether to opt out of the PARCC standardized testing program.

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A kid and his 1-year-old brother are trick-or-treating on their way to the door. The boy is wearing a white shirt and the girl is wearing a blue shirt.

LEAF BLOWERS

It's OK, it's not OK

Landscapers baffled by conflicting messages

BY TERRY SAUNDERS

It's a leaf blower, a tool used to clear leaves from lawns and driveways. But landscapers are baffled by conflicting messages about whether it's OK to use them.



COURTS

Montclair resident found guilty of 2012 murder

Jury found Ernest Williams Jr. culpable in shooting death

BY NICHOLAS KATZBAN

Ernest Williams Jr., a resident of Montclair, was found guilty of the 2012 murder of a woman in a parking garage. The jury found him culpable in the shooting death of the woman.



Ernest Williams Jr. is shown in court, looking down. He is wearing a dark jacket and a white shirt.

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By Shane Fitzgerald

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Bridge tolls only a symptom of bigger problem

By Shane Fitzgerald

Bridge tolls are only a symptom of a much larger problem. The infrastructure is crumbling, and the funding is insufficient. We need to find a way to maintain and improve our roads without putting an undue burden on the taxpayers. The tolls are just a band-aid on a much larger wound.

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NAACP banquet a night of inspiration

By Shane Fitzgerald

The NAACP banquet was a night of inspiration and hope. It brought together people from all walks of life who are committed to making a better future for all. The speeches were powerful and moving, and the atmosphere was one of unity and determination.

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Early detection leaves us living for the messages

My younger sister Carol sent a text message last Tuesday morning.



L.A. Parker
Columnist

The 625 communication read "Good morning, I love you."

That's it. No other comments, no emojis. Nothing. This incident has new value based simply on the fact that texting remains an almost unaltered experience for Carol as her older brother now texts, and start messages without constraints and may even Snapchat someday soon.

Her message garners even more substance since she owns the distinction of being a breast cancer survivor. While more Caucasian women get breast cancer, African American women die from this disease at a significant higher rate than any other ethnic group.

So, "Good morning, I love you," does not get lost in the morning coffee or radio news broadcasts. Carol Denise Parker writing those five words offered another chance to think about how unpleasantry different my world would be without her around.

No doubt, thousands of Trentonian readers share a similar fantastic feeling about a surviving sister, mother or aunt while others know the heartbreak that comes with losing a loved one from this disease.

Breast cancer remains an epidemic that produces incredible statistics. According to web site BreastCancer.org, in 2015, an estimated 331,840 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. The astounding figure details that about 40,000 women will die from this disease.

• Approximately 1 in 8 U.S. women (about 12 percent) will de-

Every female friend tells me that they dread the physical hurt associated with mammograms, but pain is relative. Know, too, that your relatives, boyfriends, husbands and significant others want you around for a long time.

velop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. Look around your office, the bus or train, or while waiting in line at the supermarket and allow that statistic a minute to sink in.

• For women in the U.S., breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer.

• While women are slightly more likely to develop breast cancer than African-American women. However, in women under 45, breast cancer is more common in African-American women than white women. Overall, African-American women are more likely to die of breast cancer.

• The risk of developing and dying from breast cancer is lower in Asian, Hispanic, and Native American women.

• In 2015, there are more than 2.6 million women with a history of breast cancer in the U.S. This includes women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment.

have a family member diagnosed with it.

• About 85 percent of breast cancers occur in women who have no family history of breast cancer. These occur due to genetic mutations that happen as a result of the aging process and life, in general, rather than inherited mutations.

CancerCare.org notes that "the chance of getting breast cancer increases as women age. Nearly 80 percent of breast cancers are found in women over the age of 50."

The National Cancer Institute recommends "getting a high-quality screening mammogram and having a clinical breast exam on a regular basis (as the most effective ways to detect breast cancer early)."

While a breast self-exam, or BSE, may help in detection of problems, such discoveries suggest that the cancer may have already spread beyond the breast, according to information posted on Cancer.org.

Physicians support regular screening with an mammogram offering a better chance to find breast cancers when they are much smaller. Breast cancers discovered in Stage 0-1 are highly treatable and generally deliver positive outcomes.

Every female friend tells me that they dread the physical hurt associated with mammograms, but pain is relative. Know, too, that your relatives, boyfriends, husbands and significant others want you around for a long time.

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Michael Rowland, 46, is accused of killing Maryann Rowland, 71, last June.

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The answer lies with the record in public works matters, because the state's public works attorneys are the ones who rack up the bills.

By Steve Krametz

The Public Attorney General's office has a record in public works matters that is well known to the state's public works attorneys. It is the state's public works attorneys who rack up the bills, and the Public Attorney General's office is the one that pays them.

IN SUIT, MAN SAYS HE MISSED SON'S BIRTH AFTER FALSE ARREST IN SLAYING

By Bill Krametz

In a lawsuit filed in Superior Court, a man says he missed his son's birth after a false arrest in a slaying case.

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Officer in fatal police chase identified only as 22-year veteran

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The annual food drive is held for the benefit of the United Jewish Appeal's Office of Emergency and Family Aid this week, with volunteers serving the various locations at Village Hall on Monday. Above: Don Levine, Suzanne Campbell and Nancy Reed (seated) were joined by dozens for a dedication.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Union questions district spending
Full day kindergarten found viable

BY MICHAEL GOODMAN
Staff Writer

It's not surprising that the board of education is questioning the district's spending on full-day kindergarten. The board is questioning the district's spending on full-day kindergarten. The board is questioning the district's spending on full-day kindergarten.

HOME TOWN HERO
Ali Stroker stars on Broadway stage

BY Betsy Murphy
Contributor



Ali Stroker is performing in "The Wizard of Oz" at the Broadway stage. She is performing with other children and is a local hero.

CHARITY
Families find help at area churches

BY MICHAEL GOODMAN
Staff Writer

During the holiday season, an increasing number of families are seeking help at area churches. These churches are providing food, clothing, and other necessities to families in need.

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Freeholder Pat Sebold donates keepsakes of cousin Allen Ginsberg

ROBERT WIENER
NJN Staff Writer

As a veteran Essex County Freeholder and board member of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ, Pat Sebold is one of the most widely known public figures in the region's Jewish community.

But there is a private aspect to her life that is known to few people. Sebold is a first cousin of the iconic American Beat Generation poet Allen Ginsberg, Allen's father, Louis Ginsberg, was the brother of her mother, Clara.

Although he was 12 years older than her, Sebold treasures not only warm memories of her cousin but a voluminous collection of Ginsberg memorabilia. On July 1 she donated all of it to the Jewish Historical Society of New Jersey.

The items includes signed copies of hardbound and paperback versions of her cousin's poetry, as well as personal letters, postcards, family photographs, and yellowed newspaper clippings about the Newark-born poet, anti-war protester, gay-rights activist, counter-culture muse, and "nonviolent social bandit," as he was once described by the critic John Leonard.

"I am compulsive," Sebold confessed to the society's executive director, Linda Forgoosh, as they sat at the kitchen table recently in Sebold's Livingston apartment. "Through the years I have saved everything."

One postcard he sent to her family from Amsterdam reads like a Ginsberg poem:

*Cheers, canals, windows,
bridges, dog s---, Indonesian*



In earlier times, Pat Sebold, left, and her late sister, Johanna Weiss, stand beside their cousin Allen Ginsberg in a family gathering. Photo by Robert Wiener

Essex County Freeholder Pat Sebold, right, reminisces about her cousin, poet Allen Ginsberg, with Linda Forgoosh, executive director of the Jewish Historical Society of New Jersey. Photo by Robert Wiener



resurrector, and light drinker, youth clubs with rock 'n' roll and earthy dope, friendliness on streets and in newspaper notes, they cars on my sleds, they soup, good clean eating, pancake deserts, tram cars, bricks, love, I think of you fondly, Allen G.

Although the poet's official archives are located at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., "they don't have his personal stuff," said Sebold. "It is better it should go someplace where it will be treasured," she added. "What are they going to do? Sell it in a bookstore for the rest of my life?"

"That's me, of course, in the gold," said Forgoosh, who plans to "become a devotee of Allen Ginsberg. I will read it all and study it all" before mounting an exhibition of the society's new collection.

"When I learned that Pat had a collection of personal papers, newspaper articles, and photographs pertaining to the life and times of Beat Generation poet Allen Ginsberg, I wasn't able to rest until those valuable items were acquired by the JHS for preservation and exhibition. As of now the exhibition of Ginsberg's papers will be titled 'Ginsberg and Ginsberg,' meaning the poetry and papers of Allen Ginsberg and the poetry and papers of Louis Ginsberg, who was Allen's father and an important poet in his own right," Forgoosh said.

"They will have a good home," she promised Sebold. "Their discussion over stacks of poetry books and file folders of photos

in earlier times, Pat Sebold, left, and her late sister, Johanna Weiss, stand beside their cousin Allen Ginsberg in a family gathering. Photo by Robert Wiener

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Angelica Garcia, 4, of Bloomfield, assists in a mini-look-alike, assisted by a Home Depot employee, on Saturday during the Bloomfield Chamber Alliance's 23rd Annual Harvest Fest. See more pictures on page 3 and the photo gallery at northjersey.com/bloomfield.

DAVID WITKUP PHOTOGRAPHY

Supposed Rembrandt sells in Bloomfield

BY CHRISTOPHER RENDA Staff Writer

An unsigned painting, believed to be a Rembrandt, surprised the art world on Tuesday, Sept. 22, when it sold for \$1.1 million in Bloomfield.

Known as "Oil on Beards, Triple Portrait" with "Lady Flamingo," it features two people standing, a bathing woman against a darkened background, and experts believe the Dutch painter executed the small, 12.5-by-10-inch piece as a homage.

Despite it being unsigned, and moderate condition issues, a bidding war between two Europeans raised the price from an auction estimate of less than

\$1,000, according to John Nye, who purchased and renamed the Bloomfield auction house Nye & Company with his wife Kathleen in 2005.

The eventual buyer, known as an "under bidder," displayed a tactic known as jumping the increments, as a form of intimidation to get the other person to bow out," Nye said. After the price reached \$300,000, and his opponent, the eventual winner, bid \$310,000, the under bidder opened the same straight to \$410,000 and went up to \$600,000. The final bid was \$870,000, but totaling a \$1.1 million sale including the commission.

Nye once worked for Sotheby's in New York and said the

bidders might have become aware of the piece's value in one of two ways, either by checking it from the company catalogue, or through a New York City contact, possibly visiting it on display and for viewing their final.

"Somebody local in New York or New Jersey may have been walking through the gallery, noticed the painting, and called someone they knew to top them off that it was here," he said.

Rembrandt fear

Nye said that the suspected Rembrandt belonged to an Essex County man, whose name was not released.

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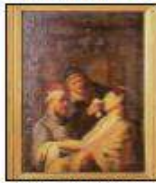


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An unnamed Essex County man kept a suspected Rembrandt painting hidden against his basement wall, according to Bloomfield auctioneer John Nye.



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Singing on key: Finding Creative Venues for Lounge Singers is Tough

Pamela Dollak
At the Shore; AC Weekly Editor



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Singing on key

Finding creative venues is a challenge to performers

By PAMELA DOLLAK, Atlantic City Weekly

All these jazz singers. Call them nightclub singers. But whatever you do, don't call them lounge singers. "Lounge singer" is definitely still Murray's territory," when singer Gina Roche about Murray's musician lounge spot on "Saturday Night Live" in the '70s. "I always heard lounge anyway. People call me a jazz singer or a stage-singer."



Joanna Pascale performs with the Ed Webster/Jen Ward Big Band at South Pointe restaurant in Seaside Point.

"Lounge singer has kind of a bad connotation," says Joanna Pascale, a professional singer and jazz vocal coach at Temple University, who prefers to simply be called a musician. "I think it's a mystery. I feel like no matter what style music you're singing at whatever place you're in, be it a performing arts venue or a restaurant, the most important job we have is to deliver the lyrics and tell the story."

But the reason Murray's spot was so popular then and seems remains so today, is because there was a time when lounge singers or whatever you choose to call them was a highly prevalent form of entertainment, particularly in the Atlantic City area.

Not so much these days, though.

"The opportunities throughout the '80s (in A.C.) were huge for singers. It was one of the main reasons I moved down here," says Melanie Rice who has been singing in the

area since 1980 when Resorts was the only casino around. "There were many lounges, and each would have three to four bands or performers a day. Resorts had two lounges that had music 24 hours.

So what happened? "I think, unfortunately, a lot of casinos perceived entertainment to be a luxury item and not a necessity or something that needs to be offered to customers," Rice says. "And the first to be cut in a budget is entertainment. I got it, but I also believe that entertainment is a draw and a perk and enhances a customer's value for their dollar."

But suddenly, casinos didn't care much for enhancing the customer dollar value. They seemed to be more interested in accumulating more dollars for themselves, so they turned their main downtown into poker rooms, thinking it would be a better bet for them.

David Hasegawa, communications director at the Casino Control Commission, says that there was an actual requirement in regulations that casinos had to have live nightly theater entertainment. Big acts such as Stone and Salsa or Storm Crosby would fill the theaters seven nights a week. But once the requirement went away, things changed for the entertainment scene in Atlantic City.

"Things changed drastically," Roche says. "Great musicians,



Melanie Rice is the producer of Showm House Street Live Concert and will be part of the cast performing at Harrah's Wednesday June 16.



Gina Roche and her band at Resorts Casino Hotel circa 1990.

troubadours, went on the road or became social engineers. There was a time that I ended up traveling a lot - Las Vegas, Japan, Africa. "These places where they seemed to continue to enjoy live music."

"Casinos were looking to cut costs," says David Spink, music director for Show Talk 1400

WJMO, who's been covering Atlantic City casino entertainment since 2013. "It's expensive, so casinos scaled back on number and size of acts. They might have had a stringer and a hot, but no live instruments."

But Spink, like Rice, also believes that live entertainment is a vital and important part of a casino business.

"It's a casino in that precarious a state that they have cut costs that way, they shouldn't be in business. Drummer and arranger Paul Just, who has been gigging as a singer for the past five years, was the musical director at Golden Nugget (now the former Atlantic City) during its heyday of the '80s and '90s when they would bring in big names such as Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Roddy Stewart, Buddy Greco, Montgomery King and Billy Eckstine.

"I feel really blessed to have had a taste of those days," Just says. "After the (original) Golden Nugget stopped (obscure) entertainment, it didn't exist anymore. Nugget was the place for that."

Pascale has a different opinion of A.C.'s good ol' days.

"When I started singing in A.C., when I was literally singing in the lounge, people didn't care. They were there to spend money. They weren't there for the music. Over time, that care kind of went you down. The last thing that you want to do is have the thing you love drain you."

But since the casinos radically changed the landscape for performers such as Pascale and Rice, performing live - and making a living - has become a challenge.

One of the things is that there are fewer places to perform. A lot of people trying to make a living as an artist are having to find unconventional venues and spaces to perform," Pascale explains. "It gets tricky sometimes as an artist when you have to color what you're doing to the space. Sometimes it can be a struggle to find places where you really can do what you want and have integrity and have artistic."

Fortunately the industry as well as listeners, there are still some legitimate places around

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COVER STORY

By Anthony Stoeckert

Haunting Images

Cheryl Jackson's pictures of cemeteries set the scene for Halloween



This image of Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lambertville is featured in an exhibit of Cheryl Jackson's photography at the Hopewell Branch of the Mercer County Library System.

ENTHUSIAST about cemeteries might seem like an odd trait, but there is a strange sort of beauty in those places of eternal rest. The headstones, grass, trees and paths, along with items that visitors leave in memory of their lost loved ones, have all captured the eye of photographer Cheryl Jackson. And as we begin the run-up to Halloween, Ms. Jackson's images of cemeteries are on view at the Hopewell Branch of the Mercer County Library System in an exhibit titled *Cemetery Journeys*, Oct. 3-31. In addition to cemeteries, Ms. Jackson also takes pictures of dolls, many that she says are macabre or even creepy, and abandoned structures. She calls her work "odd photography," and her website is www.cheryljacksonoddphotography.com. She isn't limited to odd; the website has a section devoted to the "not so odd" containing nature images and pictures of places she's come across during her travels.

But let's focus on the odd, which is also interesting and beautiful. Ms. Jackson's cemetery images fall into several categories, including "fog," "memories to loved ones," and "art and symbolism." One of her most stirring images dominates her website's home page: "Frosted Angel" focuses tightly on a small statue that someone left at a grave. Taken after a winter storm, snow and ice seems to give the statue life, as it appears to be cold. But the ice also forms a web-like shape in the left eye, making it seem lifeless. "That's a little angel that somebody put on a gravestone," Ms. Jackson says of the image she came across at Harborton Cemetery. "I like to take pictures of what people leave behind, like those little statues. That was during a snowstorm and it was sitting on top of somebody's gravestone and I started taking pictures. I got closer and closer to the face and then I got (what looked like) frost, and then I realized, Hey, there's a spider web in the eye!"



Cheryl Jackson's "Snow Angel" shows a small statue someone left at a grave at Harborton Cemetery.

Weather has a big effect on Ms. Jackson's photography; on a snowy or foggy day, she's likely to wake up, grab her camera, and head to a cemetery. She's taken shots at local cemeteries, and also at Laurel Hill and Mount Moriah cemeteries in Philadelphia, and Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., the town of Ithaca Crane.

Ms. Jackson's love for photography dates back to her childhood. "I've had a camera in my hand since I was a little kid," she says. "My parents gave me the 110 and 126 instantones, and I've always taken pictures of everything." She says that in the pre-digital era, she'd come back from a trip with 15 to 20 rolls of film, filled with photos of her kids.

Her art photography is something she does for love, and exhibiting is something she started recently, starting at the Brand New Tattoo and Gallery studio in Ewing. In addition to her October exhibit in Hopewell Township, she'll display her photography at the Ewing library in January. She would eventually like to be featured in area galleries.

Ms. Jackson lives in Hopewell and is a graphic designer and production artist by trade. Her doll photography is a growing aspect of her portfolio, and features dolls she acquires, usually at flea markets, and she jokes that her collection is getting bigger, much to her husband's dismay. While her exhibit focuses mostly on cemeteries, some of her doll and abandoned places work is in three. And in addition to her exhibits, her photography is featured in the current edition of *Weird NJ* (issue No. 45).

"I love all photography, but I just started getting on this unusual kick," she says. "And I've always loved cemeteries, since I was a kid, and I would try to find the oldest stone. I started photographing them, trying to get a really creative shot, but then I got more into the aspect of visiting cemeteries for their history, and it's not trying just to get the best picture; it's art and history and stories of people's past." Cemetery *Journeys* is on view at the Hopewell Branch of the Mercer County Library, 245 Pennington-Tinville Road, Hopewell Township, Oct. 3-31. An opening reception will be held Oct. 3, noon to 3 p.m. For more information, call 609-737-2610. For information on Cheryl Jackson's photography, go to www.cheryljacksonoddphotography.com.

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Life & Times

Ina Golub, 76, a weaver of fine Judaica

Mountainside artist left a legacy on walls of homes, synagogues

Elaine Durbach
Special to NJ Jewish News

Ina Golub would have turned 77 on Oct. 26. While her untimely death was a tragedy, the colorful Judaica artist would still have been traveling, walking with her dog around hill homes in Mountainside, and — most important of all — making beautiful walls out of wool and linen, threads, needles, beads and sequins.

To her great frustration, that was all cut short by illness. She died on Oct. 20 after a five-year struggle with tongue cancer that robbed her of her ability to speak.

But Golub left behind a legacy that lives on for her, in synagogues, homes, and across the United States, and in Israel.

According to the catalogue launch seven years ago when The Newark Museum mounted an exhibition of her work, Golub's textile works are featured in 60 synagogues. They include nine silk chitlids and 400 Torah covers, wall hangings, and wedding capes. She also created ritual art garments and prayer shawls for lay worshippers, and sub-

stantly beaded ceremonial objects like Jewish candle holders and Havdala spice containers.

Feeling at her funeral at Temple Emuna-21, the Reform synagogue in Westfield where she was a member, Rabbi Emeritus Charles Krohn, who — together with rabbi Rabbie Durgin — was a large-time champion of her work, asked, "How myself feel Ina Golub in this room?"

Indeed, the curtain across the entrance ark — with its shimmering colors, Shema lettering, and archetypal Jewish symbols — was designed and made by Golub. Her artwork also adorned the walls.

Krohn said, "This was a sponge of a learner of Jewish art and tradition — with all its limitations, which she respected. After all, she had to work without the images which 100 children could create, and with a heavy respect for the diverse, historic nature of Jewish life."

He concluded, "We shall never again see the likes of Ina Golub. Of all the artists of commercial Judaism of our time, Ina Golub stands at the pinnacle of achievement."

Her younger sister, Mirna Wertheimer of Livingston, told NJ Jewish News the remarkable Golub's creativity from their earliest childhood. They grew up in Newark and Livingston: their father, Irving, was a distinguished musician and a talented



Illustration, a fine Judaica piece made in 2004, and a Torah cover of the same time, made in 2004. Ina Golub's work is featured in the exhibit "Celebrating the Circle: The Fine Art of Ina Golub" at The Newark Museum in 2011. Photo by Elaine Durbach

artist. "I witnessed my sister's golden hands, and their extraordinary talent inside her," Wertheimer said. "She has left a legacy of beauty that will be in synagogues and the Jewish community forever."

Golub attended Weequahic High School in Newark, studied art at Monmouth State University, and did her master's at Indiana University. While art was part of her life from the start, she came to Jewish study and observance later in her life. Searching for a profession that was authentically Jewish became a driving motivation.

Golub wrote, "Society and consistency: I have developed a deep understanding of the meaning of my tradition. Its spiritual beauty has become the expressive power of my art."

She found it in images of the postgraduate, the Tree of Life, Sobch depicted as a cherished bride in Shema lettering, and Torah commentary. That passion gave focus and inspiration to her craft, and the in-ter-vent expanded the scope of Jewish religious art for both worshippers and fellow artists. In 1996, Temple Emuna-21 in Newark in New York City mounted a 20-year retrospective of her work. Among her various honors was the posthumous Philip and Sylvia Specter Jewish Prize in 2018.



Ina Golub, with her sister Durgin (left), at the same time as the work she did. Golub was a member of Temple Emuna-21 in Westfield in memory of her late husband, Irvin. Photo by Elaine Durbach



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DRUGS

Death by heroin and expiration by violence deserve exact societal responses

When crack cocaine hit U.S. urban areas in the early to mid-1980s with the destructive power of an F5 tornado, media members pitched the drug epidemic as violent episodes produced by thugs, gang bangers and criminal.



L.A. Parker
Columnist

Few stories told the stark reality about people enslaved by a drug that chained users to almost uncurable addiction. Many inner city residents in cities perished by use or died while dealing a cocaine form that devastated neighborhoods for almost two decades.

Reporters told the crack cocaine drug story from

a distance, many of them afraid to step onto those tough city streets. America never heard about desperation suffered by people who gave crack cocaine just one try then found themselves in crime mode for a decade.

U.S. cities struggle nightly against all the anti-social residue that covers crack ballistics that reached adulthood, many of them launch bag and attempts to raise their own children. Society did not offer rehabilitation to those first-generation crack heads.

Political leaders spoke about imprisonment for crack cocaine abusers. We did not hear about addiction the way it's being discussed now that suburban families are experiencing their version of crack cocaine.

Heroin use and addiction cuts a swath of misery, despair and death through suburban households.

Welcome to the real world where Caucasian pain and suffering in Hamilton Twp. matters more than some black dudes strung out on East Hanover St. in Trenton. A friend sent a text message Wednesday night to say that NJ 101.5, a state-wide radio station, would be holding a discussion about addiction, specifically a talk about heroin.

An Associated Press article Thursday offered information about heroin use, in sights about overdose, antidotes, revival, hospitalization and resuscitation. Maybe the news outlet offered similar instructions material for crack

could be abuse but no recognition exists.

When 41 Trenton residents were killed in 2013, most by gunfire, no public outcry existed about solving this scourge of death. Violence and flight are expected productions of inner-city life.

Rest assured, heroin, like addiction, loves anybody, black, white or Indian, from willing to inject the narcotic into their veins but it's only now that the suburbs are losing their tans, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, and aunts, plus uncles, that print media and talk radio shows acknowledge addiction.

Remarkably, some suburban political leaders show no acceptance about the heroin drug addiction that contributes to crime and death. They dispense this Not In My Back Yard mentality that discounts the body accumulation underway in funeral parlors.

Hamilton Twp. Councilman Kevin Meara and his wife, Maryann, lost their son Kevin "K.C." He died from a heroin drug overdose inside his upstairs bedroom. That family understands the consequences of addiction and they spend signifi-

cant time helping others trapped by drug abuse.

Meara started an addiction and recovery support group called City of Angels (COA), helping to rescue people trapped by addiction. The organization also lends assistance to families dealing with a relative fighting substance abuse and addiction.

Doors open to anyone, that's anyone needing help. People who know about addiction understand that this disease does not discriminate with the same bias delivered by media members. An old white episode abuse leads many people toward heroin or simply addiction, at day's end one admits to his or her problem or continues lying a lie.

Last week, Meara sent what's become a standard message: "I...I, we lost another kid," he wrote. Being one of many blessed by recovery, my heart broke knowing that a brother or sister perished from addiction, that family members would have to plan a funeral and friends of the victim must attend an in-lieu-of-service to watch this person lowered below ground level.

In spite of the ineq-

uity of reporting different tragedies occurring in suburban and urban locales, we owe a debt of gratitude to NJ 101.5 radio commentators Steve Towells and Jimmy "Roundboy" Graham who served as co-chairs for the September 20, 2013 Walk With The Angels fundraiser.

Plus, their willingness to take on this topic they brought light to the very real darkness connected to drug addiction.

Our world will improve when we understand the human condition of living whether one exists in the tough shadows of Trenton or the pristine streets of Hamilton Twp.

No matter how many people attempt to destroy this concept, press one group against another, wise people will accept the reality of cocaine.

For all people who love loved ones through violence or addiction, or those living in the reality of active drug addiction, open arms and doors await your arrival to share our common experience, strength and hope.

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FUNRAISER

Borough tree will glow again

BY ERIN ROLL
STAFF WRITER

Glen Ridge is getting its holiday tree back.

For the first time in three years, the ghost oases in front of the municipal building will be lit up in December.

Last week, the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs reported that they had raised the \$15,000 needed to put new lights on the tree, after the existing ones were damaged in Hurricane Sandy. The clubs presented the checks for the money to the borough administration as Thursday, Kiwanis treasurer and former Mayor Carl Bergmann said.

The fundraising campaign for the new tree lights officially kicked off in the spring and continued over the summer. The clubs offered to match each dollar donated by the general public, up to \$7,500. "It was an ambitious undertaking to go to the public and ask for \$7,500," Bergmann said.

When asked what the largest single donation was, Bergmann said that one household contributed \$1,000.

The lighting is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13, Bergmann said and that the lighting traditionally falls on the first Sunday in December. This year, he said that some date is also the first night of Hanukkah. "It's a sign," Library Director Jennifer



PHOTO BY ERIN ROLL FOR THE GLEN RIDGE VOICE

Glen Ridge has raised enough money for its new lights on the tree to turn on the holiday tree, seen here in front of the municipal building.

Ernst said on Monday that the Friends of the Library supply oaks and oaks for the event each year. The library also works with the Glen Lane Players to do a carol sing during the tree lighting, she said.

Glen Ridge had left the lights in the two-year round because of the labor and expense involved in stringing the lights on the tree. The result was that the lights were still in the tree when Sandy struck in late October 2012. Most of the lights were shredded beyond repair, forcing the borough to cancel the event.

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PHOTO BY ERIN ROLL FOR THE GLEN RIDGE VOICE

Dr. Marjory Langer shows a baby a teddy bear and a fleece blanket - both donated by Brookside Reformed Church in Bloomfield - to a young patient at HackensackUMC Mizanta inside on Monday.

NO UNTAINSIDE

'Blankies' soften the hospital visit

BY ERIN ROLL
STAFF WRITER

In one of the treatment rooms, a little boy is sobbing as a doctor wraps a gauze bandage around his thumb.

Out in the hallway, Downard reaches into the case of the bags, and after a quick consultation with Dr. Marjory Langer and with Community Services Director Carol Muscarell, pulls out a pillow sized zip-top bag. In it are a baseball patterned boxer blanket with blue satin trim and a miniature red plush teddy bear.

She hands the blanket and bear to Langer, and follows her into the treatment room. "We've got a present for you," Langer says as she holds up the bear and blanket for the boy and his mother to see.

The boy slowly begins to calm down as he sits down on the blanket and holds the bear.

The 20 blanket-and-stuffed animal packages that Downard has brought with her are part of an ongoing "comfort blanket"

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Carlstadt boy competes in shot put

On a hot day in Carlstadt, N.J., a young boy named Justin Croce was competing in the shot put at the 2015 New Jersey State Track and Field Championships. Justin, 15, is a member of the Carlstadt Track and Field team. He is currently a member of the Carlstadt High School team. Justin is a member of the Carlstadt High School team. Justin is a member of the Carlstadt High School team. Justin is a member of the Carlstadt High School team.



Lyndhurst grads awarded scholarships

The Lyndhurst Board of Education has awarded 200 scholarships to graduates of the Lyndhurst High School Class of 2015. The scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence and community involvement. The total amount of the scholarships is \$1 million. The Lyndhurst Board of Education is proud to support its graduates and their future endeavors.

Balloons help research take off in Meadows



The Meadows Center for Water and the Earth/Environ (MCEE) is using balloons to study the effects of climate change on the environment. The balloons are used to measure the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The balloons are launched from a field in Meadows, N.J. The balloons are used to measure the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The balloons are used to measure the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

Plant species best tracked from the air



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Indoor yard sale

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Meet Skittles

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LYNDHURST — When the Turtle Back Zoo in New Change thought it had a surplus of old hoses, it was wrong. The hoses were not just old, they were also fire hoses. The Lyndhurst Fire Department (LFD) has a surplus of old hoses that it has been looking to donate to the Turtle Back Zoo. The hoses are being used as animal play toys for the zoo's tigers.



At the Lyndhurst Fire Department, the hoses are stored in a room that is used for storage. The hoses are being donated to the zoo because they are no longer needed by the fire department. The zoo is using the hoses as a way to provide enrichment for the tigers. The hoses are being used as a way to provide the tigers with a new and interesting play toy.

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Pop-up pools meet with town scrutiny

LYNDHURST — As the summer months approach, many residents are looking for ways to cool off. One popular option is to set up a pop-up pool in the backyard. However, the town of Lyndhurst is looking at ways to regulate the use of these pools.



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First ever teacher evaluations released

EDUCATION — The first ever teacher evaluations for the Lyndhurst Public Schools have been released. The evaluations show that the majority of teachers are performing well, but there are some areas that need improvement.



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Judge holds off on dismissing charges

LYNDHURST — A judge has held off on dismissing charges against a man accused of sexual assault. The judge is waiting for more information before making a decision.

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Princeton eruv caps a drive for diversity

A symbolic boundary has practical impact for a college's image

JOHANNA GINSBERG
NJPA Staff Writer

When Rabbi Julie Roth, director of the Center for Jewish Life/Hillel at Princeton University, arrived on campus in the fall of 2005, she was the only non-Christian among the school's four chaplains.

Since then, Hindu and Muslim chaplains have been added, and Chabad has also joined the campus religious community.

Those positions are an indication of what Roth and other Jews on campus say is the administrator's commitment to religious diversity. And earlier this semester, there was one more sign: the approval for Princeton's first eruv, the symbolic Shabbat boundary that is a welcome mat for observant Jews.

"The Princeton University administration is extraordinarily supportive of Jewish life," said Roth. "They are remarkable about accommodating the needs of students. I think in part it is a greater sensitivity to religious minority groups that we are also seeing nationally."

By all accounts, Princeton's early reputation as a friendly to Jewish students, based on the extraordinary poli-

cies of its eating clubs into the 1950s, is ancient history for most students. Instead, they describe a welcoming environment and a close-knit Jewish community.

A *eruv* consists of an obstructive stragg, wires, and other materials generally attached to telephone poles and other standing objects to form a distinct boundary. Within its "enclosure," Jews who observe Shabbat and holy-day restrictions are able to carry objects like keys and books and push strollers otherwise forbidden outside the home on those days. Although few would even notice the stragg (the White House is enclosed by an *eruv*), it lifts a weekly burden on observant Jews.

"It had to happen. It was time," said Rabbi Haim Jachter, an *eruv* expert who served as the halachic, or Jewish legal, adviser for the project from its inception. "Today, it's a given for Orthodox Jews. We're used to having *eruv*s. It's hard for youngsters to adjust to not having one."

Construction should be complete within a couple of months. The project has taken five years from idea to reality and has taken hundreds of hours of research and planning on the part of rabbis associated with the Orthodox Union's Self Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus (OU JLIC), *eruv* experts, and university staff.



The Princeton area includes the university's main campus, Lakeside Apartments, and Stonecroft Apartment House.

keit and welcoming no matter your place in the Jewish community.

The Student Hebrew Association was established at Princeton in 1946. It was absorbed into Hillel in 1949. In 1961, students started the Orthodox synagogue known as Yavneh House. By the 1980s, Jews comprised 18 percent of students on campus, and plans for a new building to house all Jewish activities on campus were drawn up. In 1994, the Center for Jewish Life/Hillel was dedicated.

For a moment in 1999, it looked like things might be taking a turn for the worse, when the Jewish population on campus dropped to 10 percent, a shift significant enough that it was reported in a 1999 article in *The New York Times*.

Since then, the numbers have been creeping up. The school ranks 39th on national Hillel's list of top 60 private universities by Jewish population. About 10 percent of the Jews on campus are Orthodox, according to Roth. Engagement among all Jewish students has dramatically increased, she said.

When Roth arrived, about 60 to 80 students came to Hillel for Shabbat dinner on Fridays. Today, the number has more than doubled. And while CJL has long held Conservative, Reform, and Orthodox worship services, its projects have expanded to include everything from a theater group to a hallah-for-hunger effort to feed the hungry. More Princeton students are traveling to Israel, and more are involved in Jewish leader-

Undergraduate Ethan Marcus could not believe what he heard. "They've been talking about this forever," said the Brooklyn native, who is starting his sophomore year.

Other campuses around the country with an *eruv* include Harvard, Yale, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, Cornell, University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins, Brandeis, Boston University, and UCLA.

Rabbi David Wolkenfeld, who served as the OU JLIC rabbi at Princeton from 2008 to 2013, did much of the work paving the way for the *eruv*. "From the very early stages, people at very high levels of the school's administration saw the *eruv* as a crucial piece of infrastructure for religious diversity. It was not surprising but it was very gratifying," he said.

Marcus, class of 2018, said a big part of his decision to attend Princeton had to do with the embracing Jewish community he found when he visited.

With 650 Jewish students, or 12 percent of its 5,325 undergraduates, Princeton has fewer Jews than other similar schools. (Cornell has 3,000 Jews among its 14,453 undergrads, or 21 percent; Penn has 2,500 Jews among its 9,746 undergrads, or 26 percent.)

"But at Princeton, everyone interacts with everyone," said Marcus. "That's really lovely. It's so tight-

knit and welcoming no matter your place in the Jewish community."

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Rabbi Julie Roth said construction of the *eruv* is one more indication that "the Princeton University administration is extraordinarily supportive of Jewish life."

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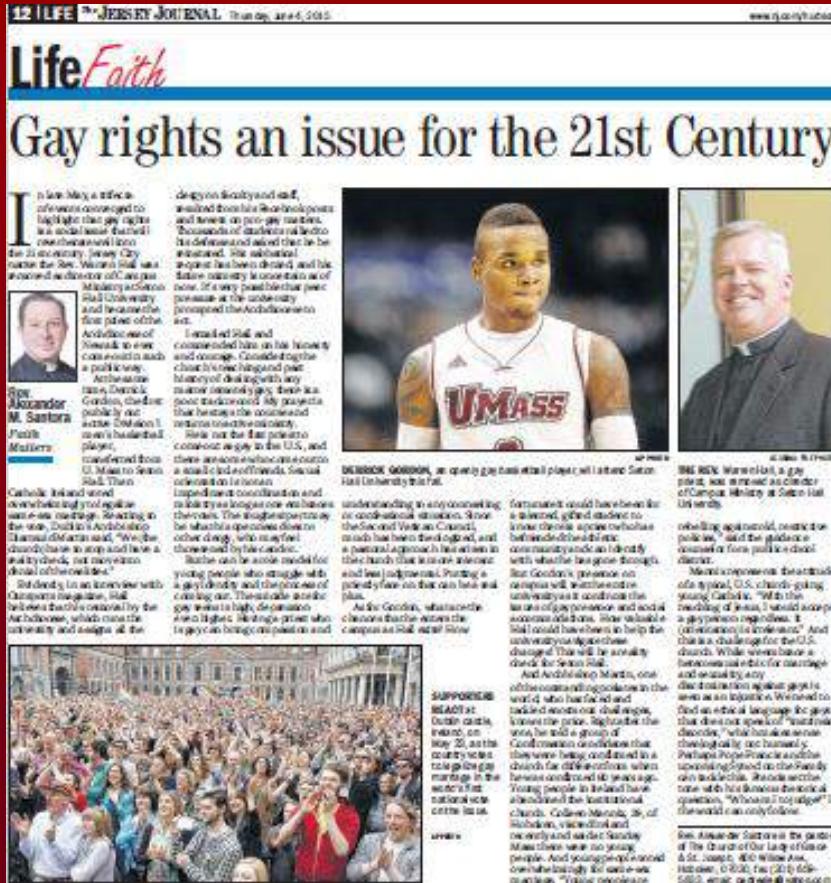
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Resource site becomes cancer victim's legacy

Drawing on her own struggle, Ariel Fixler left advice for others

ELAIN DURBACH
NJPA Staff Writer

Ariel Fixler was a communicator, by profession and temperament. And a conversation with Ariel was never short, her mother Rosa said. "I still remember her coming downstairs in her 19th nightgown, aged two, when we were having a meeting with people from the synagogue, and [Ariel] asking, 'Can I say hello?'"

It was only when saying hello had become a burden that Ariel finally began to surrender. Fixler, who grew up in Springfield and attended what is now the Golda Och Academy in West Orange, died on March 13, at 32, after a grueling three-year battle with cancer — a struggle that she shared with extraordinary openness in a blog, as well as in patient support groups and other forums.

But one of Ariel's final achievements came out of the last few months of her life: creating isolation, and building on the insights gained from her own experience. She created The Fixler Foundation, to promote open, mentoring communities for those suffering from serious illness.

"I hope it helps you say the right thing," she declared, in the mission statement she recorded just a few weeks before her death.

Ariel said: "Many of us do not know what to say to someone with a life-threatening illness or diagnosis. A quick Google search leaves you with generic lists of what to say and what



Ariel Fixler, in her last project before succumbing to cancer, created The Fixler Foundation, to foster communication around serious illness.

not to say, but doesn't delve much deeper. This site focuses on what to say, how to listen and support. To allow the patient and family to feel loved, but most importantly, feel listened to, heard, and understood."

Fixler, who lived in New York City, was a film-marketing executive. After her cancer diagnosis, she founded a company that did marketing and social media work for wellness and holistic community providers.

Her family, longtime activists with the historic Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, belonged to Congregation Israel in Springfield and were — and are still — members of Temple Beth O'v'Beth Torah in Clark.

Cantor Steven Stern, the leader of TBOET, participated in her funeral service on March 16. He described the mood in the crowded Plaza Community Chapel in Manhattan as "a complex mixture."

"There were about 12 speakers — more than I've ever come across at a funeral. She had been strong for so long, and though there was anguish, there was also relief that her suffering was over," he said.

Speakers drew gasps of laughter as they related anecdotes about Ariel's numerous projects — from matchmaking, to working with show business personalities — including Matthew McConaughey — to promoting alternative healing and healthier food choices.

Ariel was one of the first b'nai mitzva students Stern coached, back in 1995. Even then, he said, her "pass for life" and her extraordinary composure were evident.



Ariel Fixler at her bar mitzva with her parents, Rosa and Gene, in 1995.

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Train derailment leaks soil from Roche remediation
Commissioners question derailment circumstances

Hasime Kukaj

TRANSPORTATION

Train derailment leaks soil from Roche remediation

BY HASIME KUKAJ
Staff Writer

Secondary train derailed in Nutley is under investigation, according to authorities. Nutley police responded to the wreckage of Hillside Avenue and High Street at 2:53 p.m., after someone reported a large container fell off the tracks. Upon arrival, police observed several large containers leaning precariously off the tracks, with one overturned. According to police, the derailed train was carrying the soil to its destination. The train was stopped at the site, and the driver was taken to the hospital. Police secured the area, and notified Norfolk Southern.

Other overturned and leaked 4 cubic yards of soil with PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls). The soil was released on a parking lot, DiGregorio said. "We do not believe there is any contamination or water on site," DiGregorio stated. "We are today checking with a contractor to make sure we have everything cleaned up properly." DiGregorio said that the train was making a delivery to the area. The train resumed normal operations about 3:15 a.m. Sunday, he added.



Responders assess the train derailed in Nutley.

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"What we have in the car will be replaced by new cars," Wilson said, "we're working with Norfolk Southern to see what they need to do on the rail line." According to Wilson, the two damaged units were brought back on the tracks. "Everything was handled very quickly," Wilson said, noting that police and Roche personnel were on site overnight. Wilson said that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection was notified about the spill.



According to Roche spokeswoman Catherine Wilson, this soil was being transported from the Clifton/Nutley Roche property, as part of the environmental remediation.

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SCHOOLS

Teachers contract calls for raises

BY HASIME KUKAJ
Staff Writer

Following more than six months of negotiations, the Nutley Board of Education and the teachers union agreed on a three-year contract. The board voted the terms of the agreement on Monday, Oct. 20. Board member Suzanne Thomas stated, "I think the contract was good." Thomas Spozzo, board president and Negotiations Committee chairman, said last Thursday, "We've exceeded some of our objectives in the high school, giving us a little bit more time."

challenge during each negotiation session, but we were able to find common ground and accept the offers of the staff, while being mindful of the budgetary constraints." The first meeting occurred on Oct. 30, 2014, and continued up until June 22 of this year, "in which the decisions were made regarding each proposal as well as the yearly percentage increases," according to Thomas.

Nutley public for the agreement, when this contractal between the parties during the next month. The IAN renewed the agreement to district membership and ratified the agreement, and the 2014 immediately followed in October, Thomas said. Vice President Charles Rucinski, who serves on the Negotiations Committee with Spozzo and board member David Clemente, said that he believed the contract would help teachers and the district. "There weren't any specific numbers," Thomas said in an email. "The long-term contract is a

challenge during each negotiation session, but we were able to find common ground and accept the offers of the staff, while being mindful of the budgetary constraints." The first meeting occurred on Oct. 30, 2014, and continued up until June 22 of this year, "in which the decisions were made regarding each proposal as well as the yearly percentage increases," according to Thomas.


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Setting the tone for a pro theater
New Milford High School plans to hold a concert on Saturday in the school gymnasium, with proceeds going toward more auditorium improvements. Page 2.

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...AND, HERE'S SANTA!




PHOTO BY KEVIN KELLY

Dumont Mayor James Kelly gives an enthusiastic welcome to Santa Claus at Friday's annual Winter Festival at E. Valeria Memorial Park. Councilwoman Ellen Zeme cheerily looks on, at left. More photos on Page 3.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Coming of age with tobacco issues

B'field regulates sales; Dumont, New Milford ban use in parks

**BY PHILIP DEVENTICIS/
Assistant Editor**

James Erwin has perhaps felt the ill effects of tobacco more than anyone, yet he's never smoked a day in his life.

He was an infant when his 33-year-old father, James Sr., a heavy smoker, died of pancreatic cancer.

Last Thursday, he sent his mother, Patricia Sougherson, returned from a trip to Chicago where they mourned for his aunt, James Sr.'s widow, who died of colon cancer.

That woman's daughter, Erwin's cousin, succumbed in April to chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

There were others, too.

Although Erwin has experienced so much loss in his life due to tobacco abuse, he's setting the table against it on another front.

Municipalities across North Jersey, including Bergenfield, have adopted ordinances setting the legal sales age for tobacco products from 19 to 21. In many cases, Erwin's advocacy spurred those changes.

Erwin's volunteer for New Jersey CANSF, or Global Advocates on Nicotinic Policy.

CANSF stands first as the tobacco control leader on all levels — pushing initiatives both locally and globally. It was established in 1994, and four years ago, it became a founding member of Tobacco-Free for a Healthy New Jersey.

"Half of all people who smoke will die from smoking-related diseases," Erwin said. "This is something for everyone," he went on referring to the legal sales age ordinance. "This is something that can help everyone. Even if you don't smoke, you don't want your friends or relatives passing at an early age."

Fourteen towns in the state have enacted legislation to raise the legal sales age to 21, according to Debra Leavner, director of communications for the state Department of Health.

C'ham, Leavner said, 10 are in Bergen County.

The City of Englewood, where Erwin grew up, was the first to do so in July of last year; Bergenfield did it this past July.

Erwin was in the audience to see most of the laws go through.

"I never thought it would have this type of response," the 44-year-old Hackensack resident said on Friday, referring to his cousin.

He's something of a pet project for Erwin, an only child, who isn't married, and who

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Verona would see taking advantage of more as previous back.
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ESSEX COUNTY
Verona runners set school record


BY CRENSHAW
Verona girls basketball team set a school record with a 47-10 record in the Essex County League on Tuesday night. The team, coached by Coach Mike Williams, took a 10-0 record to the top of the league. The team's record is the best in the league's history. The team's record is the best in the league's history. The team's record is the best in the league's history.




Cedar Grove High School teacher and former coach Michael Lombardi uses his desk as a classroom during a practice in Aspetuck, and spent his weekend in order to earn teaching in Aspetuck.

TRAUMA
Six weeks in total darkness
Cedar Grove teacher recalls concussion and struggle after

BY CRENSHAW
New children
The first time she felt the pain was when she was 12 years old. She was playing basketball and she got hit in the head. She was playing basketball and she got hit in the head. She was playing basketball and she got hit in the head.



When he got home to the school office in the first week of January, he was told that he had a concussion. He was told that he had a concussion. He was told that he had a concussion.



Cedar Grove Junior Michael Galt has been in the lead in the school's basketball season against the girls.

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Panther boys off to sluggish start
Squad 1-4 entering Thursday

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HORTICULTURE

Who's at risk for developing Alzheimer's? Chances are you or someone you care about will get this disease

By Bryan LaPlaca
PHOTO BY DONNA ROLANDO

It's a scary thought: You're in the kitchen, and you're looking at the clock. You've just finished your coffee, and you're looking at the clock. You've just finished your coffee, and you're looking at the clock. You've just finished your coffee, and you're looking at the clock.

More than 2.2 million people live with Alzheimer's in the United States, and the number is rising. It's a scary thought: You're in the kitchen, and you're looking at the clock. You've just finished your coffee, and you're looking at the clock. You've just finished your coffee, and you're looking at the clock.

What are your experiences?

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Alzheimer's disease fact and figures

- One in three** Americans aged 65 and older has Alzheimer's or another dementia every day.
- Less than half** of the people with Alzheimer's or other dementia are aware of their condition.
- One in five** women aged 65 and older will develop Alzheimer's during her lifetime.
- 170,000** Alzheimer's-related deaths are expected in New Jersey by 2025.
- 210,000** Alzheimer's-related deaths are expected in New Jersey by 2030.
- 120,000** Alzheimer's-related deaths are expected in New Jersey by 2035.
- 100,000** Alzheimer's-related deaths are expected in New Jersey by 2040.
- 50,000** Alzheimer's-related deaths are expected in New Jersey by 2045.
- 25,000** Alzheimer's-related deaths are expected in New Jersey by 2050.

Source: "2011 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures" by the Alzheimer's Association

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A rising decline: The looming Alzheimer's epidemic

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HS GIRLS BASKETBALL

TCA's Lewis El misses valuable teaching moment

TRENTON • One minute after beating Allentown in the Mercer County Tournament girls semifinal Wednesday at the Sun National Bank Center, Trenton Catholic Academy coaches and players rushed toward former coach Khalilq Lewis El.

They reached over a sideboard, offering awkwardly angled hugs for their former colleague and leader.

The 12-year Lady Mikes coach last week resigned under fire. But with a daughter on the team and an allegiance to other players, Lewis El felt the need to stay close to TCA.

Wait a minute.

Let's set the record straight before someone thinks that this TCA team is being fully guided by Lewis's former assistant coaches. This remains Lewis El's team until the Iron Mikes complete an amazingly challenged season.

Everyone has their version of this separation between Lewis El and TCA, but bottom line: Lewis should never have walked away in this manner.

Never may sound too definitive, especially against the betting line that says never say never.

In spite of an ejection and subsequent two-game suspension resulting from an outburst against Moorestown, plus another two-game suspension and an alleged indefinite suspension, Lewis El should have stayed on.

Lewis alleged that Moorestown players voiced inflam-

matory remarks and displayed incorrigible behavior.

Even if true, he and his players should know that character grows in the face of adversity. Words hurt, especially during youthful years when a lack of maturity causes confrontations. This served as the supreme teaching moment that got away from many involved.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think my time here would end like this," Lewis El said. "But I'm going to continue going to games, cheering for my daughter and her friends. It's tough to leave like this in the middle of the season."

During Black History Month, you could pen an extended list of people who could have quit but managed to find courage against incredible odds.

Even if Pope Francis came to TCA with criticism for Lewis El, Lewis El still should have stuck.

That won't shock Lewis El. I told him exactly what to expect from this column. He shared several minutes after Wednesday's win.

The opposing coach Wednesday, Linda Weite, gets mentioned because the stayed smart and calm last year when school officials forced Allentown star Kati Hartshorn off the team.

Allentown administrators were wrong, but they enacted a silent strategy that killed the scandal. Still, whenever the Redbirds girls basketball teams play, it's hard not to second about what occurred with Hartshorn.

Weite stayed on and the Redbirds played on. She got to coach her daughter, Ryan, a



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TCA's Tyesia Lewis El, daughter of ex-coach Khalilq Lewis El, puts up a shot Wednesday against Allentown in an MCT semifinal.

freshman this season.

Lewis El let go of a similar opportunity to continue guiding his daughter, Ryan. Nobody knows whether Lewis El faced termination because TCA officials have employed the strategy of speaking no evil.

Still, quitting makes it difficult to find employment.

In a dozen years, Lewis El won five Non-Public B state titles, five county championships and a Tournament of Champions crown in 2011, only a year after coach Fred Falcht guided his boys team to a TOC championship.

Lewis called this split "inex-

orable," but there are ways to make fantastic exits. It's hard to imagine any future farewells, send-off parties or dinners to highlight his time with the Lady Mikes.

"I'll never leave my girls and they will never leave me," Lewis El said.

As usual, life and opinion became a matter of perspective.

His girls retreated toward their locker room. Lewis El walked out.

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HS GIRLS BASKETBALL

ND, TCA face off for MCT crown

By Kyle Franko
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TRENTON • One is looking for a repeat. The other a fifth title in the past six years.

That's what's at stake when top-seeded Notre Dame (22-3) meets sixth-seeded Trenton Catholic Academy (26-8) in the girls Mercer County Tournament championship game Friday night at the Sun National Bank Center.

The defending champion Irish reached the title game with a 50-44 victory over Trenton. James Martinov's squad has not lost to Mercer County opposition all season, including a 50-47 triumph over the Iron Mikes on Dec. 30 as part of the Paterson Eastside Holiday Tournament.

ND junior Samantha Widmann, who was recently named CVC Player of the Year by the coaches, had 21 points in that game.

TCA sprung a pair of upsets to reach the final, knocking off third-seeded Irving and then second-seeded Allentown, 51-37, in the semifinal.

Center Imani Lewis had a big game for the Iron Mikes, dominating the Redbirds for 16 points. Lewis, a freshman, likely has to play well against ND's tandem of Widmann and Nooka Eastgrop inside.

TCA won four straight championships from 2010-13 under former coach Khalilq Lewis El before dropping a semifinal to Hopewell Valley last season.

Lewis El resigned mid-season amidst scrutiny following an incident in a game against Moorestown and Dwayne King took over, guiding the Iron Mikes back to final where they can win their seventh title (TCA won one in 1987 as McCorristin).

The Irish, meanwhile, are going for their county-best ninth MCT crown. Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m.

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Wildcats relieved after victory

By Dan Meyer
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The Philadelphia County Suburban League winner's triumph was a relief to many fans who had been cheering for the team since the beginning of the season. The team had been struggling for much of the season, but they finally won the championship on Saturday.

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LOCAL SWIMMING

Team effort propels Delran past Moorestown

Delran's swimming team won the championship by defeating Moorestown in a close final. The team's success was a relief to many fans who had been cheering for the team since the beginning of the season.

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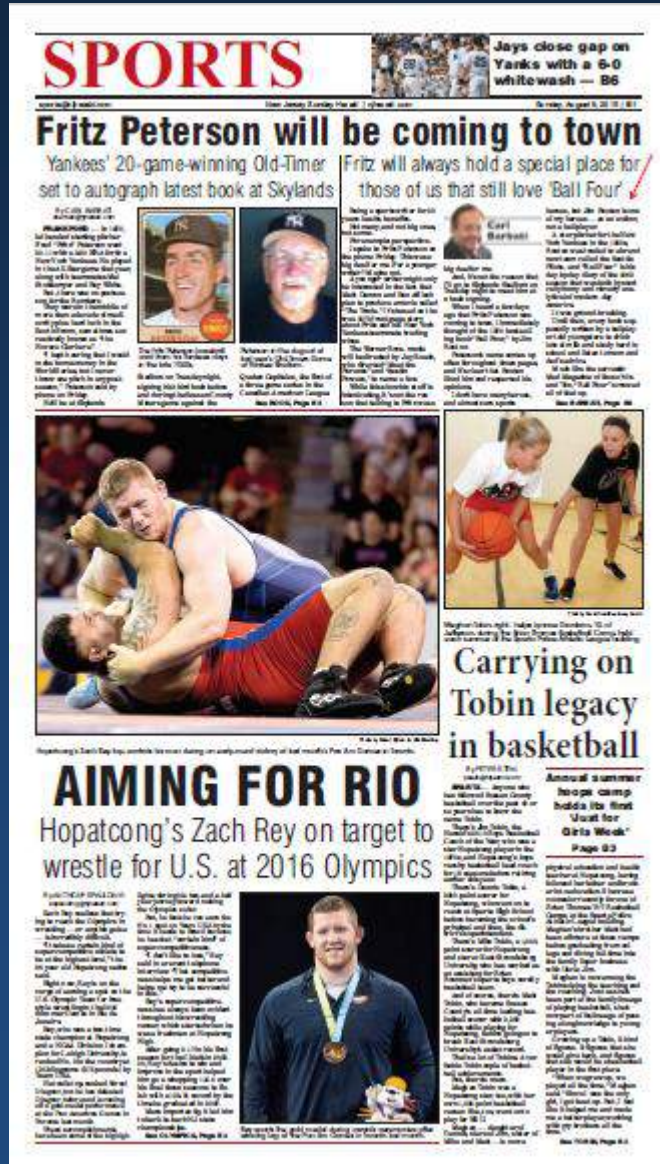
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BUDGET

OT, salt make this winter more costly

By Dan Hill, Contributor

It was a tough winter for Glen Ridge residents.

A series of back-to-back snowstorms this winter meant that the borough is already on track to exceed last year's snow-related expenses.

For 2015, overtime costs related to snow have, in fact, exceeded \$20,000, Borough Administrator Michael Tobal said on Monday. By comparison, the total overtime cost for snow — both summer and winter — in 2014 came in at \$47,000.

The timing of the storms had a lot to do with why expenses went up. "The crews were getting hit on a lot of weekends, which is where they incur overtime," Tobal said. Additionally, there were several cases where crews had to come in and work overnight, or skip their days off to public works staff on Cape May.

"We had so weekends in snow where people were coming in," Councilman Art Demare said on Monday.

Salt and de-icing material expenses went up as of Monday, the borough had spent more than \$25,000 on salt, brine and other equipment and materials. By comparison, salt and de-icing cost \$23,600 last winter.

Some of the increase is due to an uptick in cost per ton, Tobal

Salt and de-icing materials:

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Tobal said. But most of the increase is simply because the borough is using more salt this year. In fact, Glen Ridge uses 200 tons of salt per year here. Robert Conroy, an owner of a local salt wholesaler. Any extra salt that Glen Ridge needs, the borough has to pay for on its own.

The borough hopes that talk by the sun through a purchasing cooperative in Mount Carmel, this year will cost \$25.40 per ton, a 6 percent increase over last year's \$23.88.

Tobal noted, however, that as one price in 2015, the borough was paying \$40 per ton.

After last winter, Glen Ridge purchased a better spreading system to an effort to cut down on expenses, both for salt and for overtime. However, the better spreader also meant upping the bill for the line winter.

The problem, Tobal said, was that during a lot of the winter, the crews were too busy to combine before the snow melted so when the snow lay flat. As a result, the borough had to rely on ice cream on road salt that was expensive.

The total snow-related expense was \$25,300, which is not shown in November's \$2,200 for a bid that that is covered behind a public works truck, and \$5,000 for a storage tank that is kept at the public works yard.

However, Demare said, that extra expense has still helped out. "It makes the salt and de-icing much more effective, because you don't have to worry about [the snow] building up a really big pile," he said. "When the conditions are just right, it's a big money saver because you can do a lot of work."

As one note, the borough hopes to start saving down in February, Tobal said. Glen Ridge had to borrow more than \$1 million this county as a result.

Salt shortages are not an unusual occurrence in the winter, but winter, a number of North Jersey municipalities were reported to be rationing their salt supplies because of a winter outlook in the snow.

This year, Glen Ridge crews had to make an emergency trip to Pennsylvania to pick up some



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TAKE A BOW

Ava Otterbain performs 'Ava's Cobble Court Arrangement' at Glen Ridge's town hall debate show on Friday night at St. Ignace's School. The show was made up of nearly 30 acts. Project Graduation organizes various fundraising events throughout the school year, such as the talent show, to benefit graduation activities. See more photos on pages 4 and online at www.glenridgevoice.com/glenridge.

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Medical Marijuana a Hazy Issue for NJ Employers

By Charles Toutant

More than five years after it was legalized in New Jersey, medical marijuana is creating a dilemma for employers, as drug-free workplace policies clash with obligations to accommodate workers' medical needs.

Some employers have had to deal with the issue head-on as workers who limit chronic illnesses with medical marijuana have filed a handful of wrongful-termination suits after they were fired for failing drug tests.

Two such suits are pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and a third has been filed in Superior Court in Essex County. In all three cases, plaintiffs say they were fired with their bosses afraid receiving medical mari-

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Defendant Gets New Hearing After \$8M Elevator Verdict

By Charles Toutant

A New Jersey appeals court has reversed a judgment in an elevator injury suit in which the plaintiff was awarded \$8 million after an earlier \$4 million award was reversed.

In *Tighe v. Headquarters Plaza*, the case was remanded a second time for the judge below to reconsider the Stender Elevator Company's request for a new trial or remand. The trial judge was also instructed to review the jury's \$8 million award in accordance with the state Supreme Court's May 2011 ruling in *Mir v. Miller*, which provides a framework for calculating requests for remand.

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Agents Bound to Disclose Fatal Accident In Home, Panel Rules

By Charles Toutant

A New Jersey appellate court has ordered fire and estate agents to stand trial for failing to tell the buyers of a \$2.5 million home that its elevator was the scene of a deadly accident.

In an unpublished decision, the appeals court refused to dismiss claims against the agents because they failed to mention the accident when one of the buyers asked if

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NJ Sports Betting Still Casinos' Last, Best Hope, Lawyers Say

By Michael Booth

Proponents of legalized sports betting in New Jersey can continue to hold out some hope that wagering on professional and college sports may one day be allowed, gaming lawyers said, but it may prove too late to save Atlantic City's struggling casinos.

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Jim Deery, Chairman of Ridgewood Station



A view of tables in the Ridgewood Central Business District has again returned to a village to add to the village as one of the village's top rated outdoor cafe.

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Downtown stays on upswing

Recovery from 2009 attributed to community-wide effort

BY GARY GIBBS
Staff Writer

A combination of factors is helping to bring downtown Ridgewood back to its former glory. In recent years, downtown has seen a resurgence in activity. The Ridgewood Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in this effort. The Chamber has been working to attract new businesses and residents to the area. The Chamber has also been working to improve the area's infrastructure. The Chamber has been working to improve the area's infrastructure. The Chamber has been working to improve the area's infrastructure.

PLANNING BOARD
Sides mixed on paint color's impact

BY MATTHEW COONER
Staff Writer

The Ridgewood Planning Board's Tuesday meeting featured a long discussion over a study that will be used to determine the best paint color for the area's buildings. The study will be used to determine the best paint color for the area's buildings. The study will be used to determine the best paint color for the area's buildings.



The Village Center is located on the corner of East Ridgewood Avenue and the main tracks in the village in 2014.

SCIENCE
Council plans two votes as deadline looms

Members must vote on two proposals for basic committee proposals.

BY GARY GIBBS
Staff Writer

A meeting of the village council has ended for the night. The council will be meeting again on Tuesday to vote on two proposals. The council will be meeting again on Tuesday to vote on two proposals. The council will be meeting again on Tuesday to vote on two proposals.

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Neighbors plan to build a new park

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New Foreclosure Climate Brings Law Firm Casualties

By Lily McLeelan and David Gialanella

Nearly eight years after the subprime mortgage crisis violently shook the U.S. economy, law firms representing lenders and servicers in foreclosure actions are continuing to find aftereffects that are sometimes fatal.

New Jersey firm Zucker, Goldberg & Ackerman is planning to close its doors in late August after 52 years in business. Despite a healthy volume of business, the firm is more than \$20 million in debt. The

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Employer Awarded \$192K In Frivolous Whistleblower Suit

By Charles Hodant

A state appellate court has affirmed an award of \$191,652 in costs from under the New Jersey Eviction-Religation statute to Stantec Corp. of West Berlin in a whistleblower suit by a former employee.

The appeals court affirmed the award based on plaintiff Ronald Pulino's repeated failure to offer evidence to back up claims he made in the suit, such as the claim that Stantec violated the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. The appeals court also cited the finding by the judge below that Pulino continued to prosecute his lawsuit after he knew there was no evidence supporting his claims, and the judge's determination that Pulino's conduct violated evidence of harassment, if not out-

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NJ Foreclosure Firm, Nearing Bankruptcy, Furloughs Staff

By David Gialanella

New Jersey foreclosure firm Zucker, Goldberg & Ackerman, as it prepares its file for bankruptcy and ultimately closes its doors in late August, has already furloughed away more than one-third of its employees and suspended benefits.

According to internal documents and the firm's outside counsel, the Massachusetts-based firm on July 17 laid 115 employees that they had been indefinitely furloughed—suspended without pay the budgetary crunch. Health benefits for

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GEORGEY SURMAN

For Law Firms, Change of Pace Means Change of Space

By David Gialanella

Perhaps it's too soon to adapt the concept of the control center office. Nevertheless, firms in New Jersey are seeking space that can conservatively be described as "revolutionary."

Offices are indeed getting smaller—one real estate broker estimated that firms are taking up 10 to 20 percent less on average—but there's more to the trend than justifying the law library and working with a lesser administrative staff.

Firms increasingly want spaces that are more offices, flexible and—the most pervasive buzzword of all—collaborative.

"Some have moved, some have stayed in their spaces, but the underlying motive, [is] space that's more collaborative," said David Simon, vice chairman of the national office of mid-size firm Newmark Knipe Frank.

"They believe the whole industry has changed," Simon said. "While there still is confidentiality, it's much more a team approach."

While privacy, at least occasional privacy, is an inherent need of law practitioners,

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Proposed 'no knock' penalties attracting support in Jackson

By ANDREW MARTINS
Staff Writer

Members of the public have voiced their support for an ordinance that will, if adopted by the Jackson Township Council, make unwanted solicitations on private property subject to tougher penalties.

On Aug. 11, council members voted unanimously to introduce an ordinance that will amend the portions of the municipal code titled Peddling and Soliciting.

Bruce Shapiro, the local government and regulatory affairs coordinator for the New Jersey Realtors, said the association supports the proposed ordinance in Jackson and a similar one in Totm River.

"We are aware of what has been going in Jackson ... and it is as much a concern to us as it is to the council and the residents," Shapiro said.

Recently, some residents have told Jackson officials they have

received unwanted solicitations from individuals seeking to purchase their home, regardless of whether the home was for sale.

Residents told officials they saw people they believed were Orthodox Jews scouting out their neighborhoods and approaching their property to make unsolicited offers on homes.

Neighboring Lakewood has an Orthodox Jewish community that numbers in the tens of thousands of residents.

In these instances, Shapiro said, residents should voice their concerns to the New Jersey Real Estate Commission for violations of an existing blockbusting rule.

Blockbusting is a practice in which an individual is persuaded to sell his property at a reduced price out of fear that a different race or religious group is or will be moving into the neighborhood.

The person who purchases the property will then sell it for a

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From the Garden owner Drew Madzin oversees the August bees to check on one of his honeybee hives. (SINCE PHOTOGRAPHER BOB SLICAR)

Beekeepers find sweet success in N.J.

By ANDREW MARTINS
Staff Writer

Standing among his beehives, Drew Madzin is calm, despite the bees feverishly buzzing around him.

With the bees, August sun beating down on him, Madzin, a household resident, catches the protection of a bee suit when approaching his hives. He's done this many times before, so he instinctively to adopt a more slow and deliberate approach while attempting to remove the top of a

Landsend hive with a folding knife.

Soon, he's holding a frame coated in a swirling mass of drones and worker bees, within a foot of his face while noting the insects' increased agitation.

"On a hot day like today or on a rainy day, bees can get particularly nasty," Madzin said nonchalantly.

Having owned and worked with bees the better part of five years as the co-owner and founder of From the Garden, Inc., Madzin

is no longer afraid of being stung. It's an occupational hazard.

Like roughly 2,000 other beekeepers in New Jersey, Madzin's business is a part of a growing \$7 billion industry.

And while the beekeeping hobby and industry is seemingly buzzing with increased profile and interest, outside influences continue to threaten the insects' existence despite new state legislation aimed at protecting them.

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MOVIE REVIEW: 'AMERICAN SNIPER'

Eastwood's direction, Cooper's acting pull audience into story

Grade: A-
Starring: Bradley Cooper and Sienna Miller; screenplay by Jason Hall, based on the book by Chris Kyle; directed by Clint Eastwood
Running time: 134 minutes
Parental guide: R (violence, profanity)

By JAMES BERARDINELLI
CORRESPONDENT

"American Sniper" lists director Clint Eastwood out of the old-timers that have plagued his last few films.

Loosely based on the life of decorated Iraq War veteran Chris Kyle, the movie not only represents the best effort from Eastwood since his Oscar-winning "Million Dollar Baby," but the finest acting we have seen thus far from two-time nominee Bradley Cooper, who is asked to do (and succeeds in doing) far more here than in any of his past roles.

This gripping film recalls (in different ways) aspects of two recent war-related pictures: Kathryn Bigelow's "The Hurt Locker" and Jim Sheridan's "Brothers."

Although packaged as a thriller, "American Sniper" has a strong dramatic underpinning that enriches the characters. And, as is always the case, strongly realized individuals populating a movie result in greater tension and suspense because we care about the fates of those involved in the events.

Kyle, who served four tours in Iraq during the 2000s, has 160 confirmed kills to his name, the most of any American sniper. The movie opens with a powerful sequence set in the streets of a small town near Nairiya, Iraq, in March 2003 during the initial invasion. Kyle is positioned atop a building overlooking an abandoned street.

As U.S. forces approach from



Kyle Gallner (left) and Bradley Cooper star in "American Sniper."

one direction, a woman and her son emerge. Sighting her through his scope, Kyle recognizes she has what appears to be a grenade, which she gives to the boy. Kyle must make a decision: shoot and risk killing an innocent child ("They'll try you if you're wrong — they'll send you to Leavenworth," his cautious mentor) or hold his fire and risk a catastrophe. It's not an easy decision and Eastwood makes us complicit in Kyle's choice.

Following the opening sequence, we are treated to an extended series of flashbacks that encapsulate 25 years into an equal number of minutes. We spend a few short scenes with Kyle as a child, struggle through the mud with him at

basic training as he learns to be a SEAL, meets his cute, eventual wife, Taya (Sienna Miller), experiences the seismic cultural shift that comes from 9/11 and ships off to Iraq.

His kill on that day near Nairiya is his first but far from his last. In his several years spent in the war-torn country, he participates in many of the major actions and earns the nicknames of "The Devil of Ramadi" (given by the insurgents) and "The Legend" (given by his fellow soldiers).

Eastwood pulls us into the chaos of war without having to resort to shaky handheld cameras. The first 110 minutes of "American Sniper" represent masterful cinema — taut, smart, formidable stuff.

Unfortunately, the movie stalls during its final 20 minutes as it attempts to switch gears and present a theme that other films (like Oliver Stone's "Born on the Fourth of July" and the aforementioned "Brothers") have done better.

Nevertheless, the anticlimactic denouement is more muddled than bad and doesn't undo the power of what precedes it.

"American Sniper" is pretty much Cooper for 134 minutes. As good as he was in "Silver Linings Playbook" and "American Hustle," his work here represents a career-best. This is his first transformative role, a part where he has stretched beyond his comfort zone and not been found wanting.

A barely recognizable Miller plays the light and love of Kyle's life and does her best to make Taya more than the token supportive-but-abandoned wife.

"American Sniper" does no political preaching. Kyle's book drips with patriotism, some of which translates to the screen, but this is no jingoistic piece of propaganda. Neither is it an anti-American hatch job. Instead, it keeps the rightness or wrongness of the war at arm's length and focuses instead on the struggles of the men in the trenches.

This is about their lives, their difficulties and the demons they must wrestle with both in another country and after they return home.

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ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY

Neil Young dazzles again

The rock legend's show at the Shikellum started off brisk and finished on a high note in electric intensity.



Neil Young is back, and he's back with a bang. For the show Thursday night, he brought out the old-school rock sound that has made him a legend. The music was a mix of classic hits and new material, and the energy was electric. Young's performance was a mix of classic hits and new material, and the energy was electric. Young's performance was a mix of classic hits and new material, and the energy was electric.

LeBron James expands range

Acting studies for NBA star.



LeBron James is expanding his range as an actor. He has taken on a role in the movie "The Way, Way Back," which is a comedy about a group of kids who are sent to a summer camp. James' performance was praised for its depth and nuance. He has also taken on a role in the movie "The Way, Way Back," which is a comedy about a group of kids who are sent to a summer camp.

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MOVIE REVIEW: 'TED 2'

Foul-mouthed teddy strikes gold again

Grade: A-

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Seth MacFarlane (voice), Amanda Seyfried, Jessica Barth, Liam Neeson, Morgan Freeman, Patrick Warburton, Dennis Haysbert, Richard Schiff, Michael Dorm and Tom Brady; screenplay by MacFarlane, Alec Sulkin and Wolpsey Wild; directed by MacFarlane

Running time: 115 minutes

Parental guide: R (crude and sexual content, pervasive language, and some drug use)

By BILL WINE
COURTESY: WARNER BROS.

"Ted" made us laugh — a lot — and "Ted 2" does, too. The foul-mouthed teddy bear that went so over the top, with the raunchy blockbuster "Ted" now standing as the highest-grossing — in both series of the word — R-rated original comedy of all time around the globe, with a box office take of more than half a billion dollars.

"Ted 2," to no one's surprise, another vulgar, irreverent, impudent, outrageous and laugh-out-loud comedy from Seth MacFarlane, who debuted as a director with the 2012 original, which among its many iconic highlights featured one of the funniest comic light scenes — between a man and a teddy bear — in movie history.

And although the sequel can't possibly sneak up on us in terms of originality the way its predecessor did, this particular follow-up goes in the books as the funniest comedy of the year to date.

This is, moreover, one of those comedies well worth trying to see without having many of its delightful one-liners, sight gags or asides ruined for you by the trailer or any enthusiastic or talkative souls who have seen the



No greater dilemma than the last beer

film before you.

Mark Wahlberg, in his first sequel, returns as John Bennett, the bear's best Boston bud and lifelong "blunder bunny," now divorced from the character.

played the first time around by Mila Kunis), and MacFarlane once again supplies the voice of the talking teddy, the computer-animated, motion-capture bear. And Amanda Seyfried climbs aboard as Samantha Leslie Jackson, the lawyer who gets romantically involved with Bennett while she takes on Ted's case.

Ted is now married to his human girlfriend from the first film, Liams-Lynn McCallery, played by Jessica Barth. Ted and Liams-Lynn would like to have a baby, so it looks as if they're going to need sperm from John, still Ted's best friend, necessary for the artificial insemination.

And if that doesn't work and they have to adopt, Ted must

Amanda Seyfried talks 'Ted,' Page 4

prove in court, with Samantha as his lawyer, that he's actually human as opposed to "terrapony."

As before, the rib-tickling dimension that quiches us watching a seamlessly integrated stunted teddy bear talk dirty and flout taboos is certainly a part of the bear's instinct appeal factor.

But there's something else going on, as well.

Producer-director MacFarlane, mastermind of television's animated "Family Guy" and controversial Oscars-bait, took time between the two "Ted" projects to direct the initially funny "A Million Ways to Die in the West" last year. He has, along with executive producer Alec Sulkin and Wolpsey Wild, co-written a surprisingly sensitive script that includes a resonant plea for

tolerance that is, unfortunately, downright timely.

"To say nothing of the impressive Busby Berkeley-style opening production number. And this time, MacFarlane has also invited veterans Morgan Freeman, Liam Neeson and Dennis Haysbert to join his supporting cast as canoeing lawyer, customer and doctor, respectively while controversial pro football player Tom Brady and "Flash Gordon" actor Sam J. Jones turn up as themselves.

It's perhaps a shade too long, with at least one subplot involving stalker Giovanni Ribisi that fails to live up to the standards set by the thoughtful central narrative. It's still a rewarding laugh machine to experience, with modestly expert and seamless special effects that we take for granted.

But the bottom-line question, as with most sequels, is: How does it do walking the fine line

between being so similar to installment number one that it feels like the same movie and being so different from its predecessor that it alienates the faithful fans of the original?

The answer: This buddy comedy walks that line with impressive ambidexterity and masterful control as a very funny and generously entertaining romp.

As for Wahlberg, who with "The Other Guys" and "Ted" under his belt, he has developed into a relaxed, disciplined and eminently watchable comedic costar/sidekick.

Like "Ted" — and perhaps on an even higher plane of accomplishment — the stunnerly inspired "Ted 2" is an oaty-to-bear knee-slapper.

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Malvador makes mood music

Band of the Week

BY ONEG WATRY
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There's an amazing aspect to Malvador's music. Filled with an amalgam of genres, from grooving jazz to straining metal, the band's debut album takes listeners on a strange and wonderful musical journey: Creating listeners with an addiction and mystical lyrics, the introduction song is a primer to an album that borders on a trip to a macabre circus. "There's a mood, an atmosphere, that we try to just access with the music we're making," said Christopher Sella, the band's vocalist and guitarist. "We don't subscribe to a musical genre, but we do subscribe to a mood."

Basist Edward Sherry said when he joined the band, Sella told him to look at the artwork of Edward Gorey, whose book "The Gashlycrumpets Times" takes readers through a dark yet whimsical journey of the alphabet to glean the musical mood. Malvador came together over the course of 2012. Joseph Sabina, who fills in piano, organ and accordion



MALVADOR

played in the band, previously played with Sella in other bands. One of the first times they jammed together, Sella recalled hearing classical music as he approached Sabina's house. He thought it was a recording but Sabina was as the boys. Oftentimes after jamming, Sabina would bust out the accordion and play.

Sella asked Sabina to endeavor on a project with him where Sabina would be able to explore the piano and accordion more fully. I feel like this band has moved me forward in musicianship just because of the challenges the music requires of me," said Sabina.

After the two came together, it wasn't long before Sherry, lead guitarist Mack Sloan and drummer

Michael Rome joined. Many songs that appear on Malvador's debut, which was released in October 2014, were written prior to the group's formation. Sella wrote the songs while playing with other bands but found the music didn't fit those groups. "It was kind of like I gathered up all the objects and started trying to form a band. It was more eclectic," he said.

"That's Malvador. Gathering up all the objects," said Sherry, who noted that Sella's foundation of songs allowed the group to jump headfirst into the musical process. Songs on the album cover a variety of ground. "Imposters" is a jaunty tune with surreal lyrics that depicts a narcissist who can't recognize family and friends as a surprise party; and "Ooga, I'm Going to Hell" is a rumination on life and times against a backdrop of slide guitar fit for a country setting.

"Generally, each player has a role in all these songs. There's conflict," added Sella of the themes as mood. Like their eclectic style, the band has a variety of influences from jazz

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Folk icon Tom Paxton has made history

By ROBERT PRICE
@robertprice

DETLEHEIM, Pa. — Tom Paxton says he's not big on nostalgia. But his affection for old friends, old songs and old times was palpable during his concert last Thursday at the Muskrat Cafe as he belted.

Backed by multi-instrumentalist Robin Bullock, Paxton, 77, sang songs old and new for about two hours, interspersing stories from the 1960s heyday of folk music in Greenwich Village and beyond, while paying tribute to those he learned from, like Pete Seeger and "Mississipp" John Hurt.

Paxton, who just finished a 21-date tour with Jacks Jan, is on his way to the United Kingdom where he will play 17 shows before returning to the U.S. for the Clearwater Festival in Croton-On-Hudson, N.Y., June 20-21 and the Smokey Mountain Festival in Asheville, N.C., July 2-10. Then he'll finish what he says is his last tour with shows on the East Coast, including the Folk Project's Minimal Series at the Presbyterian Church of Chatham



Photo by Andrew Pika

Folk icon Tom Paxton performs a new song, "Time to Sparo," at the Muskrat Cafe.

Township on July 25. The folk icon announced back in February that he's coming off the road after 55 years of touring. Concurrent with his final tour he released his 12nd album, "Redemption

Read," from which he played generously on Thursday. True to form, Paxton's program was eclectic. It ranged from bad pedaling on "My Pomp (Innert the Way)" — to Bullock's poignant acoustic

guitar instrumental version of the traditional "Oh Shenandoah" merging with Paxton's own take on Shenandoah, "Come Along With Me" — to Paxton's best-known and now 51-year-old song, "The Last Thing on My Mind."

Paxton played several songs from his new album, including a look back to his Oklahoma childhood in "Buffalo Dreams," the topical "Battle of the Seas," the topical "If the Poor Don't Matter" and the nostalgic, yet nostalgic, "Time to Sparo." He ended the concert with the album's title cut, "Redemption Road," a ballad about taking stock of one's life.

After lamenting that last year's Clearwater Festival was the first without its founder, the non-expected Pete Seeger, Paxton sang two of his songs for the first time: "The Last Thing on My Mind" and "Time to Sparo," of which he wrote for the first time in 2010.

"God bless Pete Seeger. We wouldn't even be here tonight if it weren't for Pete Seeger,"

Paxton said, before launching into his earliest hit, "Ramblin' Boy." Paxton recalled showing the non-writers song to Seeger in 1962; two weeks later Seeger and the Weavers sang it at Carnegie Hall.

And speaking of 1962, that's the year Paxton first saw "Mississipp" John Hurt in the Village's Caffeine Cafe. Paxton played two songs that he wrote in Hurt's sponsored and freespreading Delta blues style — "Bottle of Wine" and "Did You Hear John Hurt?"

The concert took on a somber tone near the end as Paxton sang "The Reverend" in tribute to the late New York City firefighters who died in the September 11 attacks. He then read poetic about the old days in the Village in songs like the Caffeine, the Battle of Fish and the Lion's Head, where musicians, writers and artists congregated, before singing "Comedians and Angels," a song from 2007 about missing one's friends. Since Paxton doesn't like nostalgia, we'll just call it history.

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Robot teaches kids programming basics

BY CHERYL O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

With the help of a walking, talking, and friendly robot named Marjos, students at St. Joseph Academy are learning the ins and outs of computer programming and robotics as early as the fourth grade.

Marjos, whose monitor was chosen by a school-wide vote and is a portmanteau of the names Mary and Joseph, can be used in touch, virtually any subject, including math, language arts, social studies and physical education. The last was demonstrated by a class consisting of fifth, seventh and eighth graders who followed Marjos' lead in a series of push-ups, prompted by an eighth grader who "held" the robot to perform 10 push-ups.

The software used to program Marjos is Choreographic, in which students select commands and link them together in order to make the robot perform functions such as sitting, standing or speaking multiple languages including Spanish and French, playing music and even practicing Tai chi. The wireless program works by typing in words which are then "spoken" by Marjos, who also is equipped with sensors and a camera connected to a video monitor displayed on a SMART board.

"The video monitor shows what Marjos sees," computer teacher Diana Swartz explained.

In addition, Marjos is programmed to do calculations and read stories, particularly to the youngest graders that "really enjoy" interacting with it, said Swartz. It also delivers a prompt grading to students as they file into class every day.

"The older students do the actual programming," Swartz added.

Students in grades four and



CHERYL O'BRIEN/PHOTO

Marjos, a walking, talking, and friendly robot, is used to teach virtually any subject, including math, language arts, social studies and physical education at St. Joseph Academy.

five can also participate in programming Marjos, as they use a standard software acting rather than the advanced writing used by the eighth graders.

"Right now we are getting used

PSE&G UPDATE

Project is affecting River Road's conditions

BY CHERYL O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

PSE&G Project Regional Public Affairs Manager Arthur Orelitzky attended the June 4 Hopewell council meeting to answer any questions the council had about PSE&G's Northwest Corridor Reliability Project that has affected conditions on River Road.

Upon introducing Orelitzky to the council, Commissioner Thomas Napolitano stated the ongoing construction on River Road was due to a reliability project to, in part, alleviate damage to the road and acknowledge that was caused by supervisors' study.

According to PSE&G, the Northwest Corridor Reliability Project will upgrade PSE&G's power service in the northern part of the state from the current 138V (kilovolt) service to 220V on existing overhead transmission lines to comply with requirements set by the PJM Interconnection, the regional energy grid. Additionally, a 15-mile underground circuit will be installed through Hopewell, Hopewell Park, Hopewell, Hackensack, Maywood, Hochelle Park, Lake, Middlebrook, Goshfield and Clifton.

"The trench is in, the pipe is in, so there won't be any more traffic and detours," Orelitzky said. However, full restoration of River Road has been delayed due to "special circumstances" that he did not specify we cannot dig through such as materials and bodies of water.

Orelitzky said PSE&G needs to "prove" the pipe so it contains mineral oil but cannot do so until

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Photo by Bob Wiley for the Madison Education Association

Town hall may house museum

Vacant east wing would be renovated

By Bob Wiley

The Madison Education Association presented the Mayor's Town Board with a proposal Tuesday for a museum to be housed in the vacant east wing of the Madison Public Library building. The proposal, which would be discussed at a public hearing on Wednesday, July 27, is to renovate the building to house a museum dedicated to the history of Madison, N.J., and the surrounding area. The museum would be open to the public and would feature exhibits on the town's history, including its role in the American Revolution and its development as a textile mill town. The museum would also feature exhibits on the town's role in the Civil War and its role in the development of the textile industry. The museum would be open to the public and would feature exhibits on the town's history, including its role in the American Revolution and its development as a textile mill town. The museum would also feature exhibits on the town's role in the Civil War and its role in the development of the textile industry.

RETICENT READERS OPEN UP TO DOGS

Canines hailed as 'Friend to Education'

By Bob Wiley

Madison Public Library staff and volunteers are celebrating the success of a program that has helped reticent readers open up to dogs. The program, which has been running for several years, has helped many children and adults who are shy or nervous about reading to become more confident and engaged. The program involves having a dog read to the reader, which helps to reduce anxiety and make the reading experience more enjoyable. The dogs are trained to read to the reader and are praised for their efforts. The program has been very successful and has helped many people who were previously unable to read to become more confident and engaged. The program involves having a dog read to the reader, which helps to reduce anxiety and make the reading experience more enjoyable. The dogs are trained to read to the reader and are praised for their efforts. The program has been very successful and has helped many people who were previously unable to read to become more confident and engaged.

Residents may get more dollars to fix sidewalks

60% reimbursement hike eyed

By Bob Wiley

Madison residents may soon be able to get more money to help pay for the cost of sidewalk repairs. The Madison Public Library is considering a proposal to increase the reimbursement rate for sidewalk repairs from 40% to 60%. The proposal would allow residents to receive up to 60% of the cost of sidewalk repairs, which would be a significant increase from the current 40% rate. The proposal would also allow residents to receive reimbursement for the cost of materials and labor. The proposal would be subject to a public hearing and would need to be approved by the Madison Public Library Board. The proposal would allow residents to receive up to 60% of the cost of sidewalk repairs, which would be a significant increase from the current 40% rate. The proposal would also allow residents to receive reimbursement for the cost of materials and labor. The proposal would be subject to a public hearing and would need to be approved by the Madison Public Library Board.

'LES MIS'



By Bob Wiley

Madison High School senior Grace McCallister is the star of a new production of the musical 'Les Misérables' at the Madison Public Library. The production, which is being performed at the library's auditorium, is a production of the musical 'Les Misérables' by Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil. The production is being performed at the library's auditorium and is a production of the musical 'Les Misérables' by Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil. The production is being performed at the library's auditorium and is a production of the musical 'Les Misérables' by Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil.

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A beautiful winter scene at the end of the Ridge Road in Ridgewood, N.J.

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CBD community offers its input

Forum focuses on recent changes

BY JEFFREY HANCOCK

The Village CBD community offers its input on recent changes to the community's governance structure.

PARC TESTS

Opting-out option gaining steam

BY JEFFREY HANCOCK



More parents are choosing to opt out of their children's participation in standardized testing.

Local 11 members with residents

Local 11 members are working with residents to improve the community's infrastructure.

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Altoona Park is set to be developed in the near future, providing a new recreational area for the community.

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School uniforms' path, costs explored

By Maggie Katz

Clifton

CLIFTON — City students returned to public schools last week without uniforms, though the "no-uniform" rule is being tested and criticized by board members and parents alike.

The opposition to uniformed students has been a constant theme for the past several months, though with a more subdued presence. The School Board voted the issue in June, after the deadline passed for the mandated zone monitor results to be filed before school began this month.

At the time, parents thanked board members who said they were sticking the program forward.

Now citizens continue to speak out at School Board meetings against the implementation of a uniform dress code policy,

which does not in support add strings on parental rights, will not support money, and will be detrimental to the Special Education community.

Issues relating to uniforms by school board members. After the School Board's decision, the district's business office issued a memo to improve the dress code. The memo stated that one of the sub-committee members, did not discuss any documents which touched the dress code.

Agreed was not individualized in any of the district records, according to the district's records manager. A draft of the survey first appeared April 1 in internal meetings. The next day a copy of the survey was sent to all board members as part of the superintendent's weekly agenda. It was included in the request of district

committee members, according to the report.

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Young sailors participate in the Junior Sailing Regatta, held by the Keyport Yacht Club on July 24. The all-day event attracts roughly 500 junior sailors ages 8 to 17 from area sailing clubs to compete in beginner- and advanced-level race classes. For photos, see page 3.

Swim calls attention to ocean protection

By ADAM C. UZIALKO
Staff Writer

A lone swimmer took on a historic long-distance ocean marathon, dodging through shipping channels and swimming past humpback whales and other marine life whose habitat she is trying to protect.

Fabrizia Senor, executive director of the Coney Island Brighton Beach Open Water Swimmers (CIBOWS), set off on July 22 to become the first person to attempt and complete a 17-mile swim from North Beach on Sandy Hook to Atlantic Beach in Long Island.

The route for Senor's 11-hour swim — the Ambrose Channel — traverses the route for a proposed liquefied natural gas facility off the coast of Long Branch.

And that was the point.

Senor, who is from Brooklyn, took on the long-distance, open-ocean swim to call attention to the Western New York Right, an area that is home to more than 20 species of marine life, which Senor and the nonprofit Clean Ocean Action (COA) want to see protected by legislation to bar industrial uses and dumping in the area.

The swim was planned to promote the creation of the "Clean Ocean Zone" through legislation, an initiative spearheaded by COA over the past decade.

"About 10 years ago, I realized there were organizations like Clean Ocean Action that were instrumental in getting dumping [in this area] stopped," Senor said in an interview the morning after her groundbreaking swim. "I thought that it was amazing, and I decided I wanted to support them."

"We're all just completely on the same page. My community is very much about keeping the water clean and swimmable, so it's a great coming-together of acceptance in terms of our mission."

Senor swam past former dump sites during her aquatic trek, noting how quickly the ecology of the area has rebounded since those practices have been halted.

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Libraries thrive amid changes in digital age

By CHRISTINE BARCIA
Staff Writer

Those who thought libraries might one day be obsolete have had to think again. No longer just a place to borrow books, libraries have evolved into hubs of activity that serve myriad needs of patrons.

"Because libraries offer so much more than books, many of today's libraries are seen as the center of their communities," said Kim Folsom, director of the Middletown Township Public Library.

A Pew Research Center poll from 2014,

"The Next Library and the People Who Will Use It," reported that 91 percent of respondents said libraries are important to their communities, and 93 percent said having a public library improves the quality of life in a community.

"Libraries are less about what we have and more about what we do for people," said Sam Feldman, president of the American Library Association, 2015-2018.

"We create an environment that advances individual opportunity," Feldman said.

Libraries, said Feldman, "offer equality

of access" as they provide community space that is free and welcomes all people.

"What is a consistent factor in libraries then and now is their ability to bridge the divide by offering access to information unparalleled by any other institution," said Jill Tolchick, director of the Monmouth County Library system.

Chris Claiborne, director of the South Brunswick Public Library and president-elect of the New Jersey Library Association, said his library is a thriving center for lifelong learning and continuing education.

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Caribbeek Pro-K registration announced
Caribbeek Public School is pleased to announce registration for the Caribbeek program will be open to all students in the Caribbeek program at Caribbeek middle and elementary schools. The Caribbeek program is a unique opportunity for students to learn about the Caribbeek culture and traditions. Registration will be open from March 10 to March 15. For more information, please contact the Caribbeek program coordinator at Caribbeek Public School.

Richard DOE to have joint meeting with commissioners
The Honorable Richard DOE will have a joint meeting with the Caribbeek middle and elementary school principals on Tuesday, March 10, at the Caribbeek School, 101 Valley Road, Avenel, New Jersey, at 7 p.m. The meeting is a mandatory meeting for all principals and will be held in the Caribbeek school cafeteria.

Civil Rights Commission announces public hearing
The Hudson County Civil Rights Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at the Hudson County Courthouse, 100 State Street, Jersey City, New Jersey. The hearing will be held in the courtroom on the 10th floor of the courthouse. The hearing will be held in the courtroom on the 10th floor of the courthouse. The hearing will be held in the courtroom on the 10th floor of the courthouse.

New steps added for Downtown Ave
The City of Hudson County has announced that it will be adding new steps to Downtown Avenue. The new steps will be added to the sidewalk on the north side of Downtown Avenue, between 10th and 11th Streets. The new steps will be added to the sidewalk on the north side of Downtown Avenue, between 10th and 11th Streets. The new steps will be added to the sidewalk on the north side of Downtown Avenue, between 10th and 11th Streets.

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Budget may go over cap, come with cuts

BY THEOPHILUS W. GARDNER

The Hudson County Board of Supervisors is expected to approve a budget for fiscal year 2015 that will exceed the state-imposed cap of \$1.2 billion. The board is expected to vote on the budget on Wednesday, March 11. The budget will include cuts to various departments and programs. The board is expected to vote on the budget on Wednesday, March 11. The budget will include cuts to various departments and programs.

Sheriff, resident withdraw complaints

BY JENNIFER S. BROWN

The Sheriff's Office and a resident have withdrawn their complaints against a building contractor. The contractor had been accused of violating building codes. The contractor had been accused of violating building codes. The contractor had been accused of violating building codes.

Do building codes go far enough in keeping us safe?

BY THEOPHILUS W. GARDNER

As the Hudson County Board of Supervisors debates a new set of building codes, it raises the question: Do building codes go far enough in keeping us safe? The current codes are based on the International Building Code, which is a model code. The current codes are based on the International Building Code, which is a model code. The current codes are based on the International Building Code, which is a model code.

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Women Fight at Cedar Bridge

Pat Johnson
Reporter



Infiltrating the Revolutionary War Fun

Women Fight at Cedar Bridge

By PAT JOHNSON

Just as the military isn't for men only, fighting in war reenactments has no artificial gender barrier.

Callie Giacomoni was one of three women reenactors dressed as militia soldiers participating in the reenactment Sunday, Dec. 26, of the Revolutionary War skirmish known as the Fight at Cedar Creek Tavern, located in the piney woods of Warren Grove.

Giacomoni began her war reenactment career with her parents in 1968, traveling with them to re-stage Civil War battles. "I was too young to fight, so I had to wear a dress and stay in camp," she said. Now, she stood proudly in her British royal provincial uniform, the explosives who stay in the colonies chosen to be loyal to the Crown. "Think about it: You were committing treason if you fought with the rebels, and so they call 'hanging a sheet over your naked body.' I think I got that from the 'Pledge of the cardinal sin'."

In 2006, she joined the 1st Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers, or 1st NJV, and hasn't been re-licking tack. "My mom made my breeches and my waistcoat. The pattern is fairly simple. The pants are chunky flared, so that's why they have a draper tail—extra space so you could sit in them."

Her musket is carried behind her grandmother, and her backpack was made from a long-handled coat. "It's super great and waterproof." Her children look suspiciously like a large tack, but it holds only water. "I'd

during the Revolutionary War, I would have had my eye taken in the water, and if (the alcohol) didn't wash them out, it was fatal."

As for the red coats, "the reason the British and the Loyalists were not was because it was the cheapest dye there is except for having the cloth white, and the French and Spanish were white coats," she continued. "The red dye was called brick red. The dye blue was expensive, and that was made from indigo. We wear red jackets with blue linings."

Oppa Laska was fighting on the other side of the red coat with white facings. But her dress had her identified her as a "Duchess" from the song "Yankee Doodle." She was part of the 3rd Pennsylvania Light Infantry. "We're called light infantry because we wear a shorter jacket that allows us to travel through the woods and take potshots at the enemy in 18th-century warfare."

And the first woman to bring out a regiment and putting a man's waist to be known only as 18th-century dressmaking and being her musket. Her "Brown Shoe" musket is thought to be the musket for Queen Elizabeth I. "I'd read it should be a 75-caliber ball shot about the size of her thumb." "This is not a rifle. A rifle is called a rifle because the barrel has spiral rifling that makes the bullet spin, and it comes out straight. The shot is this mistletoe on the wall of the barrel and comes out just, if you were in with the ball, it splatters and takes cloth and shreds into the wood—very loud," she said. "And it had very accurate. You can't hit anything over 50 yards, and that's why the militia

fought in a line, though he has seen out in the same pattern to act like a soldier."

The biggest battle used in the Revolutionary War was interpreted to make an irregular hole in the army and was the last weapon to be outlawed by the Geneva Convention, and that's "19 because the second it makes never heals, and men were dying from their wounds."

The host for the day's reenactment was Tim Hart, Ocean County historian. He believes the fight at the Warren Grove Cedar Bridge Tavern was the last skirmish of the Revolutionary War. "There are other Cedar Creek and Cedar Creek Taverns in the area, but I believe this to be the one where Capt. John Hannon fought with the patriots and won."

"There were 30 skirmishes between Hannon and the patriots during the war, and again how many did patriots win?" asked Hart. "Yes. If the British had won the war, he would have been a hero."

"So the Monmouth militia was kind of being to Hannon. Once they heard the British were going to be in Hannon's town, so they walked the 3 miles and got into a pitched battle, and they had to walk all the way back to the river. I'd read it should be a 75-caliber ball shot about the size of her thumb."

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Photographer by Tim Johnson

BELLE SUITZER: Callie Giacomoni (above) is ready to re-enact the battle as a Loyalist. Loyalists are members of the army and patriots remain free over the injured.

New Evacuation Reentry Placards To Be Matted Out Next Month in LBT

New evacuation reentry placards are scheduled to be matted out in Long Beach Township residents next month, officials noted at Monday's board of community affairs meeting. The older placards, provided in 2010, are valid through February.

"When we issued them, the first time, a lot of people said they did not receive them," Mayor Joseph Macri noted. "So now that they're coming to you."

When sewer bills are sent out, Macri added, there will be information in that mailing about the forthcoming placards, including a date after which residents can file the township if they haven't received their placard.

Also during the meeting, Commissioner Joseph Iannace and construction on the beach-view Avenue Market in Beach Haven Park, is going well. The municipality is looking for a more permanent location for the Long Beach Island Health Department, currently situated on the corner lot in the middle of the Atrium, in a temporary building.

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HC Water Tower Primed for Repainting

Work is expected to begin soon on repainting the Harvey Calders water tower, located at the site of the public works area next to Sunset Park. Borough Clerk Thelma Tala said that in October, the construction department applied a bond ordinance authorizing the work. Recently, borough officials awarded a \$640,000 contract to U.S. Tank Painting, located in Millstone Township.

Tala said the tower was last painted in 2006.

"These towers are exposed to the elements, and after a while, they can start rusting so we have to get them fixed up," she said. "It needs to be repainted on the outside and the inside."

She said the interior painting will take place during the winter and the outside work will begin in the spring. Tala said during the interior phase of the project, the borough would borrow water from Barnegat Light.

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Best Certified
Ordinance aims to halt nepotism

By Robert Powell
By Robert Powell

They say nepotism is a bad thing, but what if it's a good thing? A new ordinance in Jersey City aims to halt nepotism in the public sector. The ordinance, which was passed by the Jersey City Council on Oct. 10, would prohibit city employees from hiring or promoting family members. The ordinance is a response to a recent controversy involving the hiring of a family member of a city employee. The ordinance is a response to a recent controversy involving the hiring of a family member of a city employee.

Best Headlines
Just their cup of tea: Students get lesson in Japanese culture

By Robert Powell
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Students at a local elementary school are learning about Japanese culture through a series of lessons. The lessons include learning about the Japanese tea ceremony, which is a traditional Japanese practice. The students are learning about the history and significance of the tea ceremony, as well as the different types of tea used. The lessons are being taught by a teacher who is a native Japanese speaker. The students are learning about the Japanese tea ceremony, which is a traditional Japanese practice.



Best Headlines
Prisoner who escaped from facility is found

By Robert Powell
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A prisoner who escaped from a local correctional facility has been found. The prisoner, who was identified as [Name], was found in [Location]. The escape occurred on [Date]. The prisoner was found by [Person]. The prisoner was found by [Person].

Best Headlines
Cart blanch: Fines may shock thieves

By Robert Powell
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A group of thieves who stole a shopping cart from a store have been fined. The cart was found to be empty, and the thieves were fined for the theft. The fines are expected to be a shock to the thieves, as they are much higher than they expected. The fines are expected to be a shock to the thieves, as they are much higher than they expected.

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N.J. parents on PARCC: I disapprove. What is it?

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The fans awaken

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Ready for season
Verona girls basketball
prepares for 2015-16 campaign.
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ROAD TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Verona, Cedar Grove football squads ready to face off with title on the line

BY ANNE M. HICKEY

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Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Road to the state championships

Lillian Ortiz
Editor

VARSITY BASEBALL Panthers name two coaches

BY ANNE M. HICKEY
Specialist
The Cedar Grove varsity baseball team has named two coaches for the 2015-16 season. The coaches are Coach [Name] and Coach [Name]. The team will be competing in the state championship game on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Verona-Cedar Grove Sports Center in Verona, N.J.

WELLBEING VGR ice hockey hopes to build on strong season

BY ANNE M. HICKEY
Specialist
The Verona-Cedar Grove ice hockey team is looking to build on a strong season. The team has a record of [wins-losses] and is currently ranked [rank] in the state. The team will be competing in the state championship game on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Verona-Cedar Grove Sports Center in Verona, N.J.



Verona-Cedar Grove ice hockey player [Name] in action during a game.

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The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Hold the salt, John!

Harry Trumbore

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The Item of Millburn and Short Hills
February 24, 2008
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Opinion

There seems to be more to education than what the person has on the outside.

Harry Trumbore

How about opting in?

Next week, the Legislature will begin to vote on how many schools will opt into the new state-wide, mandatory reading and mathematics assessment. The test has been in use for a few years and will be used to measure student progress in an effort to help improve the quality of education. It is a test of very basic skills, but the test is designed to be a baseline for what most students should know in the state. The test is not intended to be a measure of student ability, but rather a measure of student progress. The test is designed to be a baseline for what most students should know in the state. The test is not intended to be a measure of student ability, but rather a measure of student progress.

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Letters to the Editor

Keep sales service at Short Hills

As a resident of Short Hills, I am writing to express my support for the current sales service provided by the town. The service is excellent and has been a great asset to the community. I hope the town will continue to provide this service in the future.

Historic creek to see daylight again

The town of Short Hills is planning to restore the historic creek that flows through the town. The creek has been dry for many years and the town is committed to bringing it back to life. This is a great project and we hope to see the creek flowing again soon.

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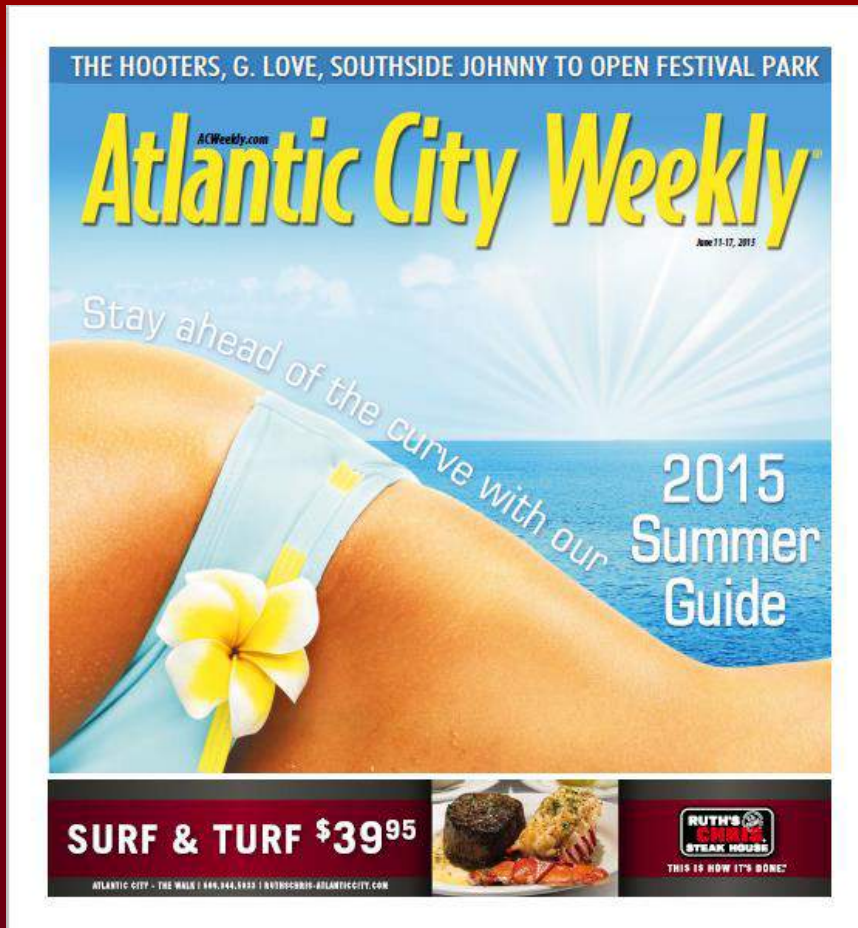
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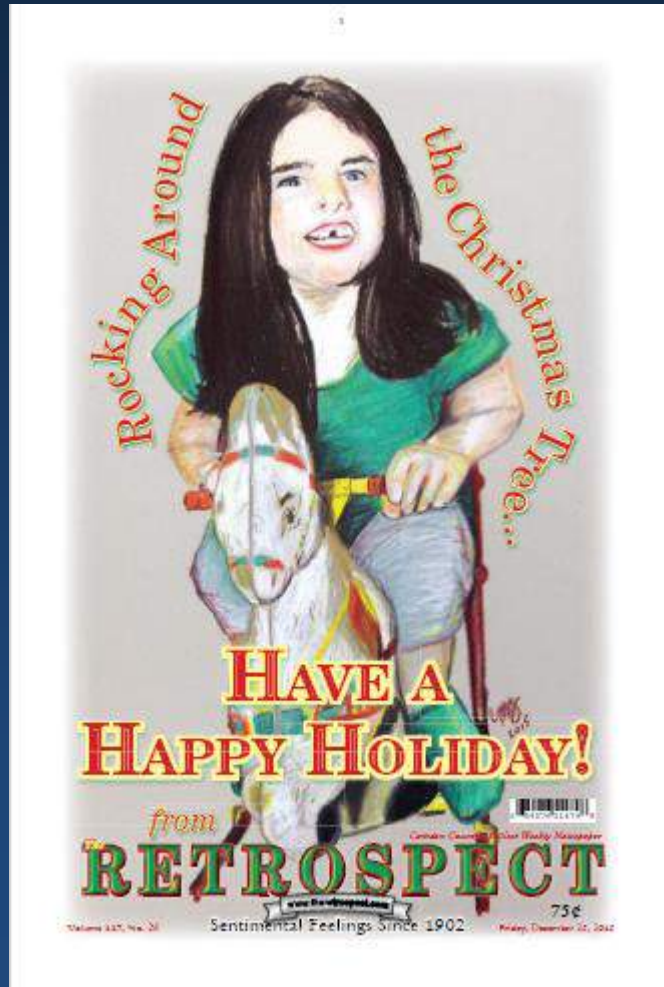
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OUTSPOKEN

Councilman comments on Chattanooga shooter offensive to religious group

By Sulaiman Abdur-Rahman
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@srahman on Twitter

HAMILTON — When gunman Muhammad Yousef Abdulazeez shot and killed five U.S. military service members July 16 in Chattanooga, Tenn., a Hamilton councilman went to Facebook to voice his sentiments.

"Murdering bastards. Rot in hell Muslims scum," Ed Gore wrote at 6:04 p.m. July 16 in a Facebook post. When someone responded to Gore's statement with a comment telling Gore to not hold back, Gore added, "Oh I never held back on domestic terrorists."

Gore apologized Wednesday in an

interview with *The Trentonian* while also explaining why he wrote the controversial statement.

"Certainly I don't mean all Muslims are scum," Gore said Wednesday. "If I offended any Muslims, I am sorry. I would certainly hope Muslims would join me in condemning the murder of innocent Americans anywhere in the world."

Imam Quresh Bashir, president of the Islamic Council of Greater Trenton, Wednesday said he was "appalled and really disappointed in the comments made by someone who is an elected official, a representative of the people, that he would use such derogatory labels for groups of people."

"I would say the religion of Islam does not promote violence or the killing



EDWARD GORE — THE TRENTONIAN
Hamilton Councilman Edward Gore reads during a meeting.

of innocent people," said Bashir, who extended his condolences to the

families of the victims of the Tennessee attack.

"I am not some type of anti-Muslim kook," Gore said. "I wish I would have clarified it more and am sorry if I offended anybody. I want to let people know it was the emotion of the time. You think with your head and not with your heart."

Bashir, who is also co-chairperson of the United Mercer Interfaith Organization, said he hopes Gore "will use this as a point of reflection and make a public apology to all of the citizens of Hamilton and specifically the Muslim population of Hamilton and the surrounding areas. We expect more from our elected officials."

Gore, who is an Irish Catholic, said he was "very critical" of the 1979 Irish

Republican Army terrorist attack in Ireland that killed Lord Mountbatten and three others when a bomb exploded.

"I said they were murdering Irish Catholics bastards," Gore said Wednesday, referring to the IRA members responsible for the 1979 attack. Gore said his remarks on the IRA attack are the "same thing" as his July 16 Facebook comments on the 34-year-old Abdulazeez who was killed by police following his deadly rampage.

Hamilton Councilman Kevin Meany, a Republican like Gore, said it was a "blame" and "disappointing" for Gore to post the controversial Facebook comment.

ENTERTAINMENT

Mayor Jackson sticks free African American Cultural Festival with \$16K bill

By David Foster
dfoster@trentonian.com
@trentonstandard on Twitter

TRENTON — Since 2011, the city has been an in-kind sponsor to the growing Trenton African American Cultural Festival.

But this year — just a month before the festival was set to begin — Trenton Mayor Eric Jackson's administration sent the group hosting the event a \$16,000 invoice.

Latarsha Burke, executive director of the festival, called the sticker shock price "unfair," adding city officials sprung this on the organization last Thursday after meeting several times throughout the year.

"I explained to the mayor that any other city that you go to and they have cultural events like this, they are sponsored by their city,"

Burke told *The Trentonian* on Wednesday, adding the organization is being charged for security and renting Cadwalader Park. "We're not asking that the mayor pay for everything. But I think it would have been a lot more fair if the would have given us advance notice that this was going to happen."

Touting the festival as "phenomenal," Jackson explained Wednesday that the city was following the law.

"The city has fees and ordinances that say what should be charged for events using our public parks," the mayor said. "We're simply enforcing what's on the books. No more, no less."

Jackson said he could not speak to what transpired under former councilman Mayor Tony Mack's administration, but claimed the organization was sent a bill last year for the

festival during his first year in office.

Burke, however, said festival organizers never received an invoice for last year's party. "He was on the stage at the festival last year," Burke said of the mayor, adding Jackson's cabinet members were also in attendance. "They were enjoying the day, they had an awesome time. Never in the conversation after the event did anyone say to me, we can't support you for 2015."

Burke said she is "hooked" the event, which is free to the public, received more cooperation from Mack than Jackson.

"Tony Mack believed in the whole idea of the festival," she said. "I think Mayor Jackson may just be looking at it from a business standpoint."

Organizations are also starting to take note under the new administration.

Last weekend, the Family Fun Day at Cadwalader Park was postponed after the organizer needed to pay the city \$1,750 to cover the price tag for park rangers, portable toilets and cleanup services.

"They were charging an arm and a leg for the park," said community activist Just Edwards, who was originally planning to host the second annual Family Fun Day on Saturday.

The family fun event has been rescheduled for Saturday Aug. 22, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Parkside Avenue entrance area of Cadwalader Park.

Similar to the circumstances of the African American Cultural Festival, the organization hosting the Esplanade Parade allegedly received a bill from the city for \$12,000. The head of the Esplanade Civic Association of

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Judge questions power to rule on pay raises

Clark County officials face lawsuit over pay raises.

By David Johnson
Clark County officials face a lawsuit over pay raises. The lawsuit, filed by a former county employee, challenges the county's authority to raise salaries for its top executives. The county's board of commissioners approved a 10% raise for the county executive and a 5% raise for the county administrator. The lawsuit claims that the county's board of commissioners is not authorized to raise salaries for its top executives.

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Report urges mental health reforms to curb violent crime

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The former N.J. Playmates pose for a photo in the New York City office of the author, Vicki Hyman. From left: Vicki Hyman, Lisa Rinna, and other former Playmates.

Health teacher wins \$25K award

By David Johnson
A health teacher has won a \$25,000 award for her exceptional work in the classroom. Vicki Hyman, a health teacher at a middle school in New Jersey, was recognized for her innovative teaching methods and dedication to her students. She has received numerous awards and accolades for her work in the field of health education.

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Less skin in the game: Former N.J. Playmates react to Playboy changes


By Vicki Hyman
Former N.J. Playmates react to Playboy changes. The magazine's decision to drop its "Playboy" title and focus on lifestyle and entertainment has sparked a reaction from former Playmates. Some, like Lisa Rinna, express disappointment, while others, like Vicki Hyman, see it as a positive step towards a more inclusive and diverse publication.



Vicki Hyman

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Donald McHale, Jr., of Burlington, recently has been named the 7th of 10 winners in the American Legion's "Legions of Memories" contest.

LEGIONS OF MEMORIES

A Wilmington veteran of three wars was honored for 70 years with the American Legion.

By Todd McHale

WILMINGTON — He has seen more than 70 years of American history. He has seen more than 70 years of the American Legion. He has seen more than 70 years of the American Legion's "Legions of Memories" contest. He has seen more than 70 years of the American Legion's "Legions of Memories" contest. He has seen more than 70 years of the American Legion's "Legions of Memories" contest.



10,000 volunteers to aid in papal visit

By Melissa Hoppert

WILMINGTON — A group of about 10,000 volunteers will be helping to host Pope Francis' visit to the United States. The volunteers will be helping to host Pope Francis' visit to the United States. The volunteers will be helping to host Pope Francis' visit to the United States.

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Cinnaminson snuffs out smoking

By Todd McHale

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College welcomes old friend, new face

A college reunites with a former student and a new face.

By Todd McHale

COLLEGE PARK — A college has reunited with a former student and a new face. The college has reunited with a former student and a new face. The college has reunited with a former student and a new face.

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Bridge to Christianity

David Levinsky
Staff Writer

Faithful come from far, wide

By David Levinsky
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When Mark Mendenhall
arrived in Burlington County
last week for the annual
Bridges to Christianity
conference, he was
immediately struck by
the diversity of the
faithful who had
gathered for the event.
"I've never seen so many
different people here
before," he said. "It's
amazing to see so many
different people here
for the same purpose."
Mendenhall, a pastor
from the New York
City area, was one of
the many speakers at
the Bridges to Christianity
conference, which was
held at the Ritz-Carlton
Hotel in Burlington
County last week.

PAPAL VISIT



A large crowd of people gathered for the Bridges to Christianity conference last week.

Bridge to Christianity

By David Levinsky
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The Bridges to Christianity
conference, which was
held at the Ritz-Carlton
Hotel in Burlington
County last week, was
a gathering of faith-
ful from across the
country. The conference
was held to celebrate
the opening of the new
Bridges to Christianity
center in Burlington
County. The center will
provide a place for
faithful to gather and
share their faith. The
conference was held
over a three-day period
and was attended by
hundreds of people.
The Bridges to Christianity
center is a new addition
to the Bridges to Christianity
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A group of people gathered around a table during the conference.



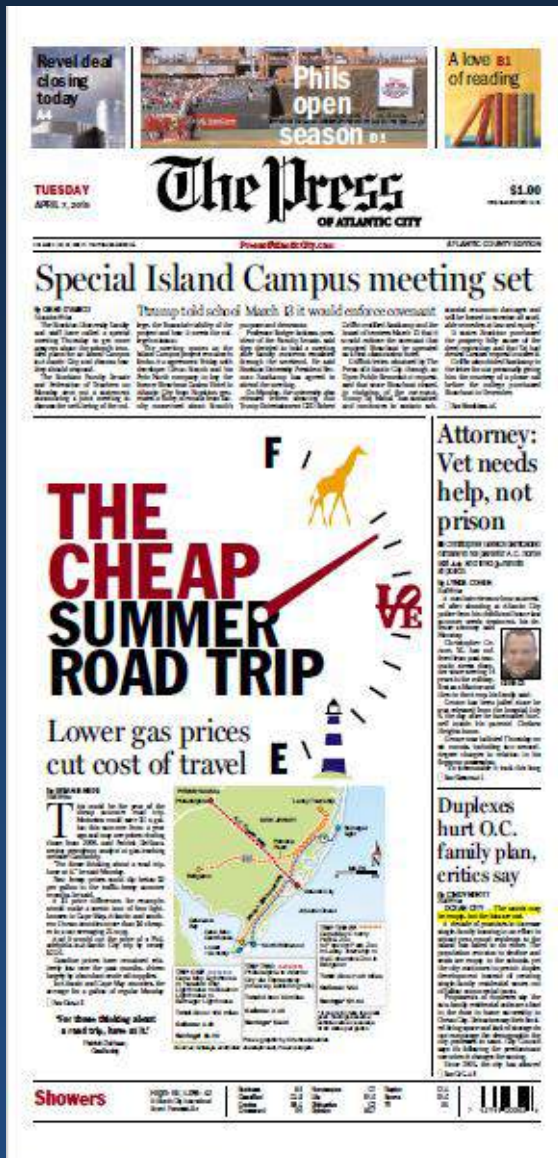
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The organization, education, and civil rights law firm Costello & Malin, P.C. will
host the inaugural seminar of the 2015 Community Seminar Series. The seminar
will provide an opportunity for parents and educators to learn more about
education rights, bullying, harassment, and special education. The seminar
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Spend green, see red, feel blue

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"Shrek the Musical," Ridgewood Avenue School | FEBRUARY 9
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Council, 7:30 p.m. |
| Clubs
Cub Scouts, 7 p.m., Women's Club | |

FROM OUR READERS

Mobile society

TO THE EDITOR:
I enjoyed the article about "Fighting over the East" on the Jan. 15 edition. What drove me to read it was, in a way, its familiarity. It also is a natural commentary on our society. Will the next drawing of the evolution of man be with texting with a cell phone in hand or in his car?
How many times have I seen people walking their dogs or walking their children in the streets while looking or talking away on the phone. Can't they take the time to enjoy the moment with their child or dog?
The best one I remember is a few years ago I was at a laundry mat washing my clothes and in walks the lady loudly talking on her cell phone, she goes to the washing machine for her clothes and then onto the dryer.
She never missed a beat in that cell phone conversation.
The slow runner up in the previous is one time I stopped in a eat room on the Connecticut Pike and there must have been five men eating cell phone business with other business.
As a friend of mine stated - "By next everything is on mobile, and at our back end."

call. We are re-inventing slavery...slavery to our devices."

DEBRA KILBY
NJPA

Commending Russo

TO THE EDITOR:
Congratulations on publishing Jan. Haase's valuable opinion letter on the quick radio in Paris of all Charles Hubberts that were printed in the first week after the brutal assassination at Charles's office.
It is to be commended on returning to Paris in the face of the radical Islamic terrorist attacks, and reporting on the truth of the situation in La Belle Paris.
I hope many Americans will now realize the terrible threats and actions that are facing us now in America the beautiful and wish to our president, senators and congressmen while there is still time and freedom to do so. Tell them that Charles Hubberts our support and that the President's policy of misadventure of the radical Islamic cannot and will not work. Ask our own Jan. Haase.

DAN MARTIN
Glenridge

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WHERE AM I?



DAVID HENDRICK PHOTOGRAPHY

This eagle greets visitors from atop the entrance to this building on Ridgewood Avenue. Can you name that building? Email: glenridgevoice@njpa.com. Those with correct answers will get their names mentioned in the next "Where Am I?" Last week's photo was the Free Library at Forest Avenue School. Congrats to Ann and Dwight Blank, and Chris and Mike for guessing the location correctly!

OUR VIEW

Winter storm: Blizzard of Blahs

The forecasts called for a historic blizzard this week. There was a historic blizzard - but it didn't hit Glen Ridge.
In fact, Glen Ridge didn't get much of a blizzard at all, but rather a snowstorm like those we've seen in the past.
We put lots of trust into our meteorologists, snowplows, shovels, batteries, and food containers - expecting to be stuck inside, possibly without power, for a couple of days.
Our government and public safety officials helped to relay weather-related warnings, and issued emergency declarations. Schools and municipal offices shut down.
Glen Ridge sent out several alerts via the township website and Nixle service on Monday, asking residents to stay off roads, and to not park on borough streets.
It seemed as though the region and the state had preparations down to a tee by Monday night. And that's not a bad thing, if we've learned anything from past storms, such as several back-to-back snow events last winter and Hurricane Sandy in 2012, preparation is vital, even if it means over-preparing.
Yes, it's easy to criticize our weather "experts" when forecasts are wrong. But mis-

take do happen, and while it may have been an inconvenience to some who had made alternate plans Monday and Tuesday, we have to take into account the good that the storm type and preparation served.
Many people were off the roads come Monday night. Even Tuesday morning, after a statewide travel ban was lifted, several roads, at least by the Glen Ridge Voice's office, had few cars save for Public Works trucks. Hopefully, that helped free up time police and first responders would normally spend responding to vehicle accidents.
The region could have fared far worse - so we should be thankful that we were spared from more significant snowfall.
For the next winter storm, there are some things to keep in mind:
If you live near a fire hydrant, help clear the snow from the hydrant if you're able. This will help firefighters in an emergency.
Check on neighbors, particularly those who are elderly or homebound, to make sure they have what they need when a storm hits.
Stock up on items like salt, shovels or first-aid kits when it's on your mind, to avoid the last-minute rush to the store.

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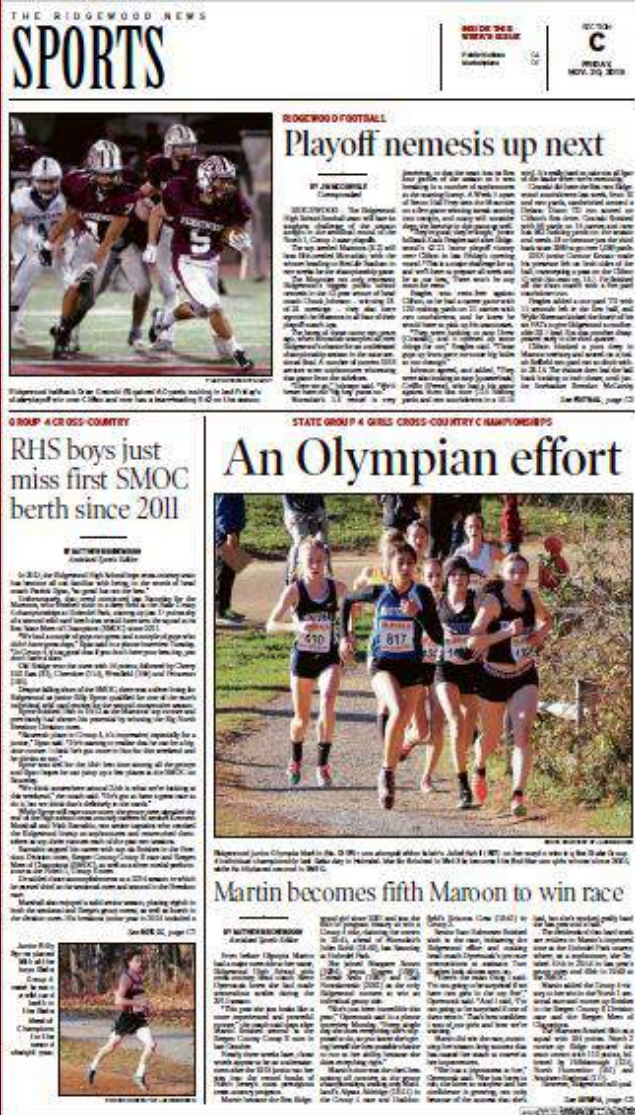
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Lights, camera, action!

Hoboken teacher partners with students to produce feature film

*By Steven Rodas
Reporter staff writer*

Hoboken High School teacher Doug MacAuley has always had a creative approach to his professional plans to shoot "In My Own Mind," a film that has been in the works since 2010, with current and former students.

MacAuley said during one of the group's weekly Monday meetings that he is not an expert, and always asks help. "It's not the part of

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Better safe than 'Sandy'

Are we ready for future storms now?

*By Steven Rodas
Reporter staff writer*

October 29 will mark three years since Hurricane Sandy hit Hoboken, and residents recently experienced 2015's latest hurricane season. People decreased to shelter up the coast.

Steven Ruzick of Technology professor Dr. Alan Blumberg, an ocean engineer well known for predicting the massive power of Sandy before other forecasters back in October 2012, said in a week, "We are lucky."

Blumberg said Hurricane Sandy would've been "no much worse than Sandy" since Hurricane Sandy was a Category 0 storm by the time it reached Hoboken, where

category 4 status would have resulted in a "kill" grade Category 2 and might have hit Hoboken at 120 miles per hour.

"This year's 'noo norm' of the season" provided us a chance to reflect on what Hoboken has done in the past three years to protect itself from flooding.

"Backed by Design [the city's federally funded flood plan] is excellent, but it's going to take five to 10 years to complete, because frankly, things take time," said Blumberg, who noted that each year, there's a 1 percent chance of a hurricane making direct landfall in our area.

As the City Council meeting this past Wednesday, resident David L'Abate, a longtime administrator,

said about "What are we doing now? Are we going to be a storm-land? There is not one single thing that we have done. There is not one protective measure that we have to place right now for our buildings. We've done nothing since Sandy."

"It depends what you mean by nothing," said Blumberg.

In fact, the city has plans on the drawing board, but most of them have not yet been completed.

The city's \$250 million Flooded by Design project is a complex (Rivers, Daisy Stone, Discharge) concept currently in the planning phase. This past Friday, city planners were expected to solicit

see HURRICANE page 12

How five residents helped get city close to \$1 million in grants

Homeless shelter, Fox Hill apartments to get upgrades

*By Steven Rodas
Reporter staff writer*

Five residents helped make \$1 million in grant money available in Hoboken for public agencies and non-profit organizations this year. But nobody knows their names.

The city got more federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the public agencies because it surpassed a production benchmark of 31,000 residents by five people in a grant last year distributed by the Census. After the 2010 census, the city was able to self-administer the program.

Last year, city spokesman Tom Mello said, the city accepted a "little over

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COUNCIL

Yellow stripes raise red flags

BY DAN WELLS Staff Writer

A group of about 25 Lions Avenue residents appeared at Monday night's council meeting to raise concerns about an ongoing road repair project on Lions Avenue.

The residents were not happy about the plan to put double yellow stripes down the center of Lions Avenue. One of the reasons was aesthetics, and another was a concern that Lions Avenue will be less safe as an arterial road similar to Hill Avenue.

"The double yellow stripes are not an option because of the potholes and the drainage," Sherry Lucchi said of Lions Avenue previous issues of repair. She thanked Glen Ridge and Bloomfield for the work on the street, but requested her opposition to double yellow lines. "Double yellow lines do not constitute a busy street."

The removal of Lions Avenue has been a pain point between Glen Ridge and Bloomfield, along with the town Department of Transportation.

A couple of residents directed criticism at Paul Lanki, Bloomfield's council member.

"I have to tell you, you're a little combative," Councilman Paul Lanki said. After the next, second public safety meeting, he was under the impression that residents were in favor of maintaining white parking stripes on either edge of the street. Nonetheless, he said, there were residents on Lions Avenue who had indicated that they were in favor of parking zone stripes.

Councilman Dan Murphy said

the residents that he listened had passionate views regarding road stripes, citing his background with the Historic Preservation Commission. He reminded them that the street sits right on the town line between Glen Ridge and Bloomfield.

Lanki also said that there were reports of roadwork traffic on Lions, requiring the need for traffic calming measures.

John Liber said that speeders had been a problem on Lions Avenue for many years. "I seem to see five who's a 100 mph down here to the white yellow stripes on my street," he said. "We have to stand up for the residents of half the town. We're Glen Ridge for a reason. We live in a really nice town for a reason."

Mayor Peter Hughes indicated that in his eight years as mayor, this was the first time he had had residents show up at a meeting to criticize road markings.

There have been problems with accidents resulting from people

backing out of their driveways, Hughes said, adding that Ridgewood Avenue had the same problem prior to the white parking lines being painted in.

Marching band

Glen Ridge High School's marching band was officially honored during the marching for their award-winning performance in Delaware last fall weekend.

The band took second place overall and first place for visual in its division during the 115th Annual National Championship in Delaware State University in Dover on Sunday.

Band Director Danee Cappatao congratulated the band, and five other band members were named a Monday morning, along with the 5:30-6:45 drill.

Hughes said that the council would issue a proclamation that congratulated the band in a later date.

Creative course

Oliver Peach, 7, broke up a shot in the Glen Ridge Library's Children's Department. The library held mini-golf in the atrium on Saturday. Peach, 7, had dropped in to play a few holes on the course, with his wined his way through the children's area, with assorted obstacles and even a sand trap. See additional photo on page 3.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Mt. Hebron rename moves forward
 Board will vote on change to Buzz Aldrin Middle School this Monday night

BY MICHAEL KATZBAN
 northjersey.com

The Montclair Board of Education will vote on Monday to rename Mt. Hebron Middle School to Buzz Aldrin Middle School, a change that would honor the first man to walk on the moon.

The school's name was changed from Mt. Hebron to Buzz Aldrin Middle School in 2012, but the change was not finalized until last year. The school's name was changed from Mt. Hebron to Buzz Aldrin Middle School in 2012, but the change was not finalized until last year.

MISS TEEN NEW JERSEY
Student takes the stage
 MHS junior among 60 finalists for crown, title

BY LISA HOFFMAN
 northjersey.com

MHS junior Emma Spivey, 16, is one of 60 finalists for the Miss Teen New Jersey 2016 crown and title. Spivey, who is a senior at Mt. Hebron Middle School, was one of the top 60 finalists in the state-wide competition. She will compete for the title in November.

MONTCLAIR FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
The search is over
 Rodriguez-Vars named new executive director

BY MICHAEL KATZBAN
 northjersey.com

The Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence has named a new executive director. Rodriguez-Vars, who has worked for the fund for several years, will take over the role on Monday.

SMOKING
No ifs, ands or puffs in Essex County parks
 Freighters' ban covers several open spaces here

BY MICHAEL KATZBAN
 northjersey.com

The Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders unanimously passed a ban on smoking in all county parks on Monday. The ban covers several open spaces, including the Essex County Fairgrounds and the Essex County Fairgrounds.

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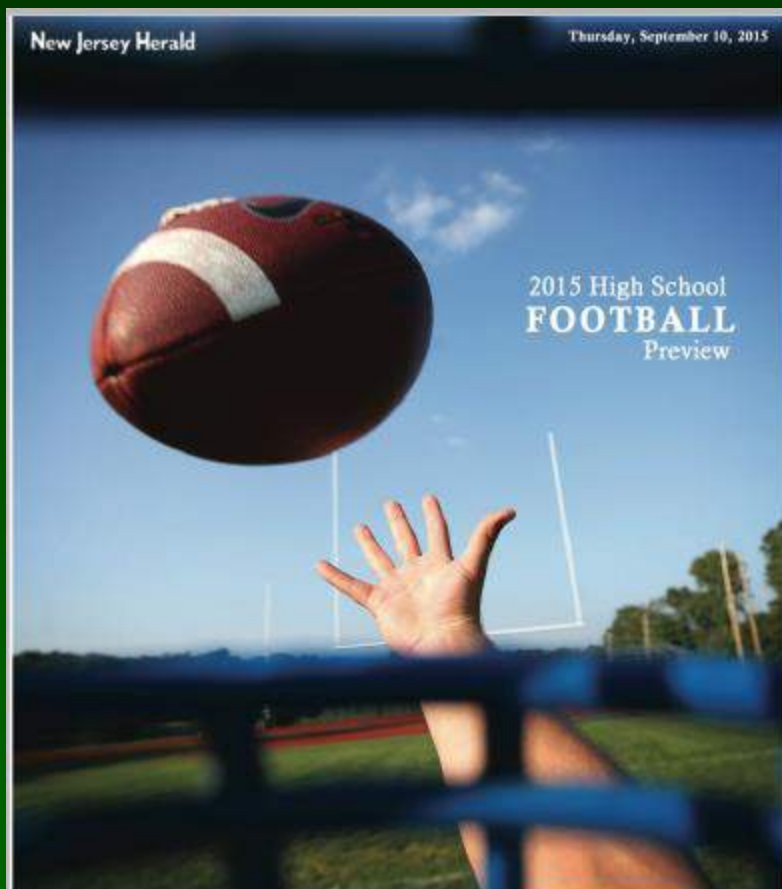


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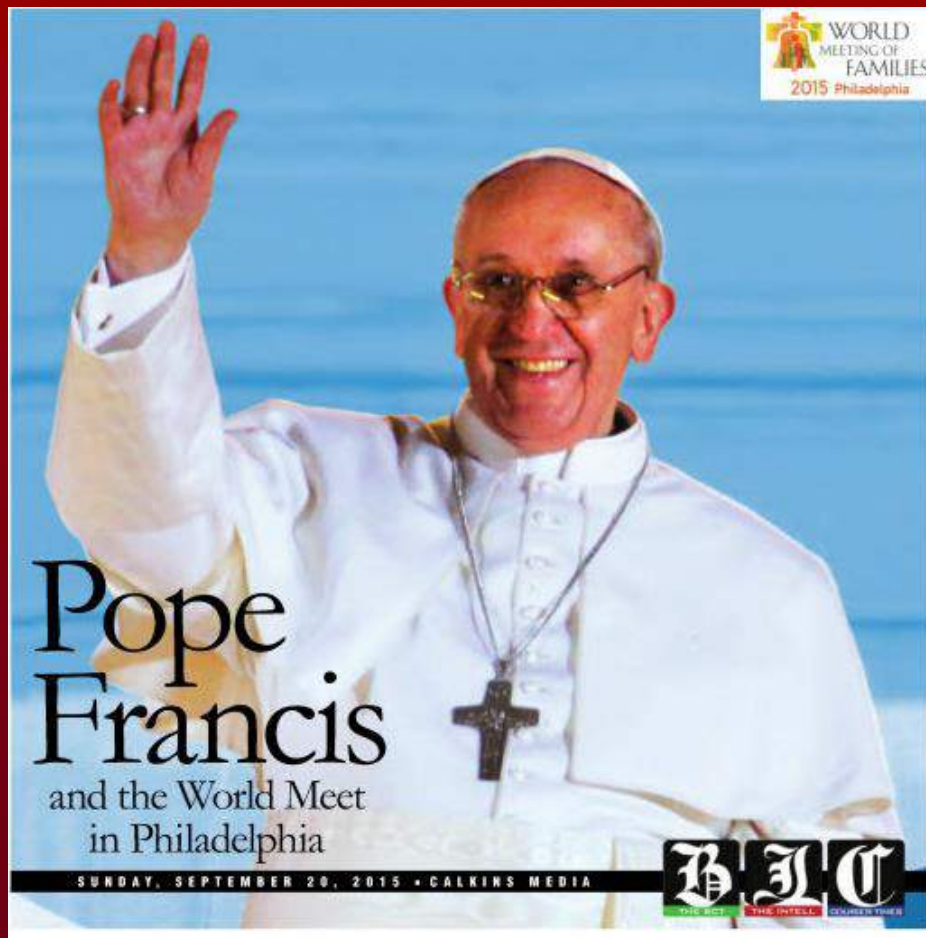
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This is ... HEROINTOWN



What would happen if you took everyone in New Jersey who is addicted to heroin and sent them to live in one place? It would be the state's fourth-largest city, boasting a population of at least 128,000.

Its residents are diverse enough that the town would be self-sufficient — with lawyers, politicians, construction workers, teachers and scientists walking the streets.

And you would know at least one of them.

In fact, each resident has his or her own story. Many would be the same: they would be looking at a clock, waiting for their sleeping pills to kick in. They would be looking at a clock, waiting for their sleeping pills to kick in. They would be looking at a clock, waiting for their sleeping pills to kick in.

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Heroin-related deaths in Jersey since 2004

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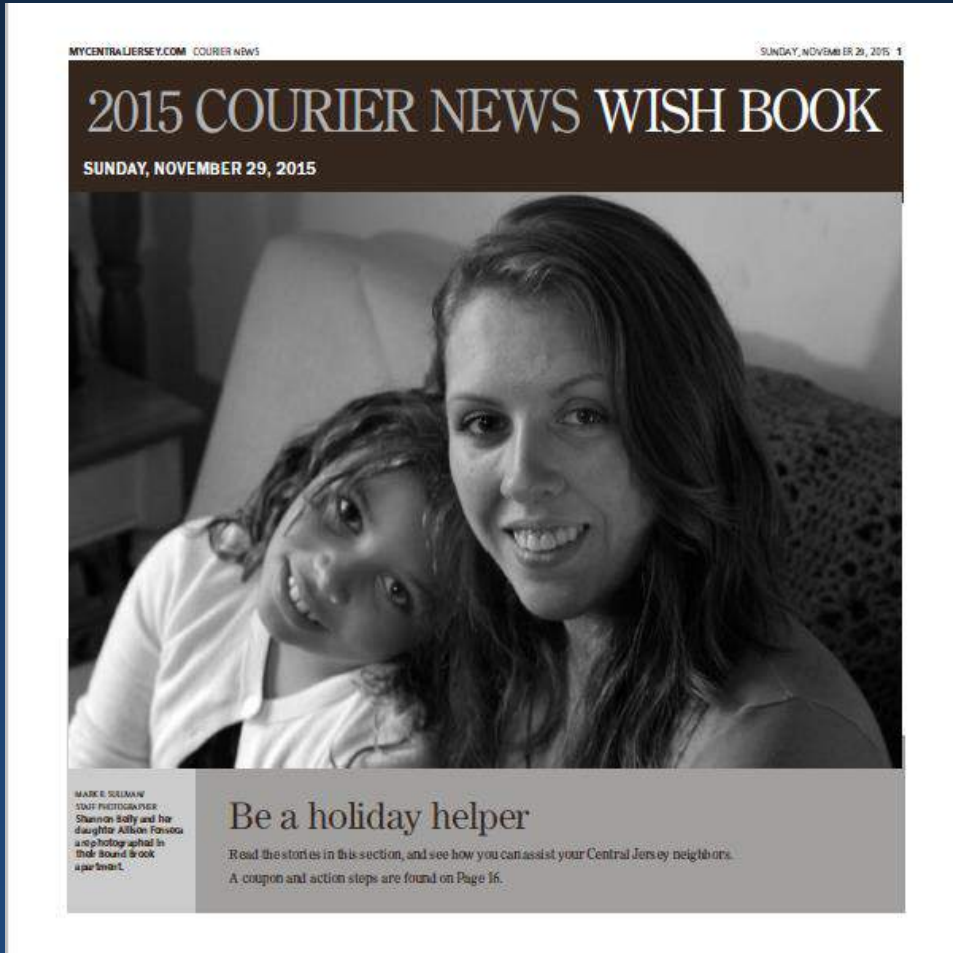
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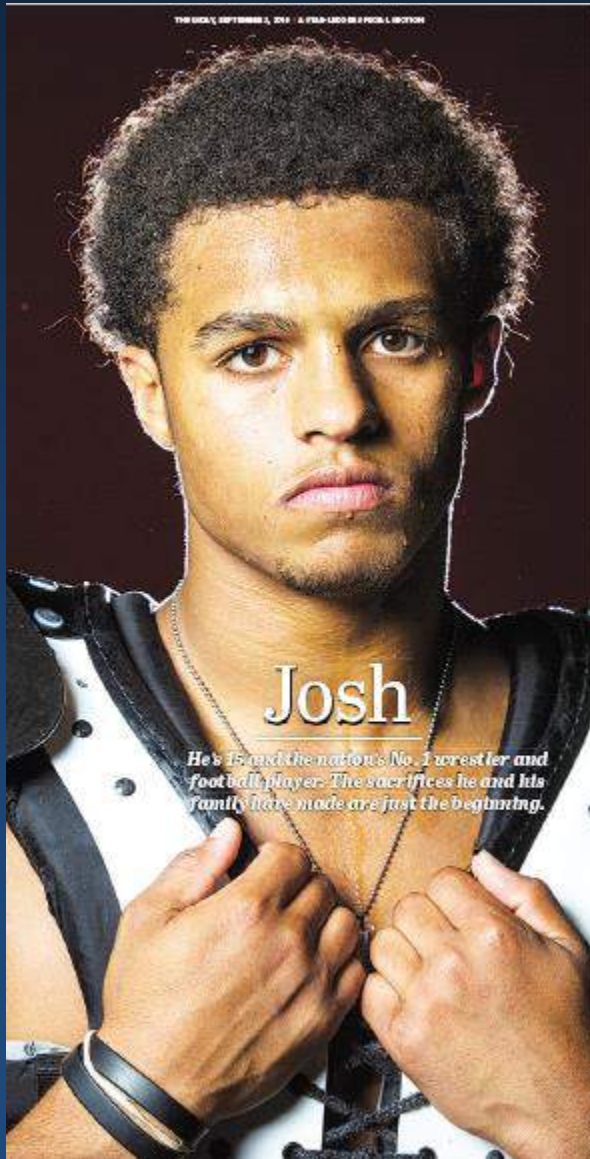
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*Township working toward
efficiency*

Dylan Moroses
Managing Editor

OH, the weather outside was ... beautiful



Unseasonably warm weather throughout the region forced early bikers on at least one of the lanes in Verona Park Sunday, Dec. 26, the day after Christmas. As eight bikers in skins took cooler paths and winds, which holiday-borne on Eisenhower Avenue as sun-like temperatures continued to grace the recent part of the country. A sunny Sunday was a gift that nature is taking back this week as we welcome the new year.

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SUSTAINABLE VERONA
Township working toward efficiency
BY DYLAN MOROSOS
Sustainable is not just about being green. It's about being smart. Sustainable means doing things that are good for the planet, the community, and the economy. In Verona, the township is working toward efficiency in many ways. From recycling programs to energy conservation, the township is committed to a sustainable future. This includes investing in renewable energy, reducing waste, and promoting green building. The township is also working to improve public transportation and encourage carpooling. By working together, the community can create a more sustainable and efficient Verona.



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REIGNITION

Martin calls it quits

Notice given less than two weeks after council reorg

BY JOSHUA JONGSMA
Staff Writer

Verona Township Manager Joseph Martin announced his resignation on Friday after a council reorganization. Martin, who has worked for the township since 1992, said he is leaving to pursue a career in the private sector.

Martin said he has been with the township for 18 years and has enjoyed the experience. He said he is grateful for the opportunity to work for the township and for the support of the council.

Verona Township Council President Robert J. DeStefano said he is pleased to have Martin as a former council member. He said Martin's resignation was a surprise but that he understands the need for change.

Martin's resignation was effective immediately. He will be replaced by Council President DeStefano.

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REIGNITION

Falling tree kills woman

BY JOSHUA JONGSMA
Staff Writer

A 50-year-old woman was killed on Friday when a large tree fell on her in a residential area. The woman was identified as Mary Ann Smith, 50, of Verona. She was walking her dog when the tree fell on her.

The tree was a large oak tree that had been leaning for some time. It was estimated to be about 100 years old. The tree fell on Smith's car and she was killed instantly.

The incident occurred on a residential street in Verona. The tree was located in the yard of a house. The house is owned by a family that has lived there for several decades.

The family said they had noticed the tree leaning for some time but did not know it was so unstable. They said they had been told that the tree was safe.

The incident is being investigated by the Verona Police Department. The police are trying to determine why the tree fell. They are also trying to determine if there were any safety hazards in the area.

INTERVIEW

Stern steps in

Police captain tabbed for manager role

BY JOSHUA JONGSMA
Staff Writer

Verona Township Council has selected Police Captain Robert Stern as the interim manager of the township. Stern will be responsible for overseeing the township's operations until a permanent manager is hired.

Stern has worked for the township for several years. He has been promoted several times and has been recognized for his leadership skills. He has a long history of public service and has been a member of several professional organizations.

The council said Stern is a highly qualified and experienced professional. They said he will be responsible for managing the township's day-to-day operations and for representing the township in the community.

Stern said he is honored to be selected as the interim manager. He said he will work hard to ensure the township's operations run smoothly and to serve the needs of the community.

When life gives you lemons...



A group of people are participating in a fundraising event for childhood cancer. They are holding a large sign that says "HELP FIND CURE FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER". The event is taking place outdoors and is being organized by a local organization.

The sign is colorful and features a drawing of a child. The people are smiling and appear to be enjoying the event. They are raising money to support research and treatment for childhood cancer.

The event is being held in a park and is open to the public. There are other activities and games going on. The organizers hope to raise a significant amount of money for the cause.

ELKS LODGE

Serving Cedar Grove and beyond

BY JOSHUA JONGSMA
Staff Writer

The Cedar Grove Elks Lodge is a well-known community organization that has been serving the area for many years. The lodge is a member of the International Order of the Elks and is dedicated to providing services and support to its members and the community.

The lodge has a long history and has been a part of the Cedar Grove community since its founding. It has been a place where people can come together and support each other. The lodge has many programs and activities that are open to the public.

The lodge is currently serving the community in several ways. It is providing food and shelter for those in need. It is also providing financial assistance and other services to its members. The lodge is committed to making a difference in the lives of the people in Cedar Grove and beyond.

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Distracted driving, whether it involves a motorist on a cell phone, eating a sandwich, applying makeup or shaving, leaves a dangerous toll on New Jersey's roads.

Distracted driving poses peril on N.J. roads

By P.J. CAMERINO
Staff Writer

Distracted driving is facing a dangerous epidemic on New Jersey's roads as it rivals the risks of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Gary Poudiatky, the N.J. Division of Highway Traffic Safety Director, said the increased concern of distracted driving is "right on top" with that of driving while intoxicated.

Unfortunately, many people have a very casual attitude toward using their phone while operating a motor vehicle," he said. "There are a number of distractions

that impact driver safety and everyone else on the road."

According to the New Jersey State Police 2013 Fatal Crash Report, there were 308 fatal motor vehicle crashes in which 542 people were killed in 2013.

In 121 of the 308 fatal crashes, driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs was listed as the major contributing factor.

According to the same report, driver inattention was listed as a contributing circumstance in 164 cases of the 308 fatal crashes, but not the major contributor.

Violet Marrone, the manager of special projects for the N.J. Division of Highway Traffic Safety, said driving while intoxicated and driver inattention are very different situations but relate in terms of a driver's reaction to the road.

"When a driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, their reaction time is distorted largely because of their intoxication levels," she said. "That is similar to distracted driving because the driver is focused on something other than the road, which also distorts their reaction time to circumstances on the road."

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East Brunswick reexamines EMS services

By MICHAEL NUNES
Staff Writer

It was a typical summer day for Cathy Diem — or at least it was until her son, who was mowing the lawn, ran into the house a finger short.

After calling an ambulance, she waited anxiously for 12 minutes until one showed up, an interval she sees as far too long.

"You absolutely need to fix this. That's what we elected you for," Diem, a former East Brunswick councilwoman, said during the July 27 Township Council meeting.

Diem criticized the council for not doing enough to strengthen the local EMS.

During her speech, which took place during the public comment portion of the meeting, Diem set an alarm in 12 minutes to show the council how long she waited.

Members of the council, who also felt that something had to be done, echoed Diem's concerns.

"In light of Cathy's statements, I think we need to look into this. Twelve minutes to get an ambulance to a house is, in my mind, far too long," Councilman James Wendell said, adding that he once waited 40 minutes for an ambulance to arrive.

"We paid a lot of money for a consultant to do a report. I think we need to review the report, discuss it and make a decision not only because of Cathy's experience but also in light of Saturday's very devastating loss," said Councilwoman Denise Cristofani, referring to the July 23 ambulance accident that killed a Special EMS volunteer responding to a call in East Brunswick.

Another reason that council members gave regarding the real-time, in-the-moment availability of volunteers available.

"The community of East Brunswick has grown and matured in a place now where an all-volunteer EMS and first aid service might not be sustainable for the town and the population we have today," said

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County can't afford to bail out AC alone, Galloway mayor says

Purdy: State shares the wealth; now it should share the burden

By STEVE PRISMAENT
Staff Writer

GALLOWAY — Mayor Don Purdy is leading a campaign to ensure that when the last penny leaving Atlantic City leaves out the Lighted residents of the surrounding communities don't get stuck with the electric bill.

"We're gonna cannot afford to pay the electric bill," Purdy told The Current Friday, Jan. 9. "I've got them fighting and struggling."

Many Galloway residents are worried about being an

landowner, he said. Others have lost their jobs and are suffering financially.

"The county industry is not matching the bill all over the country," Purdy said. "Atlantic City needs to do the same."

He said it was inconceivable of legislators to pass a plan without demonstrating Atlantic City elected officials.

Galloway Township Council approved a resolution brought by the mayor asking the state to work with the township and county "in any combination of proposed and pending properties and other legislation."

The resolution, passed Friday, Jan. 9, opposes legislation already proposed that would bring the burden back to Atlantic City, but not

other state legislators, Senate President Stephen Sweeney brought to the floor a resolution to Atlantic County and Atlantic County officials last week. The resolution was passed Friday, Jan. 9.

"The mayor association is in support of Atlantic City," Purdy said. "Our goal is to support of having Atlantic County residents to be in support of Atlantic City, not to be in support of Atlantic City."

Sen. Sweeney, Sen. Whelan and Assemblyman Mackie have been leading a charge on a bill that does not make the last penny of net only Galloway Township, but the county

to pay for it. See Page 4

For new Eagle Scout, it all computes

By STEVE PRISMAENT
Staff Writer

GALLOWAY — Thomas D. Bailey, a 17-year-old senior at Holy Spirit High School, has been in Galloway since second grade.



His parents, Beth and Chris Bailey of Galloway, are among the Galloway of Rock and Young Hill at Assumption Regional Catholic School. Chris Bailey is Troop 614 assistant leader.

"Each of my parents have supported me in every step along the way," Thomas Bailey said. "It's been a wonderful family experience."

But when he was asked to accept of leave the following the week of Eagle Scout and that day had to get them, Bailey said he is looking forward to them.

"I'm going to college, and I plan to be working in computer science," he said before the ceremony began Saturday, Jan. 11. "I know a little bit about computing, I've always been curious about what makes things work."

His Eagle Scout project helped him learn about what makes the computer work.

"The highlight was when we did a project off Atlantic," Bailey said. "I was able to learn a great deal from the other one just on a part that was already set there."

A family friend donated him toward the project at a time when South Jersey needed the type of work men do. Bailey said "This project was done through Conservation Wildlife of Free

Opposition readies for possible Galloway methadone clinic

By STEVE PRISMAENT
Staff Writer

GALLOWAY — Galloway has no plan for a methadone clinic, on this Galloway Township officials are up to a residential community of about 100 homes.

But if there are, said Steve Prismaent, it is ready to say no to it.

"A methadone clinic, was proposed for the office building at 611 Oak Grove International road," Prismaent said. "Some one eventually left me a copy of the application."

Prismaent, who has spearheaded about a 10-acre land off Act in here, said to keep a journal of what kind of Galloway and to have a senior center in the vicinity, said the happens in the area.

Prismaent told The Current Friday, Jan. 9 that he discussed with Township Planner Tiffany Clark and the application had been withdrawn.

"This doesn't mean I can't be re-submitted, or that another company might be interested in the location. The property is still up for sale."

But a senior citizen has asked her advice.

She has given hundreds of them pointed advice residents. But if there were someone, she would address them to the Cape Lookout, just off of the Main

and Chapel.

Prismaent said after several days of trying, she spoke to the local police, president of Cape Lookout, and the township, Jan. 14, and that had been an official notice to the town to call the property.

"I had to make sure that I was not in violation of the zoning laws, and if the zoning laws were violated, it would be the township's responsibility to call the property," Prismaent said. "I'm not in an obligation to be in violation of the zoning laws."

For now, the township has no plan to build a methadone clinic, said Prismaent.

"I had no time to build, so I had to make sure I was not in violation of the zoning laws, and if the zoning laws were violated, it would be the township's responsibility to call the property," Prismaent said. "I'm not in an obligation to be in violation of the zoning laws."

Beth and Chris Bailey stand with their son, Eagle Scout Thomas, left, and 12th grad Steve Prismaent.



"I didn't know very much, I thought all the equipment and help had to be made. We had to get over 13-foot poles. That was heavy, we carried it from the house to the car and then to the boat dock."

It took nearly 100 hours to complete the project, he said.

Bailey earned 50 merit badges in his year as a Boy Scout. The requirement for Eagle is 21.

"I had the camping trip, but I didn't," Bailey said. "And making the merit badge."

The members of the Troop 614 are: Chris Bailey, Steve Prismaent, Brian Shugart, Chris Bailey, Kevin Bell and Bailey Shugart.



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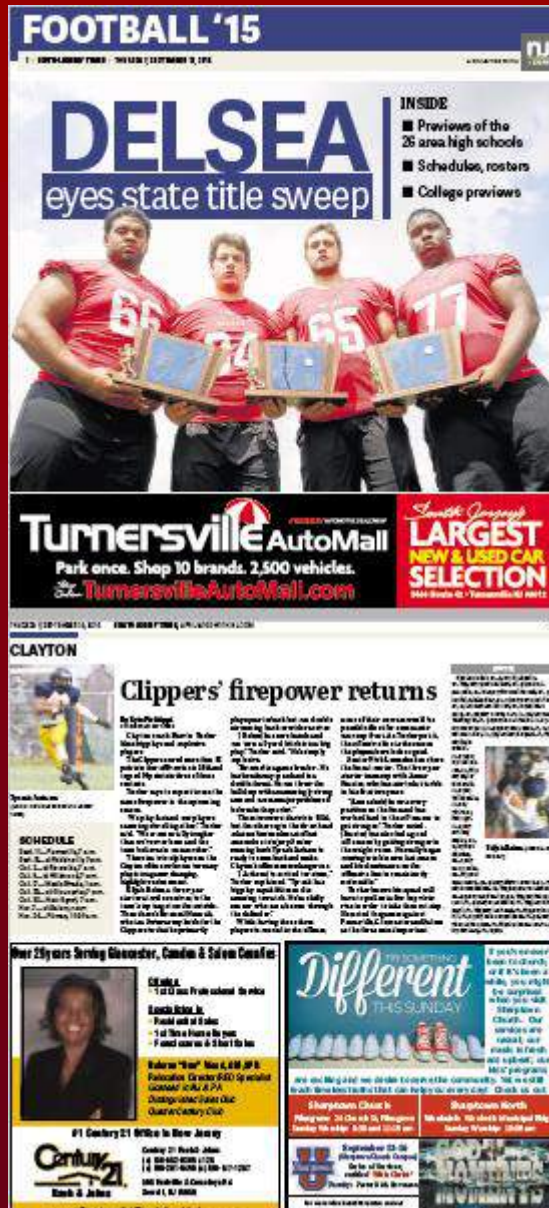
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Early version has \$195 hike

BY DANIELA S. GAY

The Ridgewood Board of Education (BOE) has approved a preliminary 2015-16 school year budget that includes a 2.5 percent increase in the base salary for teachers, which would amount to a \$195 hike for a teacher with 10 years of experience. The BOE also approved a 2.5 percent increase for all other employees.

COMMUNITY
State BOE president visits village

PARCC, other issues discussed

BY DANIELA S. GAY

The State Board of Education (SBE) President, Mark D. Valeri, visited the village on Tuesday, March 10, to discuss the implementation of the PARCC assessment and other issues. Valeri met with the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent, Dr. Robert J. Berman, to discuss the progress of the implementation of the PARCC assessment and other issues.

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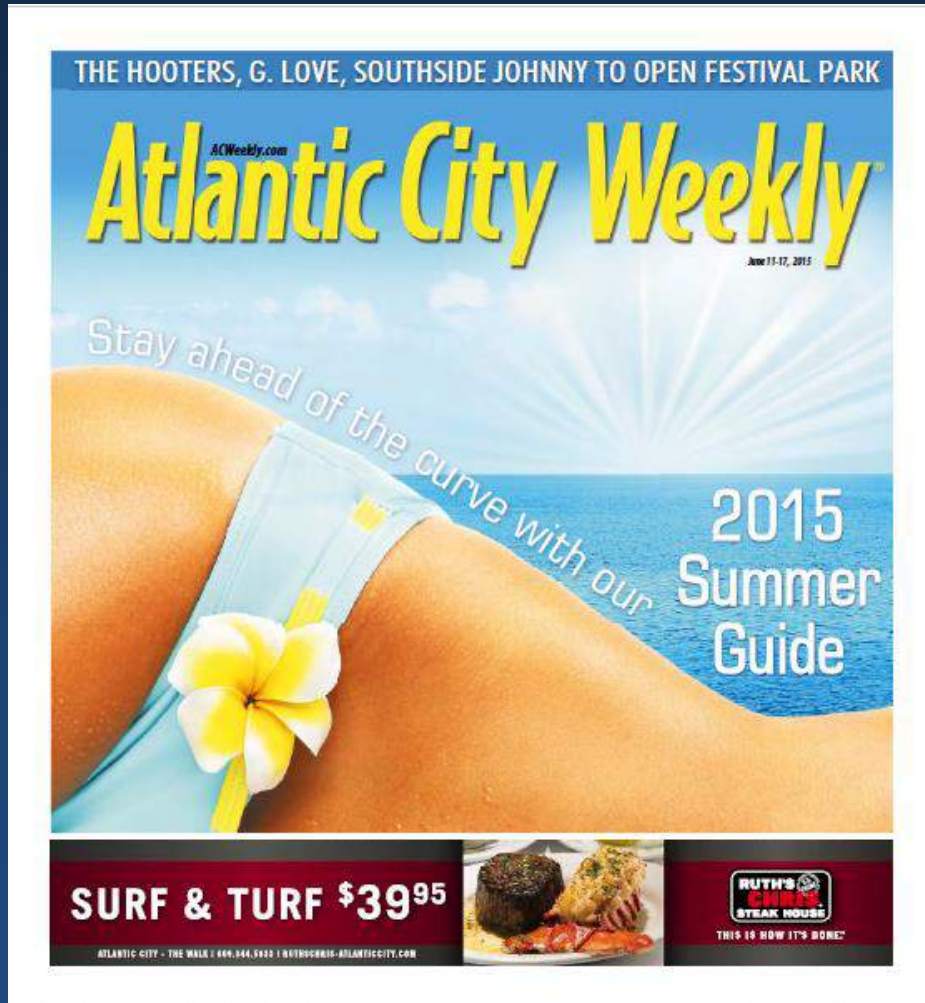
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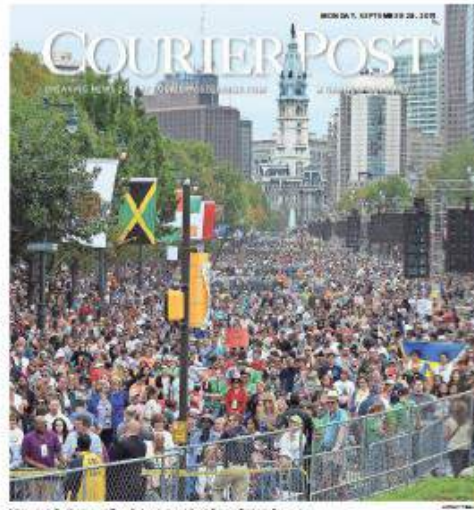
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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

New candidates join the race

BY FABIAN SUAREZ
Staff Writer

Looking up at Monday afternoon's election is a common sight for the Verona-Cedar Grove community. The 11th ward council election is just one of the many contests that will be held on the same day. The election is a key moment in the town's history, as it allows residents to elect their representatives to the town council.

Ward 11 Council
The 11th ward council election is held on the 11th of the month. The council members are responsible for the town's operations and budget. The current council members are: [List of names and photos]

Ward 12 Council
The 12th ward council election is held on the 12th of the month. The council members are responsible for the town's operations and budget. The current council members are: [List of names and photos]

Ward 13 Council
The 13th ward council election is held on the 13th of the month. The council members are responsible for the town's operations and budget. The current council members are: [List of names and photos]

Ward 14 Council
The 14th ward council election is held on the 14th of the month. The council members are responsible for the town's operations and budget. The current council members are: [List of names and photos]

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Manhole explosions close Bloomfield Avenue

BY MICHAEL BROWN
Staff Writer

A manhole explosion caused damage to Bloomfield Avenue Tuesday evening, March 12. Authorities are investigating whether the incident is gas or electrical in nature.

The explosion occurred at the intersection of Bloomfield Avenue and [Street Name]. The blast caused significant damage to the road and surrounding area. Several vehicles were damaged, and the road was closed for several hours. Firefighters and police officers were on the scene to manage the situation and ensure public safety.

The cause of the explosion is still unknown, but it is believed to be either gas or electrical. The town is currently conducting an investigation to determine the exact cause and prevent such incidents in the future.

BY FABIAN SUAREZ
Staff Writer

Four familiar names run for council seats

Four familiar names are running for council seats in the upcoming municipal election. The candidates are: [List of names]

The candidates are well-known to the community and have a track record of public service. They are running for the [Number] council seats. The election is scheduled for [Date].

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BY GARY FASHIAN

Athletic director will retire in June

The athletic director of the town will be retiring in June. The director has served the town for many years and has been instrumental in the development of the town's athletic programs.

The director's name is [Name]. He has been in charge of the town's athletic programs since [Year]. During his tenure, he has overseen the growth of various sports teams and has worked to improve the facilities. His retirement is a significant loss to the town's athletic community.

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Local residents and dignitaries rally on Old Hook Schmalemburg roads in Closter on March 7 to spread awareness about the dangers of freight trains carrying crude oil through the Northern Valley region.

ENVIRONMENT
Dozens participate in rally to ban oil trains
Protest addresses heightened fear of possible derailments in area

BYRONNIE CHRISTIE
Staff writer

CLOSTER—With surrounding concerns over derailments of oil trains, dozens gathered in Atlantic Township's Park March 7 to protest New Jersey residents and officials due to the recent derailments around North America.

In February, there was a derailment in West Virginia, which caused the train to explode and burn for days. Authorities did not report any major injuries.

On July 2014, a train derailed in Lac Mégantic, Quebec, leaked 1 million gallons of oil, which caused the town to be evacuated.

"One gallon of oil contaminates 1 million gallons of water, which means that if one train car were to spill into the [Atlantic] reservoir it would actually pollute 100 billion gallons of water," said Steve Clark, who attended the protest.

"More importantly, and what is really scary, is that you could lose your water supply for months because it could take weeks to months to make that water safe enough to drink," Clark said.

At the protest, speakers discussed the risks to the Local Oil Train, activities, awareness and council members gave their reactions why the trains and the crude oil from the Hudson region of North Carolina were dangerous.

There has been a heightened fear of such derailments among New Jersey residents and officials due to the recent derailments around North America.

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Murder-suicide rocks town

Quiet community in shock after man shoots fiance, her brother, then himself



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WARREN TOWN — A quiet town in Warren County was rocked last week when a man shot his fiancée, her brother, and himself. The tragedy unfolded in a quiet residential neighborhood of about 100 homes, just north of the town's center.

The shooting occurred on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at approximately 10:30 a.m. in the quiet residential neighborhood of about 100 homes, just north of the town's center.

The police are currently investigating the incident, and the town is in a state of shock. The community is a quiet one, and the incident has caused a great deal of concern among the residents.

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FARMERS MARKET



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Affordable housing changes may threaten Warren's landscape

WARREN TOWN — The quiet town of Warren is facing a new challenge as the town's landscape is threatened by the proposed changes to the town's zoning ordinance. The changes would allow for the construction of multi-unit residential buildings, which would significantly alter the town's character.

The town's landscape is a key part of its identity, and the proposed changes have caused a great deal of concern among the residents. The town's zoning ordinance is currently under review, and the changes would allow for the construction of multi-unit residential buildings, which would significantly alter the town's character.

Warren municipal complex plan clarified



PHOTO BY TABITHA WATSON

The town's municipal complex plan has been clarified, and the town is moving forward with the project. The plan includes the construction of a new municipal building, which will house the town's offices and provide a modern workspace for the town's employees.

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REPRESENTING BLOOMFIELD
Irish flags in hand, Billy Jernick, left, and Michael Hland, both of Bloomfield, march with Bloomfield's St. Thomas the Apostle School in the Hudson St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday. The Hudson Irish American Alliance organized the 17th annual parade. An investment bank preceded the parade at nearby St. Mary's Church.

Trial date set in police 'dash cam' case

BY CHERYL ROSS/STAFF WRITER

Superior Court Judge Michael J. Davis set a July 13 trial date for Bloomfield Police Detachment "dash cam" defendant Detective Thomas J. Conner. Davis' decision comes after police officers rejected state plea deals in connection with charges announced in a January indictment.

Although state evidence can be considered as early as July 13, it will be a set of state reports compiled by an expert, said a transcript of Michael Jernick's deposition in a separate civil case. Each case refers to the other.

She "asked" when "Thefted, Conner and a third officer approached Jernick's vehicle on the Garden State Parkway in 2012. Speaking as a witness, hearing Monday, Chief Andrew Franciose told M. Rodriguez said that, in their subsequent handcuffing and arrest, "four other people were up at all times. Conner didn't know who going for the officer's weapon."

Also asked was officer "his [Jernick] who handcuffed and took."

Two police control dash cam videos appear to show the officers treating the driver's side window of



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Counties, Bloomfield police officer friends "Iris" and his attorney FRANK JERINICK attended a status conference at the Superior Court House in Newark in April 2014.

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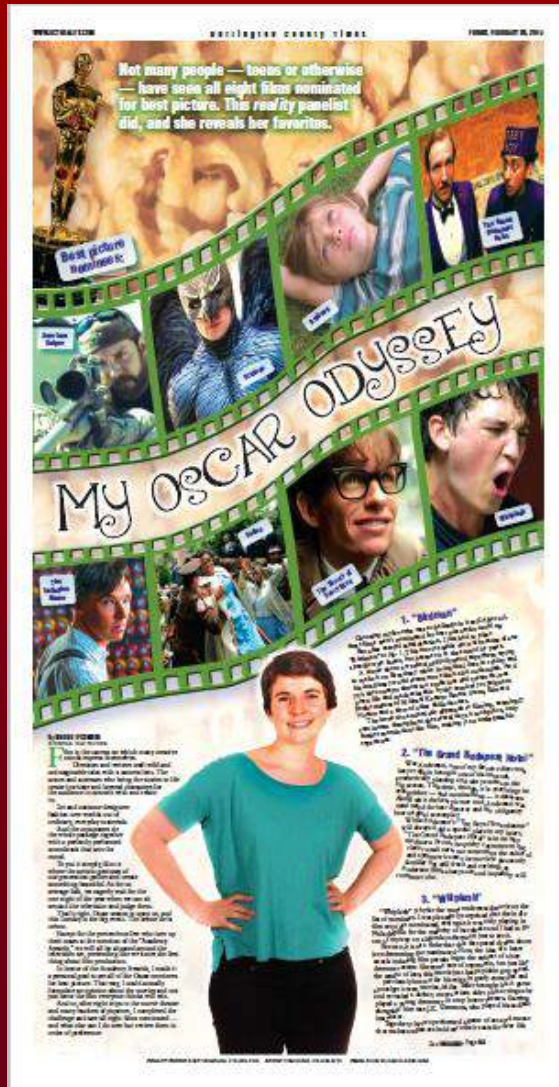
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Fifty shades of dirty dog

The dog smelled bad. His messy dirty dog had, but smelled like he rolled in dead things. It was the kind of smell that clung to your nose and made you wish for a head cold. Or a flu. Or a sinus ailment.

LOST IN SUBURBIA

By Marsha Stoltz

It had been a year since he smelled the way and I had forgotten that this was a seasonal issue. When your dog is in the back yard, they decompose under the ice and snow for six months. They rot and stink up the air, only to be discovered by the dog when the spring thaw begins.

under new for six months and it's a really nice change, money more than it is a combination of being very clean and the smell. It's not just the smell, it's the way the dog smells. I have no idea why this would be the case, but remember it does, and the dog knows what it does, too.

When you combined the dead things with the pumpled head and stinked it all into dog, you get a smell that was so strong, it could barely power the world for the next million years. If the smell didn't kill everyone, it would.



was going to do the dog itself? I was pretty sure I was beyond my handling capabilities, or anyone else in my family. This was a job for a professional. It is a must have been a big week for dirty dogs.

Not wanting to give him any more time as forever, I decided I would take one for the team and wash the dog. I ran out and got the special dog shampoo for really, really dirty dogs that not only kills dirt and dead dog germs, there is such a product, and bought him the best. The dog shampoo took off the mud. The second shampoo took off the dead things. The third shampoo took off something between from Halloween. By his fourth shampoo, the water really ran clear and there was nothing left but dog.

Surprisingly, he was actually snicker and what I had remembered. The good news was that the dog was finally clean. The bad news was that the bathroom looked like that aftermath of a small wedding competition. So I cleaned the bathroom, and then I cleaned the dog and the bathroom. Four hours later, just as I ran the last load of towels in the dryer, my husband walked in the door.

"I announced 'Doesn't smell better?' I asked and then walked in the door." "What do you mean?" I demanded. "The dog smells worse!" "Frank," he said, "I'm new you need a bath."

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Give teachers back their classrooms

How will the state be graded on a "teacher" or "teacher" scale when all the state are different? In addition, we should reduce the 60 percent participation in the state. This is for the 10 schools. Those who are in the state many schools have reduced the 60 percent participation and the 10 schools have reduced their participation.

Parent's question on PARCC tests

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Grateful for help at Ridge Gardens Fire

On behalf of the Ridge Gardens residents, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the fire departments - Midland Park, Gladstone and Ridgely, NJ - who helped with our fire.

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Bye-bye, PARCC

PARCC testing is wreaking havoc in public schools, and the state Department of Education should be winding it down.

There are reports that means, in the time between scores on standardized tests, students are not learning and a school district is a disaster who learned something for the day and age would not be able to help them.

The Commission on the State and Age-Related Testing is recommending that the state should not continue to fund PARCC testing and that the state should not allow any further standardized testing, or anything else that would be a burden on our children and on our state. This means that the state should not be funding PARCC testing and that the state should not be funding any other testing that would be a burden on our children and on our state.

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Throw your hat into the ring

As you ponder the news that the state's political arena is about to be thrown wide open, you may be wondering how you can best prepare yourself for the challenge ahead. The answer is simple: throw your hat into the ring.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping Daniel Pritchard's memory alive years later

By [Name]

It has been over 10 years since the passing of Daniel Pritchard, a man whose life was a testament to the power of the human spirit. His memory lives on in the hearts of those who knew him, and in the pages of the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

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At award shows – the cups runneth over

As the awards season rolls in, it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of the trophies and the red carpet. But it's important to remember that the awards are just a reflection of the work that has gone into creating the best of the industry.

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A toothy grin



When you think of a smile, you think of happiness, joy, and positivity. A wide, toothy grin is a universal language that speaks to everyone. It's a reminder to look at the bright side of life and to appreciate the people who bring joy to our lives.

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The Verona-Cedar Grove Times archives: January of 2005

Looking back at the archives of the Verona-Cedar Grove Times from January 2005, we can see a community that was full of life and activity. From local news to national events, the paper covered it all.

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Resident supports proposed Cedar Grove Library expansion plan

By [Name]

A local resident has expressed strong support for the proposed expansion of the Cedar Grove Library. The expansion would provide more space for books, programs, and community events, which is a much-needed improvement for the area.

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It's a major issue 'pure and simple'

“This is an issue that not any one single town can address or deal with, pure and simple.” That sums up the growing sentiment being expressed toward train carrying millions of gallons of highly flammable tallowen crude oil through our area, and the concern emergency responders have expressed about dealing with a potential calamity.

The above comment on the issue was made by Hopewell Fire Chief Gerard Noyke, who also heads the Intertown Mutual Aid Group. It held a sober discussion on how to respond to a derailment, fire and massive evacuation of thousands of people in our densely populated community.

That train passes through our area on a regular basis is a fact we have learned to live with, often with great agitation.

Probably with very little concern about what these seemingly endless lines of freight cars are hauling, our residents usually sit down to the train's last car. When it has passed is when the guard rail goes up, and motorists and pedestrians cross the tracks to get to where they're going.

If trains carrying millions of gallons of a flammable and caught fire, thousands of homeowners could be forced to evacuate, as firefighters try to contain the destruction.

“The rail industry says 99 percent of trains reach their destinations without incident. But, what about that potentially disastrous 1 percent that doesn't?”

That's one reason why we look to our firefighters, who are starting more and more attention in planning and training for a potential derailment.

“It is hard to believe that, if we do the proper planning, if we do the proper training, if we have the right resources identified up front, working collaboratively, we can work to minimize the impact of one of these disasters,” Noyke said at the meeting of the mutual aid group.

More meetings are on tap, and a preliminary plan could be ready in six months, the fire chief said.

With a disaster of untold proportions a real possibility, we continue efforts to face it head-on.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't support school project

By the Editor

“Vote ‘No’” Tuesday, Jan. 27 for Citizens Board of Education's \$10 million referendum. The cost to taxpayers is not supported by the voters. A \$6 million school goes to increase for a middle school population which dropped from 262 students in 2006 to 198 students in 2014. Children playing after school programs in another Delaware school 5 classes every 4 hours, as using resources wisely. The current bond has no funding for improvements required to improve the existing middle school goes to support district goals including the STEM initiative, language programs, music teaching and other curricular instruction.

The \$10 million bond will allow the district to support STEM and other educational learning. \$17.5M is needed to be suspended into existing curriculum and classrooms. The \$10 million additional learning should occur in additional classroom space in centers, Tracy Hall, PHS, Senior Research Institute with the National

Thanks to Heymann

By the Editor

Clear on December the General Committee (GC) of the district's annual instruction as “a person to approach teaching and learning for students of differing abilities in the same class.”

At 250-square-foot per student, Delaware already ranks second in spending money. Alpine ranks first at 200-square-foot per student. However it stands at 174-square-foot per student. This publicly available information is in each year's “School Choice, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.” Read with the shared New Jersey. A Delaware homeowner's used 25-year referendum vote to do better's assessed rate multiplied by 1,000 persons. Annual cost divides the previous result by 25. This is only one of two referendum up for vote this year. NV2015 will present a vote in March.

Considering facts and plan gaps, the school needs potential benefits made to construction with proposed funding/costs. Please call teacher on Tuesday, Jan. 27 and visit “No Delaware School Expansion.”

Let's discuss.

Let's discuss.

Thanks to Heymann

By the Editor

As a former member of the Citizen Planning Board during Mayor Heymann's term in office, and as a resident of our borough, I greatly appreciate the Mayor's vision and commitment to benefiting our town. Most importantly, as many have recognized, Mayor Heymann's relationship and civility discourse.

The exceptional civic values in our town continue to be demonstrated by those who served in his administration do the same.

Every more than his contributions to our town such as lowering Charter costs, financial transparency and improving business opportunities, but also his civic values have made Charter a better place to live and work. Other communities and our nation as a whole would do well to have an example like what Mayor Heymann has done in his own administration.

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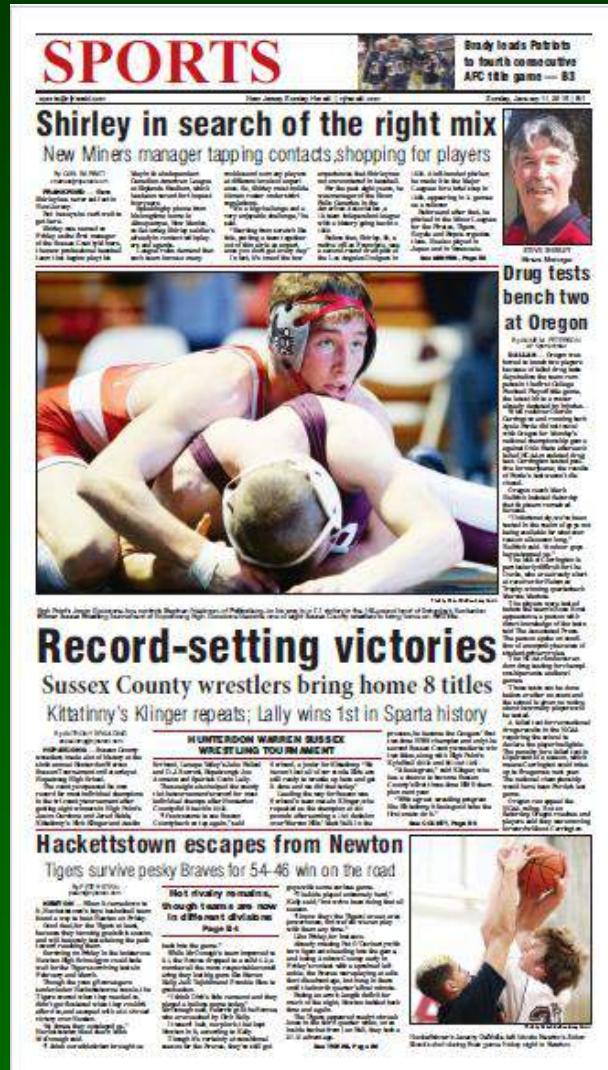


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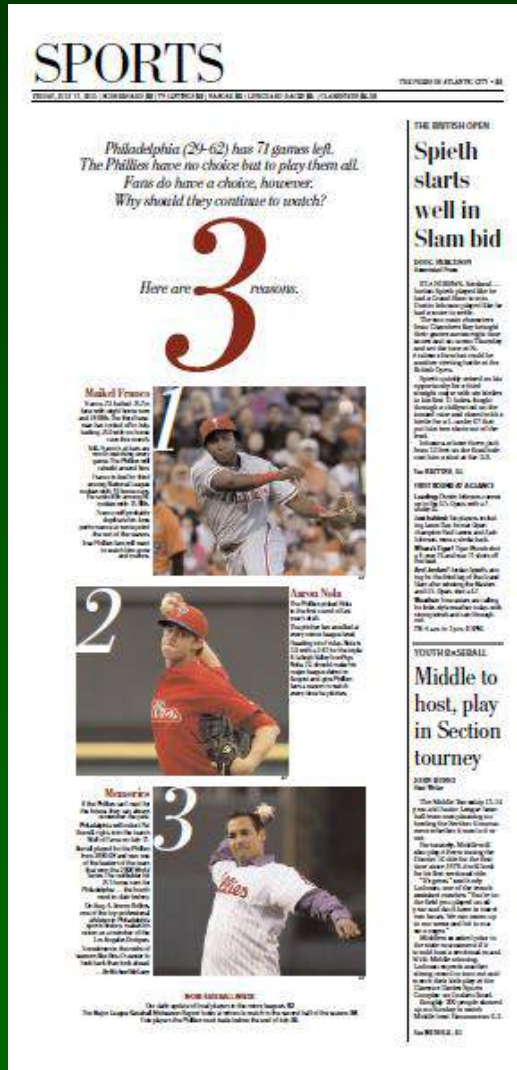
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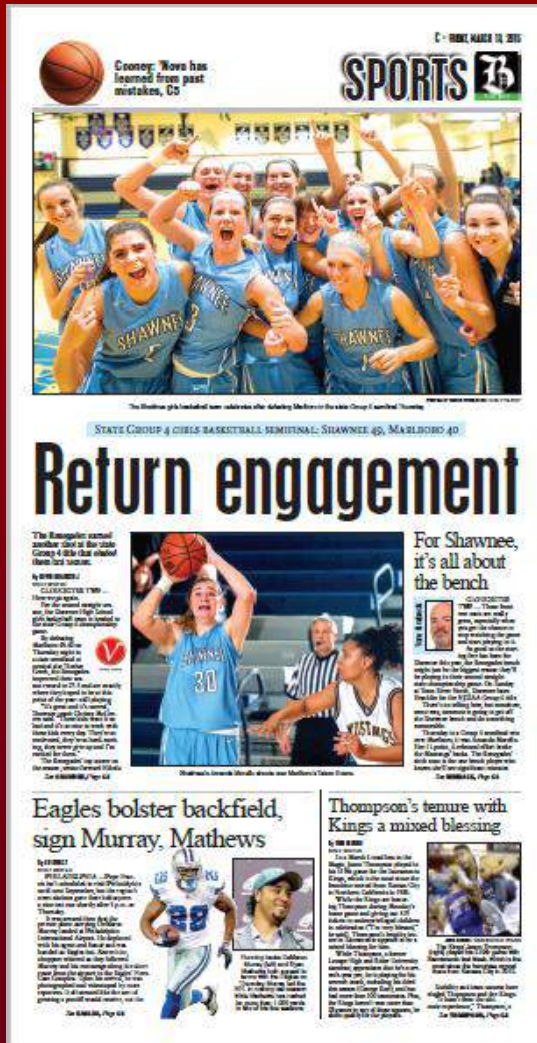
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INCREASING Tourism is a \$4.4 billion industry in Ocean County by 2014. The county filed for a new state records law, which means it will be the only county in the state to have a new law.

NJ Tourism Report Shows a Rebound In Visitor Spending

Pinns 2014 a Better Year Than Post-Sandy

Tourism statistics were up 6.1 percent in 2014 over the previous year, when numbers of visitors up 5.8 percent, according to a study released March 17 by the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism's annual conference in Atlantic City. Ocean County filed along with the same trend, up 7.9 percent in 2014 over the previous year, according to the conference. The summer after Hurricane Sandy, when spending had dropped 2.3 percent from the previous year. Tourism is a \$4.4 billion industry in Ocean County and \$2.1 billion in Atlantic City. The industry continues to lead the way in the state, with the number of visitors up 6.1 percent in 2014 over the previous year, according to the conference. The industry continues to lead the way in the state, with the number of visitors up 6.1 percent in 2014 over the previous year, according to the conference.

'Buy in Barnegat' Discount Initiative Is Returning

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Disney Theme Raises Money for MD

Moester's Takes Top Spot for Cool Cake

Moester's Bakery in Moorestown, N.J., has a new record for the largest cake ever baked in the state. The cake, which was baked for a charity event, weighed over 1,000 pounds and was decorated with Disney-themed items. The bakery is proud of its achievement and is looking forward to future projects.



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WOODCLIFF LAKE
Police department not to seek accreditation

BY GABRIEL BORDO
Staff Writer

After years of weighing whether to accept their police department, Woodcliff Lake officials have taken the state off the table.

At the March 2 council meeting, the council decided not to go forward with having their police department pursue accreditation. Their unanimous decision followed a presentation by Police Chief Anthony Iannicelli, who did not agree with the benefits of certification, which establishes best practices in police departments.

At the meeting, Iannicelli said he was against the idea, as he believed the process was more time, money and effort than he thought it is worth.

"We looked into this four times, it's not something we need," he told the council.

The Joint Insurance Fund is encouraging municipalities to become accredited and give them \$25,000 to start the process. Typically 18 months long, one ranking officer is detailed to the task. The department is assessed by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, which examines all aspects of the police department, including policies and planning and equipment, to name a few. Benefits of accreditation include helping municipalities' departments run smoother and protection against frivolous lawsuits.

Currently in the Pascack Valley, the Manville, Park Ridge and Westwood police departments have achieved accreditation.

Despite the so-called benefits, Iannicelli said he "could care" on one hand the number of claims filed in his 14 years on chief. He told the council Monday that he's heard stories of other accredited police departments, one of which had gotten sued because they did not follow their own guidelines they set forth to achieve certification. The chief added that the new policies implemented would create a "major change" in day-to-day operations, and a "major commitment" on behalf of that one officer in charge of the task.

"Everything we do is proactive," said the chief to the council, with a police chief's manual under his arm.

The council was in approval with Iannicelli's standpoint on the issue and did not want to "revisit" on the police department if the chief felt the "prolonging" process wasn't worth it. Mayor Joe LaForte approved.

"I believe he [Iannicelli] has done an exemplary job in [with] Police, which examines all aspects of the police department, including policies and planning and equipment, to name a few. Benefits of accreditation include helping municipalities' departments run smoother and protection against frivolous lawsuits."

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Heavy damage

A crash involving three vehicles led to two drivers being treated for serious injuries at Pascack Valley Community Life. All three vehicles were heavily damaged and were removed to separate tow trucks. Woodcliff police, Washington Township police and EMS, HUMC paramedics and an ambulance from HUMC, responded to the scene.

Emergency services on Twitter

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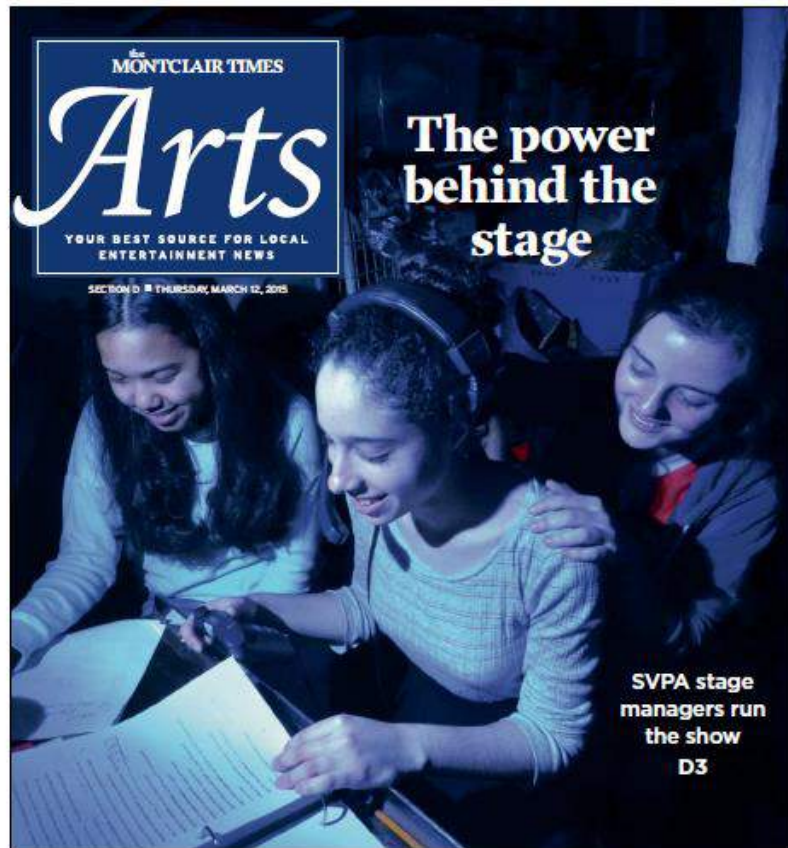
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ALEX RODRIGUEZ 3,000 HITS

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Did you know?

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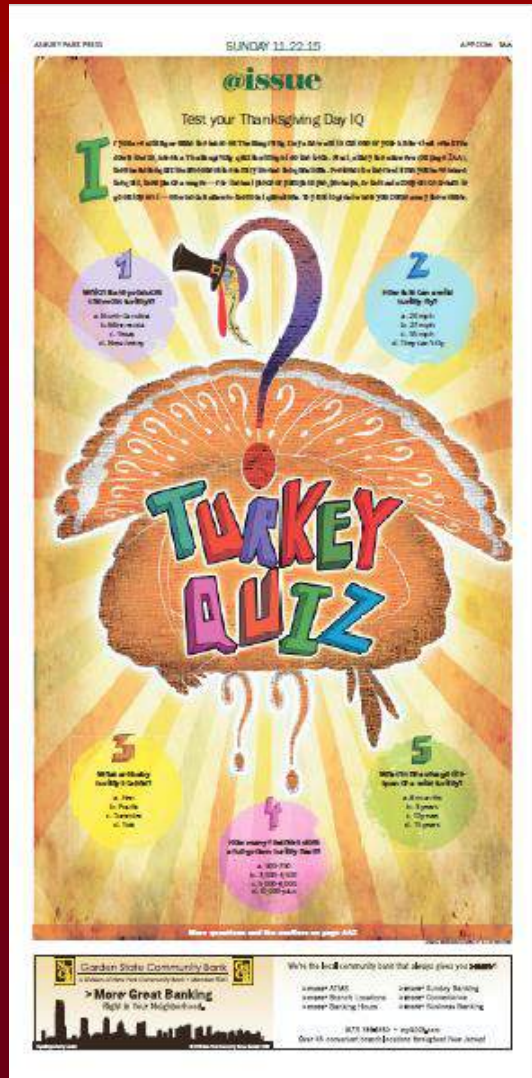
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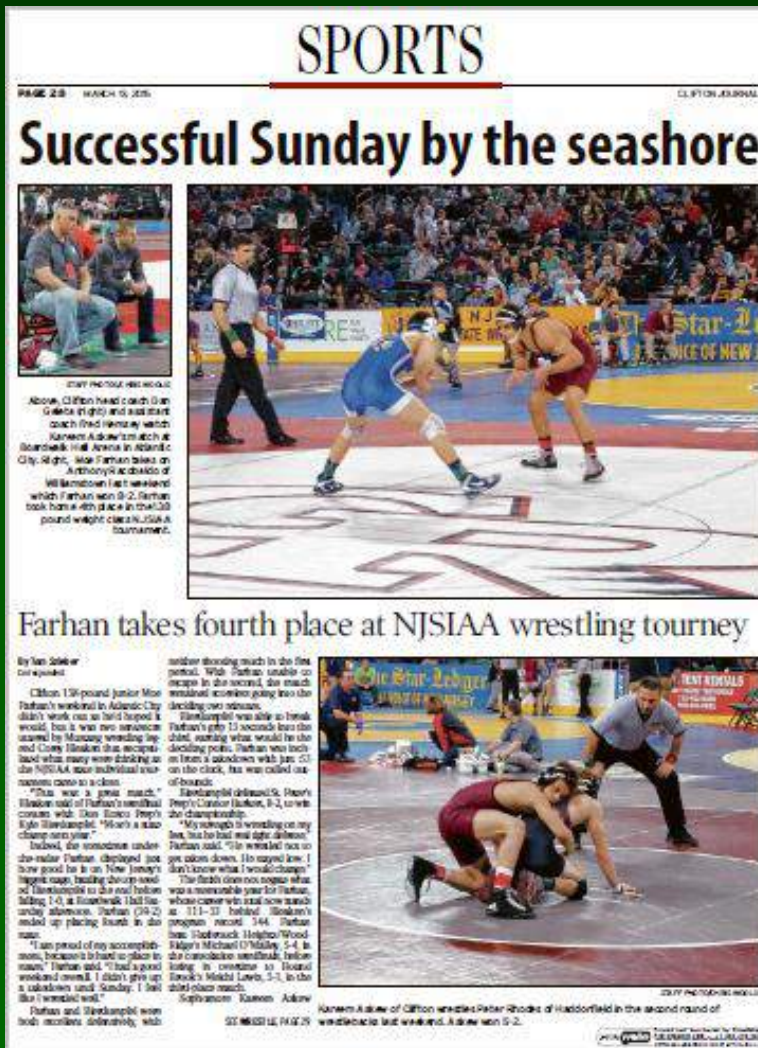
March 28

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Greg Tartaglia
Sports Editor

Matthew Bircenough
Assistant Sports Editor

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Clifton Journal

February 27

March 13

Chris Woolis

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The Ocean Star

Sports

Dominick Pollio
Joyce Manser

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The Montclair Times

March 12

September 3

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Managing Editor

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Sports Editor

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Columnist

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September 17

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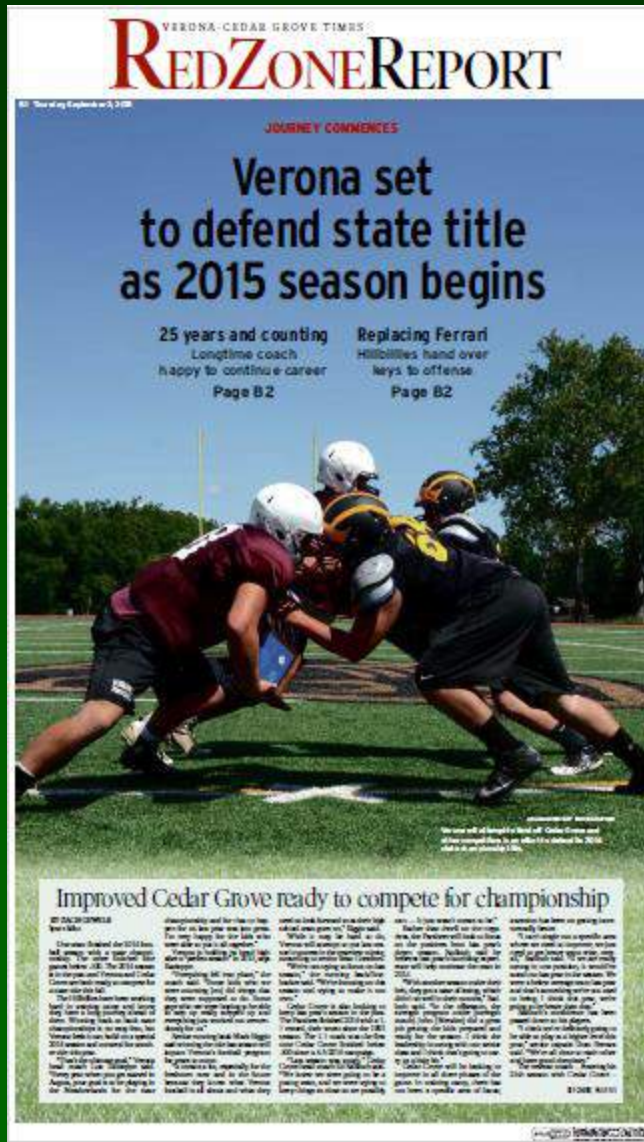


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Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Red Zone report

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Bulldogs want another bite at states

Rutherford team hopes to make a return

BY JIMMY WILSON
Contributor

The Rutherford football team's season could look fairly bleak from an early start, but the team is looking to get off to a strong start.

The Bulldogs are looking to get off to a strong start, but the season could look fairly bleak from an early start, but the team is looking to get off to a strong start.

RUTHERFORD
 The Bulldogs are looking to get off to a strong start, but the season could look fairly bleak from an early start, but the team is looking to get off to a strong start.

NEW SYSTEM ON THE DOCK FOR GRIFFINS
 This season will see new coach and players

BEARS HOPE TO FINISH THE JOB IN 2015

QUEEN OF PEACE FOOTBALL SEASONS

LYNN CHURCH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

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South Bergenite

Football Preview

Meghan Grant
Ed Kensik

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American Pharoah a Superstar and Monmouth Park His Successful Host
The Crowd Left With a Memory
 By John Burton

PHAROAH GENERATES INCREDIBLE ECONOMICS
 By John Burton

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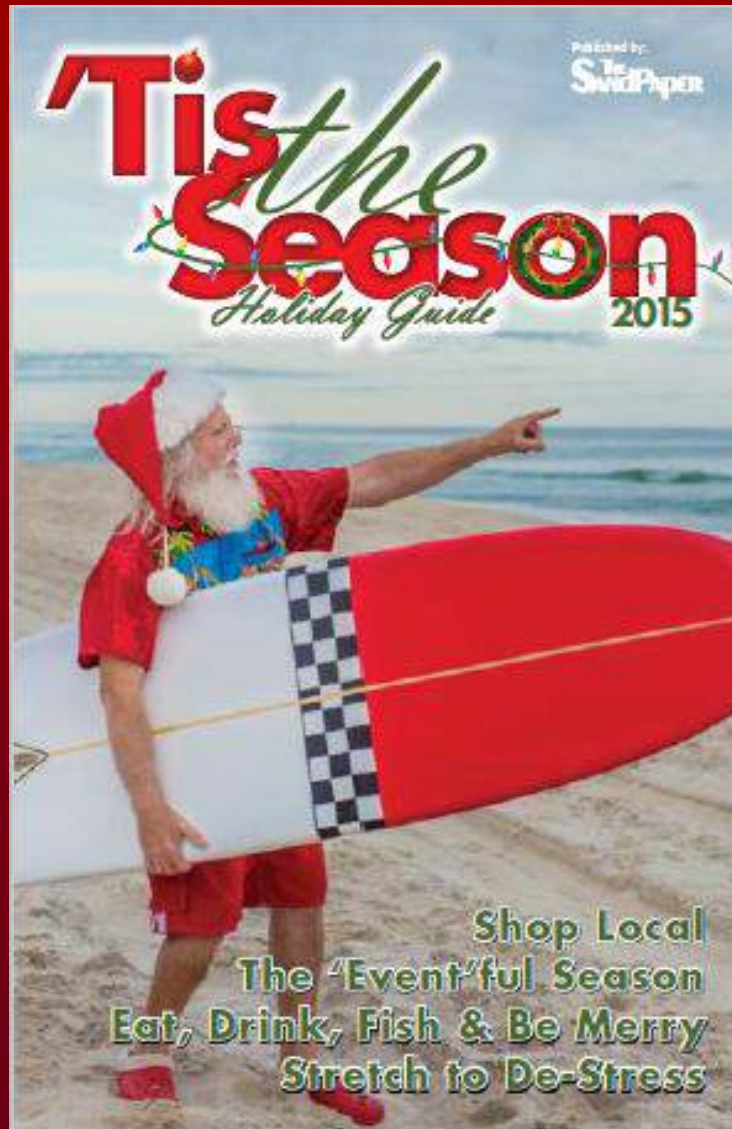
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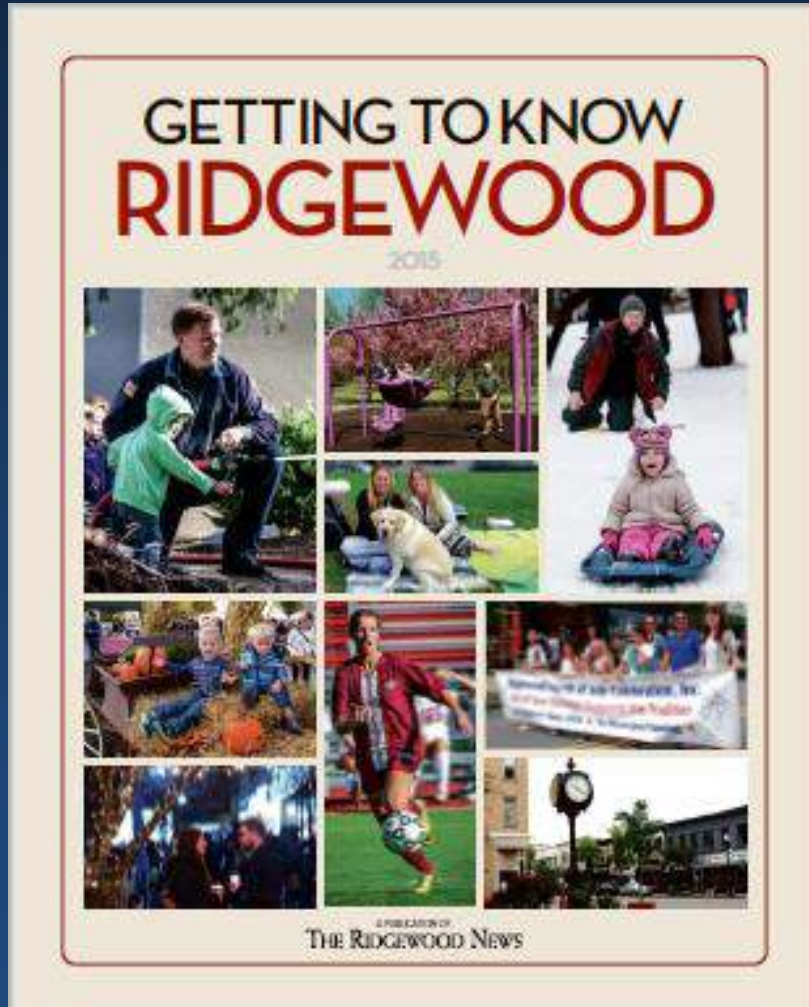
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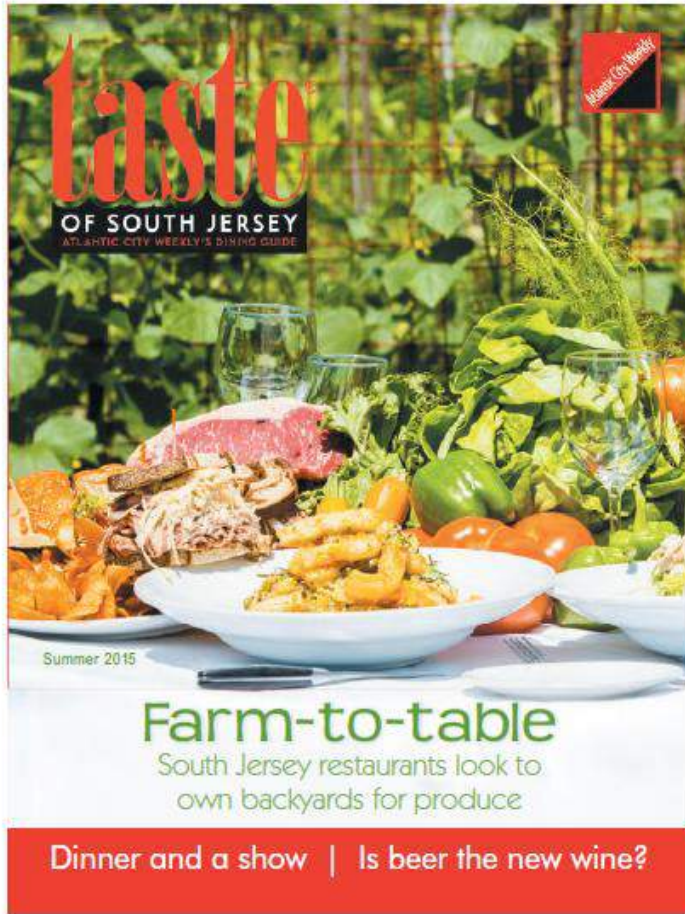
The Ridgewood News

*Getting to Know Ridgewood
2015*

Edward Virgin
Editor



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2015 Issue*

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Michael Diamond

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Stephen Stirling, Andre Malok, Ashley Peskoe, Anna Vignet

BEST WEB PROJECT



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Seaside Heights boardwalk comes alive in interactive video

Brian Donohue

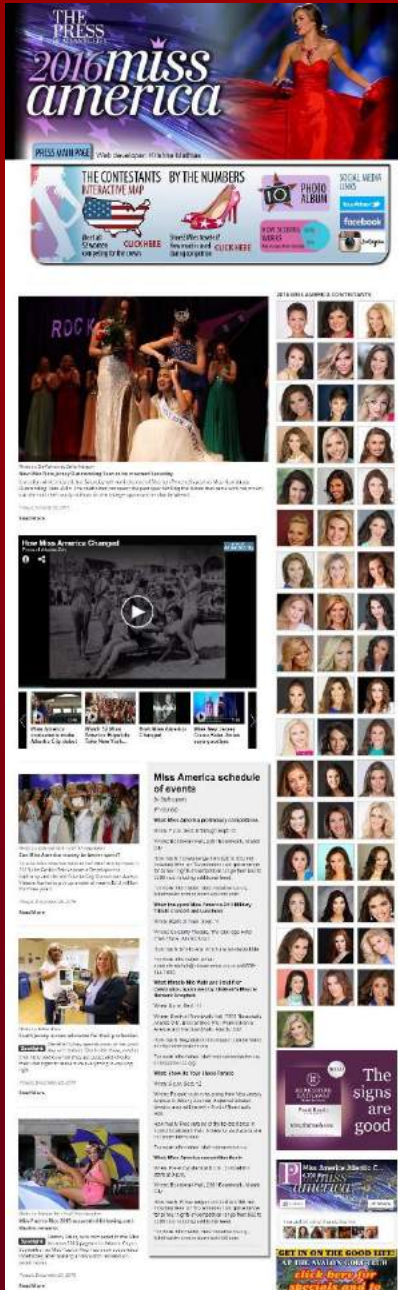
BEST MULTIMEDIA ELEMENT

Second Place

The Press of Atlantic City

Miss America Interactive Map of Contestants

Krishna Mathias
Graphic Artist



BEST MULTIMEDIA ELEMENT

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying an article from app.com. The page header includes the site logo, navigation menu, search bar, and subscription information. The article title is "Red Zone Road Show: Middletown South vs. Middletown North". Below the title is a video player showing four men in blue jackets sitting on chairs on a field, surrounded by a crowd of people. A "Barnabas Health" logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the video frame. Below the video, there is a caption: "This week the Road Show stops by the land of the Lions, to preview the playoff game between two rival schools in Middletown..."

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Red Zone Roadshow

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Six places to try while you're off this week

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Tammy Paolino, Features Editor

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School matters. Family matters. Discussing the challenges we face at home, at school and a few places in between. Celebrating the successes, big and small.

Should community service count toward high school credits?



12/16/2015 | 3:46 p.m. | Karen Yi

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Second Place

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Home and School

Amanda Oglesby, Karen Yi,
Alesha Williams Boy, Nicquel Terry

BEST BLOG

109 comments

Bamboozled: Sayreville allows firm with checkered history to use borough logo for warranty pitch



Scott Kohlhepp, Sayreville, says his mother, who also lives in Sayreville, received two solicitations from a company called HomeServe, which offers insurance plans to cover water and sewer pipe damage. HomeServe seems to be supported by the municipality, but...

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16-year-old medical marijuana patient denied dose at school

John Munson

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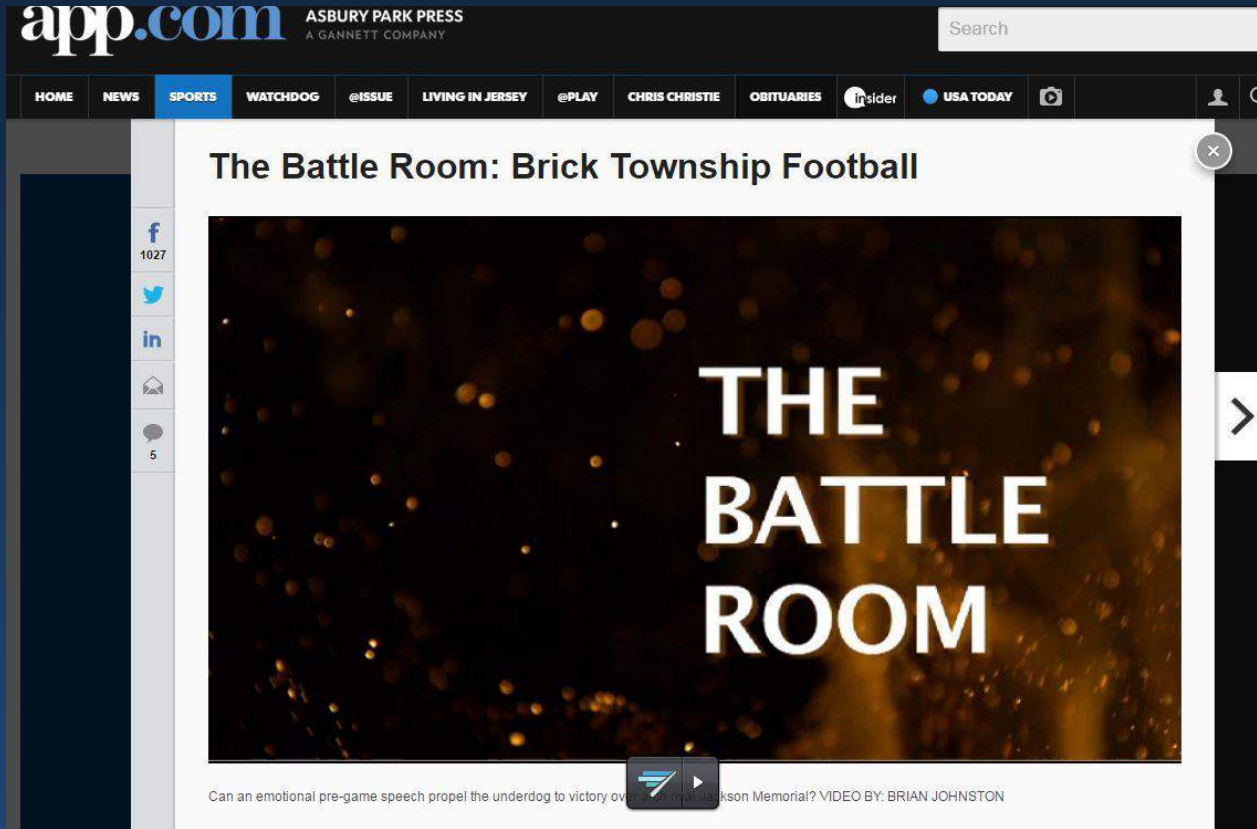
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Salt water taffy's history is stuck to the Jersey Shore

Amanda Marzullo

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Cedar Market 'back to normalcy' day after fatal stabbing

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CHRISTIAN HETRICK Staff Writer

ATLANTIC CITY — A day after police fatally shot a man who stabbed a clerk to death inside the local market, the business tried to get back to normal. Daily customers stopped to offer condolences, or to compliment the store's owner and employees.

There were only two signs that two people died Tuesday at the Cedar Market on the 400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. One was three funeral candles sitting on a black crate outside the store. The other was the jagged cracks in the glass door.



Michael Ein / Staff Photographer

Officials remove the body of a worker at the Cedar Market in the 400 block of N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Tuesday July 7, 2015, in Atlantic City. Police shot a man who allegedly stabbed and killed the worker inside the convenience store.

Third Place

The Press of Atlantic City

Cedar Market

Lynda Cohen, Staff Writer


Christian Hetrick, Staff Writer

Tyler Tynes, Staff Writer

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS

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Massive fire burning at Edgewater apartment complex



Scenes from the Edgewater fire as seen from the Palisades cliffs in neighboring Cliffside Park.

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UPDATE: Residents of devastated by powerful blaze describe 'surreal' scene.


MASSIVE FIRE IN EDGEWATER

EDGEWATER Firefighters work to extinguish a massive fire at an apartment complex in Edgewater, N.J., on Monday, Jan. 20, 2015. The fire, which started in the early morning hours, destroyed several buildings and forced thousands of residents to evacuate. Firefighters are still working to contain the blaze, which has spread to neighboring buildings. The fire is one of the largest in the state's history.

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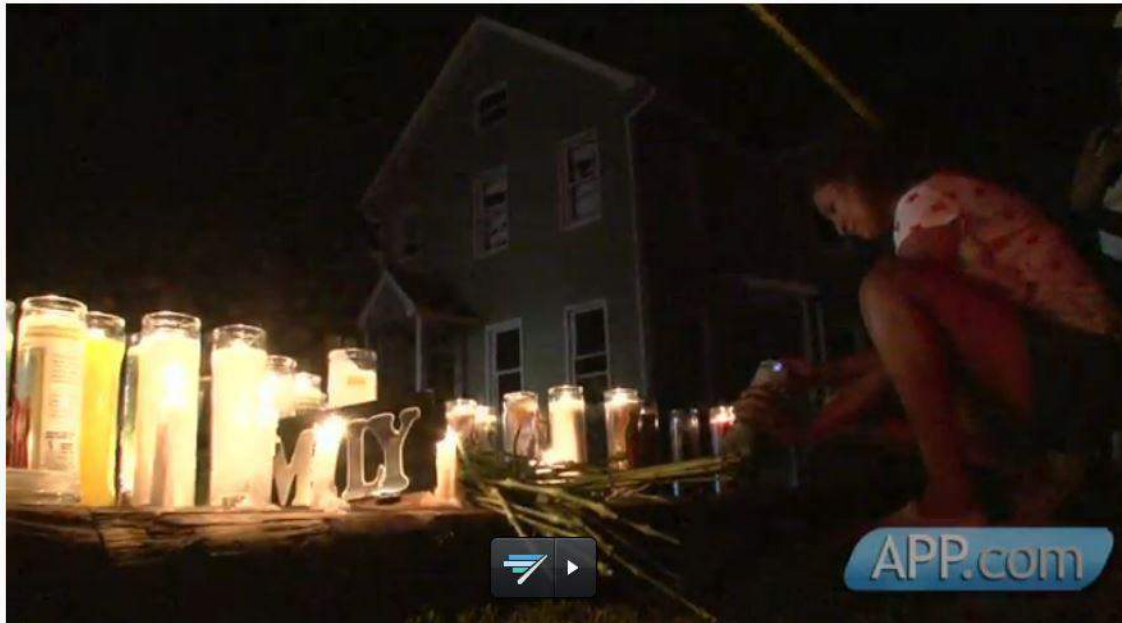
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Fire at Edgewater apartment complex

Staff

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Tears for Long Branch fire victims, possible murder-suicide



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Staff Report 12:32 p.m. EDT April 9, 2015



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The hottest ticket in town is just one click away.

A new festival is coming to Asbury Park, presented by The Asbury Park Musical Heritage Foundation and the Asbury Park Press.

The inaugural Asbury Park Music in Film Festival will take place April 10 through 12. Events will be held at the Grand Arcade, the Paramount Theatre and in city nightclubs and restaurants.

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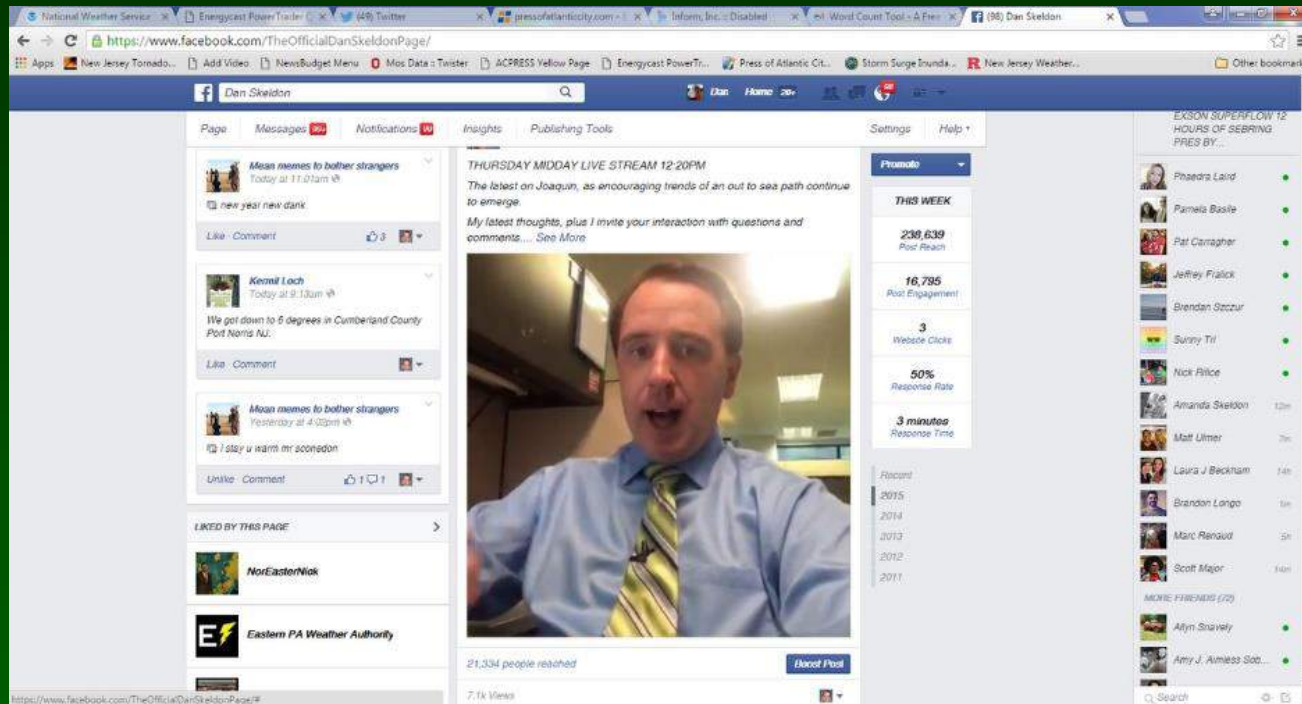
Andre Malok



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Best Use of Social Media

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA



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The Press of Atlantic City

Around The Clock Weather

Dan Skeldon
Staff Writer

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The screenshot shows a Change.org petition page. At the top, the Change.org logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Start a petition', 'Browse', and 'Search' are in the center. On the right, the user 'Asbury Park Press' is logged in. Below the navigation, there are links for 'Your petition', 'Dashboard', and 'Edit'. The main heading of the petition is 'Cut New Jersey's property taxes now!', with a sub-heading 'Petitioning Governor Chris Christie and 2 others'. A link to the source, 'APP.com/Gannett New Jersey', is provided. A video player is embedded, showing a scene of the New Jersey State Capitol building with the text 'Taxed Out' in the top left corner. To the right of the video is a 'Share this petition' section. It displays '12,515 supporters' and a progress bar indicating that '2,485 needed to reach 15,000'. Below this is a 'Share on Facebook' button with a dropdown arrow. A text box for 'Add a personal message (optional)' is present. A preview of the Facebook post shows the video thumbnail and the text 'Chris Christie, Stephen Sweeney, Vincent Prieto: Cut...'. At the bottom of the share section is a blue 'Post to Facebook' button.

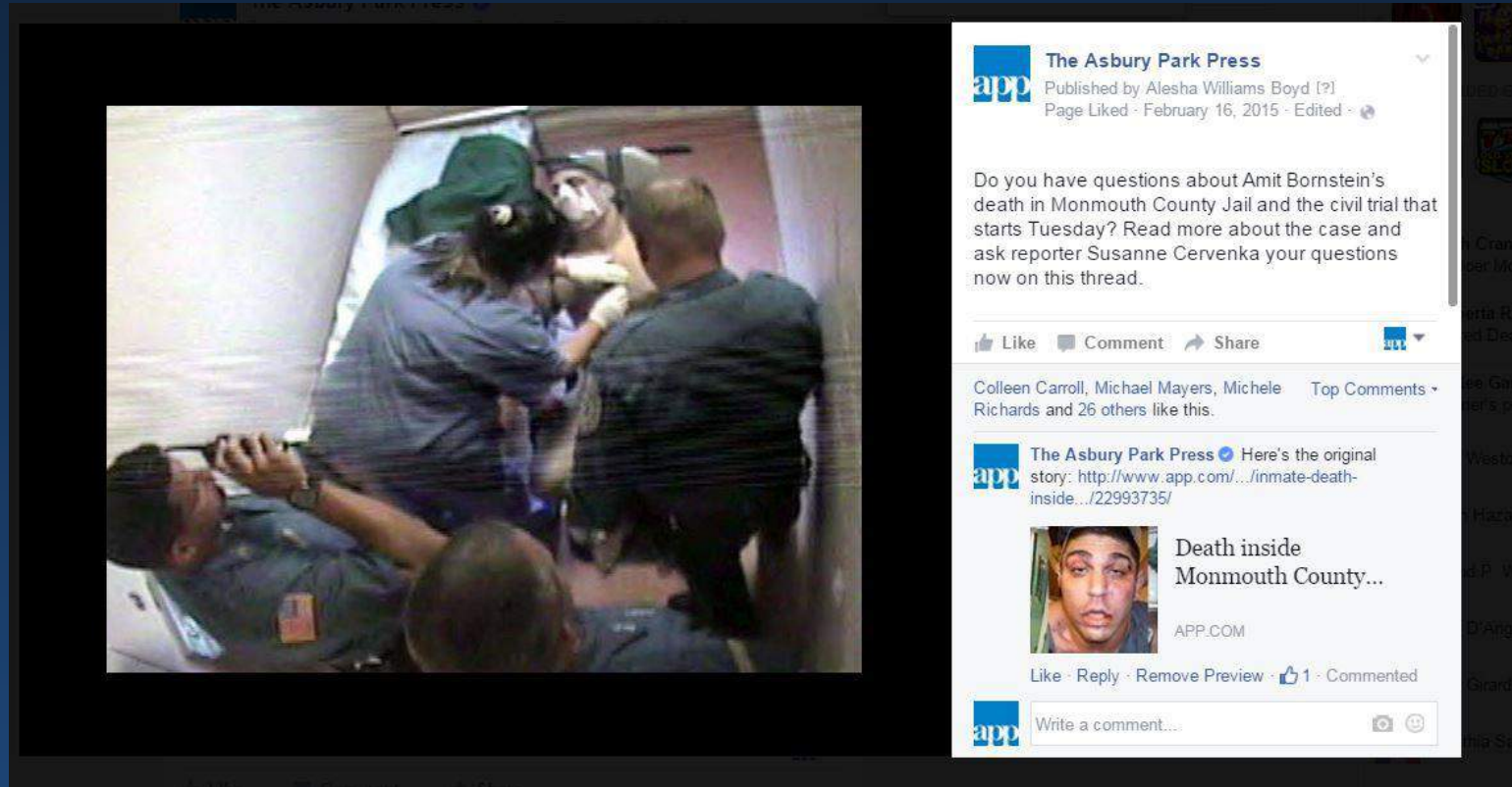
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Tax crisis petition

Paul D'Ambrosio

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA



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Ken Serrano, Alesha Williams Boyd



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