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City lied about fence that electrocuted Bubba Green's daughter

'70s Bolt football star still battling Baltimore tragedy

By Jim Cook Jr.

BALTIMORE, Md. — Millville native Anthony "Bubba" Green, the 1981 Baltimore Colts defensive tackle, is in a heated battle with the City of Baltimore involving information that was allegedly kept from him about the 2008 death of his daughter.
On May 5, 2008, Deanna Green, 14, and her mother were participating in a church softball tournament in Druid Park Hill, Md.
Deanna was stretching her muscles before her turn to bat while balancing on one hand.
When she placed her other hand on a chain-link fence, she was electrocuted with 270 volts of current, according to an online memorial website about Deanna.
(See TRAGEDY, Page A-3)

Director of Parks and Recreation **Connie A. Brown** told the family and press that the city did not know anything was wrong with the lights and that they hadn't worked on the field since 2003.



DEANNA GREEN

In 2008, Chief Solicitor for the City of Baltimore Linda C. Barclay, the day before she retired, provided the family with public documents that the city contracted Douglas Electric and Lighting to "provide labor and material to make repairs to underground cables feeding exterior pole lights," in the field in 2003. The company provided work orders and bills to the family stating that the city contracted the company to work on the Druid Park Hill electrical system not only in 2003, but also in 2004, 2005, and April 2006, a month prior to Deanna's death.

Vets hear thank yous



By Jason Lutz

BRIDGTON — On the anniversary of the armistice ending World War I, residents of Bridgton gathered at the city waterfront to honor veterans both past and present.
Christine Chambers assumed the spot of the occasion perfectly, reading from her Voice of Democracy Scholarship essay, "Does America Still Have Heroes."
Inspired by her older brother, who joined the New Jersey National Guard less than a month following Sept. 11, 2001, the 19-year-old Viandale resident wrote how people, including soldiers, should be judged as individuals, not just by the company they keep.
"America will lose heroes. They will always be a part of society, just as corruption and abuse of power will surface from time to time," said Chambers. "A person is not unheroic because she belongs to a certain demographic, and not by the company they keep."
"Heroes are not perfect — they're human, after all — but then, that spirit of bravery was not given because of
(See VETS, Page A-10)

Larry Klein, a veteran Marine, reads the poem, "11th Hour" during the City of Bridgton Veterans Day ceremony on the Riverfront, in Bridgton, Thursday.



Veterans, including Morris Ostroff, were introduced to a standing room only crowd in the auditorium at Slow Creek School.

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TOXIC LANDSCAPE: TRACKING CONTAMINATED SITES

Stuck for years on Superfund list



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The Ventron/Vetsico site in Wood-Ridge, heavily polluted with mercury, has been on the Superfund list since 1984. Soil removal work began last year.



North Jersey cleanups plagued by errors, cutbacks

By SCOTT FALLON
STAFF WRITER

If you've turned on a faucet in Fair Lawn any time since 1987, none of your water has been pumped through a tank at the water department where it is treated with air to remove chemicals that could make you very sick.

Trichloroethylene, chloroform and a cocktail of other volatile organic compounds have to be taken out of water drawn from two wells in the western part of the borough that have been contaminated for at least 32 years — and have been on the federal Superfund list for 27.

The treated drinking water is considered safe, but the groundwater remains polluted. And now scientists are investigating a new concern at the site near the Route 206 Industrial Park. Toxic chemicals may be rising up through the ground and contaminating nearby homes and businesses.

When the area became a federal Superfund site in 1983, residents thought there would be a cleanup that would quickly resolve their health concerns. Now, they wonder if the designation helped at all.

"In the best possible world the Superfund designation would matter, but it doesn't," said Wendy Dabney, chairwoman of Fair Lawn's environmental commission. "It's a meaningless exercise. It's government window dressing."

Superfund was envisioned as a sledgehammer in the battle to erase the taint left by the nation's dirty industrial past. But its record in North Jersey has been less than stellar.

Since the program was launched 30 years ago, only three of the 13 sites in Bergen and Passaic counties have been fully cleaned. Eight sites have been on the list since Superfund Page A-10

For details on each of North Jersey's Superfund sites, turn to Page A-11. An interactive map is also available at northjersey.com/toxiclandscape.

Yanks get another shot at AL pennant

Phil Hughes pitched seven shutout innings, Max Scherzer hit a two-run homer and the Yankees beat the Minnesota Twins 6-1 Saturday night to complete a five-game sweep and return to the American League Championship Series.

— Complete coverage, including columns by Tara Sullivan and Bob Klipfisch, begins on S-1

Christie tops Palin in Tea Party poll

Governor Christie edged former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin to win a presidential straw poll Saturday at a Tea Party gathering in Virginia. Christie finished with 15 percent of the 1,560 ballots cast at the Virginia Tea Party Patriots convention. Palin, John McCain's 2008 Republican vice-presidential running mate, got 14.6 percent.

Republican Rep. Ron Paul of Texas had 11.3 percent, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich had 9 percent and U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina rounded out the top five with 8 percent.

— The Associated Press

More protections urged for gay youth

The toll is rising nationwide: teens killing themselves after enduring some form of anti-gay harassment. The suicides — including that of Rutgers freshman Tyler Clement of Ridgewood — are giving new urgency to the debate over whether schools should be doing more to tackle the problem of anti-gay bullying.

Gay-rights supporters say any effective anti-bullying program must include specific components addressing harassment of gay youth. But religious conservatives call that a manipulative tactic to sway young people's views of homosexuality.

— Complete story on A-6

Drill breaks through to miners' chamber

Rescuers with a powerful drill broke through Saturday to the underground chamber where 33 Chilean miners have been trapped since Aug. 5, signaling that the end to their ordeal could be near.

Now rescuers must decide whether it's risky to pull the miners directly up through unreinforced rock, or to insert tons of heavy steel pipe into the tunnel shaft in an attempt to protect them. The answer will determine whether their pull-out begins Tuesday, or up to a week later.

— Complete story on A-7

Bill would ban texting at meetings

A North Jersey state senator is proposing restrictions on the use of technology for texting and e-mailing at town council and board meetings. Prohibiting the use of smart phones and similar devices by public officials at government meetings is logical, Sen. Lorretta Weinberg, D-Trenton, and some officials say.

— Complete story on L-1

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Our hokey blogs — Fire & Ice and Ranger Parts — are in full swing.

How a dead tunnel project got a second chance

By JOSH MARGOLIN and TED SHERMAN
THE STAR LEADER

The white, twin-engine Gulfstream IV jet lifted quickly off the runway, banking purposefully toward Trenton like a cruise missile seeking its target.

Onboard, the anger had yet to fully subside. Just 24 hours earlier, the governor of New Jersey had killed the nation's largest public transit project — a crucial

Transportation secretary used political savvy

billion check to help pay for it. The federal transportation officials on the special flight were still stunned and furious. Some saw it as a naked, seat-of-the-pants political play, made without regard to the long-term consequences. Others wanted to pressure Governor Christie in an all-out media offensive. "Slam the [jet-"

plane]" said one official the previous night. But U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, rebuffed the day before when he asked Christie to wait before taking any action, was calm as the jet settled on its path heading north.

"We're going to find a way to fix this," he confidently told his team. See TUNNEL Page A-4

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LOCAL EVENTS

Various events support Red Cross

NEWTON — The Heroes for the American Red Cross Campaign, under the leadership of company Chairman Robert Nicholas III, president of Eastern Tires, kicked off March 19 and will run through April 3. Executive Director Pat Day said, "Heroes for the American Red Cross is a generous fund-raising campaign where individuals, homes and groups pledge to raise \$1,000 for their local Red Cross chapter." The goal for this campaign is \$100,000.

Day explained, "The success of this campaign is critical as the funds will be used to support vital programs and services here in Sussex County."

The spiritual blessing in Sparta announced it is raising money for the Sussex County Chapter of the American Red Cross by holding an afternoon of psychic readings Saturday from 11 a.m. The center is located at 116 Woodcock Road, across from Mahwah Gardens. Participants are encouraged to arrive early to be signed up for a reading and must be present when their name is called. For a list of donated patrons will receive a 15-minute reading. Reading receipts must be at least 11 years old.

Other events in support of the American Red Cross Heroes Campaign include:

- Melissa Turner, team leader for Tastydilly Sweets, has offered to donate proceeds from any purchases made on her Web site site through April 16. Visit www.tastydillysweets.com.

- Don Hill, owner of the Chatterbox in Augusta, and Dolores Stines in Ladysmith and Warren, is currently selling paper Red Cross Heroes Squares for \$1 each.

- The Sussex County Division of Social Services, under the direction of Carol Nowell, is holding a fund-raiser Thursday, March 25. The Division will host an evening social at 1 p.m. and take food bids.

Individuals serving as Heroes for the American Red Cross agree to raise at least \$1,000 for the chapter. Funds can be raised in a variety of ways. Individuals may work alone or choose to involve their company, civic club, church or school in their efforts. Heroes also may choose to donate the needed money.

To learn more, call Marilyn Malloch at 973-329-1200.

Retired educators luncheon April 12

LAFAYETTE — The Sussex County Retired Educators spring luncheon meeting will be held April 12 at the Lafayette House at noon. Reservations may be made by calling a 800-822-9292 or 973-765-0753, 816, Layton, NJ 07821. Three reservations will not be accepted.

The deadline is Friday. If you cannot attend the meeting, arrangements can be made for someone to pick up your mail.

Arrive at the luncheon by 11:45 a.m. and before 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held at the Lafayette House June 8.

Easter plant sale Friday and Saturday

FRANKFORD — The Frankford Township Fire Association is looking an Easter plant sale Friday and Saturday at the firehouse, located on Main Street, Carter Lake. Sale hours are Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until the flowers are gone.

For more information, call Sally Peir at 973-768-4241.

An Open Book hosts Easter egg hunt

NEWTON — An Open Book at 180 Spring St. will host an egg hunt Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Children will need a paper basket throughout the hunt. There also will be a story reading and holiday craft activity. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures. Bring your own basket and camera.

For more information, call 973-300-5900.

Mom gets 8 years for endangerment

By TOM HOWELL JR.
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The court can read the Bible, so the Superior Court Judge N. Peter Condit noted last Thursday is sentencing a New York City woman to eight years in prison for allowing her children to become endangered without seeking help during a 2006 riot in Bangladesh.

Katrina Walker, 36, told investigators the relief on God to provide for her family after they lost financial assistance from their church. Her release was based on her upbringing at a fundamentalist Christian church that

sought guidance from the literal interpretation of the Bible, according to trial testimony.

Condit said Walker never asked a police officer for help or a hospital for aid. From the state of New Jersey to the capital of New York, he said, the state's duty is to protect children who survive their parents.

"The defendant engaged in what I would consider cruel and depraved conduct," Condit said. "A mother is told to love her children; this is both in the Old and New Testaments."

A jury found Walker guilty in January of four counts of

endangering the welfare of her children — a second degree crime punishable by up to 10 years in prison — after she brought them to a crowded photograph of her children in Bangladesh, and caused stomach.

Walker must serve at least five years of her term before she can be eligible for parole. She received credit for 300 days served in her home state of New Jersey. The court also ordered her to pay a \$100,000 fine.

The Times Square Church See WALKER, Page A10



Shirley's officers handcuff Estelle Walker after sentencing in Superior Court in Newton Thursday. Walker, who was convicted in January of four counts of endangering the welfare of her children, was sentenced to eight years in prison.

Photo by Ann Palmieri
New Jersey Herald

Sparta students speak out



Photo by Anne Palmieri/New Jersey Herald

Sparta High School principal Terina Tobin thanks the student body for their great behavior at the "top rally" in the school gym. To the left of him are the group of 11 students who spoke about the school's progress and have inspired them in their education, including music, art, clubs and sports.

Ask administration not to cut sports, says

By BETH AUGENSTEIN
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SPARTA — The entire high school community packed itself into the school gym for a rally Thursday afternoon.

But the assembly wasn't about sport. It was about the future of sports, sports and the future of the school, despite the drastic layoffs and cuts that could be discussed in the coming weeks.

A series of 11 student speakers representing the sports teams, the band and orchestra, the arts and other student activities came to the podium on the basketball court to address their peers and others.

They spoke about how they love sports — and the 1,300 people in the gym — and how they love their school and the importance of sports in their lives.

"I would be a cheerleader for any of our sports — any of our clubs — and I would be a cheerleader for our school," said Terina Tobin, Sparta High School principal.

The teachers' union still is considering a wage freeze and will save the district \$1 million, in the contract.

Students remain tense into the developing situation, even if they don't have a direct hand in the decision. The union is the only one who organized the rally, and a Facebook group started, which was originally pushing for a strike at the school. Similar walkouts have taken place in districts such as Bridgewater-Raritan and Cliffside Park, and other districts in the area.

But the members of the college's board of trustees are appalled by the breakdown for specified terms, their actions are independent of the breakdown.

Meredith said that the college as its president in early 2007 after serving as senior vice president for academics at Rutgers Valley Community College in Somerset.

Hopatcong to review staffing cuts in new budget

By LYNDSEA CAVETANA BOUQUAL
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HOPATCONG — The Board of Education will meet in executive session April 4 to discuss the staffing cuts called for in its new budget and how each position cuts will affect related programs.

"We're cutting positions, not people," Superintendent Charles Marziano said Thursday. "It's about efficiency, not performance."

With Hopatcong High School's enrollment crowded with more than

350 people, the school board adopted the 2010-2011 school budget, a \$31.6 million proposal, Monday night.

The attempt to be raised by taxes will be placed on the election ballot and voted on April 28.

The public portion of the budget hearing lasted close to two hours, as many students and residents voiced conflicting opinions.

"Many advocated for their favorite teachers and programs and gave me a lot of feedback and feedback," Marziano said.

Many also requested salary freezes or raise freezes and said

teachers should contribute to their health benefits — all unrealistic solutions, Marziano said, because these were negotiated in contracts.

"We can't legally do that," the superintendent said. The board can only ask employees to relinquish their raises, but contractual raises and salaries must be voluntarily given.

Others members of the audience supported the budget, citing the poor condition of textbooks and school buses. Those residents said they were willing to pay their share of taxes — which would be \$311 more

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Barnegat Bay UNDER STRESS



A rigid underwater fence erected to keep stingray sea nettles jellfish off the Barnegat Bay beach at Sixth Street in Seaside Park also traps dead eelgrass and litter flushed out of storm drains.

Once a pristine waterway that teemed with life, the 42-mile-long Barnegat Bay faces dire threats. Unbridled development, pollution and an explosion of harmful species threaten the bay's very foundation. In our five-part series that begins today, we look at what went wrong — and how it affects you.

By **KIRK MOORE** and **TODD B. BATES**
of our writers

At the end of the municipal pier in Ocean City, the summer scene is as it has been for generations: Children splash in the shallow, fishermen's skulls swing on their moorings and sailboats race in the distance. Yet the remaining scene at the confluence of the Toms River and Barnegat Bay hides the arrival of a new and dangerous creature under the pier.

Almost as long as your arm, stinging sea nettles jellfish showed up in the Toms River in force during the summer of 2006. Since then, they have made parts of northern Barnegat Bay swimmable.

The creatures, whose multiple stings can be as fierce and painful as an attack from a nest of wasps, have made Barnegat Bay homes as they feed on the pollution generated by a rapidly growing population.

The warning signs have been there for almost 30 years, described by dozens of scientific studies. Until now, the bay's fish and wildlife have quietly paid the price.

But with the arrival of the jellfish, Barnegat Bay and the estimated \$3.1 billion that it brings to the regional economy every year, is finally at risk.

Government agencies have studied Barnegat Bay as residents and conservation groups clamored for action. The federal Environmental Protection Agency has spent up to \$1 million a year for the last 15 years to fund scientific studies, public education and grants for local conservation projects through the Barnegat Bay Partnership.

Yet an EPA spokesman said that "additional actions are needed to fully restore and protect the Bay."

CAN THE STATE FIX BARNEGAT BAY?
THE STORY CONTINUES
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LIFE ON THE BAY
ITS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.
A full-page graphic looks at how the ecosystem of the Barnegat Bay has been threatened by development and misuse. Species such as the striking yellow sea nettle (pictured) thrive in pollution and have invaded the northern bay, attacking swimmers and destroying the food supply of native species. A time line shows a brief history of the bay from its creation to present day.

WHERE ARE THE CRABS?
Crew Hunter, 4, of Brickell, Pa., shows underwater crabs, which have become the once-vibrant crabbing industry.

ON THE WEB
BAY SCENES: Visit APP.COM and share your photos of Barnegat Bay.



HASKELL PREVIEW

Tough calls for fans of big race

JOINING THE CROWD:
Traffic advisories issued; the lines form early for unreserved picnic tables

By **BOB JORDAN**

OCEANPORT — The tens of thousands of their-ought racing fans expected at Monmouth Park for the Haskell Invitational on today will have tough choices.

Pick the Kentucky Derby winner, Super Saver with celebrity jockey Calvin Borel, to win the race?

How about the Preakness winner, Lookin at Lucky?

The Haskell purse is \$1 million. Eight horses are entered.

Even picking a way to beat the crowd to the races will take some work.

The Haskell post time is approximately 3:45 p.m. Some 12 hours earlier, a handful of the hardest fans already will be lining up at the picnic area admission gate.

"It's a tradition every year. People will be in line to claim the unreserved picnic tables by 8 a.m. They definitely beat the traffic that way," said Robert Kallins, who is vice president and general manager for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which operates the track. "It's a great place to watch the Haskell and have a picnic. It's the best deal in Monmouth County."

Admission gates open at 10 a.m. and the first of the day's 14 races has a noon post time.

See Haskell, Page A2

WWW@TWENTY

Millions online can't imagine Webless life

Internet access rises to level of necessity

By **ALEXIA WILLIAMS BOYD**

Allyson Fryer, 21, of Neptune City, is always connected.

She has about 12,000 songs on her iPod. She updates her blog a few times a week.

News applications and headlines direct to her BlackBerry. And she posts to her 800 Twitter followers about 30 messages a day.

"... updates about her life, news and small talk with like-minded others."

Her social media habits recently landed her a job Tweeting for clients of a digital marketing company, a career and an industry that didn't exist 10 years ago.

"My BlackBerry" is attached to my hand," she said. "I love it."

She's among an estimated 1.8 billion people riding the information superhighway today, using the World Wide Web in ways they never dreamed. This year, the Web reaches what many consider its 20th anniversary more ubiquitous than ever, leaving its fans and critics to wonder if the world is shaping the Web, or the Web is shaping the world.

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A promise kept to a dying sister

FIRST IN A SERIES
By GRACELY BRASHEAR
Nancy Goodman Brisker got her first lesson in civic responsibility at the age of 5. She was in the back seat of the family car with her sister Nancy, 4, driving through her hometown of Princeton, N.J. Their mother, a determined community activist, was bringing them with her to one of her weekend classes. "We were making a lot of noise, and she pulled over and told us if we weren't going to be safe in our mother and fix what was wrong, the car wasn't moving," Brisker said. "That night, the two girls dutifully decided to hold a



variety show fundraiser for their friends with polio. "She told me I had to sing and dance," and she'd sell the tickets," Brisker said of her sister. "After it was over and I thought I was fabulous talent, she told me that I would be selling the tickets, and she'd be singing and dancing from then on," Brisker laughed.

Reopening of library uncertain

MORE ASBESTOS: Cleanup required in Morristown; power supply issues are unresolved

By ABBOTT KOLOFF
MORRISTOWN — The public library, already closed five months because of an underground explosion, won't reopen anytime soon after more asbestos was found, and town officials postponed voting on a proposal to deliver electricity to the building using overhead wires. Officials with the Morristown and Morris Township Library had said over the summer that they expected to open a portion of the library sometime after Labor Day. Those plans were dashed when additional asbestos was found a couple of weeks ago in the library's old wing, where the explosion took place. Library officials said this past week. Robert Russell, an architect in charge of repairs at the library, said last week that asbestos cleanup is scheduled to start next week and is expected to take a couple of weeks to complete. Library officials previously said they were getting close to reopening after completing an asbestos cleanup in the same part of the building over the summer. But Russell said more asbestos was found on top of rafters when bookshelves were moved a couple of weeks ago. Now, library officials say they don't know when the building will be opened.

A very public coming out
Gay student credits Delbarton's support

By LUCIA BILINO
MORRISTOWN — From the outside, an explosion all boys Catholic school run by Immaculate Conception might not seem to be the most welcoming setting for a son to announce that he was gay. But for Scott Brasherhals, last year's student council president, the Delbarton community was the safer place in the world to come out. On the morning of April 9, during the school's monthly meeting, Brasherhals took to the stage for a formal address as student body president and told the 560 students in seventh through 12th grades and his faculty members that he was gay. And he thanked the school for saving his life. Brasherhals, normally the first student at Delbarton to publicly acknowledge he is gay, said the gathering that he had struggled for several years to accept this truth about himself. He said he kept it secret for fear of how his family and others would react. Brasherhals told his classmates that it was the Delbarton community that kept him from running away from home.

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Personal tales of New Jersey's tax crush



"I think there's oil on the property, that the way people are fighting to get it."

—Selma DiMaso, 78, with her 87-year-old husband, Francis, a Bernards investor bought the property tax lien on their Rutherford home and then sued to foreclose on it.

STAFF PHOTO: ANDREW WELLS

A year after exposing the failings of New Jersey's property tax system, the Asbury Park Press examines your growing tax burden — and the deadlock in Trenton

By PAUL D'AMBROSIO and SHANNON MULLEN
STAFF WRITERS

Selma and Dr. Francis DiMaso planned to live their golden years peacefully in a yellow bungalow on an avenue lined with majestic oaks, one that could easily be mistaken for any suburban street in New Jersey.

When Francis fell seriously ill, the medical bills drained away the couple's life savings. They soon found themselves unable to pay most of their \$6,277 annual property tax on the home that had been in the DiMaso's family for 50 years.

Within a year, the town sold a \$3,500 tax lien on the home to an investor from Bernards, who eventually moved to foreclosure and won the couple in 2006. When Mrs. DiMaso tried to pay off the lien — which had ballooned to \$62,514 with penalties, interest and subsequent taxes — the lenderholder wanted their house in court.

For his investments, he later said in the lawsuit he filed to seize the property, he was entitled to their \$500,000 home — free and clear of debt.

Four years later, the liens are still being fought over in court. That is the dark nature of New Jersey's insupportable property tax system: expensive, litigious, cruel — and ultimately destructive to those least able to afford it.

It is an infeasible tax that can, with one financial blow, make you the next Francis or Selma DiMaso.

Gov. Chris Christie came into office with the goal of lowering taxes by cutting government spending. Yet after 10 months of cuts and speeches, the average property tax bill this year rose as fast as it did the year before. Christie took office, an Asbury Park Press survey of 300 municipal tax rates found.

A year after the Press' "Tax Crush" series examined the failings of the state's broken property tax system, little has changed. A 2 percent tax cap has replaced the 4 percent tax cap. But several major exemptions can allow towns to exceed the new limit.

Little hope for change

How likely is it that the state will enact reforms in the next few years to significantly lower property taxes?



Source: Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press, Dec. 5-14, 2010

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IN DEPTH

Generating wind power still costly

N.J. OUT FRONT:
But political hurdles lie ahead nationally for full implementation

By BOB WOODS

New Jersey is the state to have taken the lead in the use of wind power for electricity and other uses — and could become a model for other states.

Four proposed projects would build up to 1,200 megawatts of wind-turbine power all over the state — the state's largest renewable energy project to date. A 1,000-turbine project in the state's north would be the largest in the world.

These investments will have some of the highest generating costs in the world, but the state will require a credit or bonus of the federal tax incentives already in place to make the investments.

New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection has approved a 1,000-turbine project in the state's north. The project would have a capacity of 1,200 megawatts, or enough to power 1.5 million homes in the state.

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BEHIND THE NEWS

Revival pledged for first casino

New head sees comeback for Resorts after staff cuts

By BOB WOODS

ATLANTIC CITY — The new management team at Resorts International is planning to bring back the first casino in the state to its former glory. The new head of the company, Michael S. Smith, says he will bring back the casino's former glory.

Smith says he will see the new Resorts Atlantic City, which he says is "a real opportunity." Smith says he will bring back the casino's former glory.

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VIEWPOINT

Times EDITORIAL Don't leave slag pile in Newfield

It's something we all learned in kindergarten. Pick up your trash. Clean up after yourself. Don't leave a mess.

Nevertheless, the people of Newfield have been living with a mess — a big, radioactive mess — left by Sheldahl Metallurgical Corp. almost 30 years ago.

Sheldahl produced additives for the steel and aluminum industries at Newfield for more than 60 years, using raw materials that contained radioactive elements of uranium, thorium and radium.

When production ceased in 2001, the company left an eight-acre pile of trash on the site — 20,000 cubic meters of slightly radioactive slag, debris and dirt. Forced by federal officials to come up with a plan to "decontaminate," Sheldahl argues that capping and monitoring the trash on site "for 1,000 years" is safer than moving it to an approved disposal facility out of state.

Newfield residents oppose, saying that beyond the safety issue — the property could never be redeveloped with a small mountain of radioactive trash sitting on it. Environmental officials worry about ground water contamination. Everybody is concerned about property values.

Since 2001, Sheldahl has raised every conceivable objection to cleaning up the mess and moving it out of town.

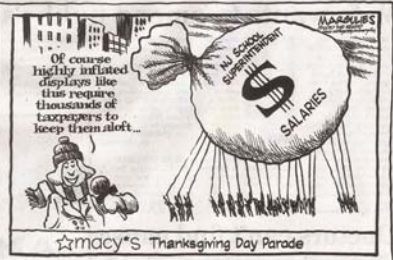
For years, residents have heard that Sheldahl — a division of Metallurg Holdings, an international corporation with executives earning up to \$2 million a year — would not afford the estimated \$50 million cost of removing the waste. In 2001, however, when it should have been moved, the cost would have been much less.

Last week, a federal appeals court overruled an earlier decision that granted jurisdiction for the clean-up to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which wants the material moved, and reauthorized control by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The NRC, in no hurry, has been studying the matter since 2006.

As far back as 1986, NRC had raised concerns about liability to the NRC, pointing out that the feds were allowing the slag pile to grow.

None of this should have happened. Sheldahl should have had an appropriate waste disposal plan in place while it was operating, which would not have accumulated eight acres of radioactive trash, and should accept its responsibility to clean up the Newfield site.

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Obama, GOP on collision course

Herb's Barack Obama's problem when it comes to dealing with newly elected Republicans. They are annoyed they were because voters rejected Obama's agenda of national health care, spending and bailouts.

But Obama cannot admit that his agenda — his legacy — is fundamentally flawed. He has repeatedly said it. The result will be irreconcilable conflict.

Just look at Ron Johnson, a man likely to be one of the most influential members of the new GOP class in the Senate.

Last year, he was a highly successful "chicken candidate" turn in Oklahoma. "We, who had never even thought about running for public office."

Then he watched Obama and congressional Democrats march through the rainforest, the network, the radio, the radio, and finally, Obama.

For me, the final straw was when they passed the health care bill. Johnson said on the campaign trail, "I recognized that it is the single greatest assault on our freedom in my lifetime. It is obviously designed to lead to a government takeover of our health-care system. And we don't have to theorize what that is going to result in."

It's going to result in rationed care, particularly for the elderly, particularly for the way it. It's going to lower the quality of our care and reduce medical innovation.

When Johnson decided to run, he based his candidacy on just two issues: cutting federal spending and repealing Obamacare. Not amending it, not tweaking it here and there — Johnson wants to throw the whole thing out and start over.

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is determined to do just that. And he doesn't appear to be the type of man who casually abandons campaign promises.

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Thursday, **George Miller**, D-Calif., chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee and **John Boehner**, D-Ohio, speaker of the House.

David SARASON — got a letter with 1,100 signatures on it. The initiative about kids, contained a message that kids — and hopefully, grandparents — should learn when things don't turn out exactly how you want, take what you can get, or it could get much worse.

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to reduce hunger and improve nutrition among children, we appreciate your efforts to reauthorize child nutrition programs this year," wrote the congressman's correspondent. "It is imperative that the reauthorization be completed this Congress."

That means in the lame-duck session that begins today and ends sometime before Santa comes down the chimney. And if the House of Representatives isn't passed reauthorization by then, Santa should have a large lump of coal.

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Meadowlands mess

Fans, alcohol and highway equal tragedy

THE MOST disgraceful aspect of the hill-and-run incident on Friday night at the Meadowlands Sports Complex was that it happened at all.

Authorities have known for decades that fans will cross Route 120 and other highways and service roads after a stadium game is over. Why? Because the one footbridge that connects pedestrians out of the complex and toward their cars is inadequate. It is narrow, and informally called "the cattle crossing." Roadies pack in and slowly shuffle from one end to the other.

We are not excusing people who choose to cross a busy highway, assuming traffic will stop for them. We are not excusing an alleged drunken driver for getting behind the wheel of a car following intoxicated inter-car fans. But we also are not excusing officials who knew that thousands of fans, alcohol sales, a busy six-lane highway and a sole pedestrian bridge could result in tragedy. The set-up was a recipe for disaster.

A stadium spokeswoman told The Record there are shuttle buses available near the bridge. Police officers, on foot and in cars, are stationed in this area to manage the crowds. It



Cones mark where nine were struck.

seems that because no one has gotten seriously injured until now, that was deemed sufficient.

A new football stadium was built, and the old one is being torn down. The candy wrapper that is Xanadu was erected. A \$185 million rail link was installed. How difficult is it to put up a second footbridge, and maybe even a third? And how complicated is it to station police officers right there, in the spot where people are known to step onto the road, especially for a sold-out soccer event at the new stadium?

Experts in crowd-control planning do exist. There are 30 years of Meadowlands crowd data to draw on. The state senator for the district that includes the Meadowlands, Paul Sarlo, is even an engineer.

Before the first kickoff of the new stadium, we expect to see a plan in place to ensure the safety of fans. We expect local and state officials, in addition to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, to implement a short-term fix by fall and outline a more comprehensive solution to crowd control for the Meadowlands complex.

We suggest those plans should include another bridge.

'Super'-sized salaries

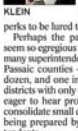
School administrators need to share sacrifice

AFTER YEARS of outrageous bonuses and pledges to rein in super-sized superintendent pay packages, the latest list of salaries boggles the mind.

North Jersey superintendents now earn \$180,000 on average. Staff Writers Patricia Alex and Dave Sheingold reported. No doubt, many are trained experts who oversee high-performing schools. But we're in a budget crisis. Districts are preparing to fire thousands of teachers. These executive pay rates are unconscionable.

In recent months, as Treanor prepared to cut staff, I hired a new superintendent at a \$230,000 salary, some 20 percent more than his predecessor. The board for Passaic County's technical and special education districts renewed that superintendent's contract at \$230,000, not to mention eligibility for a \$500-a-month car allowance, 5 percent raise and bonus.

Then there's Ridgefield Park's John Richardson, now and apparently forever the region's highest-paid educator. He earns \$262,500 to oversee a district with 2,100 students. Compare that to New York City Schools Chancellor Joel Klein, who earns \$250,000 to run the nation's largest district, with 1.1 million students in 1,600 schools. How did we get here? Part of the



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answer comes from the state's decision nearly 20 years ago to replace tenure with three- to five-year contracts, which turned superintendent into free agents. Another part comes courtesy of the education consultancy industry, which cultivated the expensive notion that finding a top-quality superintendent usually means spending \$20,000 or more on a search firm's services to find a miracle-making outsider, who requires a fat paycheck and perks to be lured to town.

Perhaps the pay rates wouldn't seem so egregious if there weren't so many superintendents in Bergen and Passaic counties — more than four dozen, and one in five of them turn districts with only one school. We're eager to hear proposals of how to consolidate small districts, which are being prepared by county superintendents.

This spring's unprecedented cuts in state aid inspired administrators in nearly one-quarter of districts to agree to wage freezes. That is not to mention the average salary is \$180,000. We need more heat. Governor Christie must include administrators in his budget-cutting campaign.

But ultimately, it's up to boards of education to nurture administrative talent close to home and bring salaries down — now.

Library cutback is illogical

I am dismayed by the attack on library funding in New Jersey. I think that our libraries are being targeted because slashing their funding is viewed as a quick and easy fix to our budgetary woes. There may also be an underlying perception that libraries are a luxury that we can do without in hard times. I believe that these are short-sighted and dangerous views.

Libraries are the gateway to a throng of American dreams. Kids go there to experience a multitude of wonders. Students spend evenings there doing research that may set them on the road to a cure for cancer in 20 years. Adults of all ages use the library to enrich their lives. People newly arrived in our country gather there to learn English and immerse themselves in American culture. Folks who have been thrown out of work and can't afford the Internet go there to look for a new job. Is it truly a good idea to shut that gateway, when, in many of us need it more than ever?

As a major's liaison in our town last night, one astute resident observed that just when shared services are being re-optimized as a practical solution to one of our local problems, it's deeply ironic that the entity that pioneered the concept of shared services — our library system, via the Bergen County Cooperative Library System — is on the verge of being gutted.

Anton Tylb

Berkeley, N.J.

Education quality and pay freezes

Why is it when teachers cry about their salary freezes they say that the quality of education will go down? Does it mean that if they do not get a raise they will do less-than-quality work in teaching students?

When I worked, I had salary freezes across the board from time to time, and

Don't kill antidote to TV fare about N.J.

"Jerseylicious": Nothing for New Jersey to brag about.

Regarding the severing of funding for the New Jersey related programming? How can you criticize NJN for being our public program to lift us (more or less low ratings) if you stave it, then expect it to perform miraculously. In my opinion, NJN is the only station New Jersey has. Unless we want the rest of the nation to see us as "Jersey Shore," "Jerseylicious," "The Sopranos" or "The Linc Average," I suggest we should not have NJN from the face of its only coverage (one long series of interviews and "Cheer" reruns) but give our state a unifying identity through NJN.

Politicians and corporations want NJN to be wanted it "fills the commercial and conforts the affluent." They have wanted it to fail since it began and would rather we watch "The Real Housewives of New Jersey."

Michael Albert Bowes

Havert, May 4

Kyleigh's Law will do more harm than good

On May 1, Kyleigh's Law went into effect, requiring novice drivers under the age of 21 to place a small red decal on license plates of vehicles they drive. This law allows the police to pull over the vehicle if there are more than two occupants inside, even if the driver is doing nothing wrong. It allows the police to pull over the vehicle if it is past 11 p.m., again even if the driver is doing nothing wrong. The only reason for this public cause created by the Action League, identified as a commitment from the FBI and State Department — was the organizer of this sad affair. It was the day the shooting, students had burned down the Reserve Officers Training Corps center. On the day of the shooting, students were throwing pieces of concrete and broken glass at the guardrails.

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if I did not do my job to the best of my ability, I was fired. I did not have a union protecting me. Times are tough; everyone has to tighten their belts.

Now, Governor Christie should go after the police in Bergen County, where age base pay for police is more than \$103,000 a year. In one municipality, it tops \$126,000. Don't tell me about the risks they face. Of course, they endure risk from any quarter at any time. That's what they accepted with the badge. They're worthy of their gains.

My son, a captain on the New York City Police Department, works out of a precinct in Brooklyn. In 20 years, he's experienced a multitude of dangers all over the city. And he does not make \$120,000 a year.

So if Christie really wants to cut the budget, cut some fat off police pay.

Jim Raymond

Cifton, April 21

Incomplete history on anniversary

"Kent State honors victims" (Photo, May 10) gave only the short version of events of over 40 years. It failed to inform that a student organization — Students for Democratic Action League, identified as a commitment from the FBI and State Department — was the organizer of this sad affair. It was the day the shooting, students had burned down the Reserve Officers Training Corps center. On the day of the shooting, students were throwing pieces of concrete and broken glass at the guardrails.

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D. M. Griffin

Dumont, May 7

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Editorial

End the delay

The former governor signed mental health legislation into law. Implement it already.

A few years of lobbying by Mark and Cathy Katanosch of the state legislature finally passed a bill allowing courts to require the mentally ill to undergo outpatient treatment before they can be committed to an institution. The Katanoschs' bill, Chapter 11, was passed in 2007 during a chance encounter with a mentally ill Medicaid man who had refused treatment.

The couple had hoped that "Ginger's Law" would prevent further tragedies and save lives. Gov. Jon Corzine signed it into law, but the measure has been delayed by Gov. Chris Christie.

We applauded the legislation when it was passed and are frustrated that it has not helped.

The holiday in the execution of the measure involves, of course, money — or, in this case, the state's lack of it. The state Office of Legislative Services estimates that it would cost \$10-\$11 million to train judges and hire probationists to screen and write additional orders. Unless we've been ahead of our game, and being for the last year, you are well aware, as we are, that the state is in some deep financial straits, and we don't want to see it in a state that, not only stopped, but, the governor doesn't get to pick and choose which laws the state implements.

We urge state lawmakers to find a way to fund at least a preliminary commitment to this measure.

Similar measures are already on the books in 43 states, and studies in those states have shown that outpatient commitment has been extremely effective in reducing the incidence and duration of hospitalization, homelessness, arrest, incarceration and violent episodes.

The bill, which was to be introduced over three years, seven sessions at a time, would require courts to order patients to receive outpatient treatment, such as medication and therapy, in cases in which they have a history of refusing to take their medicine. Violating the court order would result in the individual being hospitalized as an inpatient.

Under current law, New Jersey requires law to agree to outpatient treatment. And they rarely do. According to health professionals, the remedy often doesn't agree to treatment because they have little awareness or a skewed view of their disease.

"Ginger's Law" also will allow a court to order a monthly or individual outpatient treatment before he becomes a threat to others.

Under New Jersey's current commitment law, individuals can be ordered to undergo mental health treatment only if they were known to be dangerous or a danger to themselves.

Ginger Katanosch was killed by Ronald Pinisch, who had been diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic. He had a history of refusing treatment and not taking his medication. But his family could not keep him on his medication or in treatment. After the murder, Pinisch's family expressed frustration at its inability to hospitalize him because of the refusal to participate.

The current law works against families and friends of the mentally ill. It prevents them from getting help for their loved ones. The old law only worked if the Pinisch family or Katanosch family paid the price. We believe family should be able to get a remedy.

Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Harris, D-7th of Englewood, in a statement to the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee said she would continue to be hearing to address the law's delay.

Contact the committee chairwoman at Gov. Corzine's office (two days at any government office). Let us know how you support implementation of AS202.

As Cathy Katanosch said when the law was passed last year, "I always have said if it saves one person, it was worth it."

The Vent

At least three of 10 vehicles parked overnight have Tennessee plates. I have to follow N.J. laws and insurance, so should my new neighbors.

—Craig Riverside

Be tolerant so you can build a mosque at ground zero. How about we visit Mecca, Medina, and build a church in Saudi Arabia?

—Ernie, Eastampton

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Letters to the Editor

Will Pemberton Township's checkbox be balanced next year?

Again this year, Mayor David Parrino says they are working on balancing the township's fiscal position. As a resident of Pemberton Township, it is disappointing to again hear that the township has not maintained its fiscal health.

Parrino's response in the Burlington County Times encourages us to see that it is no big deal not to have accurate financial records further substantiated by the 2009 audit revealing that the township was not maintaining its checkbox at that time either.

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OUR VIEWS

Noose tightens on Atlantic City

There comes a time in the life of any gambling man when he needs to forget his misery of chasing the big payoff and just walk away from the table.

Gov. Chris Christie can't seem to do that. He keeps doubling down on Atlantic City as the only city in the state to allow casino-style gaming and essentially putting horse racing out to pasture by refusing to allow video gambling at the state's race tracks.

He has ignored the growing competition for gaming dollars from casinos in Connecticut and the Poconos, and sloughed off "racinos" in Yonkers and elsewhere. Maybe those places seem too far away in his mind to take the sheen off the destination resort mecca that he imagines Atlantic City to be.

But now, big-time casino gaming comes Thursday to Philadelphia, just a quick ride over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, with the opening of the SugarHouse Casino. If Christie doesn't think that 24-hour establishment, with 1,600 slot machines and 40 table games, including blackjack, poker, craps and roulette — not to mention free parking — isn't going to add to the hemorrhaging of Atlantic City casinos, he has clearly lost any close-headed perspective.

Where does Christie believe that gamblers from southwestern and central New Jersey are going to lose their gambling ducks? Are they going to continue to patronize Atlantic City? Or are they going to travel the half-hour or less it will take many of them to get to SugarHouse?

For slots players living in many communities in Ocean County and beyond, the choice between Philly and Atlantic City might well come down to a coin toss. As long as Christie's plans continue to devolve into North South civil war within the state, the competition will continue to get closer and closer with abandon.

What is needed is an objective cost/benefit analysis that compares how much revenue the state could expect by propping up the Atlantic City casino industry and allowing it to maintain its monopoly in New Jersey with opening up race tracks to slots and other gaming options outside Atlantic City. The most important question should be: "How do we maximize overall gaming revenue in New Jersey?" Ignoring the 400-pound gorilla right next door won't do it.

The governor needs to get up from the table, stretch his legs and get a new perspective on gaming in New Jersey.

Right now, it looks like he's getting all in on what could be a losing hand.

Judges guilty of mercy

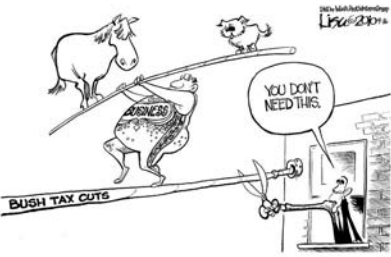
Vacation time for judges' secretaries has now been capped at five weeks, the same maximum as for other state employees, the state judiciary's chief administrator announced Thursday. Back to the salt mines, we suppose.

It seems, though, that it was not a keen sense of justice that brought about the change, but public outrage. In fact, when Glenn Grant, the acting administrative director of the courts, was first made aware of the secretaries' bonanza of vacation time in a state audit in mid-August, his response was a no-brainer, "We'll look into it."

After the story broke in the newspapers Wednesday, his tune quickly changed.

State auditors reviewed vacation time for secretaries of Supreme Court and appellate court judges for 2007, 2008 and 2009 and found it exceeded five weeks in 54 of 142 instances, totaling 414 additional days. One secretary got 81 vacation days in 2007. Another, with less than five years on the job, was granted 42 days off in 2008. The judiciary's handbook says vacation time for secretaries is granted at the judges' discretion but that it is supposed to mirror that of other state employees, which maxes out at five weeks after 20 years of service.

It turns out that judges, who pride themselves as being "tough but fair," were pushovers when it came to secretaries wanting more time off. For judges, it seems, the quality of mercy was decidedly not strained when it came to granting secretaries extended requests from taking fiducian.



YOUR VIEWS

Too many people on government payrolls

I retired from the New York Police Department 20 years ago. I dated when I was 20. I am now 61. This means that I have been collecting payments and benefits for 40 years, and my wife and children also have had medical benefits throughout their lives. I may live to my 80s.

Former President Bill Clinton bragged about getting 10,000 cops on the street and funding them for three years. Towns and cities will be picking up the tab for decades.

I don't think people realize the high cost of government employment compared to those in private industry. The huge cost are now choking this country. The standard of living in government employment has overtaken private industry by leaps and bounds.

How long can this continue?
Tom Marzugh

New vehicle standards would help cool planet

This summer was the hottest on record in New Jersey and the 10th driest on record as well. It followed one of the wettest springs, during which a spring nor'easter dropped six inches of rain in 48 hours.

Now, a new Environment New Jersey report, "Global Warming and Extreme Weather," shows us that this weather is just a taste of what's to come, unless we tackle global warming.

While no single weather event can be entirely attributed to global warming, a warming climate could lead to extreme weather becoming more common.

After the weather we've seen in 2010, it is good news that the administration of President Barack Obama is poised to advance new fuel efficiency and pollution standards for cars and trucks.

Whitney Larsen
CLEAN ENERGY EDUCATION
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

DiMaso stands out as asset to Holmdel

Some critics are truly one of Holmdel's great assets. Her wisdom, vigor and integrity are only matched by her ability.

She is an integral part of our community, not just in government but in anything that touches our lives. She is a member of the board of trustees at Bayshore Community Hospital and now, with the recent merger, has been asked to join the Meridian board.

She volunteers for school fundraisers even though she no longer has children in the school system, all in an effort to keep Holmdel the great place we have grown to love.

With Holmdel's ability to lead the Township Committee, she has been able to stabilize taxes in Holmdel while maintaining the level of services we expect in.

Judy Krivitsky

FEATURED LETTER

Lacey trail developments warrant an investigation

The state Department of Environmental Protection and Lacey Township had secret meetings about buying a road built on the railroad right-of-way. A permit was denied twice for as many as 11 reasons. Two reasons were the rule on location of linear development and the linear location rule.

The denial for linear development status "Ocean County just recognized development of a trail only provides a unique opportunity for the county to provide a car-free, recreational area through five different municipalities.

Development of the road would effectively block the County of Ocean's ability to convert the right-of-way to a passive/active car-free recreational use and would also result in loss of the values and functions the abandoned rail line has started to provide, such as

a vegetative buffer and wildlife habitat. The road would result in a permanent loss of a unique and irreplaceable area."

The basic location rule states: "For an area (right-of-way) to pass through its successful plan, it becomes more diverse and able to accommodate various plans and activities. Construction of the proposed road would eliminate any of our authority re-established habitat."

Lacey only submitted additional information on storm water management, so please explain to me how this can change the above two decisions as well as the other 11.

For a department established for environmental protection, it sure points to local environmental politics. Maybe a formal investigation would shed some light on this.

James V. Flannery

these extremely tough economic times, that is quite a feat.

On Nov. 2, I ask that Holmdel residents join me in voting for DiMaso and her running mate, Eric Hinds.

Mary McMallo

Mahoney deserves Middleton's vote

I have been a resident of Middletown for 20 years. Over the past few years, I have noticed a conspicuous lack of transparency in our local government and been disappointed by many of the decisions and policies pursued by the current leadership.

This year, one of the candidates, Mary Mahoney, is someone I have known and worked with in my community. Mahoney has consistently been an outstanding leader in our community.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Mahoney on the Lincoln Park executive board, and know how intelligent, dedicated and hardworking she is.

This November, Middletown residents should support a new direction for the township by casting a vote for Mahoney.

Sensitive over Democrats' errors?

The editorial entitled "So much for balance" (Aug. 21) seemed to fit the scales following "Allowing mosque the right thing

Sports make us proud

I wish the author of the Sept. 8 letter "Midland school sports budget in N.J. would leave my child out of his idea of appropriate of school funding in New Jersey."

School athletics are a big part of a child's development, as well as a source of pride for students and towns.

Sports keep children off the streets and teach camaraderie, discipline, respect and teamwork. I don't remember learning any of these in my language arts class.

A child should not be kept from participating in any after-school activity because their parents do not have the funds for a township resident funds our school-age children a burden on their taxes.

Sharon Graybill
POINT PLAZA



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Change aid plan to treat districts more equally

When Gov. Chris Christie talks about reforming state government spending, the emphasis is typically on reducing it in responsible ways, and rightly so...

Our Opinion

State officials should reexamine the school funding formula to provide more equalizing aid to districts, regardless of the amount of state aid available...

So what New Jersey's left with are some districts receiving all of the aid they're "supposed" to receive or nearly the full amount...

That doesn't make sense, and doesn't try looking for a reasonable explanation in the numbers, because it isn't there. Among the formula's key elements was to establish what the state considered to be an "adequate" level of per-pupil spending...

There's no common thread connecting the districts on either end of the scale. They come in all shapes and degrees of affluence, dotted across the state...

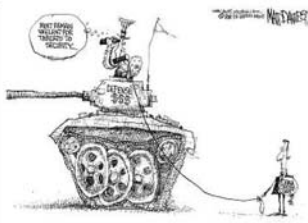
While the Corrine formula was an improvement, it doesn't deserve because the administration was too anxious to keep too many districts at least some what away from the state's maximum funding possibilities...

It's time for the tough talking Christie to correct that blunder. If future formula changes "taking money away" from some districts to give to others, so what? That's already happening...

It would be wise to see Christie deliver on those promises when it comes to school aid. School officials aren't stupid, they understand the budget crisis, and have said, and have said, and cooperative it would be to advocate for aid hikes across the board...

But Passaic Superintendent Robert Copeland and Woodbridge Superintendent John Cross offered a simple idea to the Courier News editorial board this week: If the state has available only 80 percent of the money needed to fully fund the formula, for instance, then every school district should receive 80 percent of their formula established full funding...

Copeland's right, and even if that's not the specific formula to reform taken by state officials, there is an urgent need to treat all districts more equally. We urge Christie and education officials, along with lawmakers, to craft a faster process, the sooner the better.



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Simple tort reform will save economy

With the election of our new governor, the horrible state of the New Jersey economy is more apparent every day. Many economists believe New Jersey is second worse to California's economy, which everybody knows is a disaster...

If the governor takes my advice we will see the following results for the state of New Jersey: industry and jobs will return to our state; we will have lower medical costs and lower medical insurance; every resident of the state will become richer because the cost of everything they buy will drop.

New Jersey can be the leader and also the rest of the country the road back to prosperity with the use of these two words. By the end of his first term Gov. Christie could be presidential material.

What is this miracle cure I'm talking about? It's called common sense, and here is how it should be applied: take our existing New Jersey tort laws, then exactly how they are and add two words: "Lower pay. For this to happen, Gov. Christie has to decide who should come first in New Jersey... the New Jersey residents or the New Jersey lawyer lobby? I'll bet the lawyers will come first.

ARMOND TURIBELLO Bridgewater

Library plans will benefit everyone

After reading the Opinion page in the Feb. 3 edition of your newspaper, I feel that it is necessary to clarify a few of the issues that you legitimately raised.

As an initial matter, the decision to move the library was not a spur-of-the-moment decision of the Library Board of Trustees. When it became clear that the residents of the borough did not want a new library if it meant an increase in their property taxes, even by a minimal yearly cost of \$30 a year, the Library Board became determined to find a "neutral" way to get a modern state-of-the-art library. We considered a number of options over the course of more than a year.

In making this decision, we reviewed all aspects of the library operation, including the needs of our patrons and staff. These things were also considered five years ago when the idea of a new library first arose when we conducted public forums and sent out questionnaires to our patrons. The Library Trustees value their statutory responsibilities seriously and would not take any action that we did not believe would provide the residents of South Plainfield with a library of which they can be proud.

ERIC M. ARONOWITZ President Library Board of Trustees South Plainfield

Bibles in school guarantee controversy

RIGHTS about the Good FIRST AMENDMENT

to look in public schools have been a long and it's noble history in the United States -- from 18th-century Bible Wars (when rats make out over some version of the Bible would be read to all school children) to current conflicts over Bible-reading in schools.

Now three in-state month legal developments in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Tennessee add fuel to the fiery rhetoric from all sides about when the Bible should come through the schoolhouse door.

This month in Mount Vernon, Ohio, a small town with more than 30 churches, school officials finally wrapped up a year-long protracted hearing involving science teacher John Freshwater. A verdict is not expected for several months.

According to the New York Times, Freshwater is posting the Ten Commandments and Scripture verses around the school. He has also been using his position to proselytize for the Bible to teach science, posting the Ten Commandments and Scripture verses around the school.

The controversy began when Freshwater wanted to read a passage from Psalm 118 in response to the teacher's request for parents to bring something to read for their child's interests. Concerned that Bible reading in the classroom would violate the First Amendment's prohibition against

school-sponsored religion, school officials said no to Freshwater's choice.

In ruling with the school, the majority of a divided panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals did what courts often do when school-related cases are involved: They drew the line on religious judgment about where to draw the line on religious expression in the classroom.

Parents of public school kindergarten students, said the majority, "may reasonably expect their children will not be conversed in any faith within an adult's reading of religious text."

The dissenting judge saw the hearing of Freshwater's reading as viewpoint discrimination pure and simple. "Donna Busch attempted to read Psalm 118 to her son's class within the specified subject matter," he wrote, "and the sole reason for excluding her speech was its religious character."

Busch's case is a close call with no bright-line solutions. On one hand, "Donna Busch attempted to read Psalm 118 to her son's class within the specified subject matter," he wrote, "and the sole reason for excluding her speech was its religious character."

In other words, the Bible school is not a violation of the First Amendment. Don't worry, we're not saying that either. We're saying that the school district is not a violation of the First Amendment. Don't worry, we're not saying that either. We're saying that the school district is not a violation of the First Amendment.

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the majority of middle school students who do come to the library after school are there just to hang out and/or read a book. It has gotten so bad that the library has had to spend thousands of dollars to have an off-duty policeman stay at the library to keep order. For those parents who use the library to "catch bus" program for their teenagers, they will now have to take responsibility for their children instead of the Library staff.

Finally, the Library Board has discussed ways that we can make the new library more accessible to senior citizens. Some of the ideas discussed are putting a drop-off box at the senior center and trying to have the library become a stop on the senior bus route. I would ask that, rather than rush to judgment, everyone just be patient. The library board didn't build it. If you build it, they will come."

ERIC M. ARONOWITZ President Library Board of Trustees South Plainfield

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Jim Perskie

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Our View: Health benefits for part-timers Trust us – it's over

Members of the Galloway Township Council, you hereby have our permission to skip this editorial. You don't need to read it. You get it.

Officials in Absecon and Port Republic, you, too, can skip it. Your towns have never offered health benefits to their part-time elected officials.

Galloway's council members, by unanimous vote, eliminated their own health benefits last week. Good for them. And for any other town that has eliminated the outrageous, offensive perk of providing expensive health benefits to part-time officials.

But the rest of you... You best read on.

Because apparently you don't get it. Apparently you don't understand the anger out there — the legitimate anger.

No. Health. Benefits. For part-time work. You hear that, municipal officials? County freeholders, you listening? Members of the Legislature? Members of state assemblies?

It's over. The public will no longer tolerate part-timers getting medical benefits — or, in some places, a "stipend" for refusing the benefits. In the public sector — the real world — part-timers virtually never get health benefits, which generally cost between \$15,000 to \$20,000 per employee.

Once upon a time, providing taxpayer-funded medical benefits to part-time elected officials was seen as a minor perk, a little inducement to get people to run. But those days are long, long gone.

Today, the cost of such benefits is skyrocketing. Towns are laying off police officers and can't afford to plow the roads adequately after a snowstorm — but they're still providing this perk!

That's obscene. And, frankly, it would be obscene even if times were good and towns were rolling in money. These health benefits for part-timers serve no public purpose whatsoever.

Ideally, the state Legislature would simply ban the practice statewide, including their own taxpayer-funded health benefits. But that's not likely to happen.

Assemblymen Vince Polistina and John Amodeo, both R-Atlantic, introduced a bill in 2009 that would have banned health benefits for any elected officials earning less than \$20,000 a year (assemblymen and state senators earn \$49,000 a year). The bill went nowhere — despite the fact that, as Amodeo pointed out, eliminating this perk is one of those rare cost-cutting measures that provides both immediate short-term savings as well as long-term relief.

It's just a no-brainer. And it's just a matter of time. Because the part-time elected officials who continue to cling to their taxpayer-funded medical benefits are likely to lose their jobs in the next election. They just haven't realized it yet.

Thought for the Day

"Be on the alert to recognize your prime at whatever time of your life it may occur."
Muriel Spark



MTV's show has nothing to do with the real people of the southern New Jersey shore. Karen DiPierro, NJPW

They should call it 'Jersey Shore Shoobies'

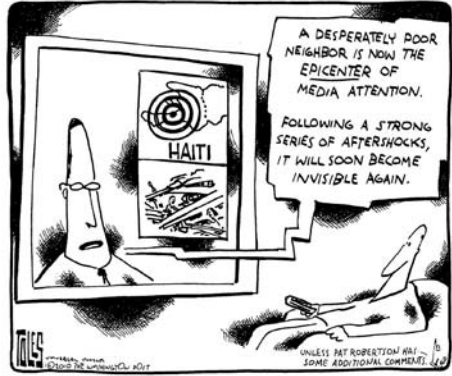
While driving down the Atlantic City Expressway, I saw a billboard about an event featuring an evening with the cast of the MTV reality show "Jersey Shore," and I had to crack up because the show really should have been called Jersey Shore Shoobies.

If the producers think these are the real people of the New Jersey shore, they should retire their cameras and develop film for a drug-store chain. But if their intent was to show our shore towns

being invaded by ignorant, uneducated, ill-bred out-of-towners every summer, then bravo.

Sadly, the real people who live here year-round were ignored. We take pride in our beaches, stores, restaurants and bars and feel such every Memorial Day thinking about the ass-kickers who come down on the shore and act in ways they'd never act in their home towns.

KAREN DIPIERRO
Linnwood



Voice of the People

Letter off base on racetrack noise

Regarding the Jan. 8 letter "Track opponents unfair in Middleville" on the merits of the lawsuit filed over the noise generated by the New Jersey Motorsports Park in Middleville.

Perhaps no one who is not forced to live with the noise can understand. The letter writer opined that we already have an airport, so what's the big deal with a racetrack? First, we are not talking about a major airport here. We are talking about a small, minor municipal airport. Yes, we do hear planes occasionally. And in its vicinity they are gone. I have never seen 20 jumbo jets fly in a one-mile circle directly over thousands of homes for eight hours at a time.

Second, the letter writer references all the jobs at the racetrack. Perhaps he is thinking of another track, because there are very few full-time jobs at the NJMP. And of the handful of jobs that pay enough to support a family, I do not believe more than two of them are being filled by Middleville residents.

The plan fact is that such a divergent business, which impacts the lives of everyone within a three-mile radius, should never have been built in such a

Before criticizing Mark McGwire, consider what Ruth and Mantle did

Regarding the Jan. 12 story, "McGwire admits using steroids for nearly decade".

Well, Mark McGwire has finally come clean. And now the pundits will be wasting negative ads about his home runs.

But McGwire is hardly the first athlete to do something stupid, as well as set a bad example to all the kids out there.

Think about it like this: Babe Ruth and Mickey Mantle, two of the most

revered icons in the sport, put substances into their bodies (alcohol) and did things to their bodies (surgery) causing that made their performance on the field worse. McGwire and company put things in their bodies to make their performance as good as it could be. Yet Ruth and Mantle are remembered and McGwire and the others are reviled. Nobody is perfect.

GEORGE ROOME
Somers Point

Eagles will never win with Reid and McNabb

With the way the Eagles closed out this season, we saw how poor decisions by supposed leaders, without having on what appeared to be a legitimate race, to the Super Bowl.

Just as former President George W. Bush submitted to faulty advice from the likes of Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld, Eagles owner Jeff Lurie seems to have Andy Reid serve out his contract. Therefore, it is decided that Donovan McNabb will return as the team's starting quarterback in 2010.

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Liberal hypocrisy clear in response to Reid

I suppose I could get elected president because I am an African of African ancestry, "light-skinned" and have often been accused of being "half-breed".

Double standard? Of course there is. Liberal blacks have bestowed upon all die-in-combat.

Supporters of the state license say they would generate any necessary income to protect our fisheries. They contend that the money will finance research that will set accurate quotas so that our waters won't be overfished.

Really? None of these programs will be able to successfully monitor or protect our fisheries if commercial fishing boats from other states are still allowed to fish off our shores. It appears that the only benefit of any of these plans would be to make sure we comply with federal regulations. Van Drew's plan of a free state registry is the only sensible one to go to.

STEVE LEADLEY
Cape May Court House

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

Does God exist? Are prayers answered? Morris County takes on these questions - and more



Tom Graham takes part in worship at the Dever-Randolph Friends Meeting House. Lois Henderson, a member of the Mendham Hills Community Church, sings during a service.

By LORRAINE ASH

STAFF WRITER

First of two parts

What does Morris County believe? Probably not what most people would think.

Among the findings of the Daily Record's "What do you believe?" survey on faith:

■ 48 percent believe God exists.

■ 41 percent believe it'd exist even as a force independent of people.

■ 31 percent believe in an afterlife.

■ 31 percent believe there's a hell.

■ 30 percent believe there's a heaven.

■ 28 percent believe that holy texts are rules dictated by God that must be followed.

Of the total, 1,015 survey respondents, some 20 believe in nontraditional religions or profess themselves to be spiritual but not religious, and 200 call themselves atheist, agnostic or not religious.

Catholics and ex-Catholics, the most diverse faith groups, appeared in almost every faith category, as they explore traditions and ideas that either supplement or replace their Catholicism.

The results mostly mirror the beliefs of the country, according to John Caldwell, who holds a doctorate in religion and was a senior research advisor at the Pew Research Center's Religion & Public Life survey in Madison.

But readers who took the survey show a slightly more skeptical tendency from the population at large, she added. The nationwide 2007 Baylor Religion Survey shows 75 percent of the nation believes in God, and the 2008 U.S. Religious Landscape Survey of the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life shows 73 percent believe in life after death.

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Grade policy cuts failures in Mt. Olive

By VENESSA VERA-PINERA

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and Mount Olive education to question what the data really show.

Soren Spangler, president of the district's teachers union, and school board member Sheryl Lovardi-Colligan said it's too early to declare the policy a success, based on one marking period. At least a year's worth of information is needed to analyze the new policy, Spangler said.

"There's far too little data to determine whether this is a good policy or a bad policy," Spangler said.

Lovardi-Colligan, also a French teacher at Dever High School, said while she's encouraged by the student data, she's reluctant to make a policy based on just the first marking period.

"The first marking period isn't necessarily a strong indicator of how the kids will do by year's end, but I'm very encouraged by the results that Dr. Reynolds shared," Lovardi-Colligan said.

At the high school, the total number of grades below a 70 in all four grades fell from 1,034 last year to 618 this year, according to school board member

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3 murder trials planned in 2011

Morris cases scheduled

By PEGGY WRIGHT

STAFF WRITER

The Morris County Prosecutor's Office has identified a series of murder and sexual abuse cases it is preparing to re-open in 2011, including the homicide trial of the late William J. Wilson, who was convicted in 2008 of the murder of a woman in his car, but he claims his blood was shed during a scuffle with the driver, who accused him of being part of a group who failed to pay for a meal at a restaurant.

Wilson had been convicted in 2008, was sentenced to 20 years in

prison, but in November 2009 was a new trial after an appeal court found that the trial judge gave jurors misleading and inaccurate legal instructions.

The office hopes to try three homicide cases, all of which are the current subjects of legal motions on which evidence can be used against them at trial.

Jose Pedraza, who may pursue an insanity defense, is accused of fatally stabbing the Rev. Edward Hahn, pastor of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church in Chatham, in the rectory kitchen on Oct. 25, 2008.

Prosecutors have discovered that the church janitor, Hahn, had been shot during a scuffle with the driver, who accused him of being part of a group who failed to pay for a meal at a restaurant.

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Police: Audubon AD shot at truck

By JILLIAN STILWELL
Courier Post Staff

MARTHA

The athletic director of Audubon High School was arrested Friday after she allegedly used her husband's handgun to shoot his truck.

Donna Covely, 35, who also serves as an assistant principal, took her husband's trim gun and fired several shots into his unoccupied Ford pickup truck Friday evening, police said. Police were called in after reports of shots fired and further follow-up calls of an active domestic violence altercation on the 290 block of Tyler Mill Road.

There were no injuries.

Covely was arrested and charged with aggravated threats, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and criminal mischief. She was released on her own recognizance pending a grand jury review.

Audubon School Board member Cheryl Husack said no declarations or discussions have occurred in regards to Covely's employment.

Calls to the Covely residence on Friday and Saturday were not returned.

DRPA funds Pennsauken ballfield

By EILEEN STILWELL
Courier Post Staff

CAMDEN

Tucked away in a massive, end-of-the-year agenda for the 16 commissioners of the DRPA was an obscure item that is now being Pennsauken Township a new football field.

While Mayor Ricardo Taylor Jr., also a commissioner on the historic board, said he opposes DRPA spending full money on recreational projects, he wasn't going to turn down \$250,000 in cash.

He is not the first mayor during double duty on the DRPA board to have home money for his municipality.

Nine years ago, then-Audubon Mayor Anthony M. Pugliese got a \$12 million grant from DRPA for roadwork to jumpstart the revitalization of the Black Horse Pike and Northben Road transportation, now a major shopping center.

And a handful of local mayors have filled some of the state's

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'ON V-J DAY, EVERYWHERE WAS PARADISE'

S.J. vets recall end of WWII

By CAROL COMENO
Courier Post Staff

Army Sgt. Thomas Calderone was a prisoner of war when he heard the news. Air Corps Navigator Peter Sarrazono was in Italy.

Marine John Lauradio was inside a tent. Silver Russell Collins and Army Infantryman Thomas Petrucci were on ships, and Gloucester City teen Joseph Geronzi was performing at a Camden military event.

The vets they heard was the unconditional surrender of Japan, announced at 7:50 p.m., U.S. time, Aug. 14, 1945.

The surrender ended a war that took the cost-

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Surrender re-created on battleship

By SHRUTI MATUR DESAI
Courier Post Staff

CAMDEN

As far as re-creations go, this one was nearly perfect.

Sixty-five years after the signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender on the USS Missouri, the Battleship New Jersey stood in for the historic ship.

A picture-perfect Gen. Douglas MacArthur was there, complete with cowboy pipe. A Taiwanese history student re-created



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Inside the growing business
of murder, crime and fear
in Central Jersey

Left: Latin Kings tags cover a wall at the rear of 9-23 Madison Avenue in Plainfield earlier this month. Center: An Inmate Group Photo taken depicting a grinning clown face at a warehouse gift in the 1300 block of West Front Street. Right: A large MS-13 tag with accompanying "devil's horns" hand sign on the side of a commercial building on the 1100 block of West Front Street.

I was late on a brisk afternoon earlier this month when I saw, tucked in a corner, a blurry red light, greeted Brown warmly and inquired about the person sitting next to me. I was virtually alone in the passenger seat. Brown identified his companion as a reporter looking to do a piece on gangs in Plainfield. "Man," the man said, chuckling. "There's no gangs in Plainfield."

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Gangs move into Somerset County's affluent suburbs

By MICHAEL DEAK
STAFF WRITER
T hese days, it's an unremarkable occurrence for undercover police officers arresting a young man—who is suspected gang member—in drug charge at a train station. But what makes this

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NO LONGER JUST A GAME: PART 1

Endless seasons



Teaneck Titans, from left, Michael Benducci, Anthony Aprea and Jordan Matthews at a tournament this spring in Aberdeen, Md.

Youth baseball is fast becoming a high-stakes race

Story by COLLEEN DISKIN • Photographs by LESLIE BARBARO

The Ramapo Rangers hope to play 140 baseball games this year, 22 shy of a major league season.

If that schedule doesn't sound tough enough, consider that big leaguers don't have lock reports to turn in or science classes to take the day after a Sunday dose of baseball.

The 13-year-old Rangers do have one thing in common with the pros: Baseball is no longer just a pastime to them.

There are many things that youth baseball no longer is in North Jersey. It's no longer a spring sport. Not when you consider that the "spring" season of a town team of 9-year-olds from West Milford started in February.

It's no longer a sport played just on hometown ball fields. Not when a squad of 16-year-olds on the professionally coached Teel Ravens club team traveled the country on a 32-day road trip last summer to play in showcase tournaments, hoping to be seen by professional and college scouts.

Throughout New Jersey, kids are playing baseball as if it were a professional pursuit. Even kids who don't have families about one day making it to the majors are playing in year-round programs that have turned Little League, and other recreation programs like it, into the cheap seats of youth baseball.

The goal for some kids is to play in college or beyond, but parents and players say that isn't the only here. In a time when video games and the Internet have supplanted bike rides and neighborhood pickup games as a chief source of kids' recreation, many parents consider structured and goal-oriented activities an important way of keeping their kids on the right track.

Steve Silverman, whose 14-year-old son Alec plays 100 games a year with the Teaneck Titans club team, sees value in his son learning that you have to be committed and make sacrifices to be able to do the things you love in life.

"The kids go through ups and downs. So BASEBALL. Page A-6

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2 seized in alleged plot to aid al-Qaida

North Jersey men probed for years

By JOSH MARGOLIN

PHOTO COURTESY OF FBI

Two New Jersey men intent on killing American troops were arrested Saturday night as they boarded flights to link up with a violent jihadist group in Somalia, authorities said.

The men, both North Jersey residents, were charged with conspiring to commit an act of international terrorism through a group tied to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, according to officials familiar with the details of the arrests.

Mohamed Hamed Alessa, 20, of North Bergen, and Carlos Eduardo Altamonte, 26, of Elmwood Park, were apprehended at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens before they could board separate flights to Egypt, where they were to start journeys to Somalia. The men were arrested by teams of state and federal law-enforcement agents who have been investigating the pair since October 2008, according to the officials, who requested anonymity because they are not authorized to discuss the operation publicly.

Late last night, the state homeland security agency confirmed a police report.

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Oil spill's menace to wildlife turns real

By HOLBROOK MOHR

and JOHN FLESHER

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ON BAKATUBA BAY, La. — The wildlife apocalypse along the Gulf Coast that everyone has feared for weeks is fast becoming a terrible reality.

Plumes of oil from five thousand barrels of oil, thick as tar that gathers in hip-deep pools, while others stretch out as thin veils, lathered dipping with crude.

Dead birds and dolphins wash ashore, coated in the sludge. Seabirds that once glided peacefully under the hot June sun are now stranded.

Scenes like this played out along miles of coastline Saturday, nearly seven weeks after a BP rig exploded and the wellhead a mile below the surface began belching millions of gallons of oil.

"These waters are my back yard, my life." — See SPILL Page A-6

2 cancer drugs get hopeful results

Researchers reported promising developments Saturday in the battle against two cancers. In one, a drug that works by helping the immune system fight off tumor cells significantly improved survival in a major study of patients with very advanced melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. And a drug for lung cancer patients with a certain gene was effective in shrinking the tumors of most of the patients in a small study.

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Demo shows how thieves strip a car

How long does it take a thief to strip a Honda Civic? For a team of three wrecker-wielding guys working on a Honda Civic, the answer was less than 10 minutes. But these guys were mechanics who took part in an insurance company event to demonstrate how easy it is for thieves to strip a vehicle. The Road Warrior was there for the show, and you can watch a replay at northjersey.com.

— Complete story on L-1

Replacing trees gets towns thinking



North Jersey towns still recovering from damage caused by felled trees in the March storms are thinking twice before they plant. Some towns are planning to plant smarter to avoid power outages. Others are planting smaller species of trees or changing their maintenance policies. At least one town is halting tree plantings altogether on public thoroughfares.

■ In Real Estate: Lessons for tree-planting home buyers in the storm's aftermath.

— Complete stories on L-1, B-1

Budget deal would preserve blue laws

Both parties are hashing out a deal that would avert a shutdown of state government and save a handful of programs scheduled for elimination under Governor Christie's budget. The plan would preserve most of the most unpopular cuts, such as \$220 million in aid to school districts. But changes could send more money to libraries and preserve the blue laws that forbid Sunday shopping in Bergen County.

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Lt. Mark Hovak shows the computer in use of the figure Police Department's patrol cars. Technology has significantly altered law enforcement's ability to detect clues in crimes.

New tech helps police catch, convict criminals

By TOM HOWELL JR.
New Jersey's police departments are using a new breed of technology to catch and convict criminals. In fact, there is a clear map of how police tracked his cell phone calls from New York City to figure out where he dumped the infant-riddled body of his 11-year-old son in 2006.



Part 1 of 3: Texts, lies and videotape

The case is one of many in which law enforcement has fortified evidence through technology, creating records about polygraph test duration, interview time sheets at every step, and so on. The case, involving technology has significantly altered the way criminals have behaved and law enforcement's ability to detect them.

Cell phone signals, debit card and ATM transactions, said Gregory Mueller, the first assistant prosecutor for Sussex County.

But a case is typically created by the confluence of many factors. A surveillance tower or cell phone might be the smoking gun in a case, but it helps to know

High court won't stop bear hunt

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

TRENTON — A judge on New Jersey's highest court refused on Saturday to stop a black bear hunt scheduled to begin Monday.

How it's done in other states

By BRUCE A. SCRIFTON

The Animal Protection League of New Jersey and the Bear Education and Resource Group had asked the court to issue a stay that would have stopped the six-day hunt, the state's first in five years, before it started.

But Superior Court Justice Edwin Bore turned down that request in an order issued Saturday afternoon. It provided no explanation for the decision and came a day after an appeals court refused to block the hunt, saying the groups' claims lacked merit.

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Animal rights activists gather outside the New Jersey Statehouse in Trenton Friday to protest the upcoming bear hunt.

Christie makes punch line of others' bills

By GEOFF MULVHILL

TRENTON — When Gov. Chris Christie speaks at town hall meetings, his language lawmakers for not quickly passing a series of bills designed to make it easier for local governments and school boards to comply with a cost-cutting measure.

Now, it's not like they're not doing anything," Christie said with mock respect at a meeting last month in Washington. Meanwhile, he told the audience about a bill working through the Legislature.

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Schools chief's pay would exceed new guidelines

Parsippany board to vote on pact that may top \$212G

By ROB JENNINGS STAFF WRITER

PARSIPPANY — The school board is scheduled to vote Tuesday night on a five-year contract extension for Superintendent Lee Sells, whose \$212,000 annual salary is well above the pay cap sought by Gov. Chris Christie.

Board President Anthony Marcusso declined to disclose details of the contract, which is being debated three months before a proposed \$753,000 salary cap for superintendents would take effect.

Six board members, including Marcusso, announced last summer their intent to extend Sells' contract, which expires in July 2011, and two public hearings were held in October.

Sells has been the K-12 district's superintendent since 2006.

Board member Robert Crawford, one of the two who opposed extending Sells' contract, said he disagreed with voting on a new contract prior to public hearings when regulations requiring the much-lower salary would take effect.

"I do not support this move by the board to beat this deadline that the governor is going to impose," Crawford said.

Marcusso said the board started negotiating months ago and was proceeding on its regular time frame, and is not influenced by the pending cap.

"We feel it's very prudent to keep the leadership that we have, and we're going to need in the next few years, with all the changes that are going on," he said.

Sells' proposed contract is subject to approval by Executive Morris County Superintendent Kathleen Serfeno. Marcusso said it has been forwarded for review, but he did not know whether the district had received a response.

Tuesday's meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the school board building on 295 Parsippany Road.

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FAREWELL TO THE FALLEN | ARMY SGT. MICHAEL D. KIRSPEL JR.

Hopatcong soldier eulogized

Police in Wharton lead the funeral procession for Army Sgt. Michael D. Kirspele Jr. along Main Street on Saturday as flag-bearing Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and others paying tribute line the route. Kirspele was killed in Afghanistan on Oct. 27.

“What we have here is a calling. . . . What he displayed is called valor.”

The Rev. Armin Stromer, pastor of Kirspele's church

Soldiers as pall bearers carry Kirspele's casket from the funeral home.

By MICHAEL DAGLE STAFF WRITER

WHARTON — Army Sgt. Michael D. Kirspele Jr. told his superior officers in July that he wanted to stay in Afghanistan to train other soldiers even though he could have returned to the United States.

On Oct. 27, Kirspele, 23, was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near the Village of Khawza Kani, Afghanistan. His tour of duty was to have ended in March.

More than 200 friends and family members filled the chapel at Berne-in-Mane Funeral Home Saturday for a service in his honor while outside, along South Main Street, another 300 lined the street leading to the chapel.

The Rev. Armin Stromer, senior pastor of Kirspele's church, Grace The Church on the Mount of Netting, completed the story on Kirspele's duty decision.

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Morristown conference focuses on diet deficiencies

By LOBBANE ASH STAFF WRITER

MORRISTOWN — Foods aren't what they used to be.

That was one theme of many at the fourth annual Nutrition and Supplements Conference, which drew hundreds of doctors, nurses and other clinicians to Morristown Memorial Hospital on Friday.

The event, sponsored by Atlantic Integrative Medicine and The Foundation for Integrative Medicine, featured physician experts from the United States and Canada.

“Think farmed salmon is one of the few food sources rich in vitamin D? Think again, according to Dr. Michael F. Holick, professor at the Boston University School of Medicine.

“There is no vitamin D in farmed salmon,” said Holick, although wild salmon is a good source.

Can't find a good board diet must be healthy because Paleo diet has survived its meat? Not so, according to Dr. Leo Galand, a fellow at both the American College of Physicians and American College of Nutrition.

“Wild game in Africa has very high levels of saturated fat,” Galand said. “These animals are grazers. They're lean.”

Galand must have 30 percent polyunsaturated fatty acids, which lower overall cholesterol levels, and greater than 60 percent, in contrast, doesn't mean certain fat may be detrimental fat. But, for instance, has 2 percent and 4.2 percent, according to Galand, who favors Mediterranean diets.

On the farm front, the news is not much better.

Dr. Patrick Hanover, president of the American Board of Holistic Medicine, reported the nutrient density of the soil in which foods are grown dropped dramatically from 1950 to 1980.

Being aware of good foods and when to use supplements is all the more important, according to Dr. Nancy Colter opens a lecture on chocolate and less at the Nutrition and Supplements Conference in Morristown.

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Part 5: Black workers fuel growth

As Atlantic City grows rapidly from an undeveloped island to a major resort, hotels and businesses need a cheap source of seasonal labor. Blacks migrating from the South are lured by the many job opportuni-

ties, and soon Atlantic City becomes the most black city in the North in terms of percentage of population. While work is plentiful, housing is not, and blacks live in substandard conditions. **A3-9**

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WATCHDOG REPORT: Galloway Township separation contracts

Galloway paid cops not to sue or criticize

The deal was made and carried out by the former township manager without council approval.

By EMILY PREVITI

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP — Two police captains agreed to keep quiet and not sue the township in exchange for nearly \$300,000 each in a deal local officials say was arranged without their knowledge — and

without the approval state law requires — by the former township manager who had passed the officers over for a promotion. Galloway Township Council members said the agreements might be invalid because they didn't vote, and that they will do so retroactively if necessary. Separation agreements for former township police Capt. Joseph P. Davies and William Hainbocht show they received \$287,200 and \$284,554.45, respectively, paid in biweekly increments along a payback,

even though they had already stopped working. In return, they agreed to keep any negative opinions about their employment out of news items and to refrain from suing the township, or else to pay a \$100,000 fine, according to the documents. The Press of Atlantic City obtained the agreements through a state Open Public Records Act request. The documents state that Davies and Hainbocht agreed to keep their mouths shut.

Findings

- Former Galloway Township Manager Jill Gougher brokered contracts without Township Council approval.
- The agreements gave a combined \$584,828.25 to two retiring police captains, who had been passed over for a promotion, and who agreed not to sue the township.
- No available record suggests that either captain actually threatened to sue or criticize the township.

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CEDAR CREEK HIGH

City gets its school back

Egg Harbor City sees a new start with new school

By DIANE D'AMICO

EGG HARBOR CITY — A lot of people have a stake in the success of the new Cedar Creek High School.

For staff and students, it's the chance to start from scratch and make it their own — a state-of-the-art, 21st-century high school with a small-town spirit. "It's well-run high school does more than educate,"



Cedar Creek head coach Tim Watson, of Linwood, talks with the team during a workout at the school. The freshmen and sophomores of the school will compete on the junior varsity level.

Cedar Creek Principal James Reina said. "It's part of a community."

For residents and town officials, it's a chance to rebuild a sense of community in a town that lost its luster when the old high school closed in 1961. "A high school contributes to the identity of a town," said Egg Harbor City Mayor Joseph Kadane, who likes to dream of football games leading to post-game pizza downs. "This is a chance to transform a sleepy town that is hurting."

Cedar Creek will open Sept. 7 with 430 students in grades nine and 10. The \$67.7-million high school on 46 acres off Route 30

Kickoff for the new Pirates

By MICHAEL MCGARRY

EGG HARBOR CITY — When the Cedar Creek High School cross-country team sees the starting line for its season-opening meet on Sept. 8, it will equal one of the biggest changes in the local high school sports scene in nearly 50 years.

Cedar Creek, which opens Sept. 7 and built its sports programs from nothing this summer, is the first Atlantic County high school to join the Cape-Miscenic League since Egg Harbor Township in 1983.

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Analysts betting on Resorts as catalyst

Analysts hope the sale will inspire others to buy distressed casinos for bargain prices — leading to an industry rebound.

By DONALD WITTKOWSKI

ATLANTIC CITY — Resorts opened in 1978 as Atlantic City's first casino, saving what was then a dying tourist town by instantly transforming it into a gambling mecca. Now, analysts may help pull Atlantic City out of its latest economic crisis — simply by being well.

Former Atlantic City gaming executive Dennis Gomes announced Monday he has agreed to buy Resorts for an undisclosed price. Resorts is currently owned by lenders who took charge in December after Resorts defaulted on its \$360-million mortgage.

Analysts believe the Resorts deal may finally jump-start the depressed real estate market, possibly leading to a chain reaction of sales as buyers look to scoop up other distressed casinos at bargain prices.

Cory H. Morowitz, chairman of Morowitz Gaming Advisors LLC, said investors seem to have a renewed interest in Atlantic City, suggesting "that the fire fell at least a little cooler."

"I think from an investor's standpoint, it seems

Storm surf continues
From more than 100 miles away, Hurricane Danielle is sending strong surf and rip currents to New Jersey beaches. The rough conditions are expected to last through Monday, and Tropical Storm Earl is close behind. **See us A11.**

COMING TOMORROW

Iran war legacy
As combat operations end and the U.S. pulls troops out of Iraq, southern New Jersey families continue to mourn the losses during seven years of war.

For Wildwood inspectors, singing pizzas are just the start

The resort town is one of the few that dedicates licensing inspectors solely to Boardwalk merchants.

By TRUDI GILLILLIAN

WILDWOOD — A man wearing a pizza costume is playing a guitar and singing the doo-wop classic "Wildwood Days." Nothing unusual — after all, this is a busy Sunday night on the Wildwood

Boardwalk and the singing pizza is trying to draw customers into Beach Barges, the Boardwalk restaurant where he works. But the gimmick catches Boardwalk inspector James Natus' attention, not because he's in the mood for a slice, but because part of his job involves monitoring singing pizza to customer complaints, and monitoring code enforcement and licensing for the merchants that line the city's section of the Boardwalk. He and his fellow inspectors, Michael Scifoglio,

city ordinance that bans advertising on the Boardwalk. "If let you do it, then that guy does it, and soon there will be 50 guys doing it," Natus said. Natus, a retired city police officer, is charged with handling everything from singing pizza to customer complaints, and monitoring code enforcement and licensing for the merchants that line the city's section of the Boardwalk. He and his fellow inspectors, Michael Scifoglio,

each make between \$9 to \$12 an hour and share the job taking turns days and nights on the Boardwalk. Their role focuses on Boardwalk businesses unusual. Other area towns, including North Wildwood, Atlantic City and Ocean City, do not have specially dedicated boardwalk inspectors, although they do have municipal, code and other licensing inspectors. **See Wildwood, A4**

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Mayor has new car for out-of-town trips

By TIM ZATZARINY Jr.
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VINELAND — A new Dodge Charger has not missed its use by Mayor Robert Romano's two official parking spots since late last year.

The mayor, who also is the city's public safety director, says the car is available to him to use sometimes for official out-of-city travel. The vehicle was purchased last fall through the official vehicle.

Police Chief Timothy Colapreti declined to comment on why the city purchased the car, other than to say money from his department has ever used the black 2009 Dodge Charger SXT. Romano's professor, Perry Barre, said he never drove a city-owned vehicle during his eight years as mayor. Barre also said the public safety director during his two terms, Jason Larro, did not drive a city vehicle.

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A Dodge Charger equipped with winter tires is parked in a city police department parking lot. Photo by CAR on A2

A CHURCH BUILDS IN MILLVILLE

By JOEL LANDAU
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MILLVILLE — Pastor Salvatore Raggio of Cumberland County Community Church in Millville oversees construction of the church's second major building project.

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Councilman questions mayor, city council pay

By KRISTI FUNDERBURK
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VINELAND — A city councilman wants to trim the current council's salaries by 25 percent and repeal an ordinance that would double the salaries of the next mayor and council.

Councilman Louis Cresti thinks the economy might get worse before it gets better and believes the city needs to start focusing on the next municipal budget year.

"I've never seen a tougher time or greater pressure or an increased need to really watch the dollar," Cresti said. "I'm not saying — given there's a miracle turnaround — we shouldn't redo it. What lies out there now is a commitment."

The previous council under former mayor Perry Barre unanimously approved the salary increases as one of its final measures in office. The increases would be effective July 1, 2010 — skipping Mayor Robert Romano and the current City Council if they are not reelected.

The ordinance in place would increase the mayor's annual salary from \$30,000 to \$60,000 and city council members' salaries from \$6,000 to \$12,000. The council president currently receives an additional \$200. The council president would earn \$12,000 under the proposed salary increases.

The last raises were approved in 2007.

Romano feels the Vineland mayor — whether it's him or someone else — has to be a "last year pay check" as long as that money is in the house. He said he has kept his promise to be a full-time mayor, often coming in early and attending meetings at events in the evening.

"The pay right now is not needed."

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Overcrowding led to new building's construction

By JOEL LANDAU
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MILLVILLE — Pastor Salvatore Raggio started the Cumberland County Community Church in his home in 2007. Twenty-two years later, Raggio is overseeing his church's second major building construction.

"I started with a vision," he said. "It's exciting to see it happening."

The non-denominational church on East Broad Street is nearing completion of its new 16,500-square-foot building. The current building, constructed in 1982, is just 7,000 square feet.

The new building, which is expected to open in May, will have a new auditorium, office complex, multipurpose room, classrooms and meeting space that also will free up the current building for many of its programs, such as youth and children's ministries and home schooling.

"The problem is we can't find rooms to hold services in the spring at the new renovated Cumberland County Community Church."

Photo by CHRISCH on A7



State police bust suspects in theft rings targeting farmers

By JOSEPH P. SMITH
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WOODSTOWN — State police Friday announced that about seven arrests that shut down an alleged South Jersey theft ring that for the past six months had been stealing everything from backhoes to power tools.

Sgt. Steve Jones, a state police spokesman, said more than \$1 million in stolen equipment and other property has been recovered in the past several weeks through arrests that

The list of charges was not available Friday evening.

Bail was set at \$20,000 to \$50,000 for the men. Boat and Harris are still in Salem County Jail, police said.

Detective Sgt. Bill Chase Ron Henry, of the Woodstown barracks, said a North Jersey man identified as Gary Pittinger also was arrested. He was charged with receiving several stolen goods.

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Bob Jaggard of Vineland clears the snow off his driveway at his home on the 3400 block of S.R. Boulevard on Friday.

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Joy Verbo says Medford police haven't patrolled his property (right).



By JEREMY ROSEN
Courier-Post Staff

MEDFORD

The police department has a new Harley Davidson motorcycle that sources say was donated by a prominent business owner in exchange for patrols of his home outside township limits. Shaming resident Joy Ver-

bo, owner of the famed Geno's Steaks in South Philadelphia, made the donation of a 2009 Harley about six months ago. But Medford clerk and CFO Karly Burger and acting manager Stephen Adelfio said Wednesday the township didn't have any paperwork showing Verbo's motorcyle gift.

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Public Record Act requests, the township clerk's office provided several reveal sets, including all donations, endorsements or grants given to Medford over the past five years, all police department budgetary and capital spending over the past five years, and the township's bicycle gift.

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Ancora sex-aid suit costly to state

Worker gets \$70,000, but now suspended

By JEAN MEKLE
Courier-Post Staff

The state of New Jersey paid a social worker at Ancora Psychiatric Hospital \$70,000 to settle a lawsuit in which the woman claimed she was harassed by a psychiatrist at the hospital who asked her to "have intercourse" a sexual act that he said through the Internet.

Frances Vasios, 28, of Turkerstown, who has worked at the state's largest psychiatric hospital since 2003, also received as part of the settlement \$100,000 from the doctor, Peter H. Quintieri, a behavior support technician at Ancora.

Quintieri and the state denied Vasios allegations in court papers. As part of the settlement, there was no admission of liability. Jeanne Quintieri, Quintieri's wife and a registered nurse at the Washoe facility, said in an interview that her husband settled the lawsuit only because they could not afford to pay for lawyers to defend the case in a federal civil trial.

"We want to go on with our lives, and close the book on this," Quintieri said. She was not named in the suit, which was settled Feb. 5.

Quintieri said her husband never harassed Vasios or tried to

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'IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM REAL'



Trudy Cornea holds a shirt she received that honors her son, Salvatore S. Cornea II, who was killed in Afghanistan. She says her son always knew he wanted to join the military.



KEVIN KOLB

Can Kolb chisel his own legend?

By GEOFF MOSEER
For the Courier-Post

When it comes to facing ridiculously high expectations, Warren Moon can relate to Kevin Kolb.

In 1985, the rebuilding Houston Oilers gambled on Moon's career eight men and bargained him away from the Canadian Football League, where he'd lost 15 games in five straight championship.

They made him the league's highest paid quarterback before he'd thrown his first NFL pass, sending a clear and powerful message to his teammates that a new effort had arrived.

"Nobody knew who I was," Moon recalled. "Now, all of a sudden, this guy's coming to Houston — an African American — at the same time, the only African American quarterback to the league in '85. There was a lot of pressure put on me coming from a franchise that went 2-14 the year before."

Moon can sense the tremendous burden of anticipation surrounding Kolb, who on Monday begins his first training camp at Lehigh University as the new face of the Philadelphia Eagles. For 11 years, that distinction belonged to Donovan McNabb — before the team dealt the six-time Pro Bowl quarterback to Washington this offseason, caping a movement toward youth.

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Joyce Seiler of Millersville, Pa., competes in the 20th annual Woodcock Cold Beach Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. New Jersey continues to sweat it out with high heat. Story, Page 1C

Soldier's parents recall good times

By SHIBUTI MATHUR
DESAY
Courier-Post Staff

DEPTFORD

The dairy bottle has set in the Cornea home for 27 years.

The gift of Dean Perignone champagne was given to his father and Trudy Cornea for their honeymoon.

"They chose to save it, planning to pop the cork at their son's wedding. Instead, they will open it today on what would have been his 25th birthday. See CORNEA, Page 6A



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A portrait of Salvatore S. Cornea II in his military uniform adorns his parents' home in Deptford.

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Where is SCCC finance report? Freeholders want audit that led to college president's firing

By BRUCE A. SCRUTON

NEWTON — The multi-annual financial report on financial issues at Sussex County Community College has yet to be released by the college's Board of Trustees despite the promise that it would be available last week. The lack of the report is hindering the entire Sussex County budget for 2010, lead Freeholder Director Jeff Parrett to send a letter to the board urging its release.

And, Constantine Merendino, the college president who was fired April 27 because of the report, does not know when the document might be released. He believes it will not be released until next week and help in her efforts.

Freeholders want an audit that led to college president's firing

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New home for some old bones



A cow skeleton is unloaded into the Farm Fun Building at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta Tuesday. Two skeletons, a cow and a horse, were donated to the Heritage and Agriculture Association by Sussex County Community College, but will be on display at the fairgrounds for several years.

Animal skeletons go on display

FRANKFORD — Skeletons of a cow and a horse that had been used by the science program at Sussex County Community College have found a new temporary home at the county fairgrounds.

No longer used at the college, the skeletons were moved out of the science building Tuesday and will be housed in the Farm Fun Building at the fairgrounds as an educational exhibit, said Kevin Mitchell, a member of the executive board of the Heritage and Agriculture Association for Lanesboro. Mitchell said the skeletons had been at the college for about 10 years and had been purchased with a grant for the school's veterinary track program. That program was closed more than a year ago because of low enrollment, so the skeletons were no longer needed, he said.

The skeletons were initially kept for Lanesboro Farms in a storage area, but after research showed that in one spot at High Point State Park. But after realizing the skeletons did not have a place to adequately house the exhibit, Mitchell and other members of the Heritage and Agriculture Association for Lanesboro Farms contacted the fair-

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Sparta handed another petition

Signers want to save Rec. Department

SPARTA — Another year, another petition.

Pages bearing more than 1,200 signatures were filed in the township clerk's office Tuesday, and were being reviewed by the Recreation Department and the Board of Public Works.

The ordinance was filed as a budgetary move by a majority of the Township Council, members of a township committee in the Recreation Department and the Board of Public Works.

It passed April 27 by a 5-2 vote.

The council, which was made up of 11 members, had a 10-1 vote on the ordinance at the time, said the vote saved the township \$100,000, but those members have been in debate since the ordinance was filed.

The ordinance would affect the services provided by the Recreation Department and the Board of Public Works.

Manager Henry Underhill said the ordinance would be in effect by the end of the year.

Underhill resigned last week.

"I'm telling you, these things are not going to go away," Underhill said at an April 12 meeting.

"That's your opinion," he said.

Specter loses in Pa.; tea party helps Paul



Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa., with his wife, Joan, talks to supporters before voting Tuesday, Specter will not be re-elected.

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, who withdrew his name last week for a re-election bid, lost his bid for re-election Tuesday night at the hands of Republican primary voters.

Specter's loss was a surprise, as he had a strong record in office and had been expected to win re-election. He had won re-election in 2006 and 2008.

His opponent, Republican Rick Warren, won by a narrow margin.

Specter's loss was a major setback for the Democratic Party in Pennsylvania.

Warren's victory was a major win for the Republican Party.

Specter's loss was a major win for the Republican Party.

Bruce A. Scruton

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For school chiefs, pay caps hinge on location

North Jersey bosses are likely to face cuts

By Claire Heiseiger and Lisa Fletcher

When Gov. Chris Christie unveiled a set of strict salary caps on public school superintendents, he predicted it would make New Jersey "the leader" in a national tide of reform. But within the state, impact on districts will vary widely depending on location, a Star-Ledger analysis shows.

Superintendents in northern and central New Jersey are far more likely to face pay cuts than those in the southern counties, according to data provided by the Department of Education. For example, 17 of the 20 Essex County school districts covered by the new rules say their superintendents more than Christie will permit, and 62 of the 66 Bergen County school chiefs are considered "overpaid," the analysis shows.

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Further south, salaries have room to grow. Eighteen of the 21 superintendents in Gloucester County, and 17 of the 23 in Atlantic County, make less than the new limits.

Education advocates say that could translate to a disadvantage for North Jersey districts, which have a higher cost of living and must compete against New York region schools that pay top dollar for superintendents.

"Why would somebody stay in Bergen County to be a superintendent?" asked Barbara Garand, the school board president in the Northern Highlands Regional School District, who worries superintendent John Keenan will retire rather than take the 25 percent pay cut under Christie's rules. "We will see an exodus of superintendents from New Jersey. I am really, really concerned about what this will do for education."

Christie's new upper-pay limit for superintendents is \$175,000 — the same as the governor's salary. In New York, the school chiefs in Westchester County will earn \$150,000 on average this fall, and the average in Nassau County will be \$142,754, according to the state's School Boards Association.

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By Josh Margolin

They are the most fiercely protected secrets of the Jon Corzine years: the contents of e-mails between the former governor and Carla Katz, his ex-girlfriend and a powerful union leader. Corzine carried on a two-year legal battle to keep them private, going all the way to the state Supreme Court, where his refusal to release the correspondence was upheld on the grounds of executive privilege. Last month The Star-Ledger obtained copies of 123 e-mails between the two and verified their authenticity independently. The newspaper can now reveal at least part of what the governor spent

\$127,000 of taxpayer funds to keep secret. From Jan. 25, 2007, through March 26, 2007, while both were involved in heated negotiations over a new state workers contract, Corzine and Katz exchanged scores of e-mails. Of those the newspaper obtained, she sent 100, he sent 23. They are by turns salacious, playful, plaintive, even angry. And they include clear discussions of state business.

The e-mails appear to support Corzine's contention that no direct negotiations took place between him and Katz. But they contradict Corzine's claim at the time that his interaction with Katz was no different from the way he dealt with any other top labor leaders in the state.

Corzine's lawyer issued a statement Friday saying none of the e-mails obtained by The Star-Ledger were personal, and he criticized the newspaper's decision to publish them.

"Many of the e-mails obtained by The Star-Ledger were not the subject of the Wilson litigation," Marc Elias said in the statement, referring to a 2007 lawsuit filed by then-Republican state committee chairman Tom Wilson seeking the e-mails. "Those that were confirm what Jon Corzine has repeatedly said: He defended the case in order to vindicate the rights and privileges of future governors."

Katz, who led the Communications Workers of America's large Local 3034 until two years ago, declined to comment.

Corzine is now 63 and running an international finance firm called MF Global, based in New York. Katz is 51 and an attorney representing, among others, a firefighters union.

The Katz e-mails were sent from her AOL.com account. Corzine's from one maintained by his campaign. He is courteous with e-mails and other short forms of communication, the exchanges are replete with typos. The messages show Katz's persistence and determination to be heard by the governor and her insistence that he stop dismissing the serious relationship they had between 2002 and 2004.

For instance, at 2:43 p.m. on March 8, 2007, Katz seemed furious that Corzine, when pressed by reporters, had been publicly dismissive of

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Girl awaits surgery for bullet lodged in spine

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A tough 5-year-old faces surgery today to remove a bullet that pierced her neck and hit her spine while she was frolicking in the playground of her Jersey City housing complex Friday night.

"She is strong," Hassan Clayton, 33, said yesterday about his daughter, Hasmera. "She has her mother's blood in her... She's a miracle baby."

Hasmera was shot in the playground in the Montgomery Gardens housing complex during a block party at 10:20 p.m., Jersey City Police Chief Thomas Conroy said at a news conference over the weekend.

After a manhunt, Jersey City Police arrested Demetrius Thompson, 18, in connection with the shooting, at about 1:40 p.m. Saturday after police surrounded him inside 213 Bidwell Ave., police said.

Known on the streets as "Meaty," Thompson was charged with aggravated assault and weapons violations in connection with the shooting, said Lt. Edgar Martinez, a police spokesman, noting Hasmera was not the intended target. The police recovered a weapon when they arrested Thompson.

Conroy declined to give a motive for the shooting, but a local resident blamed the shooting on a dispute between rival groups of teens.

Clayton said yesterday his daughter is responsive, able to move her arms and legs. Her left side is a little "shaky," he said.

Hasmera's aunt, Arlene White, 26, said yesterday she saw people running around after the shooting. When she found out Hasmera had been shot, she ran to her niece, stayed with her on the grass until the ambulance arrived, and accompanied her to Jersey City Medical Center.

Hasmera was conscious the entire time and trying to get up, White said.

Hasmera was stabilized at the Medical Center but then taken to the University Hospital in Newark where she will undergo surgery.

"When they take the bullet out we will know how she responds. For now we are doing real good," White said. "Everybody loves her. Everyone goes to the hospital because she is a good little girl."

Family members said yesterday Hasmera loves to dress up in different outfits of her favorite characters such as Tinkerbell, Barbie and Princess Tiara, dance to Justin Bieber music and play outside in the playground.

Jersey City Mayor Jeramiah Healy blamed the tragedy yesterday on the "outrageous proliferation" of illegal guns.

"We have made every effort to staunch the flow of illegal guns into the state and city, and there are not enough restrictions out there," said Healy, who championed a law to limit gun purchases to one-a-month and worked with Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York to help start Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

"Until there is more done about (the) flow of illegal handguns into the state and city unfortunately the gun violence will continue," the mayor added. "We will be hoping and praying for her (Hasmera) to get well and for her and family."

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HASMERIA CLAYTON, 5, who was shot by a stray bullet while at a playground at the Montgomery Gardens housing complex in Jersey City.



DEMETRIUS THOMPSON, accused of shooting a 5-year-old girl, is led from the Bidwell Avenue residence where he was arrested by Jersey City police.

A.C. AIRPORT 12.7 inches*	HAMMONTON 21 inches	VINELAND 20 inches	CAPE MAY 11 inches	MANAHAWKIN 16 inches	CHERRY HILL 27.3 inches	MOUNT LAUREL 21.5 inches	FREEHOLD 16 inches
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*Special amounts reported as of 8:30 a.m. Saturday

BLIZZARD OF 2010

Atlantic, Cape declare emergency; thousands lose power

From Press staff reports

Incidents across southern New Jersey on Saturday spent much of the day in their worst — and sometimes not as warm — hours as blizzard conditions hit into their weekend and kept them off the roads.

During the day, as many as 90,000 customers in southern New Jersey were without power as snow and strong winds gusting as fast as 50 miles per hour along the shore stopped their lines. States of emergency were declared in Atlantic and Cape May counties.

The snowfall ranged from 11 inches in Cape May to 24 inches in Easton Manor, Atlantic County, as of 6:30 p.m. Saturday, and was predicted to reach more than 2 feet in other areas by the time it finishes today.

For those who ventured onto the roads, snowplows descended — big ones, small ones, private ones and public ones. Moving the heavy, wet snow out of the way was a huge task along the highways and in parking lots. Many streets have yet to be plowed.

Homeowners grabbed shovels and snow blowers, clearing sidewalks and driveways. This was not a snow one could push aside; digging and logging was necessary.

As Gov. Chris Christie prepares to visit today, thousands of homeowners remain in the dark, and the region continues to recover. The good news last night was that it was over — the National Weather Service's warnings and weather advisories had expired.

More than 84,000 people in southern New Jersey still were without power at 5:45 p.m., with the heaviest outages reported in Cape May County, according to an Atlantic City Electric outage map. That number was down from 90,000 when outages peaked late Saturday morning.

Fire halls and other facilities were turned into temporary shelters throughout the region, offering heat, food and medical checkups, as well as a safe place to ride out the storm, especially to senior citizens.

Cape May County spokeswoman Lenore Bonaventura said it could take two days to fully restore power in Cape May County.

Atlantic City Electric said a complete recovery would be slow. "This is going to be a multi-day event," spokeswoman Bridget Shelton said. Shelton advised people without power, if it's possible and safe, to go somewhere with electricity.

The same snow that caused the outages are keeping the electric company's workers from ... See Storm, A7



Robert Bolton, of Linwood, carries his children's snow tubes Saturday along Devonshire Avenue in Linwood after a day on a snowy day. Staff photo by William O'Connell

The latest in the storm's aftermath

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The approach to the Wildwoods sign and some of the mock beach balls on the city's Boardwalk at Rio Grande Avenue are covered with snow Saturday. Staff photo by Dana Gardner



Parked cars are covered in and trapped by snow along Baltic Avenue in Atlantic City on Saturday. Staff photo by Ben Fugate

Storm slams East Coast, breaks records in Phila.

Winter rewrite the record books in Philadelphia for the second time in six weeks, dumping more than 28.5 inches to become the second-largest snowfall in city history. Near-white conditions grounded flights at Philadelphia International Airport on Saturday and cut power to 190,000 customers in the western part of the state.

Gov. Ed Rendell declared a disaster emergency, allowing officials to bypass bid and contract procedures, and said state National Guard forces had been deployed to help state police. Some drivers on the Pennsylvania Turnpike reported being stranded for 12 hours or more along one western section blocked by jack-knifed tractor-trailers.

The blizzard easily outstripped the Dec. 19 snowstorm for second place in the city's record books. That storm, hitting two days before the official start of winter, dropped 23.2 inches on Philadelphia to become the city's third largest since records began in 1884.

"It's an extraordinary event to have two in the same season," National Weather Service lead ... See Records, A7

Dad delivers doctor for mom delivering boy



Tanya and John Elwood, of Northfield, hold their baby, Bryce Anthony, on Saturday at the AtlanticCare Regional Medical Center, Marlton Campus, in Galloway Township. Photo provided by the Elwood family

The Elwoods got to the hospital but the obstetrician couldn't, so John Elwood drove out and got him.

A pregnant Northfield woman was the only person in the family who made a delivery Saturday. Tanya Elwood gave birth to Bryce Anthony at AtlanticCare Regional Medical Center, Marlton Campus, in Galloway Township.

Bryce Anthony actually arrived four weeks before his due date. The news before that could happen, her husband, John, had to deliver the doctor ... See Baby, A6

Casinos take a hit
Saturday's blizzard left gamblers not having to worry about crowds, which is not a good thing for the casinos. A9

Cape shelters busy
Evacuation centers open throughout Cape May County to help those who were left without power. A8

Beach erosion
Officials in shore towns fear the damage to beaches that will be revealed when they get a closer look at the storm's impact. A9

Governor visits today
Gov. Chris Christie plans to visit Atlantic and Cape May counties this morning to talk to officials about what help they need. A8

STORM BURIES EAST COAST

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MURDERED OVER CAR

Young couple is killed after engagement party

By CHARLES HACK
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

The families of a Jersey City couple were left grieving yesterday because of the senseless killing of a young couple during what authorities are describing as a botched carjacking.

Michael Muchioki, 27 and his fiancée, Nia Haqq, 25, had just returned from their engagement party in New Brunswick when they were gunned down at around 3 a.m. after parking her SUV outside their home on Randolph Avenue near Union Street.

"My heart has been ripped out," said Muchioki's mother, Sandra Muchioki. "We will celebrate him (Muchioki) for the rest of our lives."

Erastus Muchioki, 58, Michael's father, called the killers "animals."

"They did not need to do this," Erastus Muchioki said. "This was done in cold blood."

After the couple got out of Haqq's 2010 Honda CRV a few doors down from the two-family house where they lived, they were approached by a man and two women. Hudson County Prosecutor Edward DeFazio said, based on interviews with witnesses.

The victims were found dead near their car. Each one was shot twice, both were shot once in the head, DeFazio said.

The couple had gotten engaged in December and had planned to marry next April.

The killers never stole the SUV, which was impounded by police for evidence, because of an anti-theft device, DeFazio said.

The murderers then sped away from the scene in a gold Pontiac Grand Am, he said.

"The people who did this were there earlier in the morning engaged in some kind of activity and we need help with that," DeFazio said in appealing for the public's help in solving this case.

"These perpetrators have to be brought to justice and we are looking for any help that we can get from anyone in the community that is relevant to this outrageous homicidal activity," he added.

The couple had earlier held an engagement party with friends and family at a soul food restaurant in New Brunswick called Delha, and then at a larger gathering at a club and a lounge called Perle, also in New Brunswick.

Muchioki, who attended New Jersey Institute of Technology, had worked as an operations specialist at Antenna Software Inc. in Downtown Jersey City since 2007, his family said.

He was an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at New Jersey's Institute of Technology and had been dating Haqq for five years after meeting her through her Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, his family said.

"Mike always made you laugh and was always smiling," said Colean Bemby, one of several college friends of the couple who gathered yesterday afternoon at the couple's home.

Muchioki, who loved the Dallas Cowboys, played football for Marist High School in Bayonne, his family said. Prior to high school, he attended a Lutheran private school in Jersey City.

"There are times when I was down and he knew how to pick me up," Bemby added. "He knew how to be a friend, and he was just a good person. Nia, the same thing with her. She had the biggest smile ever."

Haqq, a graduate of the College of New Jersey, worked in Manhattan for an affiliate of Nickelodeon designing mobile software. Her family could not be reached.

"It's almost unreal," said Holley Murchison, a friend of the couple who went to Perle. "His friend told me and I'm just like, 'What?' You saw them just moments ago, smiling and enjoying themselves. This is like stuff you read about, but it never hits that close to home."

Anyone with information should contact the Prosecutor's Office at (201) 915-1345.

The Star-Ledger contributed to this story.

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THE RANDOLPH AVENUE street in Jersey City where Nia Haqq and Michael Muchioki were gunned down yesterday morning.



Colean Bemby
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Officer slain, wife wounded

Shooter's family grieves

By Alex Zdan

STAFF WRITER

HAMILTON — Standing by the street from where Ralph Johnson allegedly shot a man to death and wounded the mother of his 15-year-old daughter, Johnson's son Ralph Johnson Jr. at first does not want to talk.

"The looking out for what's best for my pop right now," he says.

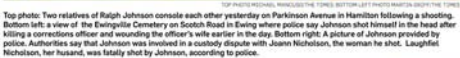
Yesterday morning, Johnson was the subject of a massive law enforcement manhunt after he allegedly ambushed corrections officers Laughlin and Joann Nicholson as they left their Parkison Avenue home to go to work.

Johnson's son, stepmother, father and other family and friends stood behind yellow crime scene tape watching police go door to door down the street. They don't condone these kind of acts, but they are raw anger and pain. They say Johnson was a good man, who to the last by his own girlfriend and her husband, was allegedly harassed, humiliated and steered his efforts to receive restraining order.

"One piece of paper would have solved that problem," Johnson said. "One piece of paper would've saved two lives, my family, and a whole neighborhood."

Last night, Johnson Sr. was found after taking his own life in Ewingville Cemetery, and his 25-year-old son was trying to stay in the face of grief.

"It's killing me right now," he says. SEE REACT, PAGE A1.



Assailant kills self following manhunt

By Alex Zdan

STAFF WRITER

HAMILTON — A husband and wife, both corrections officers at New Jersey State Prison, were gunned down outside their home yesterday morning by the woman's ex-boyfriend, who killed himself later in the day in a Ewing cemetery, as police closed in, officials said.

Senior Corrections Officer Laughlin Nicholson, 47, was fatally wounded and his wife, Joann Nicholson, 45, was shot three times as the two sat in their SUV on Parkison Avenue, about to go to work at the prison. They were allegedly ambushed by Ralph Johnson, 60, who was angry at Joann Nicholson following a hearing on child support for their 15-year-old daughter the day before.

"It's very tragic, it's a quiet residential neighborhood that's really been shattered at this point," Assistant Prosecutor Angelo Onofri said.

The Nicholsons were inside an SUV across the street from their home on Parkison Avenue when Johnson, who lived two houses away from the couple, emerged and emptied at least 10 shots into the vehicle, county Prosecutor Joe Bocchino said.

The 5:30 a.m. shooting broke the morning's silence for 65-year-old neighbor Vernon Washington, who had just let his cat outside when he said he heard a fusillade of bullets and went to investigate. With the Nicholsons, her husband, was fatally shot by Johnson, according to police. SEE SHOOTING, PAGE A1.

Schools took precautions during manhunt

By Matt Fair

STAFF WRITER

As the manhunt for Ralph Johnson, the authorities say about two corrections officers in Hamilton, spread throughout the area yesterday morning, schools in the township and in Trenton took no chances protecting their students.

Later in the day, the search ended when Johnson took his own life in a Ewing cemetery. He shot himself in the head at about 3:30 p.m., as police approached him. While the hunt was under way, officials with Hamilton Township public schools

said they were taking extra precautions to create a "secure environment" for district students.

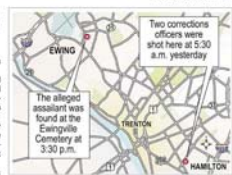
Hamilton High West and the Hamilton Educational Program high school, Grove Middle School and several elementary schools, including Wilson, McGalliard, Kishbarr, Laker and Kusser were all taking extra security measures, said Superintendent Neil Bernevig.

"We're working with the Hamilton Township Police Department to ensure an orderly end of the schools after school," Bernevig said prior to school closing

yesterday. He said students would be kept within school buildings until dismissal.

Officials in Trenton Public Schools said the district was operating under a partial lockdown yesterday afternoon. A full lock-down had been put in place for schools that border Hamilton yesterday morning.

According to Superintendent Rodney Lofon, employees were asked to keep the school hallways clear, and all doors leading into and out of the buildings were kept locked. SEE LOCKDOWN, PAGE A1.



Two corrections officers were shot here at 5:30 a.m. yesterday. The alleged assailant was found at the Ewingville Cemetery at 3:30 p.m.

Sifting through ashes of schools' election day

Christie pushes more reforms

By Judy Peat

and Claire Heintger

STAFF WRITERS

Claiming the school budget debate as a validation of his shrinking government plan, Gov. Chris Christie yesterday pushed the next reforms on his agenda: A 2.5 percent constitutional cap on property taxes and reforms to public worker pensions, benefits and collective bargaining process.

Christie said New Jerseyans "an extraordinarily clear signal," and the Democratic-controlled Legislature must reject 50 percent of school budget proposals. SEE CHRISTIE, PAGE A1.



Local officials faced with difficult task

By Erin Duffy

STAFF WRITER

Voters registered a whopping 58 percent of school budgets statewide Tuesday, but the battle is far from over in those districts where the spending plans failed.

In local districts such as Hamilton, Hopewell Valley Regional, East Windsor Regional and Robtinsville, the failed spending plans will now be back to local councils and committees, which is part of the East Windsor Regional school district's new school law. Local officials

will be required to review the budgets and make recommendations to local school boards and administrators as to what cuts, if any, should be made. While cuts in the past have depended on variables such as the size of a budget, how badly it was deflated and what kind of relationship local governments have with school boards, current presidents in Hamilton and Hopewell Valley Regional school districts have local councils and committees, which is part of the East Windsor Regional school district's new school law. Local officials

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25 SEWING MACHINES
After entering a contest they saw advertised in Twin Visions, Trivoli students won a sewing lab for their school.

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Little Egg Harbor man kills 2, self, cops say

Assault rifle used
Shooter's brother, good Samaritan dead during investigation



EMTs work Monday in the Tall Timbers neighborhood in Little Egg Harbor, where police say a man fatally shot his brother, a good Samaritan who tried to help the victim, and then himself.

By CHARLES WEBSTER and KIRK MOORE

LITTLE EGG HARBOR — A man shot and killed his brother from a window of their apartment with a military-style assault rifle Monday, then fatally shot a 21-year-old neighbor who was coming to the victim's aid before turning the weapon on himself, police said.

Authorities identified the shooter as Craig Mueller, 45, his brother as Bryan Mueller, 26, who shared the same address — 47 Westchester Drive in the Tall Timbers housing complex, and the good Samaritan as Cara Ellis, who lived upstairs from the Muellers in the same building.

Ocean County Prosecutor Marlene Lynch Ford said at a news conference that some Tall Timbers residents would not be allowed to return to their homes until after the investigation was completed and that emergency housing was being provided for those temporarily displaced.

Police said that Craig Mueller shot and killed Bryan Mueller shortly after 9 p.m. from a second-story window of the apartment they shared.

As Bryan Mueller lay on the ground, Craig Mueller shot and killed Ellis, Ford said.

"Cars was outside walking when she saw what happened and tried to render assistance to Bryan when she was shot," Ford said.

Craig Mueller shot both multiple times, Ford said.

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Bill is in works to save NJISAA

By GREG TUFANO

STAFF WRITER

Assemblyman Patrick Dioguardi, D-Middletown, and state Sen. Richard J. Codey, D-Essex, are expected to introduce legislation that could save the embattled New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Dioguardi said Monday night that he and Codey were in the process of drafting identical bills that will call for outside monitoring and complete transparency of the NJISAA, along with establishing procedures that will ensure the organization is fiscally responsible.

Dioguardi said a recent State Commission of Investigation report's criticism of the NJISAA, which spent \$900,000 over the past four years on food, travel, lodging, dinners, gifts and other special events, was warranted, but said he did not believe it should lead to the association's dissolution.

He said the legislation could be introduced as early as Thursday or as late as next week.

"I know Senator Codey was hopeful that we could do this week," Dioguardi said. "I'd rather do it right than fast. I don't think the bill to disband the NJISAA is on the fast track, either."

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Map area

Horrific situation frightens neighbors

By KIRK MOORE

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Borrowing enables road work to resume

Transportation fund revitalized

By LARRY MOSES

STAFF WRITER

TENTON — Construction workers idled by a stop-work order after state officials said the Transportation Trust Fund was short of cash are headed back to work after a legislative committee approved financing Monday.

But the big picture answers legislators sought from Gov. Chris Christie's administration did not come, despite some tense questions of Treasurer Andrew P. Sidamon-Erisoff and Transportation Commissioner James Stimpson by Democrats on the Joint Budget Oversight Committee.

Several of the Democrats who voted for the \$1.2 billion bond, which will take the trust fund into next year, said they did so to get people back on the job. Republicans criticized the Democrats for taking a routine financial matter and turning it into a political theater.

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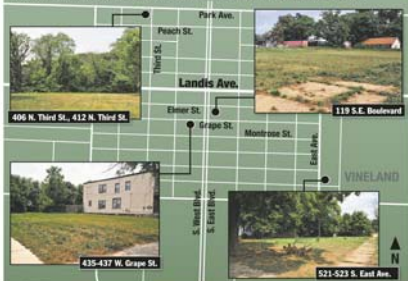
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Vineland council sold land to political pal

Vineland City Council approved the sale of several parcels of land to Adam Goldstein, a developer who donated to Mayor Robert Romano's and the council's election campaign. The properties:



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City experts advised against it

By KRISTI FUNDERBURK
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\$\$\$ I have to build affordable housing. If I don't build it, then they keep the money and the land. I don't see how that's a favor. Everything was above board.

— Adam Goldstein

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- ▶ Vineland businessman also politically active.
- ▶ See documents related to the land deal.

The circumstances surrounding the land sale have the potential to become explosive political issue. Unusual circumstances surrounding land deals played a major role in the 2008 election campaign, when Robert Romano won over Perry Bassetti to become mayor.

Goldstein is a high-profile supporter of Romano and his council raising money, and a vocal critic of the circumstances of those land deals. He donated a total of \$200 to the campaign.

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Sacred Heart H.S. coach suspended for 5 games

By ANTHONY COPPOLA
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VINELAND — Sacred Heart High School baseball coach John Triantos was suspended for five games for violating the New Jersey State Athletic Control Board's rules against coaches having direct contact with players during the off-season.

Triantos will sit out the first five games of the 2010 scholastic baseball season and the program has been placed on probation after the NJSIAA found he reached a travel lounge team made up of the Vipers, States of the newly of Sacred Heart players.

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Local police union asks Vineland council to OK concessions

By KRISTI FUNDERBURK
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Afternoon and PBA President Steve Engle asked the council Tuesday to review the concessions — which amount to \$100,000 savings in the municipal budget — and give its approval, too.

In those times, complex problems require creative solutions," Altman said. "To keep public safety as it is, we need to do it, although it's short-handed."

Altman said council was given a copy of the concessions Monday. None of the council members spoke of the issue Tuesday, and it's not clear agree and the matter is resolved.

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SPORTS

- ▶ The South Vineland Senior League team took a 6-1 lead Tuesday in its Eastern Regional game with Nassau of Indiana. The game ended after seven time, check www.dailyjournal.com for the final result.

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JetBlue flight attendant could get prison time for grand exit

By KRISTI FUNDERBURK
and KATHARINA GROSS
Associated Press Writers

NEW YORK — No feud, up worker has ever said. "I've had it" was the slogan of the flight attendant, Slater, whose father was an airline pilot, wore a slight smile Tuesday as he was led into a Queens courtroom to be arraigned on charges of criminal mischief, reckless endangerment and trespassing. Counts that carry a maximum penalty of seven years in prison. The judge has his hand at \$200, which felonies and elevated to \$100,000.

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Cartoonists of Saddle River and President Barack Obama are seen at a softball game Tuesday at Gossett High. The game in the town where the MTV reality show "The Contender" filmed features a caricature of Obama depicted with exaggerated ears and smile, as a runway target along with numerous of Hussein, Osama bin Laden and Michael Jackson. The other and other characters.

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N.J. fails to track its STARS scholars

State pays for scholarships but doesn't monitor the success of program

By DIANE D'AMICO
Education Writer
More than 5,700 students were awarded NJ STARS scholarships for the 2009-10 school year — awards that provided students free college tuition and a stipend of \$18 million to the state.
But six years and \$43.5 million into the popular program, there is no statewide documentation that shows how many recipients have actually earned college degrees from the

state's two-year community colleges and gone on to a four-year college, which is the goal of the program.
A 2006 state report on NJ STARS recommended that a study be done during the 2009-10 academic year to identify trends in the program's enrollment, student performance, and graduation and retention rates. But because the program was modified in 2006, no such study is being done.
The Press of Atlantic City contacted

several state agencies and county colleges for graduation data. Some information was obtained, but because there is no standardized reporting method, the results cannot be conclusive. Officials cited lack of research staff and funding.
"I've done all these things we should try to keep better track of," said Elaine Schindler, NJ STARS coordinator at Ocean County College, which has had the largest enrollment of NJ STARS students, 365, this year.

The New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Rewards Scholarship law began in 2004 and guaranteed tuition and fees at community colleges to all high school students who graduate in the top 20 percent of their classes. In 2006, the program expanded to add STARS scholarships for the community college graduates who continued on to a four-year state college.
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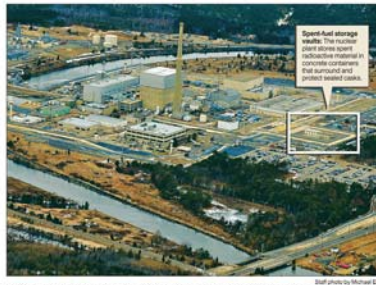
- Statewide graduation rates of NJ STARS scholarship recipients at community colleges have not been tracked.
- Three-year graduation rates range between 20 percent and 80 percent, data from three local colleges indicate.
- At two colleges, about 25 percent of NJ STARS students take at least one remedial course.

FUEL RODS AT OYSTER CREEK

No 'Plan B' for storage of U.S. nuclear waste

By MICHAEL MILLER
Staff Writer

LACEY TOWNSHIP — Thirty concrete vaults all side-by-side, like self-storage containers, nest in the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant. These concrete vaults hold fuel rods, each containing 12,000 rods of enriched uranium. The rods are toxic and radioactive and were never intended to be stored here indefinitely, among Ocean County's 50,000 residents.
Nationwide, about 70,000 tons of fuel rods wait for long-term storage — the very long term. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that spent fuel stored at New Jersey's four nuclear power plants will remain dangerous to humans for at least 10,000 years and harmful to the environment for 1 million years more.
The industry generates about 2,200 tons more of the waste each year, and many companies have plans to expand nuclear power in the United States — PSEG wants to build a new plant in Salem County's Lenoir Alloways Creek Township.



The Oyster Creek Generating Station's spent-fuel storage vaults are between the main plant and Route 9, which can be seen at the bottom right corner of this aerial photograph. Nuclear plants expected to send waste to a planned site in Nevada, but that office is dead. There never really was a Plan B, said Allen Benson, spokesman for the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

Nabok, not even the owner of the southern New Jersey power plant, wants to keep this radioactive waste so close. But as a new presidential panel investigates what to do with spent fuel, nuclear energy experts say there are few options.
Enriched uranium is so deadly the U.S. Department of Homeland Security considers spent fuel "self-protecting" because contact with enriched uranium would kill a would-be terrorist. Close exposure is lethal in minutes, said Edwin Lyman, senior scientist with the Union of Concerned Scientists, a Washington, D.C., policy group that studies nuclear issues.



Sal DeSonneo, owner of Vesuvio Pizzeria



Mary Mammet, who runs Mammet's Garden and Landscape on Route 9



Bob Concia, owner of Bob's Square Deal

See Nuclear, A8

With national plan dead, radioactive waste stored at local plants

Some fear power of new panel on gaming

The governor's gaming advisory commission has some lawmakers worried about accountability.

By JULIE FLETCHER
Business Writer

A state advisory commission appointed by Gov. Chris Christie is moving quickly to fix problems in New Jersey's gaming, entertainment and sports industry, and some lawmakers worry that the commission may be moving too quickly and skipping too much process.

Last Monday, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Gaming, Sports and Entertainment acknowledged it was working with a group that wanted to add 5,000 video slot machines to the Meadowlands racetrack. In return, developer David Harlan said he would pay the state \$60 million.
News of the proposed deal revealed just how much power Christie had bestowed upon the commission's seven members, who have been able to work quietly with the developer without telling anyone other than the governor. Several politicians now regret the Harlan proposal as just one of perhaps many to come — and worry about a commission that can cut deals without their consent.

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Body may be baby thrown from bridge

State Police are waiting for DNA test results to identify a body found along the Raritan River.

By EMILY PIRETTI
Staff Writer

Authorities may have found the infant allegedly thrown off a bridge by her father months ago.

A pair of surveyors working near the southern bank of the Raritan River in Sayreville, Middlesex County, called police at about 8:30 a.m. Saturday after spotting the tiny body near the shoreline. State Police Sgt. Stephen J. said, "Investigators think the child could be Zara Masani-Idrissi-Idrissi, whose father Sharmad bin Abdul-Rahman of Galloway Township is accused of throwing the then 3-month-old baby into the Raritan from the southbound side of the Garden State Parkway's Edison Interchange on Feb. 16.
Police launched an exhaustive search that lasted four days, then scolded back the hunt to just regular law parents.
The child found Saturday was wearing

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COMING TOMORROW

Job outlook
Unemployed professionals are seeing jobs open up — but not all the same ones.

Exiles draft
Press reports earlier that Obama's cabinet analysts are the NFL draft picks made by Philadelphia.

Local justice not swift as court cases pile up

By LYNDY COHEN
Staff Writer

Roberta Iritany was out earlier with the judicial system when his father was brutally murdered.
"They told me that the process is long," he said. "At that point, I was thinking in straight months."
But he would ultimately learn just how long it can take.
Judicial vacancies, tighter guidelines on sentencing minimums and

cases involving multiple defendants are all factors in slowing the justice system and causing a growing court backlog. Statewide, there are now as many cases backed up as there are new cases coming in during an average month.
"It hasn't been this high in a number of years," said Joseph Barone, assistant director for criminal justice at the New Jersey State Bar Association.

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Roberta Iritany has waited more than three years to see the final person involved in his father's murder convicted. He shares a moment with his son, Nicholas, 4, next to a poster Roberto had made for the funeral for his late father.

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Residents speak out on proposed layoffs

More than 150 residents attended the Lansford Township commission meeting Tuesday to protest the reduction of their police department.

Burl. Twp. man dies after house fire

A Burlington Township man who was pulled from his burning home on Hanley Drive on Monday morning died early Tuesday morning at Lehigh Medical Center in Allentown, Pa.

Woods will return at Masters

First Woods said Tuesday he will not more than four months of seclusion and fly to Augusta National in three weeks.

Newsbreak

Good morning Burlington County Times subscribers Edward and Marie Smith.

Good luck to the Cherokee High School basketball team tonight. I'm expecting more big things from these guys.

Speaking of special teams, the BCT is looking for some. If you know of one visit mybctnow.com and fill out a nomination form. The deadline is Friday.

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State budget discussed



Gov. Chris Christie (center) delivers his New Jersey budget address Tuesday in Trenton.

Christie talks tough

In his first budget address, the Republican suggested cutting aid to schools and tax rebates to homeowners, laying off state workers and skipping pension payments.

Gov. Jon S. Corzine in November by running on a platform of smaller government, outlined his \$29.1-billion budget proposal before a joint session of the Legislature, setting lawmakers that if they continue to increase taxes, people will leave.

Local lawmakers weigh in on proposed state budget

Republicans acknowledged that some of the proposals would be painful but were long overdue.

But the new Republican governor will rely largely on the Democratic majority in the Legislature to approve both his budget and most of his ideas, including public employee pension reforms, a change from property tax returns to credits in the spring of 2011, and a constitutional amendment for voters that would create a half-23 percent spending cap on state government, municipal governments and school districts.

Dealing with sorrow

Family and friends mourn the loss of Deanna Ormerod, 18, killed in a Monday car crash.

By Kristin Coppock
Staff writer



Deanna Ormerod

MEDFORD — A family, a high school and a community are mourning a young woman known to many people.

Ormerod, 18, was killed Monday as a motor vehicle accident on Hanford Road, Ormerod was driving north in a 1996 Honda Civic at 1:45 p.m. when her car collided head-on with a southbound 2006

Ormerod attended Lansford High School in Medford, where she was involved with a variety of extracurricular activities. On Tuesday, grief support was made available to students and staff throughout the day.

Ormerod was very saddened by this loss, Capella said.

According to Leo Ormerod, his daughter had a lot of high school friends. She had a much smaller set of her own, but she was very close to a few.

Leo Ormerod described his daughter as outgoing, outspoken and beautiful.

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Reinhart: Freeholders' selection process flawed

The Democratic freeholder blasted the Republican majority for its decision in hiring Paul Drayton Jr. as county administrator.



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Shamara Power MP's middle girl has more than 7,500 Twitter followers.

Yo, Philly, U sure tweet a lot

Users outpace those in many bigger cities.

By John Timpane

Shamara, the midday DJ at 93.5 FM on 101, Power 93.5, is a real, 101, 11 a.m., and she's playing "Unshakable" by Alicia Keys and Drake.

As she plays hits for her listeners, she's also tweeting — sending Twitter messages to fans and friends on her BlackBerry.

"Do air @Power935Philly come see a musical 'orgasm,'" she writes, with a link to a website where her show can be heard.

"I hope u gotta 3 in ur face," she tweets. "Hold up I believe my friends on Facebook gonna start causing me out soon 'n' been there in a minute ... heh, heh."

Shamara is, according to the website Twitter.com, the 10th-most Twitter user in the Philadelphia region, with more than 7,500 followers.

Since joining Twitter 17 months ago, she has sent out an astounding 49,668 tweets, about 83 a day.

Like many users of Twitter, and like all of Philly's biggest tweeters, Shamara uses Twitter for work.

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Clear, a trace of clouds. Mostly cloudy again.

Starved as adopted boy, secluded now as adult

Bruce Jackson lives in N.J. cut off from his brothers, his trust fund languishing.

By Jan Heller

With much fanfare, New Jersey officials in 2005 announced the state would pay \$5 million to Bruce Jackson for the years of neglect he endured in a Collingwood home filled with adopted and foster children.

But the landmark case is now also distinguished for the extraordinary secrecy that extends to almost every aspect of Jackson's life.

An annual order to seal his court records has placed the 25-year-old in such a protective cocoon that almost nothing can be known about his care under state supervision, monitored by the same department that failed him in

Clinton, Mezvinsky wed



Chelsea Clinton and Marc Mezvinsky during their wedding Saturday in Rhinebeck, N.Y. Clinton married her longtime boyfriend under extraordinary security at a Hudson River estate. Mezvinsky is the son of former Rep. Marjorie Margulies-Mezvinsky (D., Pa.). Story and another photo, B3.

It may pit him against Council, unions — or voters.

Pending report on DROP will put Nutter in a pinch

By Jeff Shields

The release this week of a study of the city's DROP program will force Mayor Nutter to balance the competing interests of the city's pension problems and the public demand for a sooner government against the mayor's relationships with City Council and the municipal unions.

The Boston College economists hired to evaluate the deferred retirement option plan were in a preliminary summary in January that DROP was siphoning money from the already ailing pension fund. The city has not released a figure connected to those findings, and city

officials won't even say whether the study will provide a price tag for DROP.

If that finding holds in the final report, the answer financial-reform mayor will be expected to eliminate or alter the program, and quickly, said Phil Goldsmith, managing director and former Mayor John F. Street.

"If it is significant, one I don't see how in God's name you support this, given the current financial climate in the city budget," Goldsmith said.

The Street administration tried to eliminate DROP in 2003 after the program's first four years. The Street administration argued that

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U.S. relying on targeting insurgents

Counterterrorism has proved the most effective route in Afghanistan.

By Helen Cooper and Mark Landler

WASHINGTON — When President Obama announced his new war plan for Afghanistan last year, the centerpiece of the strategy — and a big part of the rationale for sending 30,000 additional troops — was safeguarding the Afghan people, providing them with a competent government, and winning their allegiance.

Eight months later, that counterinsurgency strategy has shown little success, as demonstrated by the flagging military and civilian operations in Marjah and Kandahar and the spread of Taliban influence in other areas of the country.

Instead, what has turned out to work well is an approach U.S. officials have talked much less about: counterterrorism, military operations for the targeted killings of insurgents from al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

Faced with that reality, and the pressure of a

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Family-friendly A.C.? Christie's plan no sure bet

By Susette Parsley

ATLANTIC CITY — During a wedding family vacation in Ocean City last summer, John Wisniewski suggested an evening buffet at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa.

Under one condition: "With kids on," the father of two sons, then 4 and 1, said, half-joking. "We literally went in and left right after we ate."

"There was concern over my boys seeing behavior appropriate for a casino, but not appropriate for a child,"

Walker from Tanglewood, a 26-year-old lawyer from Philadelphia, said. "It's a family-friendly event, but it's not family-friendly in an adult place."

The Wisniewskis' campaign talk: Their vacation dollars in nearby Shore towns, but reluctance to take their children to Atlantic City casinos and their in-laws, under scores a tension that could make Gov. Christie's plan to overhaul this gaming town into a family-friendly event particularly challenging.

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To Our Readers

As we announced last week, The Inquirer is making some important changes to the Sunday paper. However, we've modified our plan to address some of your concerns.

First, as announced, your favorite comics return this Sunday to full size in a four-page, color broadsheet section.

In addition, we will discontinue our Sunday TV section. We have, however, postponed the date of the last TV section to Aug. 22.

Beginning this Sunday, the Sunday prime-time TV listings, Sudoku, and the popular TV crossword are in the Arts & Entertainment section. Daily TV listings will continue to appear in the features sections.

Additionally, we are offering readers interested in a weekly TV section the option of receiving an affordable magazine-style printed TV guide with their Sunday paper through a partnership with a magazine publisher. (Details are on the cover of the Sunday's TV section.)

For our puzzle lovers, we will continue to publish four puzzles in the Sunday paper. Finally, because of high reader interest, we will continue to publish the daily and Sunday bridge column.

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Cops arrest shooting suspect

Witness: Shooter made threats earlier

BY LYNN GLANOFF
 The Express-Times

EASTON | Marjorie Moon was decorating his family Christmas tree in the late hours of Christmas Eve when a man entered his Vista Drive home. The man shot the 17-year-old two times in the head before storming upstairs and shooting Moon's 43-year-old aunt, Kimiko, in the head, according to Marjorie's father and Kimiko's brother, Sean Moon. The man, whose city police identified as John McGlinchey III, 38, of Nockamunn Township, Bucks County, was arrested last Christmas Day and charged with two counts of attempted homicide and two counts of aggravated assault. The head wounds left both Kimiko and Marjorie Moon in critical condition. Saturday, police said, though Sean Moon said the outlook for the two greatly differed.



Police, fire and emergency medical service officials enter a home late Friday night at 200 Vista Drive in Easton after reports of a shooting.

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Mounting support

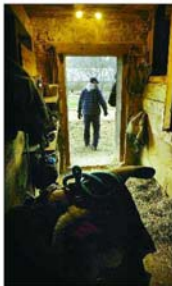


Bethlehem mounted patrol officer Jon Buskirk gives some personal attention to his horse, Pharaoh, also shown wearing an off hat, above right. See a photo gallery at lehighvalleylive.com/photos.

Bethlehem's horse patrols draw attention



Above, Michael Leaser cleans the shoes of his horse, George. At right, the stalls at Burnside Plantation are shown.



BY JO MALONE
 The Express-Times

BETHLEHEM | At 1,600 pounds, he's bigger than Santa Claus, but when George wears the sheriff's red hat, he channels a bit of that holly, jolly spirit. "They make you laugh and smile," Neville Gardner, owner of Donagel Square, said of Bethlehem's trio of police horses. "I think they are fantastic. The horses, introduced last year to provide better coverage and visibility at the city's many festivals and both downtown, are a hit with business owners, shoppers and even the occasional lawbreaker. "Everyone looks at you and smiles. That's really a lot of fun," said Bethlehem mounted police officer Mike Leaser, who rides George. "When we walk down the street, everyone knows we're there. There is no doubting the

PLEASE SEE HORSES, A2

A second chance for teen mothers

PHILLIPSBURG PROGRAM HELPS them stay in school, earn their diploma.

BY SARAH M. WOJCIK
 The Express-Times

PHILLIPSBURG | Karina Stoltz was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. The Phillipsburg teen was fairly certain her dreams of attending college and starting a career were finished. Making the proud walk to receive her high school diploma felt out of reach. Even so, Stoltz said, abortion or adoption was out of the question. "It was my mistake. I felt like I was

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VOLUNTEERS MAKE HOLIDAY DINNERS

Volunteers gave their time at Christmas dinner events throughout the Lehigh Valley on Saturday. See more photos from dinners in Easton, Bethlehem and Washington Township, N.J., on Page B1 and at lehighvalleylive.com/photos.

CONNECT GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY FOR ART

Luckily for art lovers in the region, you don't have to travel too far off the beaten path to find art collections. The Bethlehem Sculpture Garden, next to City Hall, is one such spot of the new space.

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MONEY 2010 RECAP: THE YEAR IN BUSINESS

The Lehigh Valley made slow progress from the most brutal economic downturn in recent history, while acquisitions, hostile-takeover attempts and other milestones also made headlines in 2010.

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Philadelphia, were paid \$200 to \$300 each, said Assistant Cumberland County Prosecutor John Josephson.

In separate hearings Friday, Superior Court Judge Robert D. Becker Jr. declined to reduce bail for Smink and Matano, saying they both face serious charges with a strong probability of conviction.

Smink's bail is set at \$200,000, his attorney, Francis J. Masciocchi of Moretown, had asked that it be lowered to \$20,000.



Steven Henry Smink



Felix Antonio Matano

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Senator from New Jersey diagnosed with a curable lymphoma in his stomach. A12

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bowling alley Pike Lanes Family Fun Center in Deerfield. Pike Lanes was having financial problems, authorities said, and the Jan. 11 blaze that destroyed Loyle Lanes made Pike Lanes the only bowling alley in Cumberland County.

Manzano, 21, worked for a sign-repair company owned by Smink, prosecutors said. The 17-year-old was an acquaintance of Manzano's, they said.

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CITY PROBES 'NIGHTMARE' FLOODING



Mary Jane Plaster stands near one of the three pumps she has in her Vineland home to keep water out.

Problem haunts homeowners at new Vineland development

By KRISTI FUNDERBURK Staff Writer

VINELAND — Mary Jane and Rudolph Plaster crossed house after house off their search list, scrutinizing styles, floor plans, and locations before finally finding their dream home.

But now, less than three months after buying it, they say they're living in a nightmare.

Millville cancels block parties

By JOEL LANDAU Staff Writer

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MILLVILLE — The city's summer block parties have been canceled and other downtown events are in jeopardy, Mayor Tim Shannon said.

Uncertainty over the future of the state's Urban Enterprise Zone program has forced the city to rethink its summer recreation calendar.

Gov. Chris Christie has frozen UEZ spending and is holding off approving any new proposals as he looks for ways to bridge the state's spending gap.

That move caused the city to delay planning for the annual BlockFest and SummerFest events, Marianne Ledo, executive director of the Gloucester Arts District, said Thursday.

Shannon spoke to representatives of the Christie administration Friday. He said while he's optimistic the governor will continue the UEZ program, he's not comfortable moving forward with the block parties — which include concerts and movies on the river — when the future of the UEZ program is in doubt.

"I don't see them happening, unless something miraculous happens with the UEZ money," Shannon said of the block parties. "But, even then I don't want to use that money for that when we should be using every available dollar for economic development."

The state program establishes zones in economically distressed urban areas across the state. Businesses in those zones receive extra benefits and can charge 2.5 percent sales tax instead of the normal 7 percent. The sales tax revenue is distributed to the municipality and can be used for grants, loans or services that spur economic development.

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WineLand Council President Pete Goccani points to water seeping through the floor of the Plasters' home. "We work all year to have your dream home and this is what you get? Oh my God," said Goccani.



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Cumberland Women's Hall of Fame poised to induct 4

By DEBORAH M. MARKO Staff Writer



Photo by POKRICH on A18

women of remarkable accomplishment," said Louise T. Bertach, founder and board of directors president of the local

Where each woman has

uniquely distinguished herself, Bertach said they share some common traits.

"They are all likable. They give from their hearts," Bertach said. "The just good, hard-working young women."

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Creeping, crawling and slithering into the Garden State

By Brian T. Murray
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The invaders alien creatures from another land. Their destination: New Jersey. Their purpose: to make a new world. It sounds like bad science fiction, but the invasion is real — a natural phenomenon that began centuries ago and now threatens to end wildlife in the Garden State as we know it.

Consider Asian longhorned beetles, wood-chewing Chinese natives that arrived in New York in shipping crates in the mid-1990s. They swarmed Jersey City in 2003 and devoured more than 70,000 trees from Hoboken to Mahwah counties until being stopped. The mid-a-minute vine, a rapidly growing Asian weed that grows 6 inches a day, continues to strangle native ferns since it spread from a Pennsylvania nursery in the 1930s.

Such an onslaught the ecologically sensitive estuary beds of the Delaware River in a 20-pound, yellow-toothed South American rodent known as the nutria. First spotted in South Jersey in 2007, the nutria threatens to reduce rare wetlands into tickton mud puddles.

"Invasive species are a biological pollution," said Carl P. Siskler Jr., director of the state Department of Agriculture's Plant Industry Division. He co-chaired the New Jersey Invasive Species Council, which released the state's "Strategic Management Plan for Invasive Species" earlier this year. The 220-page counter-invasion plan identifies 1,125 non-native species in the Garden State.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture calls the invasion the nation's greatest threat to biodiversity, aside from habitat destruction. Scientists call it global problems threatening to homogenize the world's ecosystems as more resilient species overtake more sensitive wildlife.

"There is some loss with every single invasion. ... We are seeing the McDonaldization of our ecosystems," said Andrew Cohen, director of the Center for Resources on Aquatic Invasions in California.

Garden State officials said the intruders cost about \$200 million annually in lost state agriculture and tourism business health. The disease-bearing Asian tiger mosquito, for example, is spreading an native bats that feed on them are dying from what scientists suspect is a mutated, foreign fungus.

"Native species are intertwined, and when you impact one, you impact many. Impact a plant, and you impact the species that eat the plant," said Christy Mortenson of the Bureau of Land and Natural Resources, describing a destructive, domino effect that is eroding natural diversity and opening a door for diseases to spread more easily.

New Jersey has created a list for 150 of the most noxious creatures and organisms established or headed toward the state.

For an in-depth guide to bugs, birds, mammals and other pests invading the Garden State, see Page 6.



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Parent recalls fear, uncertainty



Thomas Booth, one of more than a dozen lawyers representing plaintiffs, questions Jamie Franks of Franklinville, who wipes away tears as she is questioned about her two children who attended Kiddie College.

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Campaign swipes draw fiery replies

Talks over suit in East Greenwich Freeholder hopefuls decry ad

By Rebecca Forand
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The right prescription



Dr. Paul Katz, founding dean of Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, Michael Harris, associate vice president and chief of operations for Rowan University, and Dr. Donald Farnth, president of Rowan University, look at a scale replica of the medical school building after groundbreaking ceremonies Wednesday in Camden.

Med school groundbreaking hailed as area boost

By Jessica DeLoach
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Putting their anti-drug stance in words



Above, left, Aura Elementary School third-grader Gia Unfried, 8, draws a 'no' painted on her face as she watches a drug awareness pledge show during the Ribbon Walk, which is this week at the school. Above, right, third-grader Eric Collins signs her name on a pledge star (Shoot for the Stars - Say No to Drugs) after the show.

\$3M to help fund port water plant

By Rob Scott
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Parents Seeing Change in Kids

Carly Romalino



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TOXIC LANDSCAPE: TRACKING CONTAMINATED SITES

Stuck for years on Superfund list



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The Ventron/Vetsloc site in Wood-Ridge, heavily polluted with mercury, has been on the Superfund list since 1984. Soil removal work began last year.

North Jersey cleanups plagued by errors, cutbacks

By SCOTT FALLON
STAFF WRITER

If you've turned on a faucet in Fair Lawn any time since 1987, none of your water has been pumped through a tank at the water department where it is blasted with air to remove chemicals that could make you very sick.

Trichloroethylene, chloroform and a cocktail of other volatile organic compounds have to be taken out of water drawn from two wells in the western part of the borough that have been contaminated for at least 32 years — and have been on the federal Superfund list for 27.

The treated drinking water is considered safe, but the groundwater remains polluted. And now scientists are investigating a new concern at the site near the Route 206 Industrial Park. Toxic chemicals may be rising up through the ground and contaminating nearby homes and businesses.

When the area became a federal Superfund site in 1983, residents thought there would be a cleanup that would quickly resolve their health concerns. Now, they wonder if the designation helped at all.

"In the best possible world the Superfund designation would matter, but it doesn't," said Wendy Dabney, chairman of Fair Lawn's environmental commission.

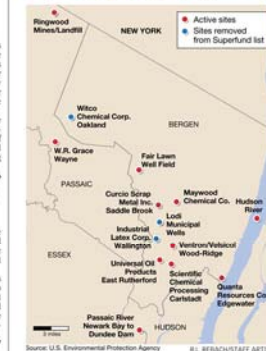
"It's a meaningless exercise. It's government window dressing."

Superfund was envisioned as a surefire weapon in the battle to erase the taint left by the nation's dirty industrial past. But its record in North Jersey has been less than stellar.

Since the program was launched 30 years ago, only three of the 13 sites in New Jersey and Pennsylvania have been fully cleaned. Eight sites have been on the list since the program's inception.

For details on each of North Jersey's Superfund sites, turn to Page A-11.

An interactive map is also available at northjersey.com/toxiclandscape.



Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. BY L. REBANO/STAFF ARTIST

How a dead tunnel project got a second chance

By JOSH MARGOLIN and TED SHERMAN
THE STAR LEADER

The white, twin-engine Gulfstream IV II filled quickly off the runway, banking purposefully toward Trenton like a cruise missile seeking its target.

Onboard, the anger had yet to fully subside. Just 24 hours earlier, the govern-

ment of New Jersey had killed the nation's largest public transit project — a crucial

needed rail tunnel under the Hudson River connecting New Jersey and New York that had been in the planning for more than two decades. He had done so without even waiting to hear from the gov-

ernor who had already agreed to write him a \$3

billions check to help pay for it.

Latifood, rebuffed the day before when he asked Christie to wait before taking any action, was calm as he jetted west on its path heading north.

"We're going to find a way to fix this," he confidently told his team.

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Yanks get another shot at AL pennant

Phil Hughes pitched seven shutout innings, Marco Trujillo hit a two-run homer and the Yankees beat the Minnesota Twins 6-1 Saturday night to complete a three-game sweep and return to the American League Championship Series.

—Complete coverage, including columns by Tara Sullivan and Bob Klappich, begins on S-1

Christie tops Palin in Tea Party poll

Governor Christie edged former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin to win a presidential straw poll Saturday at a Tea Party gathering in Virginia. Christie finished with 15 percent of the 1,560 ballots cast at the Virginia Tea Party Patriots convention. Palin, Jan McCarin 2008 Republican vice presidential running mate, got 14.6 percent.

—The Associated Press

More protections urged for gay youth

The toll is rising nationwide: teens killing themselves after enduring some form of anti-gay harassment. The suicides — including that of Rutgers freshman Tyler Clement of Bridgewater — are giving new urgency to the debate over whether schools should be doing more to tackle the problem of anti-gay bullying.

—Complete story on A-6

Drill breaks through to miners' chamber

Rescuers with a powerful drill broke through Saturday to the underground chamber where 33 Chilean miners have been trapped since Aug. 5, signaling that the end to their ordeal could be near.

—Complete story on A-7

Bill would ban texting at meetings

A North Jersey state senator is proposing restrictions on the use of technology for texting and e-mailing at town council and board meetings. Prohibiting the use of smart phones and similar devices by public officials at government meetings is logical, Sen. Lorretta Weinberg, D-Trenton, said in a news release.

—Complete story on L-1

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This just in
Dems look to limit superdelegate pull
Democrats have taken an initial step toward limiting the influence of so-called independent superdelegates in choosing the party's presidential nominee in 2012.

A Democratic National Committee panel is recommending a reduction in the number of superdelegates, from 20 percent of the total number of delegates to 15 percent.

Most Rutgers profs decline buyout plan
Rutgers says 38 veteran professors have taken a buyout offer that the university says will trim salaries and attract expertise in new fields.

Some vacated positions won't be filled, but some departing staff will be replaced by younger professors.

Man indicted in ex-Idol' death
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Newsbreak
Good morning and happy birthday to BCT's subscriber Pheme who turns 70 days of today.

Paul, an oracle spouse from Germany, picked Spain to bear the Netherlands today in the World Cup. Something tells me I wouldn't enjoy the outcome company.

Hey kids, eight weeks until school starts!

Am I the only one who gets upset when I read a headline 'No figures reported at running of the bull'?

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Aviator honored



Retired Lt. Colonel Francisco Carranza speaks about his great uncle at the 61st annual Carranza Memorial Service in Tabernacle on Saturday.

Day of remembrance

The annual service to remember Captain Emilio Carranza drew more than 100 people in Tabernacle.

By Mark Zimmo
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Tabernacle — The skies on Saturday were dark and cloudy and visibility was low, much like the final time Captain Emilio Carranza took to the air.

The Mexican aviator's legacy, however, are as clear as they were 82 years ago when his ill-fated plane encountered a storm and crashed into a patch of trees in a remote area of the

Peace Barracks in Burlington County.

More than 100 people gathered in Tabernacle at the Carranza Memorial near Carranza Road in Warren State Forest on Saturday to honor the pilot.

The mystery of the Mount Laurel lizards solved



An explanation of how the Italian wall lizard came to be — and thrive — in Mount Laurel.

By Peg Quann
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Mount Laurel — It's a whodunit with a herpetological fan. Little greenish-brown lizards — Italian wall lizards by name — have been scurrying under rocks, porches, and garages in the Mount Laurel area for several years.

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Oil unleashed temporarily

The plan calls for removing the cap from the leaking well to replace it with a new, tighter cap.

By Tom Brown
Associated Press

New Orleans — Robotic submarines working a mile underwater removed a leaking cap from the gulf of Mexico well Sunday, marking a pivotal breakthrough. Millions more gallons of crude will flow freely into the sea for at least two days until a new seal can be installed to capture all of it.

Man, 20, accused of starting fire

Police believe James J. Dahl could be charged with other fires set in the area.

By Matt Chiappano
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Freshman — Police have charged a local 20-year-old man in connection with one of the more than a dozen brush fires that have burned in the woods surrounding the Kings Grant development over the past month, and say more charges are forthcoming.

James J. Dahl, 20, of Stafford New, was taken into custody Friday, police said. He is charged with aggravated arson in connection with a June 21 brush fire near Dorchester Circle.

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Cowboys top Eagles, this time to end season

By DAVID WEINBERG
Staff Writer
ARLINGTON, Texas — The Philadelphia Eagles' season is over. Their quest to win their first National Football League championship since 1960 ended Saturday night with a 34-14 loss to the Dallas Cowboys in a wild-card round playoff game at Cowboys Stadium.

The Cowboys advanced to next week's divisional round of the playoffs. They will take on second-seeded Minnesota, which had a first-round bye, next Sunday.

The Cowboys earned their first playoff victory since the 1995 season at the Eagles' expense. They had lost six straight "weekend coverage" games. Conversely, the Eagles suffered their first opening playoff game defeat, under coach Andy Reid. They were 7-0 since they first qualified in the 2000 season.



Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter, right, and his team lost the NFL wild-card playoff game Saturday to the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas — this season's third loss to the Cowboys.



Boo Pergament's Atlantic City postcard collection spans decades.

Plush Mr. Peanut dolls came from Planters on the Boardwalk.

A case holds glassware sold as Boardwalk souvenirs.

A.C. history: A life that might die out?

Researchers hope they can pass along lifetimes' knowledge

By STEVEN V. CROHN
Staff Writer



Being an Atlantic City historian can be a pretty cool experience. It can mean anything from sitting down for lunch with a famous movie director to hearing documentary news from France. It might even involve seeing your own name in lights.

Allen 'Boo' Pergament's Atlantic City postcards are part of his extensive collection of memorabilia. It's a bit saddening that there isn't anyone to take this over, he says.

There aren't many young people clamoring for the job! The best-known chroniclers of the resort's history are senior citizens and aging baby-boomers, and it looks as though few young people are coming up to take their place.

Hear his story

Listen to an audio slide show of Boo Pergament on what Atlantic City history means to him at PressofAtlanticCity.com

from its founding to the start of the casino era. The series, which is filmed in New York, focuses on only a portion of that history — the time during prohibition, when Atlantic City struck a deal, barring the sale of alcohol and political boss Enoch "Nucky" Johnson ruled over a town that was attractive to tourists and criminals alike.

The series — imagine "The Sopranos" set in the Roaring 20s — is likely to get at least a few hip young television viewers interested in Atlantic City's past. But it's free.

See A.C., A10

Historians help creators get it right for television

By STEVEN V. CROHN
Staff Writer

Long before the first fax of film was shot for HBO's series "Boardwalk Empire," producers were working to make sure they captured the look and feel that permeated Atlantic City during the Roaring 20s.

It's very important to us. We try to make every effort to be as historically accurate as possible," said Steven Winter, executive producer and creator of the show, which is based on Atlantic County Superior Court Judge Nelson Johnson's history of corruption and crime in the resort.

The series opens on the day Prohibition was enacted in the United States, and shows

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COMING TOMORROW

What to wear to work out
The average ethnic doesn't have to buy the newest city-specific apparel.

Making up
In basketball, three costs find out what it's like going from high school stars to Division I college freshmen.

N.J.'s nonpublic schools fight for survival

By DIANE D'AMICO and TRISH GIFFILLIAN
Staff Writers
Kevin Vecio fully expected his children to walk to the same high school halls he roamed as a teenager.

But on Tuesday, Vecio and his wife, Jeanette, learned the family tradition would end for his son, Peter, 16, a freshman at the North Wildwood school. That afternoon, school officials gathered the school's 194 students and announced that Wildwood Catholic would close by June 30, making this year's senior the last class to graduate from the school, where enrollment has dropped almost by half in the past decade.

Private and parochial schools in New Jersey are struggling. Some are fighting for survival. Enrollment at nonpublic schools in New Jersey has dropped more than 10 percent in the past three years, from 180,275 in 2006-07 to 171,823 in 2008-09, according to state data. Public school enrollment during the same period dropped by 10,255 students, or less than 1 percent, to 1.38 million students. Nationally, private school enrollment has dropped by 164,000 students, or 2.5 percent. See Schools, A5

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DEP Hopes Outsourcing Will Speed Cleanups

No 'Plan B' for Storage of U.S. Nuclear Waste

WATCHDOG REPORT:

Sits state in toxic stew

DEP hopes outsourcing will speed cleanups

By MICHAEL MILLER
Staff Writer

The down and widens in the nondescript, asbestos-colored building at Franklin Township are boarded up — just another abandoned property in a state that, since the recession, has been increasingly full of them. Apart from its imposing but temporary fence, nobody would guess this cinder-block building no bigger than a ranch home straddled one of New Jersey's biggest environmental outrages of the past decade.

The state is knocking down the former Kidde-Kellogg Gasometer Country, a dry cave center that opened in a contaminated former thermosetter company, exposing more than 100 children in southern New Jersey to toxic mercury vapors before the disastrous conversion was discovered in 2006. But in a state with more than 20,000 polluted sites — the equivalent of nearly three sites for every square mile — similar mistakes were inevitable. Some of those sites have been neglected for decades. In response, the state in the past two years has revamped the way it addresses pollution.

Instead of 200 cave managers overseeing each cleanup individually, the state Department of Environmental Protection is outsourcing the jobs.

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Findings

- New Jersey has been slow to clean up pollution, with a backlog of more than 20,000 contaminated sites.
- While privatizing the cleanup process can work, it has opened the door to malfeasance schemes.
- The Sierra Club maintains the state has conceded too much overreach.

CCC: Trop's lack of license allows Kassekert's roles

By KEVIN POST
Business Editor

The Casino Control Commission said Friday that Chair Linda Kassekert is performing the duties of a Tropicana audit examiner but not serving as the committee, which exempts her from regulatory prohibitions and potential conflicts.

The commission's first extensive explanation of Kassekert's unique, unaccompanied service to state-controlled Tropicana Casino and Resort also said that with "highlights," the commission could have appointed an audit committee.

Kassekert and the commission's general counsel, Diana Fasolino, promised to review all aspects of the state's unprecedented two-year co-management of Tropicana and reappointed

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Michael Miller



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Outdoors

Stanhope artist looks to nature for inspiration

By LYNDsay CAETANA BOUCHAL

STANHOPE — He walks among the freshly fallen canopy-colored beech leaves and crimson Jack in the Pulpit berries, collecting the natural treasures as he ventures deeper into Allamuchy State Forest.

He places the organic materials into a small mesh bag tucked underneath his belt. This is how artist Michael Hartnett begins his morning.

Hartnett, 68, of Stanhope, resumes his day by working at his studio on Main Street, revisiting fine art and cut bottles and painting landscapes and floral designs on his pottery.

By the afternoon, Hartnett returns to the forest with his sack of bark bark and fern, acorns and coffee tree beans and when he sees a leafy stone or mossy patch, he sets to work.

The moss becomes slim. Slick, chewed up by berries, become the outline of a face. Hartnett takes two leaves, curled leaves and places them on the moss. They now form cheeks. Green acorns are dropped down to create eyes, while brown acorns are used to make a beard. Twig and bark ferns make lips.

In minutes, Hartnett has created what he has entitled "Nature Faces," images created entirely by organic materials provided by Mother Nature.

The artist believes the earth is constantly speaking to us in the most hidden of ways. By creating these Nature Faces, he is "giving voice to the leaves."

"The color of the fall leaves coming down — berries, acorns, twigs — there are lots of rich color to work with," Hartnett said.

Hartnett said he tries to use materials that have been released by a natural life cycle, rather than plucking leaves or ripe berries from their stems.

The artist began working with earthy materials in 1970 in Fremont Park — and thought, "What can I use to draw with besides a pencil?" he said.

Hartnett began rubbing green onto his sheet of paper, then dirt, then a flower. When he moved Stanhope in 2004 and entered Allamuchy State Park, it became his canvas.

He said, imagine this place in the winter, "one gigantic piece of white paper, one huge canvas waiting something to happen."

Just as he began creating Nature Faces, some along-side hiking trails and waterfalls for friends and park visitors, others drop in his lap, knowing they would never be seen.

Over the years, Hartnett began documenting his creative process with photographs, going from nature, personal journals and sketchbooks.

By November, he began writing a one-day journal novel for young adults based on the characters he created in the state park called "Tales of Allamuchy." The characters were 120 pages and topped with a total of 400 illustrations.

Hartnett said, describing one of the first characters in the novel, Bernadette Chiffgrass, "She's pretty. She's a little bit of an outdoor beauty, she's got this voice that's a little amazing, but she's a little strange girl. She's a hope-



Michael Hartnett, of Stanhope, picks a few Jack in the Pulpit berries on a walk in Allamuchy State Forest. Hartnett uses leaves, twigs, berries and sticks to create "nature faces." Though he leaves the creations in the forest, Hartnett is incorporating photographs of his characters into a novel.



The shell family — Carya, Hicoria and Glan — by Michael Hartnett includes shell fungi, fern, moss, twig, herbery and leaves.



Hartnett shows the remainder of "fern shell," one of his nature faces, in Allamuchy State Forest.



Bernadette Chiffgrass by Michael Hartnett includes moss, twigs, maple, bark and Virginia creeper berries, green lichen, a twig, buckwheat, coffee tree beans, a small shell, fern, moss and stones.



A pile of Hartnett's supplies for creating "nature faces." Hartnett makes many of his creations in Allamuchy State Forest.

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ful character." Last year he created more than 100 faces, but this fall he has created a dozen more.

Hartnett said he has been inspired by the vast number of faces he has encountered in his lifetime, from glimpses here to investigations there.

The artist said he comes into the forest with no preconceived notions of what he will create, he lets the falling

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New to Classroom: Happy to Be Hired, New Teachers Plunge into Job

Lyndsay Bouchal



Take a hike: Acropolis Trail

Location: Stokes State Forest. Trailhead is on southbound Route 206 about a quarter-mile south of Culver Gap parking lot.

A trail sign for a curve in the highway marked 25 mph is at the foot of the trailhead.

Length: About 1.5 miles uphill. About an hour walk.

Of note: This trail is closed Jan. 1 to July 31 to the eagles nesting in the area and not disturbed.

The trail heads uphill immediately it comes to a grassy open space, where it switches back to the right.

It is on the right as you turn left, near the ground. The trail heads up and around, leads to slight view of Killbuck Lake on right and a view through the trees of Culver Lake as you near the top, which could be colorful in the fall.

Keep walking in the same direction and you will see another brown-and-yellow trail marker.

AT LEFT: The trailhead along state Route 206 for the Acropolis Trail in Stokes State Forest.

There is room for one car at the trailhead but there is a weather-beaten "no parking" sign there.

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Karen Heller Buzz Bissinger Reflections for the Fourth, from another Philly Currents.

SHORE DINING Craig LaBan's annual gastronomic guide.

N.J. smokers taking a (tax) break in Pa. B.I. Retire after 54 years? Not 'Mc Atlantic City' Kevin Riordan, B.I.

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Inside the Health-Care Crucible Reports from a hospital in a time of upheaval.

Medicare rules force a hospital catch-22 The agency won't pay for rehab unless a patient was admitted for three days.

On the evening of Jan. 3, Fran Bogus, 76, a resident of the Abramson Center for Jewish Life in Hirschman, was sitting on her bed watching television when she slumped off, fell, and broke her arm.

In an era of cutbacks, Pa. pays for an event championed by a powerful Phila. politician despite anemic crowds.



About 5:45 p.m., on Stage One at the West Oak Lane Jazz Festival, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, one of the featured attractions June 19, plays the final quarter of an hour-long set as some gather and others wander.

Public's funds, if not feet, fill \$1 million jazz fest

By Christopher K. Hepp In successfully seeking \$1 million from Pennsylvania's taxpayers, the organizers of last month's West Oak Lane Jazz Festival said they expected a crowd that would rival Woodstock.

Marcellus Shale delay fracturing Pa. county

An environmental moratorium pits its local supporters against farmers eager for gas revenue.

By Andrew Moskath DAMASCUS, Pa. — Tim Coulter's farm in this rocky corner of northeast Pennsylvania is in financial trouble. He's sold off the livestock. There's no market for the timber. And with only 12 acres left, Coulter can't carve off any more of the land that his family has owned for five generations.

In September, a week before the Wayne County sheriff's was scheduled to close on Coulter's farm to collect \$7,000 in taxes, Coulter arrived in the form of a check from a natural-gas company that leased Coulter's land for Marcellus Shale exploration.

Everybody's trying to come through. "Without it, we would have gone under." In fact, there is ample evidence that the crowd at times would have barely filled Verizon Hall's 2,900 seats. And that raises questions about past attendance totals used by the festival to justify taxpayer support.

In spy arrests, bit of nostalgia for Cold War

By Steven E. Harnet WASHINGTON — The capture of these alleged deep-cover Russian agents has — for a moment of nostalgia — taken Americans back to a day when their enemy was sneaky.

No Ventnor rent-a-cops this summer. Footloose on the boardwalk



Karen Schaefer and Abby ride on Ventnor's boardwalk. She won't miss "dog Nazis" hassling her.

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SHOPPING

Something old, something new



Jennifer Madalena Patrick is owner of The Couture Exchange consignment boutique in Shorebury and Westfield.

Consignment shops offer cheap chic in tough times

By RAVYN D. COLLINS

When Jennifer Madalena Patrick opened The Couture Exchange consignment boutique five years ago, some people just didn't get it. And those who did sometimes turned up their noses. Not anymore. "The attitude has definitely changed now," said Madalena Patrick, who now runs two locations of The Couture Exchange — Shorebury and Westfield — in addition to an online store on eBay. "It became more accepted,"

she said. "People who wouldn't have bought before are buying consignment. They're not turning up their noses now." Consignment shops and their more democratic brethren — thrift stores — have been around for generations selling everything from clothing and handbags. The online retailer they added new energy and interest to the trend. But consignment shops ensure say consignment — in which sellers share a percentage of sales with a retailer of any where between 40 and 50 per-

cent — has gained new fans with the recent economic downturn and recovery. "I definitely see a difference in business. Now I'm getting people who aren't bringing in things to sell because they're just embarrassed. People are bringing things in because they need the money or they're moving away," said Carol MacArthur, owner of Encore Quality Consignments in Berkeleyville. "There's no shortage of great stuff that comes in here."

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PEOPLE



Julie Genovese, second from left, sits with her family, March 15. From left, son Spencer, 9, son Kyle, 5, husband Bill and dog Merlin at their home in Dover.

Calming her inner storm

Woman writes her way to self-acceptance, confidence

By LORRAINE ASH

Julie Genovese of Dover is a little person with a big story.

In her newly released debut memoir, "Nothing Short of Joy" (Baylor Publishers, \$13.95), the 49-year-old author, wife and mother writes vividly of living as a dwarf. Readers learn facts:

■ Both her parents and four of her five older siblings were of average stature.

■ She has the second most common form of dwarfism, spina-11 long-limb tetra-

phalysia, which means her limbs are disproportionately to her torso. SED occurs in one per 10,000 births.

■ While the word dwarf is descriptive, "misfit" is considered derogatory.

But Genovese's story is not about dwarfism per se. It is about finding self-acceptance and then self-love and, in so doing, changing her life.

"We are souls jammed into bodies that set us up for a challenge, and that is how we evolve," said Genovese, a painter with an art degree from Hamilton College. "For years, I was busy trying to run from what was given to me, but you can't run from your own body. When I accepted my body, I was able to be true to myself. Maybe when we're each true to ourselves, we are part of a bigger purpose in life."

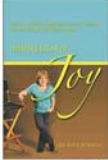
Her early years, as depicted in the book, are filled with drama. Bullies mocked her as she walked home from school, walking on their knees beside her and calling her "Hobbit" and "Misfit."

Doctors at a health defect center asked her to strip for photographs for a medical journal. Once she was ushered into an auditorium only to find, to her shock, that she was put on display in front of a crowd of "white coats," all thinking she was a living part of her physical "defect" was explained and demonstrated.

"They looked so lonely," Genovese writes. "That no one saw."

Hardly anyone truly saw or heard from Genovese for many years. She stayed home. She worked a job, but was leaving her outrage about how others viewed her.

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The cover of Genovese's book, "Nothing Short of Joy."

ENTERTAINMENT

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

It's time for the Garden State Film Festival

By GRAYLW BRASHEAR

It's the eighth annual Garden State Film Festival kicks off Thursday and for the next 10 days, and for the next 10 days, the yearly week-end whirlwind of movies, seminars, question-and-answer sessions and parties is still a labor of love. Last year, 30,000 people descended on Asbury Park for the event, estimated

by commercial production company president Diane Pasteroff, and actor Robert Patrick, said Leri Deas, one of the organizers. "The joy of the festival, everyone together, filmmakers, actors and movie enthusiasts spend four days watching, talking and networking."

Many of the 10-plus films screening over the weekend are directed by or

star New Jersey residents, and the state is the focus of plenty of the documentaries, dramas and comedies. Kevin James McMillin, a 23-year-old Holmdel native, pulled his high school friends to star in his feature film "DOD 117," shown Saturday, March 21.

Many of the 10-plus films screening over the weekend are directed by or



"DOD 117," featuring Kevin James McMillin and John Benedetto, is among the films being screened at this year's Garden State Film Festival.

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OLYMPICS ARE OFF TO THE RACES

Complete coverage of the first day of competition. In Sports

IN BUSINESS

Two sides to Toyota's 8.5M recall

Some car buyers are reluctant to purchase the vehicles, but it's also a good time to make a deal on one.

IN PARADE

N.J.'s family behind the flag

Columnist Mark D'Zonia talks with the owners of a Verona flag company about what the stars and stripes mean to them.



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MY DEAR, DAILY VALENTINE



It has been 72 years since John and Anne Dietz were married, and their life in Pompton Lakes includes a four-line poem from him to her almost every day.

Some spouses are odes to lasting love

By Vicki Hyman

On a morning, John and Anne Dietz had a hill. "I really don't remember what it was about," John says. "He doesn't want to say," Anne retorts. "I thought I'd write a nice quatrain to set it right," John continues smoothly.

"Quatrain," Anne repeats, playfully pulling an impressed face.

Truth be told, Anne was impressed by those four lines of verse and instantly forgave her husband for the now-faded forgotten trespass. And John Dietz — an engineer who retired as chief of the instrument division at McGraw-Hill, who would do a tie on Sanders just to sit home and read the paper — became a poet. At age 73.

And that was 72 years ago. Almost every morning since, he has pressed a quatrain for his wife.

■ Film critic Stephen Whitty on internet love stories. In Sunday

February next month. Their recipe for matrimonial happiness is deceptively simple.

"If he thinks about you, if he asks how you feel, it means a lot," Anne says. "And I do the same thing. I take care of him like a baby."

Both couples will celebrate Valentine's Day with a minimum of fuss, but their unions are remarkable, a testament to the power of compromise and communication, not to mention longevity.

"I can't hear correctly. I can't see. I can't think, but hey, look, we're still here," Anne says.

People marrying today are far less likely to see their unions last as long, according to David Popenoe, author of *THE VALENTINE*, page 1.

Afghan offensive hits early hurdles

Minefields, deep mud slow Marines' march

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran

MARLB, Afghanistan — U.S. Marines and Afghan soldiers encountered pockets of stiff resistance and extensive minefields as they sought to press into this Taliban sanctuary in southern Afghanistan yesterday.

Numerous gangfires with insurgents and pounding of mortar shells slowed the advance of many coalition units and delayed them from reaching some of their key destinations in this farming area of 80,000 people. The operation was further complicated by the challenge of finding irrigation canals that rise the area and traversing a landscape covered in knee-deep mud.

"It's been a tough slog for some of our companies."

By Gen. Lawrence Nicholson

"We've had some pretty tough fights," said Brig. Gen. Lawrence Nicholson, commander of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

"It's been a tough slog for some of our companies."

The effort to flush the Taliban out of Marjah, which includes 5,000 Marines and Afghan security forces, is part of the largest coalition operation since the start of the Afghan war to combat the insurgency and exert government control over lawless areas of the country. British and Afghan troops are conducting a related military operation in an adjacent Taliban stronghold 30 miles to the northeast.

NATO said two of its soldiers were killed in the first day of the operation — one American and one Briton, according to military officials in their countries.

Afghan authorities said at least 20 insurgents were killed by Marine ground units and by a series of Hellfire missile strikes from unmanned Predator and Reaper drones flying over the area that commanders expected to put some heads of Taliban shooting coalition forces.

The danger and complexity of the mission became evident as soon as Charlie Company of the 10th Marine Regiment approached the northeast

side of AFGHANISTAN, page 1.

As pension reforms loom, some public workers rush to retire

By Lisa Fletcher and Chris Megerian

In Eshon and police stations, union halls and county offices, workers eligible to retire are asking each other the same question: Are you putting in your papers?

With Gov. Chris Christie targeting public-worker benefits in his speeches, they're wondering if it's time to get out, before legislators remake the pension system.

Anthony Caputo, New Brunswick's police director, got his retirement papers Feb. 2, more than a week after top elected officials said they would target public-employee pensions.

"It definitely played a role in my decision," Caputo said. "Every cop, once they hit 25 years, they wonder: What am I going to do with my life?"

And now that Republicans and Democrats have introduced a four-bill package to trim pensions and benefits, union

officials warn that New Jersey's most experienced police officers, firefighters and municipal workers will face the steepest cuts before the changes take effect.

"You're going to see a mass exodus," said Anthony Wiencien, president of the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association, which represents

30,000 officers. "They're moving for word on this too quickly. They're not thinking it out properly."

Although the proposed pension changes would largely affect future workers, they also would require all public employees — rather than just state workers — to contribute at least 1.5 percent of their salary toward benefits now and when they retire.

The reform proposal also includes

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THIS JUST IN

Teen reported missing in Maple Shade



Police in Maple Shade are asking for help locating a local teen who went missing Friday afternoon.

Frank Forast, 17, was last seen at 12:30 p.m. police said.

He is described as a 5-foot, 6-inch, 125-pound white male with blue eyes and blonde hair.

He has a tattoo of a Celtic cross and shamrock on his upper right arm, has both ears pierced and usually wears a neck chain.

He may be driving a white 1999 Honda Accord sedan with New Jersey license plate ZLV2411.

Anyone who can help identify Forast is asked to call Township Police at 856-234-8300, or dial 911.

Rutgers honors late student at game

Rutgers University has paid a public tribute at a football game to a student who committed suicide last week after his sexual encounter was wrongly streamed online.

Most in the crowd bowed their heads after a public address announcer requested a moment of silence for 18-year-old freshman Tyler Clementi before the start of Saturday's homecoming game against Tulane.

Clementi's name was chanted on the stadium's huge scoreboard, and the crowd applauded politely after the observations ended.

It is finally here!

Your votes will decide which 15 boys get their own monthly fall 2010/2011 Burlington County Times Newspaper in Education Pack Calendar. Voting is easier way and will continue online until Sunday, Oct. 17.

All votes sent by regular mail must be postmarked by Oct. 17.

To vote online, go to www.nybcnews.com. To vote by mail, Burlington County Times, 4284 Route 130 N, Willingboro, NJ 08096, 2010, attention: NIE.

Newsbreak

Good morning to BCT subscribers Mark and Bill Goley, who are celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary today.

It's annual tradition, which means it's about time to dress up your dog. My pooch is getting his own Phillies jersey with the name "Coke Moley" on the back.

Here's some good news. For the second straight week gas prices around the state remained steady. The bad news? The price of electricity also went up.

Former Eagles quarterback Corban Mckee returns to Philly today. Earlier this week he said he looked forward to coming back and that can't see to throw a few passes into the ground for old time's sake. OK, I made that last part up.

Make sure to enjoy another great fall afternoon. The weather people are predicting more sun for the week.

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Special breast cancer section inside

Charter school OK'd for W'boro

The Benjamin Bancker Preparatory Charter School could open in fall 2012.

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WILLINGBORO — Local families once again will have the option of sending their children to a charter school in the township.

The Benjamin Bancker Preparatory Charter School was one of six charter schools approved by the New Jersey Department of Education to open in the next two school

years, department spokesman Beth Anzward said Friday.

Richard Wilson Jr., leader of a group of eight founders who applied for the charter, said tentative plans call for the school to open in the fall of 2012, possibly as open as he based at the Kenwood Center on J.R.K. Way.

"We're keeping our options open," Wilson said Friday about the possible location.

As defined by the Department of Education, a charter school is a public institution open to all students on a space available basis. It is funded by taxpayer funds separate and independent of the district Board of Education and administration under a charter granted by the state commissioner of education.

According to its application, the Bancker school is expected to draw students solely from Willingboro. Enrollment will be limited to 120 sixth- and seventh-graders during the first year. An eighth grade will be added in the second year and enrollment is projected to grow to 340 in the fourth year.

Wilson, who lives in Willingboro and works as a guidance counselor in the Hamilton School District, said the founders selected Willingboro to provide parents and students with another option other than township and private schools.

"I believe the education system in Willingboro can be successful, that it still has

potential, but there needs to be another option for parents to place their kids," he said.

The charter school's application said its mission would be to prepare students to succeed in high school and college by "promoting high academic achievement while addressing social and emotional issues that develop character, build effective social relationships, and engender respect for self and others."

Students will take math, science, language arts, social studies as well as a leadership course. The founders also intend to eventually require courses in technology and engineering.

Attacker sought in fatal stabbing

The person who killed 29-year-old Bernadette Teasdale, of Cinnaminson, is still at large. Police believe the attack was not random.

CAMDEN — A Cinnaminson woman was stabbed to death at Eighth and Lane streets 7:30 p.m. Friday, and her killer is still at large, according to Camden County Prosecutors Office.

The victim was identified as 29-year-old Bernadette Teasdale.

Prosecutors have not released any other details of the stabbing except that it occurred outdoors and is not believed to have been a random attack, said spokesman James Landolina.

Bernadette Teasdale's aunt, Malinda Teasdale, of Brownsboro, said the stabbing was the result of an argument her niece was engaged in that evening.

"They all know," Teasdale said. "She was arguing with someone and then she got stabbed."

Teasdale said she had no idea who had attacked her niece, and added that she and her family were in great pain due to the loss.

She declined further comment.

The Prosecutor's Office has not released any descriptions of potential suspects.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Camden County Prosecutors Office Investigator James Finnan at 556-225-8400, or Camden city police Detective Gabriel Rodriguez at 856-757-7420.

— Matt Crossant

Berry busy bog



Pin Island Cranberry Company worker Benjamin Perez uses a board to push crabs onto a conveyor belt. The annual fall cranberry harvest has begun in the Pine Barrens.

CRIMSON HARVEST



Pin Island Cranberry Company workers use beaters to detach the cranberries from the plants and bring them to the surface in a bog.

Cranberry growers have begun the annual ritual in the bogs.

By Pig Quann
Staff writer

For the third Phillips farm who happens to be cranberry growers, the last low October have been sloping to the last.

Just as former Burlington County Prosecutor Bill Hines and his son, Bill III, or "Big," as he was nicknamed in honor of Big McGee, the late Phillips relief pitcher.

The Haines, who operate their Pin Island Cranberry Co. on 1,300 acres in Washington, have started the annual, costly ritual that is the cranberry harvest. So have many of their neighbors. It's beautiful to see — like a choreographed water dance, played out on the bogs that run

Virtua Health launches new mobile ICU

The unit is equipped with airway management tools, an electrocardiogram, and other advanced life-support equipment to handle serious emergencies.

By Mark Zimmans
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PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP — A new paramedic unit will be raising its toes lives in the heart of the township.

On Friday, Virtua Health launched a new Paramedics and Mobile Intensive Care Unit at the Browns Mills Emergency Rescue Squad on Inlansene Road.

Township officials and Virtua representatives were on hand to cut the ribbon, signifying the beginning of a partnership of



Members of the Browns Mills Emergency Squad and Virtua EMS members attend the ribbon cutting in Pemberton Township on Friday morning. Virtua added an Advanced Life Support Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) to the Browns Mills squad.

emergency medical care.

"This has been a long time coming," said Scott Kasper, corporate director of emergency services at Virtua. "This area has really been a ball's eye of Burlington County for us. We recognized a bit of a void here in emergency services, and this will be very beneficial to the county and to Pemberton Township."

Virtua now operates paramedic units in six county towns: Cinnaminson, Mansfield, Marlton, Mount Holly, Mount Laurel and Voorhees Township.

The unit is equipped with airway management tools, an electrocardiogram, and other advanced life-support equipment to handle serious emergencies.

The crew operates from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day and will be one of the Browns Mills station's three by doers.

"We were able to increase services to our residents at no cost to the residents," Sur ICU, Page A2

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An Olympic breakthrough

Johnny Spillane ends U.S. drought in the Nordic combined with a silver medal. **Sports, C1.**

Rendell said to be skimping on needy

Cuts in the new budget shortchange the elderly, disabled, and children, some advocates say.

By Amy Worden
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Blattered by deep cuts last year, groups that offer services to the disabled, the elderly, and children are wincing at what they see in Gov. Rendell's latest proposed budget.

Rendell, delivering his eighth and final budget address on Tuesday, announced plans to trim some areas that touch the most vulnerable, such as literacy programs and disability payments for people living below the poverty line.

Small though they may be, the proposed reductions — along with the budget's reliance on hundreds of millions in federal recovery funds not yet approved by Congress — strike fear in the hearts of agencies that deliver food, health care, training, transportation, addiction counseling, and child care to Pennsylvania's neediest.

"Rendell has always avoided helping the poorest in the state," said Jonathan Stein, chief legal counsel for Philadelphia-based Community Legal Services. "This is contrary to his efforts over the last seven years."

Rendell's \$29 billion spending plan contains cuts and tucks across the board for most agencies, and no restriction of funding for some departments that took substantial hits last year, such as the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Not so for basic education, Rendell's signature issue in recent years. In his budget address to the General Assembly, he asked for a 1.7 percent increase in education funding, including an additional \$160 million to build on successes of prior years. **See BUDGET on A10**



A U.S. soldier returns fire as others run for cover during yesterday's firefight with insurgents west of Lashkar Gah in Helmand province. It is near Marjah, where U.S. Marines are staging an offensive against the Taliban.

Rockets kill 12 Afghan civilians

The casualties came as Marines faced "death at every corner" in Day Two of fighting in Marjah.

By Alfred De Montespinois
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—

MARJAH, Afghanistan — Two U.S. rockets slammed into a home yesterday outside the southern Taliban stronghold of Marjah, killing 12 civilians after Afghanistan's president appealed to NATO to take care in its campaign to retake the town.

Inside — In Marjah, Marines encircled "death at every corner" in their second day of a mission to retake the town.

Now, in these unforgiving economic times, it has become something else: a place for folks to hold on to what they have, bury pasts, maintain dignity, and carve out paths to the middle.

"Most of our residents don't just live here," said John Bertram, an owner of Penn Park. "They choose to live here."

Now, in these unforgiving economic times, it has become something else: a place for folks to hold on to what they have, bury pasts, maintain dignity, and carve out paths to the middle.

Pennsauken trailer community offers refuge

By Mike Newall
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—

Long a safe harbor for people at the margins, the park has evolved.

Home Park, a small Pennsauken trailer community, wedged into a curl of land beside the Route 70 interchange, just five minutes from Philadelphia and Cherry Hill, was a

safe harbor for people clinging to the margins.

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Coming Thursday

In a special section, we look at the latest trends in research, medicine, surgical procedures, and prevention for America's No. 1 killer.

He could write a book.

A fascination with all things presidential

By Ari Carey
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—

Walter Eckman pondered the question long and hard: If he could spend an evening with one of the 43 U.S. presidents, who would it be? The seconds ticked by Eckman, so visible and efficient, was suddenly perplexed and mute.



Walter Eckman of Kennett Square is fascinated by the personalities of the U.S. chief executives. **See PRESIDENTS on A12**

In hard times, Americans blame the poor

"The economic downturn has made the middle class less generous," one researcher said. "It's a divided country."

By Alfred Labraro
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—

Last month, U.S. Gov. Andre Bauer of South Carolina said that when the government helps the poor, it's like people feeding stray animals that continually "breed."

held belief: In tough times, people are tough on the poor.

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DOWN THE LINE

ATHLETE OF THE DAY



Gage Mick

- ★ North Cumberland
- ★ Big League
- ★ 16-18
- ★ Pitcher

Mick sent his team to the World Series with a walk-off base hit to the right field gap that plated Darren Fischer and gave North Cumberland a 5-4 victory in the East Regional finals on Thursday.

Bonds trial likely to start next year

SAN FRANCISCO — It appears Barry Bonds' long-running criminal case may not go to trial until next year.

The legal team for Major League Baseball's home run king, the government lawyers prosecuting him and the judge overseeing the 3-year-old case were unable to set a definitive trial date Friday. They agreed to reconvene on Aug. 6 to try again.

Bonds has pleaded not guilty to lying to a federal grand jury in 2003 when he denied knowingly taking performance-enhancing drugs.

MLB to test minor leaguers for HGH

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball has started random blood testing for human growth hormone in the minor leagues, the first professional sports league in the United States to take the aggressive step against doping.

Commissioner Bud Selig said blood testing will immediately become part of the Minor League Drug Program and Treatment Program, which has been in place since 2005.

— From wire reports

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Andre Dawson will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday in Cooperstown, N.Y.

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N. Cumberland bound for World Series — again

Team making its third trip to final stage in five years



By JOSH FREEMAN Staff Writer

North Cumberland is becoming a world-renowned name in Little League circles.

For the third time in five years, a North Cum-



Larry Hamdy

berland squad won its way to the World Series and the Big League team advanced to the tourna-

ment Thursday with a 5-4 victory over Williamsport, Pa., in the East Regional final.

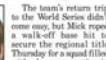
Nine members of the squad — Gage Mick, Barry



Darren Fischer

Larry, Clint Godfrey, Darren Fischer, Joe Hamdy, Andrew Owens, Jimmy Willis, D.J. Marshall, Ryan Griffith and Mike Cooper — have played on all three teams that made the World Series, including the group that won the 2008 Senior League World Series championship. As a Junior League team, they went to the World Series in 2006 and played fifth.

It's amazing going again," Hamdy said. "It felt great going the first

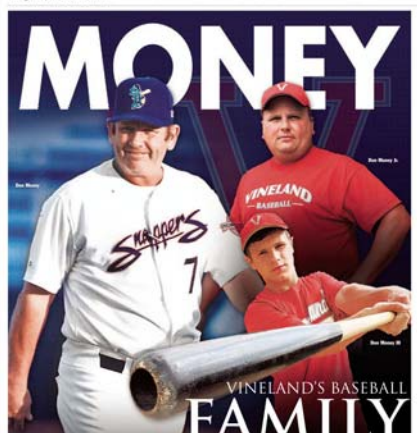


Clint Godfrey

time, and the second time we won it, and this time it's a whole new experience because we're at a whole new level."

The World Series starts Wednesday in Easley, S.C. North Cumberland will take on the Central Region winner at 4 p.m.

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VINELAND'S BASEBALL FAMILY

Staff photo by Steve Ballard. Staff photo by Greg Matthews, submitted photo

A hit off the old block

Baseball roots are strong with this clan, including a former MLB star

By ANTHONY COPPOLA Staff Writer

Most 12-year-old boys would only dream of suiting up as a baseball during the Major League Baseball World Series.

But in Don Money Jr.'s case, the job seemed like just another day at the ballpark.

Such was life for the son of a Major League pitcher Money Jr. was a middle

school student in Vineland when his father, Don Money, missed third base for the Milwaukee Brewers against the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1986 Fall Classic.

After pulling some strings within the Milwaukee organization, Money landed his son a dugout seat and Brewers uniform for the series opening pair of games in St. Louis, a deal that 28 years later has Money Jr.

referring to as "one of those stories would be possible if not for the longevity of Money's career in professional baseball, which remains ongoing."

Signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates as an amateur free agent in 1965, Money was later traded to the Philadelphia Phillies in 1966 before spending 11 seasons in Milwaukee starting in 1973.

After 15 years away from the professional game, Money, who was born in Washington D.C. and played his high school ball in Maryland, made

his return to the field in 1988 with the Baltimore Orioles. Money Jr. is a member of the Fighting Club. Yet none of



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RACE DAY

WHAT: IndyCar 400
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THE FAVORITES TO WIN: Jimmie Johnson and Tony Stewart have contended for the last few years.

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PHILS TURN HITTING WOES TO GROSS

Thompson fired as team's offense sputters badly

By DAVID HALE The News Journal

PHILADELPHIA — The Phillies held their second closed-door meeting in three weeks Friday, talking for nearly a half-hour prior to taking batting practice. While the discus-



Greg Gross, left, has rebounded as the Phillies hitting coach, replacing Mike Thompson.

sion surrounded the team's recent struggles and new hitting coach Greg Gross, the overall message was simple.

"I just talked to our team that we now fit more games to play," Manager Lou Licerio said. "We've seen us make up seven games in 17 days and win



Mike Thompson, right, was fired as hitting coach.

our division. All we got to do is get to playing baseball like we can, and like we've been playing before."

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel dismissed hitting coach Mike Thompson on Friday and replaced him with Gross. Entering

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Caring for Brayden

An 18-month-old boy fights epilepsy with a smile, helped by doctors and dad, a Rutgers assistant basketball coach.

By KEITH SARGANT

The first attack seemed harmless enough. His arms raised... hands clenched into fists... body jerked... eyes widened... and six deep breaths belated from his chest.

And then Brayden Carr, as he had done for most of his six-month life before that initial seizure, smiled.

That's the thing about Brayden, his father Jim says. Whatever obstacle is thrown his way, whether it's the 37 doses of medicine being administered into his body a day or the cluster of seizures that strike without warning, Brayden is always smiling.

"He's got a million-dollar smile, and he laughs all the time," said Carr, a longtime assistant coach for the Rutgers men's basketball team now serving as the program's recruiting coordinator. "He's a good-looking little boy who every body wants to hug."

Brayden, 18 months old, has been battling epileptic seizures for most of his life.

Since last April to now, he's had a whole spectrum of seizures, said Carr, speaking publicly about his son's condition for the first time. "At its worst it was seven to 10 episodes of seizures a day, each one lasting eight to 10 minutes long.

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ONLINE
Database helps find missing
N.J. site uses people's input
By JOSHUA KIM
STAFF WRITER

The case started in mid-February when a Guatemalan woman contacted her country's embassy in the United States, searching for her husband, who had been missing for about two weeks. She knew that Henrique Fontana, who was in his late 20s, was in the New Brunswick area. The query eventually went to the Middlesex County Medical Examiner's Office.

When an assistant medical examiner contacted Dennis Fontana, the New Jersey State Police forensic anthropologist, she directed the embassy to check an online missing and unidentified persons database known as "Namid," an information system from Fontana and the Medical Examiner's Office. The woman looked through the Namid's database and positively identified her husband's body through photographs and information, including details of his deformed left foot.

The grim conclusion to the inquiry at least meant Fontana could remove the case from Namid's, but thousands of others remain in the federal database. Formally known as the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, the U.S. Justice Department run site allows police and the public to view information about missing people and unidentified bodies across the country.

As the state's case manager for Namid, Fontana works closely with the system, one of several online tools the State Police and law enforcement across the country use to keep track of these cases. One of the most important features of the database, Fontana said, is that ordinary Web users can view, sort and even enter information on the site.

"I'm sure anybody Jimmy asked to do something, they would help," Syracuse's long-time assistant coach said.

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Fundraiser to aid research

By KEITH SARGANT

When Jim Carr heard Dr. Orin Devinsky, the primary neurologist for his son, Brayden, was holding a fundraiser for epilepsy research, the Rutgers men's basketball assistant coach reached out to his peers for help.

"Believe it or not it's one of the least funded diseases in our country," Carr said. "Everyone knows someone who has epilepsy or a seizure condition. But it's not one of those diseases that people know a whole lot about."

Carr e-mailed coaches from all 16 Big East Conference teams, requesting that they send something of value for the Fundraising A Cure for Epilepsy and Seizures (FACES) fundraiser set for Tuesday night at



"The medicine is really hard on him," mom Natalie Carr (above) says of the efforts to control Brayden's epilepsy. "It's harder than the seizures." Dad Jim Carr, a longtime assistant coach for the Rutgers men's basketball team says about his son, "He's got a million-dollar smile, and he laughs all the time."

Chelsea Piers in New York City.

"We got lucky in that people that we know, they want to help us, and a lot of that was through basketball, through Rutgers and through the Big East," Carr said. "Not a lot of people have those same advantages, so we want to give back by raising money in a different way so they get better research. Everybody's working hard, whether it's tickets or autograph basketballs and posters, which is great."

Mike Hopkins was among the Big East assistant coaches who offered to help.

"I'm sure anybody Jimmy asked to do something, they would help," Syracuse's long-time assistant coach said.

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HNT INVESTIGATION

N.J. may trim, delay retirees' benefits

By JASON METHO

connect via www.njpa.com

The state's financial crisis may force New Jersey to raise the retirement age for state workers again and scale back pension benefits even for current government employees.

Those were two of several dramatic proposals sent as officials begin to

figure how to deal with the \$11 billion deficit for the state budget that begins July 1.

The public discussions even included a moment when the state treasurer broached the idea of a bankruptcy filing for the state's pension systems, an idea he later said was a "theoretical question" that is not legally possible.

With Gov. Chris

Christie's budget address last March 16, administration officials and legislative leaders are faced with an ever-increasing pension obligation that would call for the state to pay \$11 billion toward pensions in the new budget.

Then there are the rising health benefit costs for retired workers, a total liability of some \$10 billion, according to state officials.

The severity of the situation was highlighted Tuesday in a meeting of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors.

After Christie gave what has become his stump speech about the painful choices that must be made and then left, state Treasurer Andrew P. Salamone and the advisory

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Cancer survivor, 72, ready for Runyon Run

By JEAN-PIERRE MESTANZA
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER



Seventy-two-year-old Leslie Mayer is a stranger to laziness. The Bronx native has always been an athlete, running marathons and staying shape even throughout his recovery from major tongue cancer surgery four years ago.

Now the Secaucus resident is gearing up for his next challenge: The Damon Runyon 5K Run at Yankee Stadium, with proceeds going toward various types of cancer research. The course goes through the stairs in the stadium before ending with a lap around the warning track on the field.

The event raised \$250,000 with 25,000 runners in its first run last year and is expected to nearly double both of those numbers this year, according to Catherine Bright, director of communications for the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. "As a cancer survivor, I will do anything for others who are in that situation," said Mayer.

His goal is to finish in 30 minutes, but admits that the stairs may throw him off, especially for someone who has had three surgeries on each of his knees.

"Everybody thinks it is easy, putting one foot in front of the other and you go out," said Mayer, who explained that stamina, physiology, and genetics are big factors in running.

He tells new runners to not worry about form. Focus instead on speed and building stamina, he says. His daughter Stacy took his advice and crossed the finish line at the New York City Marathon five times, in addition to the Chicago Marathon.

Mayer started running in the late 1970s while in his 30s. A lifelong friend, Dr. Norman Steinbaum, grew up next door to Mayer in the Bronx and helped spark his interest in running. After a few months

LESLIE MAYER looks over some running shoes for Sunday's Damon Runyon 5K Run at Yankee Stadium.

JEAN-PIERRE MESTANZA/JOURNAL PHOTO

Mayer joined Steinbaum and others in organized runs around the metropolitan area.

"He just has this will to do good," said Steinbaum, a Woodcliff Lake resident. Steinbaum said their running group mushroomed to 25 people in just over a year, something Mayer talks about fondly.

"The camaraderie is amazing," Mayer said. "You meet so many great people

"As a cancer survivor, I will do anything for others who are in that situation."

Leslie Mayer

through this." His one regret in life is not finishing his first NYC Marathon in 1984, admittedly starting out too fast, burning out at the 15-mile mark, and walking off the course leaving friends

Hong Kong, Shanghai, Medellin, Mexico City, and finished the NYC Marathon six other times, the last time being 2004 at the age of 66.

But nothing has come close to the feeling of beating tongue

and family waiting near the finish line.

Since then, Mayer has run in Istanbul,

cancer.

After major surgery in November 2006, Mayer was left with a slight speech impediment and is unable to eat certain foods.

But he was itching to get back on his feet.

"He was doing laps on his ward, dragging the IV pole after the surgery," said Steinbaum. "That is his will to survive."



Millville track opens New cars, more races this season



Robin Roberts dies Hall of Famer led Phillie's 'Whiz Kids'

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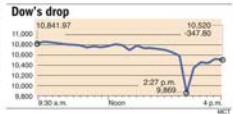
■ Much of the nearly 10 percent loss was recovered, with the Dow closing down 3.2 percent.

By TIM PARADIS

NEW YORK — A computerized sell-off possibly caused by a simple typographical error triggered one of the most turbulent days in Wall Street history Thursday and sent the Dow Jones industrial to a loss of

almost 1,000 points, nearly 10 percent of their value, in less than half an hour. It was the biggest drop ever during a trading day. The Dow recovered two-thirds of the loss before the closing bell, but that was still the biggest point loss since February of last year. The lightning-fast phenomenon temporarily knocked normally stable stocks such as Procter & Gamble to a tiny fraction of their former value. "Today ... caused me to fall out of my chair at one point. It felt like we lost con-

trol," said Jack Abbin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank in Chicago. No one was sure what happened, other than automated orders were activated by erroneous trades. One possibility being investigated was that a trader accidentally placed an order to sell \$16 billion, instead of \$16 million, worth of shares, and that was enough to trigger sell orders across the market.



GIVING ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Cape grad, Villanova star donates marrow for girl

■ Matt Szczer got involved in the bone-marrow program when he joined the Villanova University football team.

By SUSAN LULGJURAJ

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Matt Szczer did what most football players do when they first get to Villanova University: he registered to become a bone marrow donor.

He didn't think much of it at the time and never expected the phone call he received last fall when he was told someone needed his help. But on Tuesday, he sat in a chair at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia with needles in both arms donating his peripheral blood cells to a little girl.

"I wasn't even sure what the donor program was," Szczer said during a news conference Thursday on campus. "I was just going through the motions and getting my checks voided."

The 2007 Lower Cape May Regional High School graduate learned he was a match for a 19-month-old girl with leukemia in November. He doesn't know anything more about her because of the National Marrow Donor Program's confidentiality classes.

Szczer joined the registry of the Be The Match Foundation during a drive hosted on campus. He never thought he would get called since there is a 1-in-10,000 chance of being a match. Villanova football coach Andy Talley has hosted an annual drive for 18 years and reached out to campuses in the region to do the same. School officials estimated more than 20,000



Matt Szczer, No. 4 for Villanova University, center, runs the ball Dec. 18 during the Football Championship Series. Szczer recently missed the biggest game of his collegiate career because he was scheduled to donate bone marrow two days earlier. The procedure was delayed. Villanova beat Montana 23-21 and Szczer was recognized as MVP of the title game.



Villanova football coach Andy Talley, who has hosted the university's bone marrow drive since 1992, joins Matt Szczer at a news conference Thursday.

From tennis to charity
Ten years after the best cancer, Tara Lovrenski is using funds for others. C1

Foundation honors son
Galloway's Robert Sanchez and his wife are going twice as far as ever. C1

Revenue, jobs drop at casinos across U.S.

■ Atlantic City was hit hardest in 2009 while Pennsylvania's market continued to boom as new slot parlors opened.

By DONALD WITKOWSKI

ATLANTIC CITY — The nation's commercial casino industry experienced a slump in jobs, revenue and tax receipts in 2009, with Atlantic City suffering the most among all the gaming markets.

A report released Thursday by the American Gaming Association showed that gaming revenue sank 5.5 percent to \$30.74 billion last year in the 12 states that have commercial casinos. Of those states, eight had revenue declines.

"I don't think there is any way to sugarcoat it. The past year was tough," said Frank E. Tabernoff Jr., the gaming association's president and chief executive officer. "The down economy dealt most Americans challenges we haven't faced in some time, if ever. For those of us in the commercial casino industry, that meant people had less money to spend on our products."

The recession has driven down gaming revenue nationwide for two years in a row. In addition, casino employment fell 8.1 percent nationally last year and tax revenue generat-

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Salem County residents back new N-plant

■ Plan to build a fourth plant in Salem County draws local support.

By MICHAEL MILLER

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP — Local officials and business in Salem County on Thursday endorsed a plan to build New Jersey's fifth nuclear reactor.

The plan would join Salem 1, Salem 2 and Hope Creek, all operated by PSEG.

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COMING TOMORROW

Deciding game
Bureau Regional and Holy Spirit high schools football teams play a game that will decide the Cape-Atlantic League National Conference Division I leader.

Curtain rises at restored Landis Theater

By EDWARD VAN EMBDEN

WENGLAND — Embroidered the doors to the restored Landis Theater on Thursday evening, and the theater was given a temporary certificate of occupancy.

And the show went on. In the crowded lobby, developer Hans Lampart, who has spent more than a year restoring the old movie house into a theater, said the largest con-

struction huddle has been cleared. The final inspection of the facility's 100 operators passed the opening to the white but Lampart just slugged it off.

"That's just how construction is," he said. Thursday night was the actor's informal opening, a black tie grand opening is scheduled at the box office.

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TERRY DEHERE

The drive remains

By Dave D'Alessandro
STAR-LEDGER STAFF

Just a thought: If the first few words of your Wikipedia bio read, "So-and-so is an American politician," and you don't hold any political office at the moment, this might be the time to either rethink your image or rechart your destiny.

"Politician," Terry Dehere says, squeezing out the word through clenched teeth. "I'm not big on that term. But I've always said that the more you know, the more you're responsible for. And I firmly believe that, especially considering where I come from.

"Because coming from this community — knowing its ups and temptations and pressures — you can't just walk away from it. I've had a good life. I've been blessed. And if I didn't help the next Terry Dehere, that doesn't make sense to me."
He has been an NBA player, a college supervisor, and a son of Jersey City. Take a guess which of those three means the most to him.
Here's a hint: Spend five hours with Dehere, and you'll notice that the subject of basketball rarely comes up, no matter where you steer the discussion.

Here's another hint: Wharren most projects would have just Ward F in their reviews mirror an hour after they signed their first contracts, Dehere returned to his neighborhood the minute his NBA career ended, because it was the place he felt he could rebuild with the humbled work of his own hands.
So he did things like renovate his boyhood playground on Garfield Avenue on his own dime, twice. He restored an abandoned building to provide low-cost housing for seniors, refurbished another one for low-income families, and then developed four more sites for the same purpose. He got himself elected to the city's school board before taking an audacious stand against a powerful union that cost him a second term. And he stays active in little ways, such as helping

out 500 turkeys annually to needy families.
Those who know him best believe that he may only be getting started.
"Terry's been a great benefit to the city," Jersey City Mayor Jerry Healy says. "He's surely a positive role model — he's always been about the youngsters and education. He's had a large hand in this community."
"We've had issues, but my overall impressions of Terry have been relatively favorable," says Ward F, Councilman Steven Fulop, who backed the candidate who defeated Dehere in his re-election bid. "I always thought his heart was in the right place."

"For all our kids, he is proof that there's life after sports," says legendary St. Anthony's coach Bob Hartley, "and that education goes hand-in-hand with your career in life. Being on the board of ed was the first impact for change. He improved the education the kids received, he's motivated kids to do well, I know, because I saw it."
So start there. At 28, he is respected by the guy who runs New Jersey's second largest city. His sincerity is praised by a political opponent, Fulop, who is the emerging party heavyweight in town. And he is endorsed as a model of citizenship by the Hall of Famer known for outliving young men.
Then, why does Terry Dehere always feel as though he has one last bid behind his back?
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GIANTS VS. PACKERS

TODAY, 4:15 P.M., CHI. 5, LAMBEAU FIELD

Rebounding is best part of his game

Coughlin gets his players past pain, saying 'Next!'

By Mike Garafolo
STAR-LEDGER STAFF

Tom Coughlin spent much of last Sunday night sitting alone in a dark room while stewing over the loss to the Eagles in which his team had blown a 21-point lead with 8 minutes left.

One day later, when Jerry Reese sat down for his weekly meeting with Coughlin, he could sense the coach was still stewing. Reese knew it would quickly be on to the next one for Coughlin but still did everything he could to expedite the process.

By letting the sun shine in.
"Nobody wants to win more than Tom Coughlin. And for us to have a bad loss like that, it doesn't hurt any body more than it hurt him," the Giants general manager said the other day. "But when I talked to him, my thing was, 'The sun came up today, let's get going.'"

"It was a beautiful day, the sun was shining pretty, so let's accentuate the positives, learn from the negatives and let's get ready for Green Bay."

It's much easier to say than do, in a business where the physical pain lasts for days, sometimes it's more difficult for players to shake the emotional wounds from a loss like the one the Giants had suffered — a collapse against a divisional rival that has beaten them six straight and pretty easily put a hole on the NFC East crown a few days before Christmas.

It's even tougher to do so while listening to, and reading, plenty of commentary about this being a loss from

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JETS VS. BEARS

TODAY, 1 P.M., CHI. 2, SOLDIER FIELD

Run attack smacks back just in time

Jets' ground-and-pound is alive and ready to thrive

By Jenny Ventresca
STAR-LEDGER STAFF

The play was called "40 plant," it called for the Jets' left guard, Matt Blanton, to pull, leading running back LaDainian Tomlinson around the right side of the offensive line.

On third-and-4, Tomlinson made initial contact with Steelers linebacker Lawrence Timmons 7 yards past the line of scrimmage. But Tomlinson shucked his front, slipped on his feet and squirted forward for a sizeable gain of 9 yards.

Against the league's stringent run defense message sent.

"It was more the attitude with which we were running the football," fallback Tony Richardson said. "A lot of times, that's the difference between it being a successful play, and just an average play."

To the players who power the 10-4 Jets' run game, last week's 23-17 victory of Pittsburgh was somewhat of a benchmark in the 2010 season. They heard the external opposition on it, this is still a ground-and-pound team, as they have a near even split of runs (454) and pass plays (493), and their longer-high rushing yards of last week were not inevitably dropped.

Their response was 390 rushing yards against the Steelers, not an overwhelming tally, but the most Pittsburgh has allowed all season. Steelers coach Tomlinson said that "we can run against anyone" — just in time for

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MISSED EXTRA POINT OPENS THE DOOR FOR ARIZONA

QB John Skelton leads game-winning drive as Dallas falters in final minutes. Page 2.

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SPORTS

All the big games, from the pros to the high schools

For the Love of the game

Woodstown athlete overcame hardships to play again

By Scott Chappelle

Hardly a day goes by that Mike Love doesn't think about what happened, and how fortunate he is.

It's such a competitor on the baseball field, however, that when the Woodstown High School senior got off an 8:49 a.m. start there was definitely some frustration.

But a quick trip back to the No. 8 spot in the lineup in which he excelled last season teamed with a healthy dose of relaxing at the plate has Love back on track and appreciating all the more being able to contribute on the field.

"I had an all right preseason, and then started struggling the first couple of games," Love said after a recent game. "Now I'm really getting back into the swing of things, feeling comfortable again. We'll see how it works out."

His life has worked out pretty well, considering what happened on that fateful Sunday about four years ago.

On Aug. 27, 2006, the then-14-year-old Love and his cousin, 20-year-old Tim Kern, were riding a jet ski near the 14th Street Bridge in Ocean City when they collided head-on with another jet ski. The driver of that watercraft was killed, while Kern and Love were flown to AtlanticCare Regional Medical Center in Atlantic City.

Love was treated for multiple broken bones in his leg, but Kern's injuries were much more serious having been the driver of the jet ski and he passed away Sept. 2. In less than a week, Love's world had been thrown into chaos.

"Before, sports was my life," Love recalled. "I played soccer, basketball and baseball year-round. I never thought about not playing sport. At one point they were saying, 'You'll never play sports again'—a month after my dad was killed. I still miss sports at a high level. I'm sure that's the goal of every eighth grader. To hear that was such a big loss."

"I broke my finger and the ribs and



Woodstown's Mike Love fields the ball during Thursday's game against Salem.

Ribbs, and I had two metal rods and seven screws put in. They put my leg back together. I didn't get to school for the whole first marking period, my freshman year. They didn't think I'd be able to run or play sports again."

Love went to Haverstick Rehabilitation in Pennsville to work on regaining use of his leg. At the same time, a certain Woodstown baseball coach was at the same facility working his way back from knee replacements.

"I was rehabbing my knee at the same time he was doing his rehab at the same time in Pennsville," Wolverine head

coach Lou Wynn said. "I know his family and his uncle Frank Kern was a captain for me back in 1982 — and heard Love was a good hitter. Then this tragedy hit and he had to come back."

"This morning, he may have less a little speed, but you talk about courage, or strength here, and that's his right there."

Love returned to play a little freshman baseball at the end of the season. He recalled hitting 200, but he had a problem that his supposedly repaired leg would not give up and he couldn't run. Before his sophomore year he had the news that

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Lebron wins it for Cavs

By Andrew Seligson

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — LeBron James insisted there was nothing unusual about the shot, that he'd perfectly comf-ortably taking it.

"Never mind that he missed it from nearly halfcourt."

James' jumper — from a spot that requires a heave for many players — was just part of the show on a day when he delivered his fifth career — postseason triple-double with 37 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists. That led the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 121-95 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Sunday and a 3-1 lead in their first-round series.

"I've done some great things in the past, I'd do some great things in the future," he said. "But we're in the present now, and I'm feeling pretty good."

The Cavaliers led by 10 at halftime after scoring 28 in the second quarter and broke it open with a 37-point third quarter, putting them in position to close a net at home on Tuesday.

James was at it again after scoring 40 and 28 the previous two games, connecting whenever he wanted and from wherever he wanted. He was 8 of 9 in 3 pointers, including a jumper from just inside midcourt at the end of the third that made it 99-78.

"I can comfortably shoot that shot," James said. "It was a regular jump shot for me. Comfortably. I can walk and dribble into a halfcourt."

James routinely made it look easy against the Bulls.

"He was extremely active all over the place," coach Mike Brown said.

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Phillies rally, but can't hang on

By Matt Pashan

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Mark Reynolds and the Arizona Diamondbacks finally won a close one against a tough team.

Reynolds hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the eighth inning and finished with three hits, including a three-run homer, helping the Diamondbacks beat the Philadelphia Phillies 6-5 on Sunday.

"We played a complete game, we didn't go to see out of us especially when we were running out of opportunities in those first couple of weeks to feel better about ourselves," manager Ryan Howard said.

"We're only a couple of weeks into this thing, and it feels like it's been a little longer just on how we've lost."

Arizona entered leaders of seven of nine. Four of those came were by two runs or less, including Saturday's 3-2 loss on Sunday North's home in the sixth inning.



Philadelphia Phillies' Chase Utley slides safely across home plate to score a run against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

But the Diamondbacks' offense came through in this one, matching a season high with 10 hits, also the most allowed by the Phillies this

year. Arizona scored three runs in its final two at-bats to win for the first time this season when trailing after six innings.

Reynolds had a season-high

four RBIs and Chris Young added three hits, including two doubles.

Arizona took two of three against Philadelphia after losing three straight ones. The two-time defending National League champions lost a road series for the first time this season after winning their first three.

"They've been great on the road ... Their list of credentials goes on and on," Arizona second baseman Kelly Johnson said. "We needed to take two of three, and we need to get going like that in the right direction."

Reynolds' clutch hit came off David Harmon (0-1), and Johnson picked up his fourth homer in the series. Lou Rosales (2-0) pitched a scoreless inning to earn the victory, and Chad Qualls worked a perfect ninth for his fourth save in six attempts.

Greg Dobbs hit a two-run homer and Carter Beall drove in two runs for the Phillies.

Stephen Drew led off the Arizona eighth with a single to right and was thrown out

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Snyder takes over Twp. team

By Robert Eckhardt

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One of the top high school coaching jobs in the area has been filled, as it was recently announced that Shane Snyder will take over for Tom Paterson as the Washington Township High School boys soccer coach.

Snyder, coach of the girls varsity program at Township for the last seven years, will become only the third coach in the boy's program history, as Paterson served as head coach for all but the team's inaugural season.

There were other candidates for the job, including former Deptford head coach and Township assistant head coach Wink, but Snyder emerged as the top choice.

"They couldn't have went wrong with any of us," Snyder said. "It was anything but a formality. I was nervous and anxious during the whole process."

Snyder started with Township as the 21 coach eighth years ago, but took over as the girls head coach just a year later.

"I had never really thought about coaching girls before that," Snyder said. "I didn't know how long it would last, but it was seven good years and I enjoyed it — aside from having League best us every year."

Aside aside, Snyder stepped down from the girls position before attaining the boys head coaching job, allowing Township to start their search for a replacement early.

"I knew I probably wouldn't be with the girls team next year," Snyder said. "I didn't want to get the job and then have the team there that I don't coach and I enjoy teaching here so much. There is a comfort level because I know the kids, I know the town, and I know what the expectations are from

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Harvick nips McMurray, takes Talladega victory

By James Fryer

AP Auto Racing Writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Jamie McMurray held the bottom line at Talladega Superspeedway, but it was the finish line and the other in his narrow margin.

He was certain if he stayed put, Kevin Harvick's long attempt to pass him would be on the outside.

He was wrong. Harvick ducked low in the tri-oval at Talladega then dragged McMurray to the finish line Sunday, nipping the Daytona

300 winner to grab his first victory in over three years. Harvick had been moved to a 115-race drought during in the 2007 season opening Daytona 100.

"I'll tell you what, everything just played out perfect for us," Harvick said in a hurried Victory Lane. "Because rain washed out Saturday's Nationwide Series race, the winner had to hustle across the

track to run another 112-mile race less than an hour after the first race. The Talladega race in Sprint Cup series history.

The race went 200 laps because of three attempts at NASCAR's version of overtime, and there was a record 88 lead changes among a record 29 drivers.

The last lead change came within inches of the finish line, and the margin of victory of 0.011 seconds was the eighth closest in NASCAR since it began using electronic scoring in 1993.

A dejected McMurray simply gazed wrong with the race on the line. "I really thought Kevin was mine high," he said.



Kevin Harvick celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Acura 499 auto race.

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Stockton 'still small' but investing throughout region

■ The college likely will announce a deal Monday to buy Seaview, a Dooce Resort and become one of Gateway Township's largest landowners.

By DIANE D'AMICO
Education Writer
GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP — Richard Stockton College has emerged as a major investor in the region, even as the southern New Jersey economy struggles to recover from the recession. Armed with a steady income base of paying students and an investment fund worth \$100

million, the "college in the pines" is taking advantage of financial and academic opportunities to expand beyond its Philadelphia-adjacent campus. On Monday, Stockton has selected a board of trustees meeting and then a news conference at which school officials are likely to announce a deal to buy the landmark Seaview — a Dooce Resort, making the college one of the township's largest landowners. Such a purchase would provide access to a hotel and conference center and possibly add student housing. The goal of the school's overall expansion

Stockton's expansion
A lot of college properties and teaching sites. AP
"We are still small in how we operate," said President Herman J. Sunkamp Jr., referring to the college's focus on undergraduate education. "But we are also a resource for economic development." While they are generally supportive, local residents and officials are also watching the potential effect on property taxes and student fees.
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The historic Seaview property in Galloway Township could soon be part of Richard Stockton College's growing portfolio.

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War Over Prices for High School Games Escalates

Deaf Rower Helps Team Connect

Michael McGarry

CASINOS GET SEXY Risqué business in A.C.



The (Almost) Angels perform at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort's Ego Bar & Lounge. The act helps attract customers looking for a high-energy environment where they can gamble, party and enjoy all the eye candy, says Steve Getka, vice president of entertainment for Trump Entertainment Resorts.

Resort adds more skin and sizzle as competition heats up

By VINCENT JACKSON
Staff Writer
ATLANTIC CITY — Women strut around in corsets and corsets, thong and G-strings in the "X-Bachelorette" show at Club World inside the Showboat Casino-Hotel. Dressed in black leather and high-heeled stiletto shoes, they grove to the music of Metallica, Aerosmith, Lemmy, Keani, Tom and Jerry, and "Cruel" in their 75 minutes on stage. The women show off their flexibility on a stripper pole, and one scene ends up with two women in a bed.

Gaming summit divides parties

■ The summit was intended as a way to find consensus on gaming issues.

By JULIE FLETCHER
Business Writer
The gaming summit scheduled at the Atlantic City Convention Center this Friday was originally meant to build consensus for charting the future of gambling in Atlantic City, and to review the suggestions of the governor's advisory panel, which has published a report advocating state involvement in the city. Instead, recent discussions have focused on criticisms of the advisory panel's sector actions and on the summit panel's partisan makeup — a group of Democrats, not Republicans. Democrats now say part of the summit's purpose will be to explore the advisory panel's work methods. And Republican opponents are accusing summit organizers of trying to stifle Gov. Chris Christie's vision for saving gaming through a long-winded discussion without their party at the table. Christie's endorsement last week of the advisory panel's suggestions made clear his policies on
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War over prices for high school games escalates

■ A push to lower ticket prices could end up determining the future of the state's high school sports governing authority.

By MICHAEL MCGARRY
Staff Writer
A dispute over high school tournament ticket prices between a powerful state assemblyman and the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association is escalating and could change the way New Jersey high school sports are run. John Barile, D-Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, sponsored a law that limits the amount the NSIAA can charge for tickets to state tournament games in all sports. The NSIAA governs New Jersey high school sports, and its executive director, Steve Trella, says the law could cost the organization \$900,000 in 2010-11. That revenue loss jeopardizes the future of the 32 state tournaments the NSIAA runs, he says. Barile pushed says it's the 32-year-old NSIAA that the tournamenters it runs — that might be on
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Dry summer keeping Fire Service busy



Forest Fire Service observer Bob Morse of Barnegat Township, spends most days at the top of the fire tower in Ocean Township searching the horizon for signs of smoke.

■ Fire has destroyed more than 6,000 acres this year. At this time last year, only 1,000 acres had burned.
By ERIC SCOTT CAMPBELL
Staff Writer
Every morning, Bob Morse drives to a lonely tower deep in the Pine Barrens, climbs 27 steps to his 6-foot-square office, and waits for a fire. "You're either bored out of your mind," he said, clucking his head, "or it's chaos."
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Local families host disadvantaged children as part of the Fresh Air Fund program.
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The Northfield team tries to advance in the state Little League tournament.

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The MOM GAME

Morris coach-mothers juggle roles

By JANE HAVSY

Vanessa Lewis Benfatti is a former Morris County sports champion, but she's not getting around quite as quickly as she usually does. Benfatti is preparing with her second child and due on Monday. But that hasn't stopped her from coaching the Mount

Olive girls track and field team. Nor did Benfatti's first pregnancy keep her off the sidelines with the Marauders soccer program. Benfatti and Hanover Park coach Lori DeVine Plarner used to talk about their pregnancies during track meets. Plarner, too, continued coaching two years ago despite her growing belly. In fact, her wife

John gave her a packable chair at the end of the indoor season. Plarner and Benfatti, as well as South Plain field coach Heidi Knott and Morris Hills swim coach Heather McWhorter, are part of a growing group of working—and coaching—mothers. There were 4.3 million births registered in the United States in 2007. According to a 2006 study, 27 percent of mothers of infants are in the labor force.

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Gov to unveil 33-bill raft of reforms

Property tax hike limits, benefit changes included

By MICHAEL SYMONS

TRENTON — Gov. Chris Christie plans to unveil a 33-bill package Monday outlining up to the long-anticipated “bad list” of systemic reforms, including lower, stricter limits on property tax increases and a host of changes to rules that govern civil service and public bargaining and

public employee salaries and benefits. According to administration briefing details obtained here by the Daily Record, the legislative package contains a mix of ideas that Christie rolled out in his March budget proposal and a host of new wrinkles. Christie's overall plan is also expected to include changes that can be achieved through executive orders or other adjustments within administrative agencies. The names also hint at other changes that may be examined further by state Treasurer Andrew Silvestro Knott and other Cabinet members, such as cutting cost-of-living adjustments to pensions, lowering public employees pay more toward their pensions and health care, raising the retirement age to 65, making current employees contribute toward their health care when they're retired, eliminating all state-run health plans and closing the traditional pension plan for new hires.

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Patterson seen as strong court pick

By BOB JENNINGS

REMARKS TYP. — The statewide political square sparked by Anne Murray Patterson's nomination to the state Supreme Court contrasts with the quiet life she has led here. Patterson, 51, a partner at a prominent Morristown law firm, was known to both Republicans and Democrats at the state level prior to Gov. Chris Christie nominating her for the top court last week.

Patterson has donated \$1,000 to political candidates, mostly Republicans, since 1985 according to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission. A former deputy state attorney general, Patterson took part in the court battle over Republican gubernatorial primary ballot access in 2001. In Hamilton Township, where Patterson and her husband bought a house in 1981, she has had a small home profile — at least here — for her last Monday. That's when Christie, who lives about four miles away on the other side of the township, announced his nomination of Patterson.

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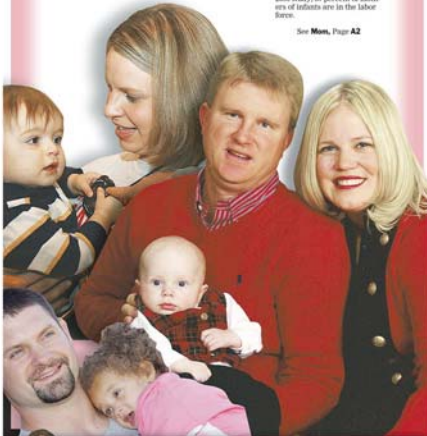
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MOTHER, DAUGHTER NOVELISTS

Clockwise from top left: Morris Hills swim coach Heather McWhorter and her 13-month-old son, Ryan; Mountville volleyball coach Heidi Knott and Fairfield assistant basketball coach Stephen Michael Kmetz Jr. with their son Stephen Michael Kmetz III; and Olive Benfatti, Mount Olive High School assistant football and wrestling coach, with her 27-month-old daughter Gianni.



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HUGHES GIVES UP 7 RUNS AS RANGERS TAKE GAME 2. IN SPORTS

For this successful coach, biggest win was off the field



Although not coaching anymore Dave McCombs gets vocal in the stands when he doesn't agree with a referee's call. McCombs retired in the offseason as coach of Shabazz High in Newark after 24 years. His resignation was brought on, in part, by severe stress and anxiety.

By Matthew Stanmyre STAFF WRITER

His voice in his head was pounding again. It was the dead of night during football season last year and the house was silent. His wife, his three children, they were all asleep.

He had tried everything to knock himself out for the night. Rhythmic breathing techniques. Reading books. Counting backward in his mind. But the voice was still there in Dave McCombs' head, nagging.

Fix this. Make it better. Win.

Like the other nights, McCombs rolled out of bed. His wife, Kimball, was so accustomed to the midnight routine she slept through the commotion. McCombs grabbed his shirt, his pants, poured a glass of water and headed for his office in the loft at the top of the house in Maplewood.

Once there, he sat down on his small sofa. He flicked on the television and popped in the game film, rereading notes for practice later that day. Before long, the sky outside his

window had turned a pale blue. This was the daily routine for McCombs, the longtime football coach for Shabazz High School in Newark. He never thought the stress — the restless nights, the incessant preparation, the two-down players slain on the streets — would catch up with him.

Until it finally did and jolted his world. Until high school coaches, the ones who care like McCombs did, live a life that might crush their college and pro football brethren.

Socially, Christie aligning with right

Abstinence program is latest policy example

By Susan K. Lohr STAFF WRITER

Two weeks ago, the federal government awarded Gov. Chris Christie's administration nearly \$4.7 million in federal funding for teenage pregnancy prevention programs. But one-fifth of the money comes with one unbreakable string attached.

Nearly \$1 million must be spent teaching kids to say no to premarital sex.

New Jersey had not sought abstinence funding since shortly after Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine took office in 2006, and he stopped competing for it the following year. He had made abstinence executive director of Planned Parenthood Affiliate of New Jersey. "We were among the first states to stop," she said.

The decision to pursue abstinence funding didn't get much attention as Christie carved himself a national reputation as a fiscal conservative. But it is the latest sign the governor is also beginning to pursue a socially conservative agenda, according to some advocacy groups from both the left and right, lawmakers and political scientists.

In his first year in office, Christie also drew attention from social activists by cutting funding to historically protected programs like public schools, health programs for working poor people and legal aid, and family planning clinics.

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Lucky break in AC leads to capture of 2 slay suspects

By Myler Adams and Jessica Calabati STAFF WRITERS

Janis Rhodes had been in the Atlantic City casino less than 30 minutes Friday night before she pulled up to a security guard and whispered, "There's a murderer in here."

Motioning toward the blackjack table, Rhodes pointed out a woman in a dirty beige jacket she had spotted in the day before and had later realized bore an uncanny resemblance to a fugitive wanted in connection with the death of a man in Las Vegas.

Within an hour, State Police detectives walked onto the gambling floor of the Resorts Atlantic City casino and arrested the woman, Michelle Costello, 43, and her son Peter Costello, 19, bringing a swift end to a month-long cross-country manhunt.

Authorities said they had been searching for the Costellos in bus depots and cheap motels since Sept. 20, when Michelle Costello's husband, Bert English, 65, was found dead in his Las Vegas home.

They were being held on a fugitive warrant last night at the Atlantic City Police station.

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Where script meets scripture: Recent films take a leap of faith

ENTERTAINMENT BY Stephen Whitty



The New Testament warns about trying to serve two masters. But lately Hollywood's ordered up a rewrite.

Moviegoers, you see, would prefer to have it both ways. And so multiplexes as have been crowded with films that wrestle with spiritual questions even while battling for box-office attention.

These aren't tiny indie, either. Like the evangelical films that sprang up after "The Passion of the Christ" in 2004. Nor are these holy-terror like

"The Last Exorcism" and "Paranormal Activity 2," a subgenre that's replaced Freddy and Jason with demons from hell.

No, these are the mainstream pictures — Woody Allen character studies like "You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger," indie-friendly dramas like "Secretariat" and "Get Low" — which occasionally forgo the laughs and strive to touch on mortality and faith.

And these are big star-driven pictures like "Shane" and "Hercules," movies generously devoted to exploring subjects like spiritual awakenings and the possibility of an afterlife.

Faith-based film fans used to be seen as a niche audience. Now, in Hollywood, they're just seen as the audience.

Faith in America is complicated — and ripe with irony. According to the recent Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, 86 percent

of Americans say they are big star-driven

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AN ENABLER, DESPITE STROKE



John Krausz, an assistant coach for Bridgewater-Raritan High School's boys basketball team, suffered a stroke in 1994 but returned to coaching five years later despite his physical limitations.

A coach whose example teaches and inspires

By **JERRY CARINO**
Staff Writer

It takes John Krausz two hours to get dressed every morning, but that's OK. Sometimes he needs 10 minutes just to get on the bus, and even longer to walk from the bus to the gym. That's OK, too.

There is a basketball team to coach, and Krausz is not going to let anything get in the way. Not even the paralysis that has backed up the left side of his body for 16 years.

"Basketball is his life," said Sue Krausz, his wife of 42 years. "Without it, I don't know if he would be getting out of bed in the morning."

Krausz suffered a stroke in 1994. He was a month off his 47th birthday, working as a chemical engineer and playing full-court basketball as a hobby. Now 62, his main vocation is serving as a volunteer assistant for the Bridgewater-Raritan High School boys basketball team.



Krausz, his left side paralyzed by a stroke, watches the team in action. He is an assistant coach.

It takes Krausz two hours to get dressed every morning, but that's OK. Sometimes he needs 10 minutes just to get on the bus, and even longer to walk from the bus to the gym. That's OK, too.

It's more than something he is a labor of love, and labor is the word. Krausz has lost use of his left arm. When he coaches it treats in a sling. He left leg works, but barely. He wears a brace, and can slide it along with the help of a cane.

Catching them to him in the limit. A 30-minute game wipes him out. But he shows up every day and

never ends," said Piscataway Mayor Brian Whalen, whose Department of Public Works crews for about 600 miles of local road work.

While patches are a problem throughout the Highlands party at town hall.

But there is one thing more do that know it was season.

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Two quakes spur calls to police

Somerset Hills shaken

By **LINDA BAGLOUSKOS**
Staff Writer

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE — By now, Somerset Hills residents should be able to recognize an earth quake when they feel one. Even so, a U.S. Geological Survey geophysicist, Don Blakeman, said there is no reason to believe there will be any more earthquakes on the way to solve the two small tremors registered with an seismometer in Peapack-Gladstone on Sunday morning and afternoon.

Those quakes, registered by the USGS at a 2.4 magnitude at 8:59 a.m. and at a 2.3 magnitude about 12:30 p.m., came just two weeks after another series of smaller quakes had struck neighboring Far Hills. The Far Hills quakes had been listed on the USGS Website. www.usgs.gov, as having been 1.5 and 1.2 magnitudes.

Although Bernardsville police said no damage had been reported, Blakeman said he received a report that the earlier earthquakes, felt in Far Hills and part of Bernardsville.

Immediately following

Sunday's first quake, the Bernardsville Police Department was flooded with phone calls from residents who reported head explosions and shaking had taken place, said Bernardsville police Sgt. John Bonini. The Bernardsville Township dispatcher said some phone calls about the incident had also been placed to that municipality's police station.

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South Plainfield's chief is retiring

By **JEFF GRANT**
Staff Writer

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — As Police Chief John Ferraro prepares to leave the post he has held for five years, borough officials and the department are making plans of their own, putting into place the mechanism for picking a successor to lead the 56-officer department.

He will handle incidents of what are called staff and civilian disciplinary matters, like any other government employee, are being in a department, squarred by budget cuts, falling victim to a struggling economy, but it is also a gradually moving target work is continuing its march into the technological future.

"When I first made Feb. 5, 2005, Ferraro said he had a five-year plan and is staying true to that blueprint. At age 51, he said it is time to start an other career, perhaps in corporate security. He's been at the top of the town's police force for 16 months before his official retirement in order to claim all of the unpaid overtime hours and unused vacation time accumulated over his nearly three-decade career. Ferraro said his salary this year is \$110,000 up from the \$104,000 he earned five years ago. Although the department's contract with the borough provided officers with unlimited sick days, Ferraro said he never took one, preferring instead to use a personal or vacation day if he was ill.

Departments throughout the nation are facing the same circumstances.

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John Ferraro

It is simple. Water seeps into cracks in the roadway, and when the water freezes it expands. When it thaws it leaves a cavity, and when cars drive over, they can rip up over a cavity in the roadway crumbles.

In recent years municipalities have been able to improve the quality of patching materials with trucks equipped to apply hot as

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Jerry Carino

Patching the holes a never-ending process

By **RICK MALWITZ**
Staff Writer

PISCATAWAY — In the spring a mayor might throw out the ceremonial patch to begin the Little League season. In the fall the mayor might host a Halloween party at town hall.

But there is one thing more do that know it was season.

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is simple. Water seeps into cracks in the roadway, and when the water freezes it expands. When it thaws it leaves a cavity, and when cars drive over, they can rip up over a cavity in the roadway crumbles.

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the township Department of Public Works concern is based on Corporate Place South. A roadway that receives heavy truck traffic.

The roadway, built in the 1970s, has severe potholes, their age determined by the shade of gray.

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Craig Stevens (left) and Doug Anselmo of Piscataway's Department of Public Works apply hot asphalt to repair potholes on Corporate Place South on Thursday.



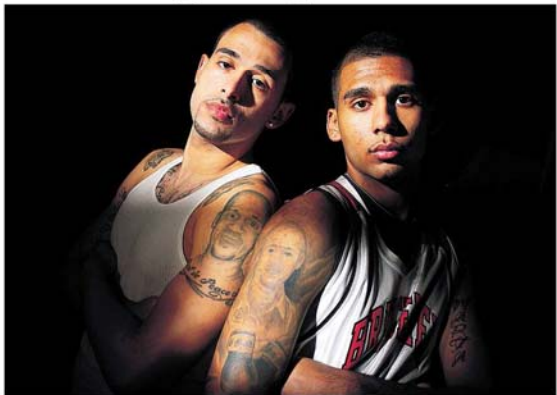
New coordinator wants Giant defense to play fast, have fun



Knicks say David Lee suffered an All-Star snub because of team's record.

"Since he was gone, I fell in love with basketball. Basketball just took my mind off him passing away... I feel free."
SANDY BURGOS

Lasting impressions



AP/Bergen guard Sandy Burgos, right, and his brother, Pedro, showing off tattoos of their dad, who committed suicide on Father's Day in 2005.

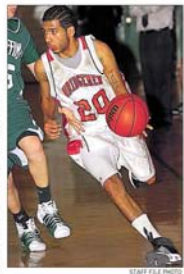
After father's death, Fort Lee star finds peace on the court

By JEFF ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Sandy Burgos repeated the question to himself, searching for an answer he knows he will never find.
 "Why?" he asked in a near whisper.
 Why?
 Sandy just wants an explanation, still chasing the specter that was harried with his dad.
 All he and his family have is a phone call, his father telling his mother that he loved them and would watch over them. Then the line went dead.
 It was Father's Day morning 2005, and Pedro "Yo Yo" Burgos had said his final goodbyes. Moments later, he took his own life.
 "You wake up in the morning thinking it will be a regular day," said Sandy, 18, who was then just a seventh grader. "Then you get the phone call. Your mom's crying. You wake up to your mom crying."
 It would take time, but Sandy would find

peace, even without closure. He would find basketball.
 The game became his sanctuary, soothing the pain for the Fort Lee senior. It offered a new start, a new life, one far removed from all the heart and loss, from all the things that a father and son once shared that had become nothing but painful reminders.
 And basketball might offer the All-Bergen guard a future, as he has become one of the best long-distance shooters in New Jersey, capturing the attention of college programs despite his slight frame (6-foot, 160 pounds).
 "Since he was gone, I fell in love with basketball," Sandy said. "Basketball just took my mind off him passing away. Every time I'm in a game, I just don't think about what's going on or him. I feel free."
 Sandy led North Jersey in scoring, with 21.7 points per game leading into Thursday night's game against Terrell, despite constant triple teams. He led the area in a neighborhood (24.1).

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STAFF FILE PHOTO

Sandy Burgos is having a great season for Fort Lee. His only regret is that his father is not here to see it.



PHOTO BY JEFF ROBERTS
 Mark Sanchez hurt his right knee last month, but the left has been more troublesome.

Sanchez eyeing surgery
 Left knee injury from USC days

By J.P. FELDMAN
STAFF WRITER

FLORENCE PARK — Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez may have lower surgery in the very near future, but not on the right knee that was injured against the Bills last month.
 Instead, he may opt to have elective surgery on his left knee, which has been a problem since he suffered a dislocated patella (kneecap) before the 2008 season at USC, Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum confirmed Thursday in a previously scheduled news conference that Sanchez visited orthopedic specialist Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., on Wednesday for a second opinion on his knee.
 Sanchez suffered a sprained posterior cruciate ligament in his right knee while driving for a first down against the Bills on Dec. 5. But surgery isn't necessary for that knee, which can be healed through rehabilitation.
 But Sanchez may opt to have surgery to stabilize the patella ligament in his left knee. If surgery is performed, Tannenbaum said Sanchez would be ready "well before training camp," which will begin in July.
 Still, he likely would miss some off-season conditioning and some weight room time.
 "You don't want to have anybody miss any time," Tannenbaum said, "especially a young quarterback, but we'll balance that out with a medical procedure that may take a few weeks to complete and give him a chance to play without any worry about that whatsoever." Tannenbaum indicated that if a

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Refs get this call right: blowing the whistle on cancer

Standing up for the officials vs. Cancer project starts, from left: Pat Pascucci, Steve Gagliano, Bob Lauerer, Bob Lauerer, Mary Ann Conboy and Mike Dittner.



Mary Ann Conboy usually prefers little attention to cast her way on the basketball court.
 Most high school officials feel the same, their uniforms providing a sense of anonymity in games ultimately intended to be played and decided by teenagers.
 This week, though, Conboy would not mind all eyes in the gym set squarely on her.
 Come to think of it, that's exactly what she and her peers are counting on during their special effort to help change an outcome that has nothing to do with the scoreboard.
 "You've got to be willing to step into the spotlight and stand up for something," she said, "so people find a cause that means so much for so many."
 Conboy and the rest of the officials within UAABO



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is among a group of 900-plus basketball referees from around North Jersey officiating high school games this week as part of the Official vs. Cancer project, an effort to support and promote awareness of cancer research.
 They have replaced their customary black uniforms with pink ones for girls' games and white ones with a pink bow for boys' games. In addition, Board 33 also has requested that its members donate at least 25 percent of one game check to the cause, with donations benefiting the American Cancer Society.
 Conboy lost a brother to the disease and her mother is a breast cancer survivor, so clearly the need to find a cure has hit close to home. What the referees expected was the outpouring of devotion and understand No. 33 are doing just that.
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Peyton Manning talks with Easton's Kyle Geiger during the Gatorade Replay game April 26, 2009.

For this quarterback, Peyton holds a special place

GATORADE REPLAY GAME IN 2009 forged bond between Colts MVP, Red Rover players.

BY MICHAEL BLOUSE
The Express-Times

As the quarterback of the Easton team in April, 27:12 loss to Philadelphia, the 31-year-old Geiger has his jersey, videos, newspaper clippings and photos.

The NFL All-Pro was a celebrity coach for the Red Rovers in their replay of the 1993 Easton-Phillipsburg game that ended in a 7-7 tie. "Sometimes I kick myself because I'm such a..."

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Winter storm socks region

SNOWFALL LIGHT in Lehigh Valley, northwest New Jersey, compared to parts south.

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

It was "Snow my Goo!" from Philadelphia down the Mid-Atlantic, but Saturday's storm in the Lehigh Valley was less of a disaster and more like "snow-light."

A measly 8.7 inches of snow was reported in Martins Creek and 7.7 inches in Allentown — compared with 28.3 inches in Philadelphia and 12.6 inches in Atlantic City — according to unofficial estimates from the National Weather Service.

Cleanup posed more of a problem for residents than the actual storm did. In Mansfield Township off Backport Road, the transmission line blew on a 2008 GMC truck a man was using to plow and salt his driveway at about 5 p.m., and the truck caught fire, police said.

The man was able to get out of the truck, but fire crews were unable to get their fire trucks up the steep and icy driveway, police said.

The truck became engulfed in flames

PLEASE SEE SNOW, A4



Tom Ring's calling

Tom Ring, whose Brown-Dash Kia dealership averaged selling 120 cars a month last year, says in person he's different than the advertising persona he's created.

Over-the-top car sales pitchman has a decidedly softer side

BY TONY RHODIN

The Express-Times

Ring was lying in bed in November 2008 at the Mayo Clinic, wondering if this was the end.

He'd survived surgery in an attempt to cure his long-standing heart ailment, but he was feeling terrible. "I had the surgery on a Wednesday and wasn't conscious until Saturday," the boisterous car salesman says in a contemplative moment recently at the Brown-Dash Kia dealership that shares his name on Butler Street in Wilson Borough.

"44 is the nice thing about my position is I can do a lot for others. I make it a point to be around."

Tom Ring

Several sleepless nights had led up to entering the operating room. A week after the surgery and still in the hospital, finally he'd had enough.

"I kicked up and screamed, 'God, make me right, or take me.'"

And in that moment, he began life anew.

Blessings have been plentiful in the ensuing years. Ring says, most notably measured at the car lot.

In September 2009, when the auto market fell flat as the full force of the recession kicked in

PLEASE SEE PITCHMAN, A2



The most visible signs of Tom Ring's aggressive advertising techniques are posted around the dealership, but it's his off-the-wall radio spots that get him noticed.

A match made online brings Rings together

MORE INSIDE

BY TONY RHODIN
The Express-Times

Page A2: Daughter Kathleen is following in her father's footsteps.

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Page D1: Who are the marketing pros who unleashed Tom Ring?

Tom Ring met his wife, Heather, on Match.com. He was taking his three kids — Katelyn, now 18, Evan, now 12, and Jakob, now 10 — each Friday to Scranton to spend time with their mother.

So much for date night. Surprisingly, the energetic pitchman who co-owns Tom Ring's Brown-Dash Kia in Wilson Borough describes himself as "not an outgoing person" when he's not selling cars. So he relied the dice online.

And it wasn't pretty what he found, at first. Apparently three women's a whole lot of matches for his personality type.

PLEASE SEE FAMILY, A2



'JERSEY SHORE' IN LEHIGH VALLEY

Snooki isn't the only "Jersey Shore" cast member with a link to the Lehigh Valley. Roseanne's parents, James and Connie Maggs, live in Berleham Township, Pa. Managing Editor Jim Deegan writes about the couple in his latest "Random Town" entry at lehighvalleylive.com/jim-deegan.

REGION

MINGO TRAIL BRIDGE WORK TO START

Two lanes — one in each direction — will be closed starting Monday on the Mingo Trail bridge in Berleham as a nearly seven-month project to expand the bridge begins. South-Central Insect Berleham is paying for the work. One northbound lane is expected to reopen April 14.

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When home renovations stall

Eyesores can drag down neighborhood

By KATHLEEN LYNN Staff Writer

Ralph and Gloria Dickerson began a \$150,000 expansion of their Englewood home in 2004. But the work devolved to a halt several years ago, and foreclosure proceedings were started on the house last year. The Highlands Road property now sits empty, with exposed insulation wrap outside, peeling paint inside, and signs on the lawn announcing: "For sale by owner."

When home renovations stall, properties like this turn into white elephants. If they go on the market, their unkempt state scares off many potential buyers. And in the meantime, neighbors fume at the eyesore in their midst.

"Are the neighbors upset? That's the understatement of the year," said Charles Klankin, an industrial real estate broker who lives near the Dickersons' house. In an East Hill neighborhood of large, graceful homes assessed at \$1 million and up,



Renovations begun in 2004 on this Englewood home came to a halt several years ago. Frustrated neighbors say the situation is affecting the value of their homes.

Municipal building codes generally require that home additions and renovations be completed within a certain period, and building officials typically fine homeowners who don't comply. But enforcement can be tricky.

"How can you make someone spend money on their homes if they don't have it?" asked Gary Montroy, Mahwah's construction official.

In the most extreme cases, involving safety issues, the town can levy fines of up

to \$2,000 a day, he said. In one such case, Montroy is dealing with a homeowner who left a big job incomplete — including a pool that is not properly protected by a fence. After several years of fines, the homeowner now owes the town more than \$350,000. The house is worth about \$800,000, Montroy said.

"We sent him violation notices; he ignored them," Montroy said. "He has financial issues, I understand that. But all

he needs to do is put up a chain-link fence. I don't care about pretty. I care about safe."

Montroy says that if the homeowner puts up the fence, he will negotiate the fine to a more affordable level — probably around \$10,000, he said.

If this homeowner doesn't comply, he said, the town could foreclose on the property to pay the fine, or the Municipal Court could order him jailed.

Some owners try to sell their unfinished homes. But that's also complicated. Barbara Orndoff of Coldwell Banker in Oradell, for example, has a listing for a half-renovated house in Tenstock. The owners started an ambitious updating project more than 10 years ago, but the work stalled when the couple split up. Though the house has central air conditioning and three renovated bathrooms, some of the rooms remain stripped to the

framework.

Now the three-bedroom house is on the market for \$307,000. A contractor estimated completing the job would cost \$80,000 to \$90,000, Orndoff said.

"The buyer for this house is not someone who's in the \$500,000-to-\$125,000 price range," she said. "The buyer is in the upper-300s price range, with the imagination to see how it can be completed...."



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M'ville cops: Dad shoots infant, flees

From staff reports
MILLEVILLE — A city woman told police a burglar barged into her bed room Monday and shot her and her infant son, but investigators say the baby father actually fired the shots — accidentally — and then fled town. The incident was not made public until Tuesday.

Police were called to South Jersey Healthcare Regional Medical Center around 1 p.m. Monday where Belina Brown, 31, and her infant son were being treated for gunshot wounds, Detective Lt. William Tost said.

Brown initially told officers an unknown black man entered her home and demanded money from her while she was holding her baby, police said. She said the burglar brandished a handgun and shot at her.

The bullet hit the infant in the leg and then struck Brown in the stomach.

Brown and the child were both treated at the Regional Medical Center, where Brown underwent emergency surgery for her injuries. The baby was treated for a gunshot wound to his leg and later flown to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, police said.

An investigation later revealed Brown had no prior arrests. The identity of the shooter and about the attempted robbery, police said. Investigators now believe the woman was accidentally shot by her boyfriend, who fled the scene immediately after the shooting, police said.

The man's identity was not made public Tuesday, but police said they know who he is and are searching for him.

Charges are pending after an investigation by Detective Jeremy Miller and Bruce Gerlach of the Millville Police Department and Det. Bruce Mahan of the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office.

V'land dance center gets in step for 50th anniversary



The Arts of the Dance Center center Marlene von Reuter Harms (standing) and her family from right, daughter Marie, daughter-in-law Susan Harms, son David Harms, daughter Aida Harms and granddaughter Cathie Harms, are celebrating 50 years of business at their studio on Chestnut Avenue in Vineland.

By KRISTI FUNDERBURK
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VINELAND — About five decades ago, Marlene von Reuter Harms opened a small studio hoping to share her love of dance with the city.

Three studios, a dozen classes and hundreds of students later, The Arts of the Dance Centre's 50th anniversary is under way and Harms is still aiming to spread joy through the art of pole and grace.

"I can't believe it's 50 years," she said. "It went by like, whoosh, and I'm still as passionate as I was the first week."

Though 2011 will be the studio's true golden anniversary, this fall marks the start of the studio's 50th season as its schedule runs September to June. The studio is planning a similar, family-friendly gala next June for the 50-year milestone. Harms and her family are celebrating 50 years of business at their studio on Chestnut Avenue in Vineland.

Stimulus provides vaccines for county

By DEBORAH M. MARKO
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MILLEVILLE — Federal funding is giving Cumberland County residents a shot at some free vaccines.

The shots, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, are being offered to help local residents keep up with their preventative health care, said Annemarie Ruiz, the county health department director of education.

The free vaccines target pneumonia and whooping cough, as well as human papillomavirus (HPV), which can cause cervical cancer.

Because the vaccines were obtained through federal funding, Ruiz said, the shots are available to all county residents, including Vineland residents who are traditionally excluded from the county services because they are served by their own municipal health department.

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Semiformal gala planned for occasion



Ma Massara, 73, of Vineland and the rest of the beginners pole class work on their turn.

PHOTO GALLERY
■ **VIDEO:** The Arts of the Dance Centre's 50th anniversary was said.

In 1961, Harms rented a small space on East Elmor Street and opened her first studio. She moved to her current location on East Chestnut Avenue five years later. She first taught in a renovated barn and later had a new studio built.

Her studio includes three lesson rooms, dressing rooms, offices and Dancer's Closet, a small store to outfit her students. Harms has always tried to make classes and lessons available to all her students, even if finances were a concern.

Photo by KEVIN KATZ

\$10 million solar panel field powers up local farm

By JOEL LANDAU
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LABENTENCE — The owners of a massive farm-based solar panel field hope their new project is an example for fellow farmers pursuing alternative energy projects.

And two state agencies are monitoring the growth of solar panels at farms with an eye toward creating guidelines to encourage farmers to use solar energy without giving up precious farmland.

J.M. Prosser, chief operating officer for Santa Susana Farms, unveiled Tuesday the new 30-acre solar panel field at his Duffield Avenue facility. The \$10 million solar field is set up on land not intended for farming as solar panels don't take the place of crops. Prosser said. The two megawatts of energy should be enough to power the farm's 200,000-square-foot refrigerated warehouse facility.

Two megawatts could power about 2000 average-sized homes, officials said.

Santa Susana officials said their field is the largest solar project for a tomato farm on the East Coast.

Farmers are increasingly turning to solar panels to produce their own power and the state is monitoring it, said Al Murray, assistant secretary of the state Department of Agriculture.

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J.M. Prosser, chief operating officer for Santa Susana Farms, discusses the \$10 million, 30-acre solar panel field at his facility during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday.

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Vineland Dance Center Gets in Step for 50th Anniversary

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Sports betting: Coming up through the pack

By Suzette Parmley
It's the final frontier for states as the money gambling brings in full-blown, Nevada-style wagering to professional and college sports. A decade ago, it would have been unthinkable. But today, with state budgets in tatters and swindal campaigns in places like Pittsburgh and

Despite opposition, legislative leaders in Pa., N.J., and Del. are pushing it as a new revenue source.

Bethlehem delivering millions of dollars to Harrisburg, it's at the center of a conversation in the Philadelphia region.

Pennsylvania, with nine casinos in place, two bound for Philadelphia, and tables

games fast-tracked — doesn't risk losing out to its neighbors.

Not when there are people ready to put \$100 down on the Eagles vs. the Giants.

Though no studies have been done on how much sports betting could generate in Pennsylvania, lawmakers know its potential.

"I believe sports betting in Penn-

sylvania casinos would generate additional revenue and tourism," said State Rep. Danie Stanton Jr. (D, Berks), chairman of the House Gaming Oversight Committee.

Though no studies have been done on how much sports betting could generate in Pennsylvania, lawmakers know its potential.

"I believe sports betting in Penn-

Charters' profitable loopholes examined

By Martha Woodall
City Controller Alan Bockwinse's investigation of 11 Philadelphia charter schools found repeated examples of complex real estate arrangements in which charters leased or rented facilities from related nonprofit organizations.

"The way the charter law is written and not enforced, there is a gigantic loophole through which people can profit," Bockwinse said. "This is not supposed to be a vehicle for maximizing profit for operators and related parties."

Bockwinse began his special fraud investigation of charters several months after the Times reported allegations in April 2008 of financial mismanagement and conflicts of interest at Philadelphia Academy Charter School.

His staff has been sharing information with the U.S. Attorney's Office, which is conducting a criminal investigation of at least nine charter schools, according to sources with knowledge of the probe.

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Dozens killed in clashes



A protester attacks a Kyrgyz police officer in an antigovernment uprising in the Kyrgyzstan capital of Bishkek.

Coup declared in Kyrgyzstan

By Peter Leonard
Opposition leaders declared Wednesday that they had seized power in Kyrgyzstan, taking control of security headquarters, a state TV channel, and other government buildings after clashes between police and protesters left dozens dead.

The impoverished Central Asian nation between a U.S. air base that is a key transit point for supplies in U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

President Kurmanbek Bakiyev, who came to power in a similar uprising five years ago, was said to have fled to the southern city of Osh, and it was hard to gauge how much of the mountainous country was controlled by the opposition.

"The security service and the Interior Ministry... all of them are already under the management of new people," Rosa Churbayeva, a former foreign minister ousted by the opposition to lead the interim government, told the Russian-language Mir TV channel.

A senior U.S. military official said Kyrgyzstan officials halted flights for 12 hours Wednesday at

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United and US Airways in talks

It is their third attempt at a merger. Combined, cost savings would return them to profit faster, they say.

By Jud Mautman
United Airlines and US Airways are in merger talks that, if successful, would create the nation's second-biggest airline. It is the third time in a decade that they have tried to make a deal.

Airline-based US Airways Group Inc. carries about two-thirds of the passengers at Philadelphia International Airport.

The negotiations mark the latest of efforts to consolidate the airline industry, which has 500 billion over the last decade in fuel costs, wages and the number of travelers fell in the recession. But companies have been unable to collect for greater partnerships.

A combination of United and US Airways could help both return to profit faster by achieving greater economies.

But mergers in the airline industry have been notoriously difficult to pull off, in part because complex labor contracts can offset the promised cost savings.

One of US Airways' challenges is that it still has not integrated pilot seniority since its merger with America West in 2005 because of union infighting.

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The man bringing the city its spring flicks

Andrew Greenblatt somehow puts together a little festival, and it's free.

By Steven Rea
It's a Philadelphia rite of spring: the film festival, with hundreds of features and shorts, from American Indies and Euro sex farces to Asian horror and African realism. Since 1991 the festival, in several incarnations — most recently, CineFest — has sated the appetites of the city's movie maniacs.

But in January, longtime festival organizers Ray Murray and the TIA Entertainment Group

announced that there would be no 12-day fest in April. It was another victim of the recession. Despite sales of 65,000 tickets last year, funding had tightened, and the economic turned disastrous.

Into the breach stepped Andrew Greenblatt, a lifelong movie fanatic. Greenblatt, 30, has a Jake LaMotta signed Righty Bell poster on his office wall, and considers film festivals the next best thing to heaven. "Watching six movies in a row — that's a great day for me!" he says.

And as a lawyer who returned to his native Philadelphia to run the nonprofit Philadelphia Film Society, Greenblatt couldn't imagine spring

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Andrew Greenblatt of the Phila. Film Society with poster of an Allen Iverson documentary.

Obama, Medvedev signal thaw

They will meet in Prague, and sign a new START.

By Margaret Edew and Jonathan S. Landay
WASHINGTON — President Obama's meeting Thursday in Prague with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, where they are to sign a new nuclear arms reduction pact, will highlight a thaw in relations between the former Cold War enemies that has occurred since Obama took office.

Obama's meeting with Medvedev is the most visible measure of improving cooperation on an array of fronts, including intelligence sharing, Iran's nuclear ambitions, and the Afghan war.

Obama quickly has allowed 120 planes carrying U.S. troops to Afghanistan to transit its territory.

For many decades we were trying to kill each other, and now they are allowing our troops to go through their country to battle," said a senior Obama administration spokesman.

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Soaring temperatures and spirits



On a day when the high hit 89 degrees, Deandra Jefferson, 17, a dance student at the High School for Creative and Performing Arts, had a cool one. Why not practice ballet at Logan Square? The region just completed the warmest first week of April ever, but a shift from summer to spring is in the forecast. Story, B10.

Report Card on the Schools

As the United States struggles to keep its technological prowess, are children getting the science instruction they need to compete?

On Sunday, The Inquirer takes you inside the Philadelphia region's 164 public school districts and 324 public and private high schools for an exclusive report on science education.

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COUNTERPUNCHING THE JOB MARKET

By ELLEN S. WILKOWE
 BY JEFF BROWN

When Warren Bohrow of Morris Township discovered his submitted recipe for a tuna melt came sandwiched between two spots in a career magazine, "100 for 2010," Bohrow, the former chef and executive assistant, knew he had hit a turning point in his latest career transition.

Bohrow's tuna melt story represents a milestone, one that celebrates his new career as a food journalist, a recipe made possible by his being downgraded from the corporate world last May.

His tuna melt was inspired by a sandwich that he discovered in Charleston, S.C., where he worked as a chef prior to the arrival of Hurricane Hugo in 1989. A professionally trained chef turned executive assistant, Bohrow never lost his appetite for the culinary world. He just got caught up in the corporate world. Now he serves words instead of CEOs.

"Rather than dwell on the reasons why — as if it was my fault — I set out to reinvent myself," Bohrow, 46, said. "My push was simple: become published in a nationally distributed food magazine in six months."

Since his center last year from a job as an executive assistant with Metropolitan Life, Bohrow has become a contributing editor to the online publication Wild River Review and writes for NANY Way.com and New Jersey Life magazine, to name a few.

Marci Braumstein of Long Valley went from vice president of accounting policy and external reporting to president of her own home-based domestic.

It was a last letter to be out of a job's with Braumstein, who was downgraded from CTF Group in Livingston in September 2008.

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Vendors caught in A.C. casino downturn

Business for casino vendors falls from \$4.15 billion in 2008 to \$2.97 billion last year.

Formica's casino sales plummeted last year from about \$20,000 per week to between \$12,000 and \$15,000, after nearly a dozen restaurants were closed because of slumping business in the gaming industry. The casino downturn hit not only Formica Brothers bakers, but the thousands of other companies that supply the gaming halls with billions of dollars of goods and services each year.

Figures compiled by the New Jersey Casino Control Commission show that the total volume of business for casino vendors plunged from \$4.15 billion in 2008 to \$2.97 billion last year, a 28 percent drop. The statistics also magnify just how gloomy things were for casino vendors based in New Jersey: Casinos paid their New Jersey vendors \$1.2 billion in 2009, down 48 percent from \$2.33 billion in 2008 and less than half of the \$2.53 billion in business in 2007.

In the late 1980s and early '90s, more than 4,000 New Jersey vendors did business with casinos. Charts of licensed vendors and vendor business volume. **A9**



Baker Salvatore Torres, of Atlantic City, handles the rolls as Frank Formica talks about the effect of casino fortunes on Formica Brothers Bakery.

By DONALD WITTKOWSKI
Staff Writer
ATLANTIC CITY — Frank Formica has a simple way to determine just how much the casinos have been struggling in the fragile economy. He just counts the dough — the rolls and breads his Atlantic City bakery sells to the casino restaurants.

TOURNAMENT PLAY STARTS FRIDAY The LPGA Classic returns



Michelle Wie made the quarterfinals of the Sybase Match Play Championship on May 20 at Hamilton Farm Golf Club in Gloucester, Somerset County. Wie, 25, is one of the promising young players scheduled to play the ShopRite LPGA Classic.

Event offers huge boost to local economy and charities

By EMILY FREVITI
Staff Writer
GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP — The ShopRite LPGA Classic, which is expected to draw more than 60,000 spectators and provide a projected \$15 million to the local economy, returns this week to Seaside, a Dover Beach, after a three-year absence.

The weeklong stay of thousands of fans, athletes, coaches, caddies and vendors always has meant increased revenue for businesses in the township and surrounding region, including the nearby Atlantic City casinos. The Ladies Professional Golf Association event, which starts play on Friday

after four days of preliminary events, will have a nationwide television audience and tens of thousands of live spectators. "I missed that time when the tournament came to Seaside. It was fun watching," Galloway resident Victoria Smith said of past tournaments. The spike last week while reviewing the uniforms she and 800 other volunteers will wear while working the event at the 18-hole-old Seaside hotel and golf resort. Smith, who lives in the Southfield section of Galloway Township, volunteered her time

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Spirit strike strands travelers

Spirit Airlines pilots strike in a contract dispute over pay, and flights are canceled.

By STEVEN LEMONGELLO
and ERIC ORTIZ
Staff Writers
Spirit Airlines pilots went on strike across the country Saturday morning in a dispute over paying passengers at Atlantic City International Airport in Egg Harbor Township, resulting in fast alternate travel methods after the discount carrier immediately canceled all of its Saturday flights.

The South Jersey Transportation Authority, or SJTA, which runs the airport, is operating under the assumption that all of today's flights are canceled until further notice. SJTA executive Sharon Gordon said.

The strike affects about 80 pilots and at least 200 other personnel operating from Atlantic City, where Spirit is the largest carrier, a pilot

See Strike, A10

Adler, Runyan waste no time in showdown

The candidates for the 3rd District Congressional seat exchange attacks after their primary victories Tuesday night.

By ROB SPANR
Staff Writer
As a National League shortstop, Jon Runyan absorbed punishment and delivered it, too. That experience will come in handy because politics has his own version of the hit-and-run.

See Campaigns, A10

Hamilton Twp. shooting deaths show familiar domestic violence outcome

By DAN GOOD
and SARAH WATSON
Staff Writers
The gambler murders that shocked a Hamilton Township neighborhood one week ago provide a vivid picture of domestic violence's potentially devastating consequences.

When Sharif Whalock, 36, gunned down girlfriend Tracy Coleman, 44, her 15-year-old son, Reggie Coleman, Butler, and her brother Russell

Coleman, 30, of Vineland, on Sunday night, it was at least the eighth Atlantic County domestic violence-related fatality since the start of 2008 and the 11th since January 2009, according to a Press of Atlantic City analysis. Since 2008, at least five other southern New Jersey domestic situations have ended in death — with four of those incidents happening in Cumberland County.

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Woods takes first step on recovery road

Take it from a guy who knows about recovery. What Tiger Woods said yesterday about accepting full responsibility will serve as a cornerstone for personal improvement.

His thoughts about letting people down, embarrassing himself and family, and hurting young kids who had faith in him are acknowledgments that will matter as he seeks to both atone and make his life better.

This is a journey, and certainly these few moments in front of a camera are only that. Walking away from things that make us feel good, whether it's sex, drugs or any other addiction, requires support, sometimes from complete strangers.



L.A. PARKER

Active addiction hurts loved ones and causes a certain human destruction that takes time to heal. Whether Tiger ever steps on a golf course again or not, today will be a moment that defines him, not as a golfer but certainly as a father, husband and man.

We are not measured by our downfalls, it's what we do

when life knocks us down, sends us for a loop. Recovery is a painful introspection of every action, every thought, every word.

Hearing Tiger Woods speak yesterday pushed me back to 16 years ago when I came in from a cold world of addiction, making that first statement, that I had an addiction, several addictions, and because of those choices my life had become unmanageable.

You lose yourself in addiction, lose sight of yourself, and once your soul disappears then life will deal you almost anything that you will accept. You end up doing things you never could imagine, and it's only until you wake up from a stupor that lasted years do you understand the destruction you have caused to family, friends and self.

Woods will always be in recovery, and that's probably a good thing if redemption makes hold. Going down this road of recovery offers unimaginable gifts, like an appreciation for every small item in your life. The time will come when Tiger Woods will not regret what has happened in his life because without this torment he could have never reached his new summit.

I told my daughter that one time — that I did not regret the past nor wished to close the door on it — a statement that caused anger for her. But I understand every word, that

without the missteps, I may not have ever moved away from addiction.

That without the past she would not have a dad, free of abusive substance.

That without ever being homeless, I would never have a daily appreciation for a hot shower, freshly washed linen, a place to sit and just exist.

Tiger Woods is far from success because once you have wandered deep into the wilderness it takes just as much time to walk out.

Imagine a man who walked in total darkness for four years. He finally realizes how lost he is but during a moment of clarity realizes his predicament.

He sees a faint light behind him and understands that he must turn around, walking past all those faces that he betrayed, the hookers, call girls, mother and wife.

Recovery is a long walk out of darkness on a trail that will offer more temptation. You hold on some days for a minute until that wave of temptation passes. You lean on God, or Buddha or a stranger in your recovery circle.

You forgive yourself.

And you believe that better times will come.

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Sex addict Tiger Woods said yesterday that he's headed in the right direction but has a long way to go.

Watch Tiger's apology at trentonian.com

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Lawrence does it better

Ed, with all the complaints about snow plowing after the storms I would like to complement the Lawrence Township plowers for doing a great job. Signed, a grateful driver.

No Complaints
 And you are, or are married to, a snow plower. —Ed. Note

And so does Ewing

I think that the Ewing Township snow plowing crew did a good job. I am very picky about this. They made one path in the roadway, let the people clean up the entrance to their driveways and they did not come back a hundred times plowing the snow back into the driveway. To me that is good plowing; do it once, let the people dig out, and leave us alone. Thank you for a good job, Ewing. —Scoop

What kind of victim's mentality is that? Where's the bel-louching? They made you dig your own snow! Where's the outrage!

—Ed. Note

Sticks and stones

Ed, I was just catching up on my reading of *The Trentonian* and saw the article about the woman from Sesame Street who was struck by a car on Route 130, fell and broke her tibia. It was an awful event, of course. I would be curious to hear from the readers as to exactly where that particular bone is located.

Bony
The normal human body contains a tibia and a fibula, but the "tibia" referenced in the story by the victim was a Trentonian Anatomical Exclusive.

—Ed. Note

Timing and courtesy

Ed, I would like to thank a young lady who was walking down Pingree Avenue with her family on Wednesday after the blizzard. She took the time and courtesy to knock on our door to tell us that a tree branch had just cracked and was about to fall on one of our cars in the driveway. We are so appreciative because it would have been our son's car. We ended up backing up all the cars. We would just like to thank her for walking down Pingree Avenue at the right time.

Undented
Here's to you, walk-down-the-street-at-the-right-time-and-save-a-car-from-a-branch lady. You're today's Everyday BackTalk Hero.

—Ed. Note

Who are we?

I disagree with the person who thought the halftime show at the Super Bowl was good. I loved it. First of all, hearing the old songs again and seeing the light show was spectacular. You didn't pay a penny for it; it was free. If you had paid \$40 to \$50 for it I can see you complaining. But I thought it was a great show.

Tommy
 You were stoned. —Ed. Note

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Farmers market at core of renewal plan



A discount store in Vineland, N.J., is to be converted into a \$5.62 million public market — with an Amish presence, an art deco interior, and ample parking.

Remaking of Vineland, with Amish and art deco

By Chelsea Conabo

VINELAND, N.J. — From the windows of her fourth-floor office at City Hall, redevelopment director Sandy Forsusky can see the front of 99 Cent Dreams, the 38,000-square-foot value store at the center of what has long been a languishing downtown.

Starting in March, that view will change. The Landis Avenue dollar store is slated to be converted into a year-round public market, selling local produce, meat, seafood, specialty items, and prepared food. With it, Forsusky is helping the city's center will change, too.

The \$5.62 million project, which Forsusky calls a "mini Reading Terminal," is the foundation for a \$9 million city makeover. The two-story market will have outdoor vendors in the summer, a large Amish presence inside, an art deco exterior, and ample parking.

In addition to drawing local residents back downtown, particularly from more affluent East Vineland, the city expects the market to attract shoppers from Gloucester and Atlantic Counties and Shore-bound travelers on Route 55.

If Forsusky's vision comes true, the market will see MARKET on B5.



Rebuilding Landis Theater, a playhouse closed in '90, is part of the \$59 million long-range redevelopment. Construction of the market could start in March for an October opening.

BY DANIEL ROBERTSON/Staff Photographer

S. Phila. casino confronts next step

The table-games law gives Foxwoods 19 more months to open, but partners still need to find a developer.

By Jennifer Lin

Pennsylvania's new table-games law has given investors in the Foxwoods Casino project breathing room they need — up to 19 more months — to open a 1,000-table waterfront casino in South Philadelphia.

Now the question looms: Who will build and run it?

Since the fall, the partners have made no secret of their search for a gaming company to replace the Mashantucket Pequot tribe of Connecticut as the casino's developer and operator.

Gov. Rendell signed the bill Thursday to allow table games, and the investors can move quickly to line up a successor, said Stephen A. Cohen, a lawyer for Foxwoods.

The partners are focusing on a sole investor and could have an announcement "by the end of the month," Cohen said. He declined to identify the potential new operator, saying only that it was a gaming company "with operations internationally."

In 2006, the local Foxwoods investors chose a subsidiary of the Mashantucket Pequot to design, finance, and run the casino. The tribe put up \$30 million for one-third of the profits. Since then, it has developed serious money problems stemming from a drop in revenue at its flagship casino in Leyland, Conn.

Cohen said the local investors "hope and assume" the tribe's subsidiary will remain an investor. But, he added, the Mashantucket Pequot do "not" have the wherewithal to carry forward this kind of venture.

The main local partners in Foxwoods are charitable trusts for the families of three state senators: New Jersey businessman Lewis Katz, Center City developer Ron Rubin, and Comcast-Spectacor chairman Ed Snider.

Over the summer their project was in jeopardy. The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board forced them to choose FOXWOODS on B5.

Backers think a new deal could be sealed this month.

N.J.'s cowardly adieu to bill on same-sex 'I do'



Monica Yant Kinney

Marriage Equality died last week in New Jersey. He was a 20th-century ideal who gained international prominence in the last decade.

The cause of death was fear, loathing, and political cowardice, as evidenced by a 20-14 vote in the 80-member state Senate.

The measure needed 21 votes to pass. An investigation continues into the gutless few — including Camden County Democrat Jim Beach — who betrayed their duties by sitting through the history-

making event and then refusing to say "yes" or "no."

Incoming Senate President Steve Sweeney (D, Gloucester) looked like a weenie. The beefy ironworker rationalized, "If they were close, I would have voted for it." Instead, he did nothing. That's leadership?

Rural plans for Marriage Equality remain incomplete as grieving supporters explore their options.

Modern miracles, such as judicial intervention, could yet revive the dead. But

renewal, Marriage Equality may be cryogenically frozen like baseball great Ted Williams, emerging in four to eight years when voters elect a more compassionate governor.

Life and times

Freedom of Religion and Equality in Civil Marriage Act, Senate Bill 2007. Friends called him Gay Marriage or Same-Sex Marriage. Some preferred nicknames.

See DEATHS on B4.

Inside

High school musical: Tony Danza will join students performing in fund-raiser.

Annette Bening: Using power of art to fight the ravages of illness.

Fighter jets, muscle cars, and highway tragedy

By Edward Colmore and Barbara Hoover

One had a passion for planes. The other preferred the power of a muscle car.

Mark C. Jennings joined the Air Force as a young man, earned Top Gun honors as an F-16 pilot, and flew combat missions over Iraq.

Stephen M. Moffa kept his cars, new and vintage, in meticulous condition. He was so good at it, the guy who sold him parts even-

tually hired him.

On Dec. 24, the lives of the two Cherry Hill men came together in a fatal accident on Route 70 just west of King Highway.

Jennings, a lieutenant colonel in the New Jersey Air National Guard, was pruning trees in his front yard when Moffa lost control of his Pontiac GTO, struck a utility pole, and hit the pilot.

The two died instantly. Authorities say Moffa was traveling at a high speed when he had a heart attack. It was

unclear whether the heart attack caused the accident, which remains under investigation, officials said.

The violent end of the two lives stunned the families and friends of both men and left them wondering how and why it happened.

"It's extremely difficult," said Jennings' longtime friend, Col. Anthony LaSera, a joint staff strategic planner stationed at New Jersey National Guard headquarters.

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Mark C. Jennings, left, was a military flight instructor. Stephen M. Moffa loved cars. Both died in a Cherry Hill accident.

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Terminally ill get some help from the state

Had Jimmy Anderson lived in Burlington County today, it wouldn't have surprised me to see him dancing the hula in a room at the Ingham hotel.

Heck, if good of Jimmy had heard the news this week about the passage of a New Jersey medical marijuana law, he might have danced his way from Willingboro to Harrisburg, Pa., in record time.

Jimmy was the uncle of a friend of mine I knew in the 1980s. He had a great sense of humor and was always laughing at his own jokes before anyone had a chance to judge whether or not they were funny. And even if they weren't funny, we all laughed because he was laughing. Laughing in the face of impending death.

Jimmy was fighting advanced colorectal cancer, a chief that stole away his jokes and eventually his life. Chemotherapy treatments rendered him tired and weak. His hair fell out. His complexion turned gray except for the dark circles around his eyes.

When he was having, he'd say, "Good one." Except on those days when he wasn't, when he wouldn't say much at all.

When gave Jimmy more good news than had any marriage.

Smoking a Bud blasted his pain, restored his appetite, and whined him off to several pieces where cancer could not go. It gave him a few picture cards to

send to his family. The state Senate and Assembly passed the New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act on Monday.

But in order to give Jimmy a break from cancer and chemotherapy's debilitating side effects, his family members had to break the law. They'd buy marijuana off the street and roll his joints.

He'd lean back in his favorite chair and take advantage of the analgesics that sent his pain on vacation. Soon after he'd lit up, he'd light up.

Did Jimmy care that he was breaking the law?

"Let them come and arrest me," he'd say with a laugh. "I'm already in military uniform."

You didn't know Jimmy, but I'm sure you know someone like him. Someone who is dealing with the unmanageable pain and challenges of cancer, multiple sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease, Crohn's disease, muscular dystrophy, AIDS or a number of debilitating or terminal conditions.

'DaddyO of SpaghettiOs' dies at 83

Donald E. Goerke, a former Campbell's Soup Co. marketing executive, came up with the idea for the circular spaghetti, which became a hit.

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DELRAN — Donald E. Goerke, 83, the Campbell's Soup Co. executive who introduced the world to the SpaghettiOs and Chunky Soup brands, died of heart failure Sunday at his home in the township.

The longtime Gloucester resident was a marketing executive with the company's Franco-American division in the early 1960s before he was promoted to vice president. He was the circular-shaped pasta would do for the spaghetti.

"We were looking for a product that would especially appeal to kids," Goerke said in the Burlington County Times in 1990 after he announced his retirement. "We looked at hundreds of different possibilities and decided that spaghetti shaped like circles would be a hit."

And clearly Goerke was right. SpaghettiOs went on to become one of the company's best sellers. "It became a megabrand," his son, David, said. "For its 50th anniversary, Campbell's called him back to be an

adviser. He even went on the "Today Show" (on NBC) and was interviewed by Bryan Goodell."

Goerke, who saved the company in 1995, was dubbed the "DaddyO of SpaghettiOs" for coming up with the idea. But before the product's launch in 1963, SpaghettiOs was not easily recalled by everyone.

"When we launched it as a side manager, he said, 'We've got to be kidding. This is nothing but strands of spaghetti in circles,'" Goerke said in a 1995 interview.

Little did the sales manager know that even today the company sells tens of millions of cans of SpaghettiOs a year.

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Donald E. Goerke, a Delran resident, was the creator of Campbell's SpaghettiOs and Chunky Soup.



Employees at the Burlington Coat Factory corporate offices in Burlington Township sat a high standard by donating hundreds of coats on opening day in November to demonstrate the company's commitment to the Three Warm Coats Warm Hearts campaign.

Wrapping up

There are two days left in the Burlington Coat Factory's Warm Coats Warm Hearts drive.

By Mark Zwarno
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BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP — Did you get a new set of jackets over the holidays? The Burlington Coat Factory is interested in putting your old ones to work.

There are still two days left to drop off garments for the "Warm Coats Warm Hearts" drive that distribution then to needy families during the chilly winter months.

"So far it has been going unbelievably well," Wendy Stokola, vice president of marketing at Burlington Coat Factory's corporate offices on Route 130, "We have already exceeded last year's goals. And with the cold days we have had so far this season, it's especially great to be able to get these items out early to the people that need them."

Last year the company — along with One Warm Coat, a national nonprofit organization, and ABC's "Good Morning America" — collected and distributed 177,000 coats to shelters and distribution centers. Burlington Coat Factory announced last week that it already had collected 793,000 coats, its highest total in the drive's three-year existence, Stokola said.

"We think we will be able to reach 200,000," she said.

Employees set a high standard by donating hundreds of coats on opening day in November in demonstrating the company's commitment to the campaign. Those coats were shipped to the COATS, Page B4

Police chief to retire

John Lazarotti steps down in Burlington City.

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BURLINGTON CITY — John Lazarotti is retiring after five years as the city's police chief and 25 years on the force. Capt. Anthony Whelan will assume command of the 50-member department Sept. 1.

Lazarotti's decision comes at a time when the city is planning to reorganize the department's command structure, which includes a chief captain, two lieutenants and six sergeants.

The City Council introduced an ordinance Jan. 3 that would create a structure consisting of a chief, three lieutenants and five sergeants, as of Sept. 1. The ordinance will be up for adoption Feb. 2.

"I believe that the mayor has come up with an efficient and effective command staff based on the number of officers and what we could be doing with," Lazarotti said. "This restructuring will allow the Police Department to continue providing the level of service that it does today."

"Based on the fact that the chief has submitted a letter intending to retire, I felt it prudent to review our current command staff," Mayor James Frazee said at Tuesday's council meeting.

Lazarotti, 44, was born and raised in the city and retired as a chief. See **CHIEF**, Page B4

Responsible-contractor policy approved by board

By Danielle Carrell
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MOUNT HOLLY — The Burlington County Board of Freeholders unanimously approved a responsible-contractor policy Wednesday that strengthens existing eligibility standards for those seeking county construction jobs.

The measure was passed with the support of union and nonunion labor, which both had representatives on the task force that helped draft the new policy. The policy requires the contractor to pay employees on a job at least 75 percent over those three years.

In addition, all contractors and subcontractors will be required to have on a job at least one employee who has successfully completed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's 30-hour construction safety and health course.

The plan also protects workers, officials said. It continues the previous policy that requires contractors and subcontractors to pay employees on a job at least 75 percent over those three years. In addition, all contractors and subcontractors will be required to have on a job at least one employee who has successfully completed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's 30-hour construction safety and health course. All companies now must have valid and effective business registrations on file with the county and meet all local requirements for workers and members of households in the township. See **POLICY**, Page B4



The plan to convert the convent of the former St. Casimir's Catholic Church in Riverside into a shelter for homeless pregnant women and mothers of newborns has been postponed.

Shelter plan on hold

The Planning Board hearing for a Riverside facility for homeless pregnant women was postponed to February.

By Chris Bishop
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REVERSDIE — The plan of a nonprofit group that was seeking to open a 10-bed shelter for homeless pregnant women and mothers of newborns in the

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Terminally Ill Get Some Help from the State

For Grandma Allen, Words Won't Fail Her

Phil Gianficaro



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Vote is set tonight on Valley Hospital expansion. 2



Briton is Red Bull Air Race winner, and American comes in third. 3

'God's person in a wheelchair'

They buried a man named Tom the other day.

As he neared, his broken and worn body was placed in a plain pine coffin, then lowered into a grave beneath a maple tree in a Park Ridge cemetery where the dates on the tombstones go back 200 years.

One friend left three jets trailing cards. Another left a rose. Another, in a fire distributed to several hundred mourners, offered this sentiment:

"God's person in a wheelchair."

Tom Lehmann of Park Ridge died last

week of complications from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He was 57.

But to understand what his death meant to his circle of friends and family, you need to know that Lehmann ended a part of his life 39 years ago — then started another, based on a deep religious faith.

He was 18 then, a year out of Pasack High School where he had won the coach's award as a track star, running the quarter mile.

Late in the afternoon of a rattling summer Sunday with friends in August 1971, Lehmann dove into the surf at Point Pleasant beach. He never walked again. He broke his neck.

He never broke his spirit, though. Even when diagnosed several months ago with

church, a desire "to make a difference in other people's lives."

But how?

"Tom prayed for a way to serve others," Pastor James added. And, in one of life's great paradoxes, Lehmann became a great man from the humble seat of a wheelchair.

Doctors classified him a quadriplegic. He could talk, eat, blink his eyes, move his arms and his head. But he could not move anything else. Someone had to bathe him, dress him, put him to bed at night and get him up in the morning.

"Now, stop for a moment and consider what Lehmann faced as that fun-loving athletic 18-year-old.

"At that age, you're invincible," said his childhood friend, Barbara Mitchell.

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Tom Lehmann, 57, of Park Ridge died last week. He was instrumental in the building of housing for disabled people.

Lifting pupils with needs

Preschoolers find space in church

By MERRY FIRSCHEN
STAFF WRITER

PORT LEE — Come September, a section of the Church of the Good Shepherd will be occupied by 3- and 4-year-old special needs students attending a new district preschool.

The district currently has a half-day program for special-needs preschoolers, with morning and afternoon sessions, held in one classroom in School 2. The church's space will allow the district to bring back some of its special-needs students from other districts.

Ann Marie Broder, district director of special services, said she saw a need for the school when she arrived in Fort Lee two years ago.

"The hope is that the earlier children receive the support, the more progress they can make when they are younger," she said.

The new school, called the Fort Lee Early Education Center, will offer one full-day class for autistic preschoolers, one class of two half-day sessions for other special-needs children, and a classroom for 10 general education students, Broder said.

Some of the special-needs children will be included in the general education class at various times during the day, she said.

"We want to provide a service for the special education children, so they are not isolated," schools Superintendent Raymond Bandini said.

Broder, a case manager for the preschool students, and a nurse will work in the new school.

The state Education Department mandates education for preschoolers with disabilities starting at age 3. Broder said. The district creates a class with special-needs preschoolers at School 2 in September, Broder said.

District schools are so crowded they aren't any open classrooms, Broder and schools Business Administrator Cheryl Balesky have heard.

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Honors at last for pioneering chief



Retired Sgt. Richard Cleri of Ridgefield visiting the Hackensack grave of Peter Siccardi, the first chief of the Bergen County Police Department. Siccardi served in the early decades of the 20th century and died in 1961. Last summer, his grandson Wayne Tiso started plans to mark his grandfather's grave. The Bergen Police joined in and held a memorial May 1 for the chief.

Grandson heads effort to mark grave of Bergen Police's first leader

By MARLENE NAANES
STAFF WRITER

Peter J. Siccardi earned such a large-than-life reputation when he patrolled the dusty streets of Fort Lee as the borough's first motorcycle officer that his targets talked of naming him down.

Later, he became known as the "fly-in chief" as the first chief of the Bergen County Police Department and intro-

duced one of the county's first aerial police squads. His department also was the first in the East to use two-way radios, and Siccardi helped J. Edgar Hoover organize the National Police Academy.

A unique feature in the county's history, Chief Siccardi saw Bergen County streets go from dirt roads to crowded highways as horse-drawn carriages gave way to automobiles, read an article in

The Bergen Evening Record in 1961 after his death.

Despite his achievements, when Siccardi and his family walked through Hackensack Cemetery on a warm, clear Sunday last summer, there was no sign of a grave marker befitting the county police force's first chief. In fact, there was no marker at all.

"I was totally shocked...it bothered me quite a bit," said the grandson,

Bar mitzvah project has friends sprucing up senior living center

By ANDREW TANCEL
STAFF WRITER

A barren plot of land along Hazel Street in Clifton got new life on Sunday as part of a boy's rite of passage to adulthood.

While bar mitzvahs traditionally entail reading from the Torah and parties, Gavi Forman of Teaneck added a new twist to his a group service project.

So Gavi and 17 of his 12- and 13-year-old peers spent Sunday morning

digging in the dirt in a small patch of earth in a courtyard on the sprawling grounds of the Daughters of Miriam Center (The Galen Institute, a long-term care center and elderly living community).

Not only was it a unique way to celebrate his bar mitzvah and give back, but, said Gavi, "It seemed like a fun thing to do."

While dozens of the center's residents enjoyed a three-man guitar band strumming and singing oldies such as



Gavi Forman, right, of Teaneck, and Avram Allen of Bergenfield planting trees Sunday on the grounds of the Daughters of Miriam Center in Clifton.

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God's Person in a Wheelchair
If He Can Build Bridges, Why Can't He Get Rid of the Rats?

Mike Kelly

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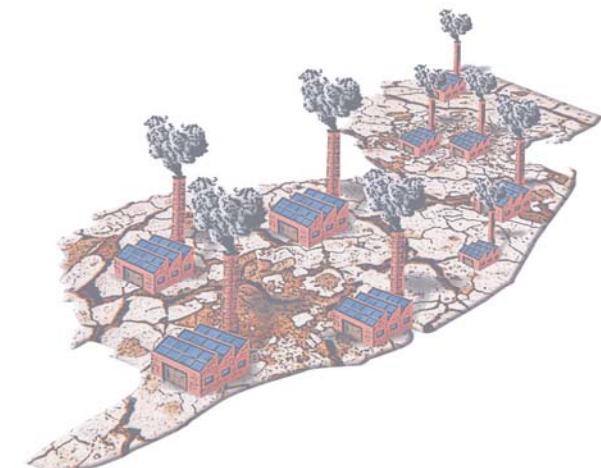
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Proposed power line



Federal park threatened

By NANCY SHUKRITSKY and SCOTT OLSON

As our nation looks for environmentally friendly methods of generating electricity — oil, coal, solar, wind, ocean tides, geothermal or bio-mass — it is unfortunate that coal moved into first place for electric generation when the National Energy Policy Act and the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIECTC) became law, creating the vast, new Mid-Atlantic high voltage line corridor encompassing 13 states, including all of New Jersey and 52 of 67 Pennsylvania counties.

Creation of this corridor did not consider alternative energy solutions. Instead it facilitates use of dirty, coal-generated power by Eastern states, defying calls for clean, renewable technologies.

Power plants built great distances from population centers are contrary to good planning. Plants sited near demand centers, along with increased energy

efficiency and conservation measures, are superior alternatives to long-distance transmission. Costs for transmission projects in our corridor — estimated at \$10 billion and payable by ratepayers — come during stressful economic times, and when electricity use actually is decreasing.

Our local project, the Susquehanna River-based transmission line, encourages additional coal-fired generation upstream of us, increasing pollution and adversely affecting local health. It cuts into forests and parks, degrades natural and residential areas by shading the Saw Creek community near Bushkill, Pa., the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and a clean transmission from Hardwick to East Hanover across northwest New Jersey.

The recreation area was created using eminent domain on thousands of private homes and properties to restore the natural setting present prior to human

settlement. Why? To create a natural oasis near metropolitan areas of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania for "the best hiking, swimming, canoeing, fishing, mountain climbing, walking the Appalachian Trail, or just sitting on the river bank watching the free-flowing Delaware River."

Widespread tree cutting will be required to construct 196-foot towers and power lines, so construction equipment will require multiple access roads through existing natural areas.

While the exact route is not determined, this project's transmission lines would cross the recreation area in Pennsylvania and cross the "wild and scenic" Delaware River into New Jersey near Walpack Bend. It would join the already visible 61-foot high power line on Old Mine Road near nature's oldest, natural commercial road, qualifying for the Historic Register, before turning up the Killbuck Ridge, creating a conspicuous

scar on the landscape while crossing the scenic Appalachian Trail.

The American public paid millions for the National Recreation Area, and citizens' rights are about to be trampled on. The proposed high-voltage lines would drastically infringe upon the aesthetic, environmental, therapeutic, recreational, historic and educational values in this federally owned park, negatively impacting miles of natural viewpoints.

The public's investment in America's largest eminent domain acquisition for public recreation, and continued investment in the National Park Service, is a worthwhile investment of resources to annually utilize the Delaware Water Gap area, our nation's eighth most visited park.

Destruction of land in the public trust is not justified, there are alternatives. We must demand that decision-makers place the public's trust ahead of special interests. The timing and intensity

of the utility companies' imposition of urban, industrial hardware on nature's exquisite landscape is questionable.

The Delaware Water Gap recreation area is stationary, while the high-voltage line is not flexible. It can be selective and it can avoid cutting land in one of America's great national preserves.

We must prevail upon every federal, state, county and local elected official in Pennsylvania and New Jersey to stop this travesty. Write to delawarewatergap.org or send letters to John Demuth, 550 Pennsylvania Ave., River Road off Route 209, Bushkill, Pa., 18241.

If our leaders don't protect America's heritage, who will? Nancy Shukritsky of East Stroudsburg, Pa., and a founder of the Delaware Valley Conservation Association. Scott Olson is deputy mayor in Elyria, Tennessee.

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NJ and Kids: Perfect Together, with Some Exceptions
The Real Stars Came Out for Christmas
It Was a Dark and Stormy ... State

James Flachsenhaar



The real stars came out for Christmas

You could see the sign from the sidewalk, but couldn't make out the words until you closed in on the front door. "Warning: Oxygen in use." The door opened and I was about to knock.

Editor's desk



James Flachsenhaar

"I saw you pull in," said Betty, the disabled widow who lost her Christmas shopping money on an ill-fated cab ride to the mall. "I can't believe," she said, "there's no sign," "what you told me on the phone."

What I told her was that, after her story appeared in my Dec. 27 column, a number of readers stepped up to help.

Andy from Succowanna wrote: "I read your 'Be a star in someone's sky' article this morning and well, I don't want to be a star, but I do want to pay it forward." His check arrived the next day.

But I can't thank them alone. "We had decided to make a charitable donation and, after reading your column, my twin

sons decided she should be the recipient."

I gave Betty the cash and checks. She trembled, standing herself on her cane. "Now you can get off paying for your grandchildren," I thinking the thought of that would make her smile. The smile came later, after she hugged me and cried some more.

"Er, Betty, I also brought you the column I wrote."

"Oh, thank you... I don't get the paper... I just don't have the money."

When police tracked down the cabby — who said he hadn't received the news van in the cab, it was \$10 lighter. So was proof that he had done anything wrong.

When she finally let me go, I said: "Let us know if there's anything you need. What's your phone number?" That would be me and the real stars — those Daily Record readers who reached out.

Betty cried more, and harder. And I thought: This is the true spirit of Christmas. And how lucky I was for the chance to meet Betty in person, to give her the money and the human touch she all craved.

"Well, gets go," I mumbled. "Call you next week."

As it turns out, Betty needed a few other things we couldn't give her. A few friends called me Tuesday. Betty had been taken by ambulance to the hospital, unexpectedly needing surgery for multiple blockages in her arteries.

"I knew you were going to write about her this Sunday," Linda said. "But if you wanted to talk to her, Betty isn't going to be available right now."

But Betty's gift to all of us is available: If you can show a kindness, help a friend, repair a relationship, deliver a long-overdue apology, do it now. We may not always have tomorrow.

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Cedar Grove gets an ultimatum from the county, Page 13

Married in a Newark church, couple's vast promise feeds the soul



Terna James, left, and Manu Sebastian-Manoor once were destitute enough to depend on a Newark soup kitchen. Now they are working on Ph.D.s at Johns Hopkins and Princeton, respectively. They married in the same church, St. John's, where they had stood in line for food.

This is a love story. A success story. A story for those who say there are no good stories in the newspaper. This is a good one. So good, it is too good to be true. But it is.

Manu and Terna got married Saturday at St. John's in Newark, surrounded by friends who came up from Princeton, where Manu is working on a Ph.D. in medical-related engineering, and Johns Hopkins, where Terna is doing the same.

But some only came up from the church basement, where just hours before they worked the daily soup kitchen line.

"We changed from our work aprons into tuxedos," said Terna Smith, the parish manager, who gave away the bride.

Those friends had once received



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Sebastian-Manoor wore a classic three-piece charcoal tuxedo, with a white tie. The church was filled with people who once fed the couple, then watched beside them to feed others.

"Their American dream was fulfilled by the people at St. John's," said the Rev. Rippe Johannes, who performed the ring portion of the wedding Mass.

St. John's is the oldest Catholic Church in Newark, built in 1826 from ship ballast stones by Irish immigrants. In 1921, after the riots, a rectory housekeeper made sandwiches for a few destitute people. From that simple act, the St. John's soup kitchen has blossomed to feed between 500 and 700 people a day. All food, clothing and personal care items are donated and distributed by

volunteers. There are health and housing referrals, and a special center for women and children.

Manu and Terna showed up on the line in the fall of 2008.

"These are two of the most brilliant people you'll ever meet," South said. "But they didn't have the street smarts to survive in a city like Newark."

Their story begins in the Indian state of Kerala, where Manu and Terna studied at the Government Engineering College in Thiruvananthapuram. They fell in love, but it was complicated. caste systems and traditions got in the way.

"In this part of India, marriages are usually arranged," Manu said. "It is very hard to choose your own spouse, especially for the woman."

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Governor is asked to OK 'Choose life' car plates

Group urges Christie to end 7-year court fight

By Matt Friedman

An anti-abortion group that has waged a seven-year court fight against the state for refusing to press three license plates that say "Choose life" yesterday made a direct appeal to Gov. Chris Christie.

Leaders of Children First Foundation told the governor, who opposes abortion, to end the legal fight with a phone call.

"We are asking Gov. Christie to ask Motor Vehicle's Commissioner (chief administrator) Ray Martinez to approve our plate without further delay," said Elizabeth Rex, the group's president.

The group initially applied for the plates in 2003 but was turned down by then-Motor Vehicle Chief Administrator Diane Legreble, who said state law bars organizational plates from containing a slogan or advocacy message.

The group challenged the ruling in federal court, arguing the state violated its First Amendment rights. Although the case was dismissed in 2008, an appeals court revived it in April.

The plate, meant to promote adoption as an alternative to abortion, carries a doodle of a boy and girl and the words "Choose life" spelled out in children's handwriting. Rex said there are similar plates in 23 states.

Earlier, the current head of the Motor Vehicle Commission, rejected a similar plate when he ran New Jersey DMV. That also prompted a lawsuit from Rex.

John Timinski, a conservative activist who is helping the group, said he has 15 PLATES, PAGE 12

S. Brunswick closing schools on 2 holy days for Muslims

By Tom Hayden

THE BRUNSWICK STORY

As a Muslim growing up in East Brunswick, Aliya Abah missed class as she had to make up school work to be with her family on two important holidays: Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting, and Eid al-Adha, the Feast of Sacrifice.

As a member of five in South Brunswick, Abah has seen her children go through the same thing.

"Until now."

In a decision that sent ripples of hope across the Muslim community well beyond New Jersey, the South Brunswick Board of Education has approved school closings in the 2010-11 school year for two Islamic holy days.

To Abah, it was an acknowledgment that Muslims "are part of the community fabric."

To South Brunswick school board president Matthew Spooner, it was time the district needed "to recognize" the two Muslim holy days and the Hindu holiday Diwali.

Only about 10 of the nearly 600 school districts in New Jersey so acknowledge Muslim holy days as of fiscal year 2009, according to the New Jersey School Boards Association. Paterson's school calendar

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Most tourists, 3,000 maximum per day, ascend the first 161 steps from the ground to the pedestal, no more than 10 people at a time are allowed at the way up to the crown, in part so they can be quickly evacuated if necessary.

Though the statue was built in the 1880s before the days of modern fire codes, there isn't much flammable material inside. Standing 22 stories high, it's made from steel and copper so thick on two pedestals put together.

The staircases are metal. The five-pedestal is stone and concrete.

Elevators and electrical equipment that go up to the pedestal were built much later and are equipped with

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Statue of Liberty getting a new stairwell to boost safety

Landmark to close in '11 for a yearlong project to add emergency route

By Colleen Long

CONSTRUCTION PHASE

A set of 264 narrow steps spirals all the way up to the Statue of Liberty's crown, and it's the only escape route for tourists in an emergency.

On a recent summer day, one tourist put his hands on his knees and asked for air as a few others looked down the tightly twisting staircases to the statue's pedestal. They were covered in sweat.

"It was hot up there," said Lucie Maister, visiting from France. "I think it would be severe in an emergency, but it is already pretty scary even when it is calm."

When a smoke alarm triggered when the statue last month, tourists were rushed down the equivalent of about 15 flights of stairs — the same ones firefighters would need to trudge up if the 125-year-old



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Op-Ed Column**

OUR OPINION

Primary day arrives

Many candidates, many signs, but how about voters?

Merits County Sheriff Edward V. Buchheit, who seeks re-election in today's Republican primary, said Monday that he has not sensed all that much anticipation among voters.

Maybe not, but the sheriff has seen, we are sure, the hundreds of signs on highway shoulders, rights-of-way and lawns from Riverdale to Long Valley.

Qualified voters can vote in person, but most of them do not. So today's exercise is mostly for the county's estimated 130,000 registered Republicans and 40,000 registered Democrats.

Our Opinion:

No reason not to vote if registered in a party.

It is always a mystery to us why someone would register as a Republican or Democrat, but not vote in a primary. What's the point of registering in a party if you are not going to select that party's candidate?

There is no presidential gubernatorial candidate this year on the top of the ticket. Historically, that tends to depress turnout.

Nonetheless, Republicans in particular have many reasons today to vote.

There are 17 people seeking three nominations for township, plus the aforementioned race for sheriff. Incumbent Buchheit is being challenged by Steve Olimpio, a Paterson detective. Perhaps you've seen his signs; they seem to be every color and size. There is also a challenge in the 11th District to eight-time incumbent, Rep. Rodney P. Freylinghouse, R-Harding, by Richard Letts, the head of the Morris Town Tea Party organization.

Locally, Republicans have endorsed mayoral primaries in Kingston, Rockaway and Chester. Democrats have a combined primary for each of those municipalities in Morris Plains and also one for the party's nominee for Congress.

And speaking of that, Democrats also are dealing with another problem: a mistake in ballot preparation has put the party's congressional candidate, Douglas Herbert and James D. Kelly Jr., in the same column. They should be in separate columns.

Herbert has been endorsed by the county's Democratic Committee. The ballot should point that out, but it doesn't. This error has county chair Lars Candaria hoping that Democrats voters know that Herbert is the man preferred by the county committee.

It's never easy, it is, for Democrats in mostly Republican Morris County.

Why the delay on medical weed?

The use of medical marijuana in New Jersey was approved in January. Then Gov. Jon S. Corzine signed the bill, Gov. Chris Christie has said he approves of the bill, which limits marijuana use to patients who are very ill and suffering.

The problem is that the governor is delaying implementation of the bill. There is no reason to do that.

The delay means a longer wait before some people will be able to get a drug that they need. When the bill was being considered by the Legislature, there was much testimony from ill people — some in wheelchairs — who spoke of how marijuana eased their pain, or in the case of cancer patients, stimulated their appetite.

The legislation offers many safeguards to prevent people from getting the drug who are not very ill. Having a hard roll, for instance, does not qualify. The Christie administration should move to implement the bill that is now law as soon as possible. There should be no unnecessary delays.

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THE OIL SPILL Don't be too quick to assign blame

In her ongoing defense of administrator as a incompetent, author writer Joann Chagn misses some facts. The Wall Street Journal, like everyone else, incorrectly assigns full responsibility for the spill to BP. However, it could not indict them for corporate malfeasance, and states that the cause is unknown but may point to human error, which President Barack Obama also noted.

Only two countries require specific regulations, calling them a last resort. Obama could make something in a blowout, and use the auto shut-off to stop fuel and stop backup. Both were installed and malfunctioned. When both valves and dead switch failed, as well as a manual activation. It is probably unlikely an acoustic signal could have activated it.

Unlike the Stafford Act, which requires the state to be first responder for local emergency and to respond a state of emergency, like Katrina, the Oil Spill Liability Act assigns responsibility directly to the president for oil spills.

While George W. Bush declared such an emergency on the day the request was received, Obama authorized all efforts to BP and did nothing by other domestic resources such as booms and skimmer ships. Even now, when La. Gov. Bobby Jindal angrily demanded authority to prevent his shores, Obama refused, assigning those operations to BP.

It should be noted that BP was a large contributor to Obama and was rewarded by having a BP executive, Sylvia Haris, appointed to the office of Minerals Management Service as deputy administrator overseeing BP operations. Obama fired his administrator for complete incompetence in providing offshore inspections and resorted to blaming Bush.

JOHN SAKOFTIS Denville

ROUTE 80 WEST Avoid it on Friday nights

The driver in the state Department of Transportation knew that Friday night is a big game for the weekend? Last Friday night, it took



YOUR OPINION

me 2 1/2 hours to go from Denville to Mount Arlington traveling west on Route 80. Now I know all the back roads, but the signs stated, "Road work 1 mile." So I started on my thinking it would not be that long. One mile goes by and another sign, "Road work 1 mile."

OK, let me take Route 11. That was a sucking fit. So I merge back on 80. I should have taken it, gone through the back end of Mine Hill and over to Howard Boulevard. But yet another sign, "Road work 1 mile."

By this time, two hours have gone by. I was furious and beside myself. It was a sight that was not to be seen. This was worse than traveling on the Long Island Expressway on a Saturday in the summer. So, motorists beware, do not get stuck in West on a Friday night. DOT apparently has no clue people want to go to the mountains for the weekend.

DEBBIE DEWEY Mount Arlington

A BEAR HUNT It needs to be stopped

To the Editor: Papers are filled with headline stories of "bear call" encounters with bears. Instead of being excited that New Jersey should ever speak in this manner to a constituent.

He is concerned by a vendor against workers. He wants to open the door to litigation and public patronage by eliminating the protection of ill service law which he fills his administrative with his federal allies.

Public education, the very cornerstone of our democracy, is called overbook, despite contrary evidence that New Jersey has scores of New Jersey children are overbooked. The educators we entrust with the nurturing and care of our children are verbally assaulted and vilified.

He has absolutely no solution for property tax relief.

New Jersey needs a tax overhaul, not a 2.5 percent cap. Funding based on property taxes is archaic. Christie is blindly afraid to raise taxes. He wants to destroy what he fails to realize is the very fabric that holds our society together and represents us as a people.

FLORENCE DAVIS Blackectown

Commentary



especially those who commit their crimes. Critics worry that the law could lead to Hispanics being asked to prove their identity. Who knows? Maybe a native-born American of Mexican descent standing on the

borderline line after a July 4 parade in Phoenix will be asked to produce a green card.

What happened in Jefferson probably was an isolated event. And the mayor may have been kidding. But I have no doubt that such "jokes" are influenced by the anti-immigration sentiment that has taken hold among some in this country.

And let's not suppress the issue. That sentiment is directed at Hispanics, but at some point illegal immigrants, if I bleed-haired, should follow in the country illegally from some. Some 1.2 million are on the borderline line in Jefferson, would be asked for a green card? Highly unlikely.

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OUR GOVERNOR All he does is bellow, belittle

To the Editor: Gov. Chris Christie belittles and condescends to his constituents by governing. He wants "you men" and "ladies" not to be seen. He strikes his ego by publicly humiliating and denigrating anyone showing reasonable behavior, leaving only the hapless, incompetent and opportunists.

His inability to compromise is not a strength, but a severe weakness of character for the office he holds. His words and attitude toward the plight of those affected by his agenda show pathetic callousness and indifference.

Telling someone who is facing the devastation and hardship of unemployment and career loss that another job is heartlessly cruel. It is contemptuous to be condescendatory to someone who is in this manner to a constituent.

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EDITORIALS

Ground support

Funds needed to treat 9/11-related illnesses

FOR YEARS, a bill has sat in Congress that would guarantee medical care to the rescue workers, volunteers and residents made ill by the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The legislation is named for James Zadroga, a New York City police detective from North Arlington who volunteered more than 400 hours in the World Trade Center. He later developed disabling respiratory problems and, lungs black and failing, died in 2006 at the age of 34.



ZADROGA

Zadroga is among 103 people on a different sort of victims list. Their deaths are ascribed to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, but they did not die on that awful day.

They are the growing second wave of victims, whose time near or in Ground Zero left them with ailments that are proving deadly. Thousands more people are continuing to fall ill with illnesses linked to the poisonous rain. Columnist Mike Kelly reported.

The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act would provide lifetime entitlements to monitoring and treatment for anyone who is ill, or becomes ill, as a result of the attacks. It would cover an estimated 74,000 people and cost \$10 billion over the lifetime of the program.

The U.S. Congress must pass this important bill and send it to President Obama's desk for his signature. And they must do it soon.

There's little time to waste — for the grimmest of reasons. As the years wear on, these ailing victims of Sept. 11 are expected to grow much sicker. Their numbers will dwindle. Advocates fear that their needs may become a lesser priority as they fade from public view.

The federal government currently pays for medical care for those made ill by Ground Zero. Those suffering from illnesses linked to Ground Zero can visit six hospitals in the region, including UMDNJ's facility in Parsippany, for treatment and testing, free of charge. Currently, some 44,000 people are receiving treat-

ment, including 4,000 community members who lived in or near lower Manhattan at the time of the attacks.

But this service isn't an automatic entitlement. The program doesn't even officially exist. The payments to the hospitals are made every year because the federal government appropriates the money to do so.

The Zadroga bill, as it currently stands, would change that. It would officially establish the program and compel Congress to pay for it. The bill is sitting in Congress's Energy and Commerce health subcommittee, which is chaired by Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., D-Long Branch.

Pallone came under fire last week by a group who rallied at Ground Zero to raise awareness about the bill. They complained that the congressman has let it stall. Pallone counters that they won't put the bill for a vote when his colleagues are prepared to weaken it. Currently, he says, it doesn't yet have enough support.

It's difficult for us to envision politicians who would balk at helping victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. However, most of the 39 committee members represent districts that were not hit by the attacks, so they already feel like a historical event — something to be mourned in the past, not managed in the future.

But here, at the heart of where the terrorist attack efforts to dig right by the thousands of victims are still very much under way. Cranes and bulldozers are working to fill the hole in lower Manhattan where the towers stood. New technologies are being deployed to identify victims' remains, including two last week.

This is an issue that demands a solution. We urge Pallone to move his colleagues to approve the bill. At this moment, adding federal entitlements may be tough for conservative Democrats and Republicans to swallow. But surely a cost offset can help them do that.

We must care for our victims 44,000 people are receiving treat-



YOUR VIEWS

Making N.J. better place to live and work

It used to be that New Jersey was populated with entrepreneurs who built factories here, built homes here, employed workers here and became wealthy here. New Jersey's tax structure, based primarily on property taxes, is not conducive to creating or maintaining jobs. For New Jersey to get out of its financial mess, we need to find ways to keep the businesses and help them succeed for everyone's benefit.

Some ideas are:

- Provide tax vouchers from the state that resident owners of New Jersey small businesses can apply to their personal property taxes pro-rated upon how many full-time state residents they employ for at least a year. Publish the names of those companies so honored so that other residents may perhaps patronize those companies.

Provide a corporate tax voucher applicable against their facility's local property taxes for New Jersey-based corporations that have full-time state residents under the conditions outlined

for small businesses. Publish a list of those companies as well.

To offset the burden of property taxes on long-term residents, provide a tax shelter applicable against state income or local property taxes for residents who have lived here full time for 10 years or longer.

The income generated from the corporate taxes, the business owners' taxes, the employees' expenditures and state income tax can be used to offset the local property tax credits. This will shift the tax burden away from property taxes toward income taxes. The intent is to reduce the local property tax burden while encouraging businesses and residents to stay and thrive here.

Ken Schiffrer
Asbury Park, N.J.

Factoring hidden price increases

If you are trying to measure the increase in cost of consumer staples, you should also include the hidden cost of the "shrinkage package."

You acknowledge this in your intro-

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NJ Transit's prescription for failure

"It's the end of the line for Great Notch station" (Jan. 5, Jan. 3) notes that NJ Transit cited old leadership for the stop's closure.

However, the real story is how NJ Transit succeeded in closing the Great Notch station in Little Falls by discarding old leadership.

The scenario was quite simple, dating back to 1988, when the Great Notch Station was destroyed by a suspicious fire and never rebuilt.

- Commence weekend service on the line, but don't extend it to the station.
- Offer commuters limited access to parking spaces adjacent to the station.
- Place the blame on the victim (the commuter).

Perhaps if NJ Transit worked in partnership with the township of Little Falls and its residents, the success of the Great Notch would have been assured.

Arnold Koretzki
Little Falls, Jan. 3

Democrats made their bed, Sweeney hid under it

THE STATE Senate defeated a marriage equality bill on Thursday. That's old news. The state Senate has no leadership. That's news. The vote on the controversial legislation was 20-14. That adds up to 34. There are 40 members of the Senate.

One member, Dan J. Luntz, did not respond last week to become mayor of Camden. Two without formal notice did not attend the session. That still doesn't add up to 40. Three senators, including one who is Senate President Stephen Sweeney, abstained. That still adds to a lack of leadership.

The Three Abstainers, all Democrats, are worth noting: Sweeney from Gloucester, James Beach from Camden and Paul Sarfo from Wood Ridge. Here is one of the most important votes in the Senate in decades, and rather than take his position, the former Senate president sits on his hands.

Sarfo, who voted against the bill in committee, apparently saw no need to vote again on the issue. It's inconceivable if Sarfo doesn't have the courage of conviction to vote on the floor of the Senate. He has no business being on the floor of the Senate in the first place.

However, Sarfo isn't about to become the second most powerful politician in New Jersey. That

position goes to George Norcross — excuse me — Stephen Sweeney. Or maybe, I got it right the first time. It is merely coincidental that two of the Three Abstainers are from South Jersey, the Norcross powerhouse? Or that Sarfo would not have been elected to his current lofty status in the Senate, without forming an alliance with Norcross?

When, in 2008, Governor Corzine shut down state government in a major battle with the Legislature over the state budget, he was handed. And after he compromised with the Legislature, giving away his strategic advantage, he was criticized.

Governor-elect Chris Christie said during the gubernatorial campaign that the compromise was a seminal moment in the Corzine administration. From that point on, the Legislature knew it could get what it wanted from the governor.

What Sweeney did — or more precisely failed to do — was a seminal moment in the current administration. He and Sarfo went on a limb while he stayed safely on firm ground. There are a lot of Democrats flapping their arms.

Sen. Roy Luntz, D-Union, in an e-mail to me

SWEENEY
Sweeney will become Senate president. But he will hobble to his perch.

Steven Goldstein
Equally, the state's leading gay rights organization, as well as the courts, will have to take the fight back to the courts. To succeed, the courts would have to rule that same-sex couples do not have to marry with heterosexual married couples under the state's civil union law.

Friday said he told Sweeney "I supported him as Senate president but he led, and leaders don't abstain on important votes." Luntz said Sweeney apologized for the abstention and said he won't make that mistake again.

Luntz, who fought hard, along with Sen. Loretta Weinberg, D-Trenton, to achieve passage of the bill, accepted the apology and added that a sign of leadership is acknowledging a mistake.

Yes, but the fact is there will not be a repeal of Thursday's vote. Exactly what but bottom issue equals marriage equality? Some Democrats are grumbling that they may advance from voting in favor of Sweeney to being Senate president. To succeed, the courts would have to rule that same-sex couples do not have to marry with heterosexual married couples under the state's civil union law.

Supporters of marriage equality say they will remember Democrats who voted against the bill. But they have no choices. Supporting Republicans will not help their cause.

Boycotts long have been effective in civil rights movements. There is a common thread joining the Luntz, who fought hard, along with Sen. Loretta Weinberg, D-Trenton, to achieve passage of the bill, accepted the apology and added that a sign of leadership is acknowledging a mistake.

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Risk of concussion reaches all levels

Head-banging has always been something of an American ritual — in our rough-and-tumble public in the games we play. Now there is increasing evidence our young athletes are leaving part of their mental health on the playing field in the form of concussions. A survey by the journal *Pediatric* found the number of kids showing up at emergency rooms for treatment of concussions more than doubled from 1997 to 2007.

The good news is that awareness of concussion and countermeasures have never been higher. We must thank two Philadelphia Eagles, Kevin Kolb and Stewart Bradley, for providing an unprecedented public service announcement when both went down with concussions in a Sept. 12 game against Green Bay. In years past, Stewart's awkward stumbling would have been described as getting one's clocked cleaned or bell rung — but in this case, his and Kolb's injuries were diagnosed and described to a national audience.

Let it anyone needs a reminder that the prevention and treatment of concussion is still an emerging discipline, both Kolb and Stewart were allowed back in the game before they were required to sit out. And this occurred in the National Football League, where high-paid players are tended by physicians on the sidelines.

USING, NOT ABUSING, OUR HEADS

High-schoolers and Little-Leaguers in Bangor, Belvidere, Flemington and Easton aren't likely to have professionals on site to diagnose their head injuries — although awareness and training for coaches is improving at these levels, too. The organizations that oversee scholastic sports in the states — NSIAA and PIAA — have stepped up their policies in this regard. The NSIAA's guidelines, adopted in April, require an athlete experiencing concussion-like symptoms to be taken out of a game or practice and not be allowed back until passing a battery of tests.

Concussions can be difficult to spot, and players often think it's part of competitive spirit to brush off injury and keep playing. Symptoms include headache, dizziness, nausea, difficulty concentrating — but sometimes there are no signals, and tests such as MRIs and CT scans often don't detect the damage. The recovery period can be a week or months, and we know that repeated head injury can lead to problems later on with depression, focusing skills, memory loss and aging diseases, including Alzheimer's.

Most important is preventing a subsequent concussion, which ramps up the chance for more serious and lasting injury.

Legislators in Trenton, Harrisburg and Washington, D.C., are reacting with hearings and bills. U.S. Reps. Bill Pascrell and Frank Pallone, both D-N.J., are pushing for a national set of standards to prevent, diagnose and treat concussions among scholastic and youth-league players.

These are steps in the right direction, even if some are redundant. The deaths of young athletes attributed to concussion or its complications — a University of Pennsylvania student and a high-school athlete from Montclair, N.J. — are giving names to what has been a silent health scourge.

The best diagnostic tool for concussion is a simple computerized test to check one's cognitive skills. But to work, there must be a baseline, meaning athletes must take the test before the start of practice, as part of a physical exam. It's a small price to pay for such valuable, on-the-spot treatment. Of course, it doesn't address the growth of concussions in other activities, such as bicycling, skateboarding and pickup games. That's why education, awareness and use of protective equipment are crucial to those who enjoy exercise that involves contact and risk of injury. There's no doubt the benefits of physical activity outweigh the possibility of head injury, but we can do a better job of managing that risk.

OUR READERS WRITE

Use war bonds, not taxes, to pay for war

Chris Miller letter, Oct. 21 talks about untold tragedies such as Social Security and Medicare. Last paragraph I received, had deductions for both. As far as caring for the sick and elderly, maybe be agree with Hitler's solution of disposing of any person not able to serve the fatherland long longer. If you really want to change the Constitution, place term limits on all elected positions, and change all elected political positions and health care so they get only what the rest of us do.

Amend the Constitution to prohibit sending money to any entity outside this country from taxpayer funds. Make it prohibitive to bid out any corporation or bank using taxpayer funds, and for any corporation to process goods in a foreign country and import them back without tariffs.

We need an amendment that forces the government to use taxes on a person's income for social programs for that purpose — unlike in the past where these funds financed wars that served no real aim of the United States. If war mongers like the Republicans want to have war, let them sell war bonds as in World War II, and those who support the war can pay for it. If funds were funding the war in the Middle East today, we probably wouldn't get through to pay for the fuel to get them.

MAIK K. KROMBS, Lancaster

Kids at Palmer bus stop just behaving like kids

I am sorry to hear someone complained to school officials about the sounds of laughter, giggling and excitement of the children who gather at our corner at 8:20 a.m. for the school bus. It is sad to see to have received a phone call from our principal at Palmer Elementary School because she received a complaint about the "noise."

How can anyone be bothered by the happiness from four small children, ages 5 to 8? I urge this person to try to remember being a small child, filled with excitement and cheer.

For five minutes while waiting for the bus, these children are smiling, laughing and playing. I think it's ridiculous to file a noise complaint over them.

MICHAEL J. WILBERT, Palmer Township

Rendell legacy: Gambling and disrespect for the law

Soon "Earl Edlie" Rendell ends his service to our state. He signed a bill to allow

Thanks for supporting harvest weekend

The old adage, "the third time is a charm" happily came true last weekend —

The enduring wisdom of Pat Moynihan

On Jan. 9, 2009, Daniel Patrick Moynihan wrote a memo to President-elect Barack Obama, on whose White House staff Moynihan was to serve. Moynihan wondered "what the destination of 'private sub-optimal authority' presaged 'the ultimate, destructive working out of the idea of liberal thought' in which case 'we are moving from Locke to Hobbes.' Imagine, if you can, Nixon's fur-

rowed nose. Or imagine Nixon's chief of staff, Bob Haldeman, reading this from Moynihan concerning proposals by some "bady deacons" to refurbish the White House memo: "I tell them as firmly as I could that this — was not to be an extension of the eroding of middle-aged corporate wives whose husbands had acquired interests elsewhere, but maintained the domestic accounts

in gaily abundance." "Everyone," Moynihan had to say, "is entitled to his own facts, but not to his own facts." Now, thanks to Steven Weintraub's meticulous offering of "Daniel Patrick Moynihan: A Portrait in Letters of an American Visionary," everybody is entitled to Moynihan's opinion. Some letters from the dead. By 2009, the civil rights movement's task was to become "I PLEASE SEE WILL, AT

GEORGE WILL, syndicated columnist

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It's Time to Stop Minding Someone Else's Business

This Fallen Hero Made a Lasting Impression

Taxpayer Has Bureaucrats on the Ropes

Joseph P. Owens

It's time to stop minding someone else's business

How do I do it? Really bad. Welcome to the information age. Or is it CALL CAPS? THE INFORMATION AGE. We can all be in touch all the time. We can text, speak or video one another all the time. It's great!

Tyler Clementi was an 18-year-old freshman at Rutgers University, which means he was about a month out of his family home and a summer removed from high school. He hopped off the George Washington Bridge about 10 days ago because his co-tenant roommate, someone he probably knew about a month, secretly videotaped Clementi's sexual encounter with a consenting adult and posted it on the Internet, according to police. Clementi's partner says that makes it more interesting for you.

The horrifying death of one person allegedly happened because of the unintended emotion of two others. Police say Dharun Ravi, Clementi's roommate, and fellow student Molly Wei, used a webcam to watch him in a sexual encounter via a live video feed. A well-known social network was used to publicize the invasion.

Welcome to the world of the creep. Ravi and Wei are 19-year-old New Jersey residents. If police are right, they embraced technology in education with a dorm room webcam and provided juicy social networking at the expense of violating Clementi's right to lead his own life, surreptitiously invading the privacy of someone who thought he was safe.

How bad is it? Clementi believed it to be bad enough to leap from the tallied bridge. Authorities somewhere will determine how much liability he has on the list of those who revealed secrets he had hoped would remain just that.

And then there are the rest of us. "Social networking is what it's all about, right? We can be in touch all the time, whether we want it that way or not. It's easy to blame technology. Every phone has a recorder, video, audio, the most splendid of photography. It's the information age."

The time between now and when the two college students face invasion of privacy charges is significant. They have plenty of time to get a ride. The potential of circumstances will have so much time to develop. It was youth. It was mischief. It was playful intention, a mistake. For now, Clementi was a victim, falling prey to traps in technology. It's the information age that did him in, right? No. The same sentiments of hatred have always existed. It's just easier now and available to so many more people, especially the unenlightened. How many parents have worried about their children going off to college? How many have fretted over choices they face? An age of technology has made it harder for people who want to be left alone, but easier for those who crave invasion and disempowerment. Whatever happened to minding your own business?

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ONLINE POLL

- Today's question:
- Are high school and junior high school football players adequately protected against and diagnosed with head injuries?
 - Yes 70%
 - No 30%
- Visit lehighvalleylive.com/news to vote.
- Saturday's results, as of 4 p.m.:
- Who is this week's biggest turker?
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 - Daniel Kingham and Isaac H. Stubbins 0%

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motorcyclists to ride without helmets. The result? Thousands died. Expensable!" He said gambling would save the state. He favors video poker machines for private clubs and businesses. His reasoning is "Who is doing it anyway?" This would make a few vendors I know very stoked and would contribute to those already addicted to these machines happy and broke. Expensable!"

During Gary Edlie's regime, motorists have realized they don't have to obey state laws, such as yielding to pedestrians at an intersection or stopping at red lights or stop signs. Fine. Pedestrians are expensable. Does he care? Our governor cannot even speak "indocentment." At least he's consistent.

LEE WIZIONE, Hellertown

the third attempt by Warren County Chapter of The Arc and NOWWESCAP organizing the Harvest Weekend at Alto Vineyard in Fincastle was a marvelous success, as 3,000 music and wine lovers attended and surpassed all our expectations. We thank all who made it possible: John Male was the innovator and energetic captain. Tom Sharkey, proprietor of Alto, coordinated the event, which included 20 other local victories. Melanie Thiel was mistress of ceremonies. Aris hands Cains, Janisbee, The NoDudes and The Smoke Shippers filled the air with good vibrations. Thanks to all our sponsors. It is gratifying to know so many people support our mission, assisting those with intellectual disabilities and those affected by poverty to live better lives. This is truly a caring place!"

ROBERT A. PRZYNEK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE ARC; BUREAU COUNTY CHAPTER; TERRY NEWHAARD, Executive Director, NOWWESCAP, Phillipsburg

When will the church come clean on abuse?

My son, Patrick, was 8 years old and studying for his First Communion at St. Casimir's in Manhattan when I decided to place the call.

I was polite, but I can't say I was friendly call. Because, by then, the sexual abuse scandal rocking the Roman Catholic church had spread way beyond Boston. And nearly every priest I followed that was not horrifying fathers.

The church hierarchy by protecting church, not the children. The priest transferred, and finds another child to abuse.

As the number of victims piled higher and higher, into the thousands, I decided it was time to call St. Casimir and ask what they were doing to protect my boy.

The pastor, a kind and gentle person, told me what he no doubt believed to be true: The Newark Archbishop would never send someone here who had that kind of record.

They need a better answer now, because during this period, so he



Tom Moran

was promising reform. Archbishop John Myers abdicated at least four priests who were accused of abusing children. The diocese also wrote a letter on behalf of a fifth priest after learning he had been accused of assaulting a woman.

The spokesman, James Goodrich, said that Myers doubts the validity of Myers' confession, and so left no need to inform the hospital or remove him from the priesthood.

Let's look at the facts. Police say Pogue confessed, admitting to two incidents when he touched the boy's crotch.

He told them he was a compulsive masturbator, a leech, and that he was infatuated with penis size. He later renounced that confession, but

it was submitted as evidence and a jury voted to convict him after hearing it.

Pogue's conviction on aggravated criminal sexual contact was overturned on appeal because the judge ruled that Pogue would find another victim in that hospital. St. Michael's does not have a pediatric ward, but it doesn't bar children from the premises. By not telling St. Michael's about Pogue, he knowingly increased that risk.

I wanted to ask Myers why a man of the cloth would leave children exposed to that danger, but he refused to discuss it in person or by phone.

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and work again with children. Some bishops, including Bishop Paul Boockkos of Metuchen, have made that information known to the church long ago, for different reasons. So my anger at Myers feels something like my anger at a dishonest politician who runs as a reformer. I'm used to it.

But for those who look to the church for strength and guidance and comfort as my mother and father did, this is a form of spiritual robbery. The church hierarchy took something from them, something precious. Yes, the children are the first victims, but they are not the only victims.

I'd like to see the archbishop about that, too. Because every time the church hierarchy exposes another child, not a moral leader, to a scandal, standing takes another blow.

And in the end, it is not only the children who are hurt — it is falling to protect the church, Tom Moran may be reached at tomoran@starledger.com or (973) 302-5728.

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A CONVERSATION WITH ...

Teacher evaluation should be all-encompassing

Diana Chiers is one of nine people chosen by Gov. Chris Christie to serve on a task force that will revamp how New Jersey teachers are recruited, hired, compensated and fired.

Christie has been in a heated showdown with the New Jersey Education Association, the state's largest teachers union, over ideas such as merit pay and tenure reform. The governor excluded the NEA from his task force, but included Chiers, an executive of the American Federation of Teachers, the union that represents teachers in Newark. She spoke with editorial writer Julie O'Connor about teacher evaluations.

Q. What's wrong with the way we evaluate teachers in New Jersey?

A. It's not just New Jersey. An administrator usually goes into a classroom, stays for anywhere from half an hour to an hour, and bases a teacher's entire performance evaluation on that one snapshot, that one day. And that's not what teacher performance is.



Q. Do you think student test scores should be used to grade the effectiveness of individual teachers?

A. Not just one test. We should look at multiple assessments during the year. One would be the state test. Obama's plan for education reform is about focusing on student growth. We should also look at student benchmark assessments, which are quarterly exams. There needs to be more than one measure and it needs to be over a period of time.

Q. If student test scores are to determine at least 50 percent of a teacher or school leader's assessment, what will the rest be based on?

A. The teacher as a whole — classroom management, interaction with parents, interaction with students, professional growth. You need to do classroom observations. And to evaluate teachers, you also need to look at the environment they're teaching in. I'm talking about the principal, superintendent, everything that affects the school.

Q. Should teacher evaluations be shared with parents, with individual instructors identified by name?

A. No. It's a personnel issue. Schools are already identified on school report cards if they're passing or failing. Parents have the right to know their children out of school.

There needs to be more than one measure and it needs to be over a period of time.

If the schools are not successful. Identifying a teacher just because students may have done so on an assessment, without giving that teacher support and an opportunity to improve his or her skills, is just inherently not right. Evaluate the teachers, but also evaluate the assessments. When you use a student to test writing in a certain area, you say, "I would like to give this student help to improve their skills." So if a teacher is not doing so in a certain area, we should be looking at ways to improve that teacher's performance.

Q. Why has the AFT been more open to the education reform agenda than the NEA?

American Federation of Teachers executive Donna Chiers, in her Perth Amboy office, has been tapped by the governor to help fashion education reform.

A. I think, in general, the AFT has always been a more pragmatic organization. Randi Weingarten, the national AFT president, has a realistic philosophy. Instead of having it done to us, it needs to be done with us. To be honest, there are members who do not agree with that position. There's opposition and push-back, but Randi's message has been clear. This is going to happen. As for the NEA, I know their position of a national level has been, "We're not agreeing with this." But that's not going to do their members any good. That's just going to leave all the decisions to the non-educators.

Q. Randi Weingarten stepped into a statement contract negotiation in Washington, D.C., and agreed to give some seniority protections and enable subjects to more easily fire poorly rated teachers. Would the leaders of your union's Newark affiliate do the same?

A. I can't speak for the Newark teachers' union. I know they're in negotiations right now with the district. But President Weingarten has been very clear in her message. She's not looking to negotiate bad teachers. Many times, the problem is that the documentation is not there. Administrators should be in the classroom, doing observations on a regular basis. If a teacher has been having classroom management problems for years, then that needs to be documented on the evaluations. You can't just tell the teacher, "Well, you're being let go because this year your class didn't pass history."

That's not fair.

How to contact a Star-Ledger columnist:

- News Quiz**
- For you news junkies, test your knowledge of happenings in our state. Answers listed on page 27.
- 1) Name one of the towns where the Motor Vehicle Commission will be closing offices this month.
 - 2) How much more is it to take the George Washington Bridge or Lincoln Tunnel next year?
 - 3) Derek Jeter and the Yankees agreed to a new three-year contract that will pay the star shortstop a guaranteed \$15 million — and a potential \$55 million. So why was he upset at Tuesday's news conference?
 - 4) Tickets went on sale for what performance show at a club in Syracuse on Jan. 27?
 - 5) New Jersey's unemployment rate for November dipped to what percent — 9.2, 9.8 or 10.7?
 - 6) How's Atlantic City casino, the latest?

- Answers**
- 1) Bridgewater, Elizabeth or Wyckoff.
 - 2) Nothing. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey spending plan includes no increases for tolls and tunnels.
 - 3) The 200 "Island" mortgage rate for business deductions will increase next year to how many cents — 26, 43 or 52?
 - 4) What high school football team won the Star-Ledger Top 20 Trophy for finishing this year with the most wins?
 - 5) Which "Jersey Shore" star will drop to a ball in Times Square on New Year's Eve?
 - 6) What's deep-red, slimy, best grilled or roasted, tastes like pork and suddenly isn't coming out of some diner table lately?

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Life Faith

Tiger Woods can find help in Buddhism

Practice emphasises self discipline, restraint

On his first night back at "The Tonight Show" desk, Jay Leno cracked a joke about Tiger Woods' rejection of "boozyism" for Buddhism. The poor, rich guy can't get a break.

"I felt so sorry for the man," said Rev. Robert Kennedy, S.J., professor emeritus of theology at St. Peter's College. "To make it public made it more humiliating."

In his thirteen minute public apology, Woods spoke about his return to Buddhism. "Part of following this path for me is Buddhism, which my mother taught me at a young age." He admitted that he practiced it

until he drifted away in recent years. Kennedy went on to say how it will help him. "Buddhism teaches that a craving for things outside ourselves causes an unhappy and pointless search for security."

Natalie Hauptman, a retired professor of Manhattan College and scholar-in-residence at the Tibetan Buddhist Learning Center, agrees. "He has to refocus and apply some restraint and follow self-discipline and self-restraint."

NY Times sports columnist George Vecsey wrote, "Maybe it's time to stop being Tiger and start being Eldrick Woods. He mostly owes it to himself and his family and friends to get himself straight."

Kennedy, who is also a Zen-Buddhist roshi, spoke about "the unity you have with everything." Bridging Christianity with Buddhism in two books, Kennedy said "we have to take Incarnation seriously." That means, "the whole world is sacred and held to reverence and love."

"He can't go it alone, not over a long period, that's a recipe for disaster," said Kennedy, who is also a psychotherapist. He suggests Woods work in a group because we can deceive ourselves especially in the area of sexuality." He also cautioned about moralizing. Buddhism involves broad teachings. And Woods admitted as much. "That also means relying on others for help. I've learned to seek support from my peers in therapy and I hope someday to return that support to others who are seeking help." Looks like he's getting the swing of his karma back.

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REV. ROBERT KENNEDY, S.J., professor emeritus of theology at St. Peter's College, practices Zen Buddhism and thinks Tiger Woods will benefit from returning to its teachings.

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Rev. Alexander M. Santora
Faith Matters

TIGER WOODS hugs his mother, Kullida Woods, after he made a statement about his behavior at Sawgrass Players Club last month. He said his mother taught him about Buddhism when he was a child.

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Mall Rat

Peter Genovese

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Auspicious time for Fortune Cookies

AUTHENTIC HUNAN CUISINE, INCLUDING OXTAIL AND TRIPE, ON THE MENU

I am sitting in my car in front of St. Joseph's Church in Briarcliff, happily eating fly heads. Not to worry, these are not real fly heads but a spicy consortium of green beans, black beans, chiles and tofu from Fortune Cookies in Bridgewater. Fly heads? So called for the way the tiny black beans poke from the green bean-dominated dish.

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Pete Genovese
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Next up in the front seat: oxtail, tongue and tripe. Now that's good tongue, served Hunan style, with fiery chiles soaking in a delectable pepper sauce.

This, suffice to say, is not your neighborhood Chinese. Not with braised fish head in pickled chile sauce, hot and spicy chicken gizzard, and smoked pig tongue on the menu.

Fortune Cookies, open one year, may be intimidating to the non-Chinese, with its overwhelmingly Chinese-American clientele and a menu that says authentic in a way General Tso's chicken never can. "The braised fish head is very



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Wen Li helms the range at Fortune Cookies in Bridgewater.

popular," says Terry Shi, manager of Fortune Cookies. "And the frog, Chicken with three peppers. Braised pork, Mao style."

He led off another half dozen items, all cooked Hunan style, distinguished by spicy flavors and deep, rich colors. Chiles, shallots and garlic predominate; stewing,

frying, training and smoking are common Hunan cooking techniques. One difference between Hunan and Sichuan? The former uses more cured and smoked ingredients.

The back of the takeout menu at Fortune Cookies is devoted to "American Style Chinese Food," but why bother? Start instead with the fish head and tofu soup (\$8.95), a fairly gingery, thoroughly satisfying braise. The seaweed and spare ribs soup (\$6.95) seemed bland and characterless by comparison.

The hot and spicy chicken gizzards (\$11.95) are nestled in an aromatic, chile-charged sauce. The sautéed frogs Hunan style (\$19.95) are better — spicier, sassier, more complex.

The steamed whole fish (\$18.95), tender and supple, swims in a vinegary brown sauce; beware of the bones, though.

The chicken with beer Hunan style (\$15.95) is a disappointment, but the braised pork Mao-style (\$12.95), studded with red and green peppers, is first-rate finger

Fortune Cookies

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food: good luck attacking the bony bits with a fork.

Other dishes include eggplant in garlic sauce (\$8.95); duck in casserole (\$19.95); sautéed Chinese watercress (\$8.95); and steamed taro with spare ribs (\$10.95).

American-style Chinese? Both the chicken with garlic sauce (\$10.95) and Mongolian beef (\$10.95) are recommended.

But you can get those anywhere. Spicy intestine, fish head soup, and bamboo shoot sautéed with pork stomach, not so much. Time to step away from the General Tso's and try the real deal. Fine your mind — and stomach — and the rest will follow.

Where should Pete eat next? Call him at (973) 392-1765 or e-mail pjgenovese@starledger.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

Patti LaBelle

Englewood: Still fresh off her induction into the Apollo Legends Hall of Fame in Harlem, where she was honored by such notables as Mariah Carey and Prince, R&B icon Patti LaBelle is traveling the country performing her greatest hits. From her 1974 breakthrough "Lady Marmalade" to such popular tunes as "New Attitude" and the chart-topping "On My Own," LaBelle is an explosive stage presence with a voice, and catalogue, that is one of a kind. LaBelle performs March 4 at 8 p.m. at the Bergen Performing Arts Center, 30 N. Van Brunt St., 070 to 0124. Call (201) 227-1030 or visit bergenpac.org.

Barnum & Bailey

Newark: The Ringling Bros. train has been traveling the nation, bringing its newest circus thrills to arenas all across America. The latest Barnum & Bailey production features the classic parade of animals, as well as death-defying motorcycle stunts, high-wire thrills, awe-inspiring contortionists and an array of tributes to exotic wildlife and outlaws. Barnum's Flamin' Fireworks will be performed March 3 through 7 at the Prudential Center, 165 Mulberry St., 07102. Call (201) 557-0900 or visit prucenter.com.

'Sleeping Beauty'

Princeton: Since 1928, the Tchaikovsky Ballet Theatre has been rising through the ranks of international dance troupes, today ranking behind only the Bolshoi and the Kirov in their Russian homeland. Having already brought performances of "Swan Lake" and "Romeo & Juliet" to Princeton, the company returns with yet another perfected classic, "Sleeping Beauty," one of the art forms' big three "full-length classic ballets. A sweeping melodrama of hope and eternal love, Tchaikovsky Ballet will perform Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the McCarter Theatre Center, 91 University Place, 08540 to 0856. Call (609) 258-2787 or visit mccarter.org.

Val Emmich

Hoboken: The first unsigned artist to ever be thrust into the spotlight by MTV's "Total Request Live," Hoboken's Val Emmich is a pop rock singer-songwriter and a frequent TV presence in such series as "Vibe Betty," "30 Rock" and "Third Watch." It was the video to his song "Slow Down Kid" that secured Emmich a debut on TRL, as well as a major league record deal with Epic Records. The rocker will bring that vintage hit, as well as tracks from his most recent album, "Little Daggers" — which received a nomination at the 2008 Independent Music Awards — to a Feb. 27 show at 8:30 p.m. at Maxwell's, 1039 Washington St., 07030. Call (201) 953-1703 or visit maxwellsnj.com. — S. James Snyder



The Fire Frog Hunan-style at Fortune Cookies in Bridgewater.



Bob James, a Class of 1966 Morris Catholic High School graduate — and one of the people interviewed in the book "Life Happens" — hauls 1,000 pounds of supplies across one of several frozen rivers in Alaska. He and his wife Carol have been fur trappers there for nearly 40 years.

Book finds boomers praise impact of Catholic high school, even as they stray from Church practices



ABOUT THE BOOK
LIFE HAPPENS: HOW CATHOLIC BABY BOOMERS COPED WITH A CHANGING WORLD
 by Charles W. Nott
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Catholic baby boomers now in their 40s say the education and values instilled by a Catholic high school have had a profound, positive impact on their lives, even though most have strayed from traditional practices of their religion.

That is one of the main messages in a newly published book, "Life Happens: How Catholic Baby Boomers Coped with a Changing World."

The book focuses on the events that influenced the members of the Class of 1966 at Morris Catholic High School in Devilsville and how their lives, careers and outlook have been shaped in the more than 40 years since they graduated.

Among the findings in the book:

- One of the most growing problems facing the Catholic Church in America isn't the shortage of priests, but rather the shortage of parishioners. Twenty-five of the 64 classmates interviewed for the book have largely abandoned regular Catholic religious practice, and only 18 percent of all of the children of the class are practicing Catholics.
- The Catholic Church's rising prohibition of divorce, birth control and gay relationships have been largely ignored. Twenty-eight percent of the classmates have divorced at least once.
- The Vietnam War and the military draft continue to have an impact today because of the way they helped shape career choices of many members of the Class of 1966.

As graduates, the most likely career routes for young women were teacher, nurse or secretary, with all leading to full-time motherhood. But new career ideas began steadily opening for the women of the class, and they took advantage of those opportunities.

Despite personal and professional setbacks, nearly all members of the class feel satisfied with how their lives, careers and families developed throughout the past four decades.

The author of the book is Charles W. Nott, a newspaper editor and publisher who was a member of that class at Morris Catholic High School.

"The impact of those years between 1962 and 1968 was enormous," Nott said. "John F. Kennedy was assassinated. The Vietnam Conflict profoundly affected the Catholic Church. The Spring for the Vietnam War began. The Civil Rights Movement lit its torch. The British Invasion went with the arrival of The Beatles. The birth-control pill and the women's movement continued to change family life."

In tracking down and interviewing 64 of the 161 members of that Class of 1966 graduates, Nott said he was struck by how loose the ties to the Catholic religion have become.

"I found that roughly one-third had either switched religions or had



Joaquín Miller Rafferty of Orville, a Class of 1966 Morris Catholic High School graduate, stands with some of her contemporary abstract art at a gallery show.



Louis Lorenzo of Boonton, left, and Michael Marcollo of Morristown, both Class of 1966 Morris Catholic High School graduates and friends since kindergarten, have chequerboard practices in Morris County.

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Women fight to save historic Morris Plains hospital



Susan Ricciardulli and Maureen Murray of Plains stand in front of the old Greystone Hospital. The two are spearheading a fight to preserve the historic structure, shown in the background, and the open space around it.

At first glance, the back Maureen Murray and Susan Ricciardulli have taken on might seem as mundane as the 475,706-square-foot building at the center of the fight.

Their task is here to turn wishing and hoping into action, to create citizen action from indifference and to give organization and finances to an effort to preserve a regional icon.

The icon in question is the main building and the acres at the former Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, a state mental facility that was once viewed as a shining example of the humane treatment of the mentally ill. In its middle years, it became a symbol of a system run amok, where the overwhelming number of patients — 1,674 in 1960, in a space built for one-fifth that number — turned the facility in to a warehouse for the destitute and ill.

The task, Murray said, also includes honoring the patients who were housed at Greystone, and were either treated well or mistreated.

"Every place has a history," she said. "It has a dark past. But the mental health field has grown tremendously. You learn from dark experiences."



Morris People
 Mike Daigle
 as a Kirkbride Building, named for designer and mental-health reformer Thomas Story Kirkbride. It is one of a series of massive structures constructed to offer a new and hopeful treatment for mentally ill residents. There's one in Trenton — the first, built in 1868 that still operates. Another was in Massachusetts — now it is a site of housing, recreation, offices and open space.

Now shuttered, and its first floor doors and windows boarded up, the old Greystone hospital is still the commanding presence on the site where a new state mental facility was opened in 2008.

Their task, Murray said, is to pull together the various interest groups that want to preserve the old hospital and the remaining 130 acres of the former Greystone site.

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Fame's new reality

North Jersey stars discuss their 15 minutes and how 'Survivor' changed the world

By VIRGINIA ROHAN
STAFF WRITER

Things were so different in the early days of reality television — way back at the dawn of the 21st century.
“At the time when ‘Survivor’ came out in 2000, there really weren’t that many other reality TV shows out there,” says Ethan Zohn, who was a Fairleigh Dickinson University assistant soccer coach in 2002 when he won \$1 million on ‘Survivor: Africa,’ the third edition of the CBS series.
“I mean, to go from a soccer coach to being on the cover of magazines was huge.
“I didn’t really know what I was getting myself into, and I wasn’t prepared for what happened after.”
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Israeli import Burgers Bar is appealing to a wide market.

A diverse new wave of kosher in Teaneck

Kosher isn't just for those who keep kosher. Just look at some of the newest additions to Teaneck's dining scene.
On one corner of Queen Anne Road, there's Michalissa, a new bistro and patisserie serving enormous calzones, fresh sushi and baked goods created by a French pastry chef who has never before worked in a kosher restaurant.
A few doors down, there's the new Burgers Bar, with a menu that seems in line among the wave of quick-serve burger spots, but its ground-in-house, fries are available regular or spicy, and 17 sandwich sauces like sweet chili and 'bar-b-que' are also made fresh.
Blocks away sits Etc. Steakhouse, a small but thrilling BYO that was one of the best overall restaurants I reviewed last year. Down on Cedar Lane is Sankofa Joe's, which serves some of the most tender brisket and delicately smoked chickens that I've had in North Jersey. Nearby, you can get samosas at Shalom Bombay and English-style fish and chips and salmon fajitas out of Fish of the C's.
Any of these are restaurants I'd be eager to visit despite the presence of any kosher designation. Such dining comes with inherent restrictions for those of us who don't keep kosher — no shellfish and no mixing meat and dairy. They typically close windows Friday to sundown Saturday, and kosher meat is often more expensive.
Still, it's exciting to see the growing number of kosher restaurants paving

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A Guide for Creating Culinary Knockoffs

Clockwise from left, Ethan Zohn, who was an assistant soccer coach at FDU, in January 2002 after winning \$1 million on ‘Survivor: Africa’; Wyckoff-raised Constantine Maroulis on the fourth season of ‘American Idol’; Bayonne-raised Kevin O’Connor, left, and buddy Drew Feinberg from ‘The Amazing Race’; the cast of ‘Real Housewives of New Jersey’; ‘Shear Genius’ star Tabatha Coffey, who owns a Ridgewood salon.

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Betty White, a Pickle and Nickelback

Weird, Yes, but Al Likes It, Too

My Angel Is a 3-D Centerfold

Dustin Schoof

EXPOSED online

Betty White, a pickle and Nickelback

There is a joke ripe for a punchline somewhere in that headline.

But I'll take the mature, high road and cut right to the chase.

Facebook has gotten a lot of buzz lately for its power of pop culture persuasion.

I started with John Mellencamp's son Spike — yes, that's his real name — creating a Facebook page in an attempt to get his father to quit smoking.

Then there was the recent push to have Betty White host "Saturday Night Live."

The actress, best known for her portrayal as Rose Nylund on "The Golden Girls," still has some of the sharpest wit and comedic timing in the business. And she went cup-cup-cup with Jimmy Fallon in a game of beer pong.

That has to count for something, right?

Word on the street is "SNL" has taken notice of the page and is seriously contemplating having White host a future episode.

It's about time. But it isn't White who's cast the social networking site under the lens of pop culture pontificators.

That distinction belongs to Nickelback — or rather a pickle.

Inspired by the fan page, "Can this onion ring get more fans than Justin Bieber?" the "Can this pickle get more fans than Nickelback?" Facebook page — the band's name is purposely misspelled to avoid copyright infringement — has garnered lots of attention across the Web.

At last count, the site has 1,531,275 fans compared to the official Nickelback Facebook fan page (1,433,356 followers).

In an interview with Rolling Stone, the page's creator, Carol Anne, claims she came up with the idea as a joke. Anne says she harbors

no ill will toward the Canadian quartet responsible for such thought-provoking fare as "Animals" and "How You Reminded Me."

Personally, I think she should have echoed what plenty of other music fans thought aloud when they heard about the page.

"Yes, a pickle is more interesting than Nickelback." I know I did.

In fact, I would rather listen to Betty

White eat a pickle while reciting the Gettysburg address than suffer through another sampling of "Rock Star."

I think fellow columnist Adam Richter said it best: "A pickle never tries to pass itself off as original. A pickle does not sound like it wants to be a grunge throwback band. A pickle didn't write the horrid



Betty White



The pickle

lyrics to "Photograph." Not that the song couldn't have been written by a pickle; it just had better things to do

that day."

Zing!

Before I'm inundated with hate mail from all 12 Nickelback fans out there (sorry, I couldn't resist), I would like to reiterate that sites like "Can this pickle get more fans than Nickelback?" are NOT reflections of a band's popularity.

Nickelback — talent and artistic integrity be damned

— have sold lots and lots of records and made millions of dollars in the process.

I just happen to prefer bands whose songs have more depth and flavor than a cucumber soaked in vinegar.

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Police help runners pass Special Olympics torch along Route 9



Hayde Martinez, 20, of Freshford carries the torch as she runs with members of the Freshford Township Police Department along Route 9 during the New Jersey Law Enforcement Torch Run Friday.

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By COLLEEN CURRY
STAFF WRITER

FRESHFORD TOWNSHIP
Maureen Schaefer waded a single tear from her face as she watched her nephew, David Runkel, preparing to run alongside Freshford Township police officers on Route 9 Friday morning.

Her nephew, who turns 20 today, has Down syndrome and was one of four Freshford Township High School special-education students chosen to run in the 27th annual New Jersey Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The statewide event raises money for this weekend's Special Olympics Summer Games at the College of New Jersey in Ewing.

"David is life functioning, and wouldn't be able to participate in the Special Olympics, but we are so thrilled to have him do this. It is so

special," Catherine Runkel, David's mom, said.

David Runkel, Kristin Modica, James Peters and Hayde Martinez were asked to participate in the run by Patrolman Todd Smith, who organizes the township's participation in the event each year.

Schaefer was not the only one holding tears on the sidelines. "Last year, (David) brought a tear to my eye," Smith said. "She stopped three times but wouldn't give up the torch, just kept trying to finish. We never got through this without eye crying."

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David Runkel, 20, of Howell carries the torch as he runs with members of the Freshford Township Police Department along Route 9.

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ON THE WEB: Visit **APP.com** and search for word "torch run" for a photo gallery of this event.

SECOND THOUGHTS

Goodbye to my beloved daughter

It is the early evening of Friday, May 21, my California Girl took her last breath.

Allison died in a hospital bed in her home, with only me nearby as she had requested three months after being diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer. She was only 41.



Bobbi Seidel

The master invaded the blood vessels of her pelvis and abdomen, wrapped around her colon and bladder, filled her pelvis area, chokes up her ribs, entered her breasts, and finally, stifled her lungs.

After her diagnosis in February, I promised I would not leave her, I would care for her and honor her wishes who would visit and when; that there be no feeding tubes or IV drips; that no one would be watching her while she was unconscious and dying. Hospice and I promised there would be medicine to stop the pain.

I kept my word as she fought through four

hospitalizations, two surgeries, complications. Yet what I did most was say, "I'm sorry. I'm so sorry."

I said it each time I held her as she wept. I said it each time she said she wanted to live or asked why she'd ended up here. I said only to love everything. I said it each time she cried, knowing she was so much more.

When this began, she said I'd never led to her or kept anything from her and could not do that now. And so, when the vomiting began, a sign the tumor had now caused the intestinal obstructions that would help kill her, I had no choice.

"Is this the start of the end?" she asked.

I looked into her beautiful eyes, held her hands, and said, "Yes, but I will be with you every minute."

I would have died to save her.

I kept praying for a miracle.

But after watching my vibrant, pretty, dark

haired daughter become a bold, emancipated, unshakable adult, unable to sit or drink — after she changed diapers that so offended her dignity —

After seeing her the medicine gave her every few hours didn't stop her from moaning in pain — my prayers changed.

I begged God to take her. I told her to go to the light, to be with my dad who loved her so much.

She had told hospice that she was worried about me, about how I'd do without her, so I assure to her I would be OK if she went and to please go to the light on her part.

After she died, I kissed her face, her nose, her hand.

Then I called hospice, begging: Please come. Please.

A few hours later, her body was taken away to be cremated.

A week later, on a sunny day with the deepest, most intense blue sky I've known, my best friend, Jan, drove me to get her ashes, then to her funeral. We anchored at a site she'd loved, in water about 20 feet deep.

After reciting a prayer and a psalm, I poured her remains — a cove, ash, and being powder — into the clear, calm cove.

Her ashes should have disappeared, dissolved, sunk.

Instead, they formed a solid mass that floated off in a shape that looked just like someone as floating away.

They traveled a bit, then it looked as though arms were raised above a head, then down to the side — a sweep of wings.

Suddenly, her remains vanished.

That was Allison's last gift to you, someone still later.

Her entire life was a gift to me. I told her many times she was my blessing.

One day, I will be able to focus on that.

But now, the grief is alive, a fire in my chest, a boulder in my stomach, insomnia, tears, flight now, my California Girl, my friend, my best friend, is gone, and I cannot bear it.

I kept praying for a miracle. Bobbi Seidel: 732-643-0402; bobbi@app.com

Career criminal sentenced to life for carjacking

He attacked his lawyer

By KATHLEEN HOPKINS
STAFF WRITER

TOMS RIVER — A Superior Court judge on Friday sentenced a career robber from Neptune to life in prison without the possibility of parole for a carjacking in the state.

In addition, Hodgson imposed concurrent terms on Montgomery for attempting to disarm a police officer, resisting arrest, inflicting injury on a police officer, possession of a handgun, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

All of the crimes were committed on the same day during a police chase from Tinton Falls to Neptune.

Hodgson characterized the events as a rampage through several towns in certain offenses.

Montgomery was convicted of terms on March 3, a day after he twice attacked a police officer, Deputy Assistant Public Defender Phillip Pagano, as his trial was under way.

aggravated assault on a civilian, aggravated

assault on a police sergeant and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose. The additional time totaled six years.

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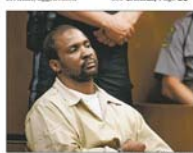
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Anthony Montgomery, described as a career criminal, was sentenced Friday to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Write-in candidate wins mayoral nod

3-way race in Point Pleasant

By ERIC LARSEN

POINT PLEASANT
Borough Council member Susan Rogers, the Republican nominee for mayor, said she expects her Democratic opponent to be William G. Schroeder, who received enough write-in votes to be the primary election Tuesday to win his party's nomination.

No Democrats had filed in time to be on the ballot for the party's nod for mayor and two seats on the Borough Council.

However, Ocean County Clerk Carl Wilk's confirmed Friday that Schroeder, 41, of Clark's Landing Road, who served as borough mayor from 1990 to 2000, had been nominally qualified to be the Democratic nominee for mayor as a result of a write-in campaign on his behalf.

Schroeder could not be reached for comment. Susan, Robert G. Buck, 21, of Clarendon Court and Christopher C. Conn, 21, of Kilkare Parkway both nominally qualified for the Democratic nomination for council as a result of the same write-in campaign.

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ATHLETE OF THE DAY



Dillon McHugh

- ★ St. Augustine
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McHugh broke the program's 100 backstroke record during the Hornets' 119-55 victory over Vineland on Tuesday. McHugh clocked in at 58.14 in meters, which compares to 52.23 in yards, besting the old mark set by Mike Joyce, who now swims at the University of Florida.

Flyers, Sixers score big wins

PHILADELPHIA — The Flyers snipped the Penguins' 12-game win streak with a 3-2 victory on Tuesday and moved atop the NHL standings with a league-high 45 points.

The Sixers led by an 18-point performance by Spencer Hawes, snipped an eight-game road losing streak with an 80-77 win over the clumping New Jersey Nets.

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Crusaders of quality?

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Vineland girls, Prep cruise to easy wins

By JOSH FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer

VINELAND — A very good Vineland High School boys' swim team saw first hand Tuesday what the next level looks like.

St. Augustine Prep, sparred by a jet-dropping performance from senior Dillon McHugh in the 300-meter backstroke, put on a clinic in front of a standing room only crowd at the Vineland Natatorium in a 128-56 victory.

"They always swim ahead and support, it's just insane," Fighting Clin senior Troy Corvini said. "It makes us want to train harder and see if we can get to their level."

The Vineland girls (3-0) had a similar outing to the boys' team.

Photo by WNS on C2



Swim team members rally together during intermission of their meet against our Lady of Mercy Academy on Tuesday. Vineland (left) the Vikings, 144-23. The Fighting Clin boys lost to St. Augustine.

WRESTLING PREVIEW



Tom McGurk

Suddenly sunny in Philly for free agents

I wasn't long ago when free agent baseball players didn't even make the City of Brotherly Love a stop on their wind-and-dime tours.

Why would they? Veterans Stadium, the once proud working place of the Philadelphia Phillies, had become so dilapidated even the stray cats and rats that roamed the catwalks of the building didn't approve of the conditions.

Some of the ballplayers (if you could call them that) who already detested the red pinstripes didn't seem like they wanted to be there either. These guys moped until their contracts ended or demanded a trade, quickly jettisoning far what they would perceive as baseball heaven somewhere else.

Even management appeared to be against the franchise when, in 1994, one year after the franchise went to the World Series, ex-tecm president Bill Giles made the fatal mistake of calling the Phillies organization a "small market" franchise despite playing in the then-fourth largest city in the nation. He later recanted the statement and said he meant a "small revenue."

Vineland's Edson Brooks pulls the finishing punches on a spring, combination against an Atlantic City wrestler last season. Brooks is among a host of youngsters entering the Fighting Clin this season.

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Lee leaves \$30M on the table to sign with Phils

By RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press



Phillie Phanatic during his time as a Phillie Phanatic. Lee agreed to return to the city as a free agent.

NEW YORK — At some point, Chipper Lee figured it wasn't about the money anymore.

Baseball's hottest free agent could have had \$30 million and a spot on the biggest stage in the game with its most successful team — the New York Yankees, winners of 27 World Series.

Instead, the star pitcher got away from the table and left \$30 million behind.

He picked the Philadelphia

Phillies, winners of just two titles in more than a century, and a team that brusquely traded him after he led them into the World Series in 2009.

The Phillies will give him \$180 million guaranteed over the next five seasons, according to several people in baseball familiar with the deal.

Who does a guy leave all that money behind?

Apparently, because he had all he needed — something that guys from the table and left \$30 million behind.

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Ward and Dillon Bergthof returns to lead a perennially tough Chaffee team.

Schalick and Cumberland look to continue the rebuilding process.

The Elliott brothers, William and Robert, will lead the Colts program that has been making strides under coach Carmine Davis.

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RUTGERS FOOTBALL

There's no comprehending the risks of this game

Ben LaSala has coached high school football — and high school football, really — for 20 years. And he has no idea how he will be coaching it now. He thinks about that next meeting with his players. What will he say? He thinks about that next talking point at practice. How will he validate? He thinks about his next game at Colonia High. How will he coach? "I've thought about it a lot the last



couple days," LaSala said. "I don't even know how I'm going to deal with this. I've been doing this a long

time, and you see stuff happen that's part of football. "But then it happens to one of your own. I've had somebody tell me to be positive, and I'm a positive guy. But this is like a punch to the face. I can't tell you how I'm going to go out and coach."

LaSala coached Eric LeGrand at Colonia High for four seasons, but the relationship became much more than that. His son, Joseph, is LeGrand's best friend. LaSala would

wake up some mornings and serve the big Rutgers nose tackle breakfast, marveling at his ever-present smile. "The coach would visit his former player yesterday morning at Hackensack University Medical Center. He stood next to his hospital bed and held his hand, wondering how the most positive he had ever coached would respond to this devastating news. He was paralyzed from the neck down. "He was trying to give me that

smile." LaSala said, his voice sounding tired from crying. "He was actually thanking people for coming to visit him. I mean, are you kidding?"

LaSala, like everyone who knew LeGrand in Colonia or at Rutgers, is hoping for a miracle now. Maybe he'll become another inspiring story, like former Buffalo Bills tight end Kevin Everett, who suffered a serious spine injury on a kickoff return in 2007 but is walking now.

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ALCS3

Date with Lee next on Yanks' menu
But teammates say that Pettite is no pushover

By Marc Caprio
NEW YORK — Once the Texas Rangers concluded their workout yesterday afternoon at Yankee Stadium, Cliff Lee resumed the visiting clubhouse in search of a good recommendation for an Italian restaurant in Manhattan.

At that moment, the Rangers ace was nothing more than an ordinary man, looking for a nice dinner after a day of work. But judging by the hype healing up to Lee's next two night against the Yankees, it would have been a surprise that Lee would even feel something such as hunger. Or weakness. Or failure.

"These guys dominated us 16 of 18 innings. We're fortunate that we're one game apiece. Again, that comeback was huge for us."

"I've never been one that reads newspapers or watches too much media and gets on the internet and checks that kind of stuff," Lee said on the eve of his start in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series.

Had he been an avid reader or viewer, Lee would have found quite the depictions of himself every where he turned.

Hailed as equal parts Paul Bunyan, Fred Flare and Sandy Koufax, Lee has morphed into a larger-than-life persona who dispenses of opponents with machine-like coldness, even when the stakes are at their highest.

The Yankees and Rangers enter

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THE GREAT ESCAPE

Despite miscues, Jets pull out victory with a timely penalty



After a pass-interference call that put the ball on the 2-yard line, LaDainian Tomlinson scores the winning touchdown yesterday in Denver.

By Jenny Ventresca

THE DENVER REPORT

DENVER — For all the mistakes, missed opportunities and swings of momentum in the Broncos' victory, the Jets had the one thing that got their way that day absolutely needed. On fourth-and-6 from the Denver 48 with 1:26 to play, and trailing by three, quarterback Mark Sanchez threw a deep ball to wide receiver Hakeem Nicks. The pass fell incomplete, but the play was called for pass interference, and the Jets now have the best record in the NFL. They did it despite Sanchez throwing his first two interceptions of the season, despite

their fortunes. "That game's won," Holmes said he thought at the time after drawing a pass-interference

call. He was right: The Jets would get the ball on the 2-yard line, and LaDainian Tomlinson would score the winning touchdown. With

Sanchez regretting his two interceptions, the first of which he said was a terrible decision and the second of which came deep in opposing territory. Through five games, the

Darrelle Revis nursing a hamstring that has him out of All-Pro form, despite the creative Broncos surging ahead with 3:50 to play. "We stole one," said Sanchez, who completed 17 of 30 passes for 195 yards with one touchdown.

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GIANTS 28, LIONS 20

Defense bends, but doesn't break

A bevy of big plays, including Rolfe's late pick, help seal deal



After the Giants knocked out Lions starting QB Shaun Hill, Justin Tuck, right, and a teammate sandwich his replacement, Drew Stanton.

By Mike Garofalo

THE LIONS STAFF

During a second practice, Asst. HC Rolfe intercepted a pass in the two-minute drill and returned it for a touchdown. "Great play," Rolfe revealed Tom Coughlin telling him. "But next, time make sure you get your butt down."

For 30 yards yesterday, after grabbing an interception off the hands of Detroit tight end Brandon Pettigrew that sealed a 28-20 victory over the Lions, Rolfe could see the end one to first of him, but in his helmet, he

could hear Coughlin. Finally, at the Lions' 48-yard line, Rolfe took a snap. "I heard cheers and my stomach was, 'Go, go, go,' but my heart was telling me to be a team player and go down," the Giants safety said. "I definitely could have taken it back for a touch-down without a doubt. But I had to put the team before myself and that's what I did."

It was the last of several big defensive plays that halted this team out of a potentially devastating loss to the Lions and their third string quarterback, Drew Stanton. A forced fumble by Drew Grant and a strip sack by Osi Umenyiora were two other key plays that each led to second-half touchdowns.

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College workhorse Boise State remains unbeaten at No. 2 in the BCS, one spot out of the national title game... for more. Complete rankings, page 45

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EAGLES SET TO PAY VICK ROSTER BONUS

Michael Vick is getting one more big check from the Philadelphia Eagles. The one after that still could be from a new team.

A person with knowledge of the contract said the Eagles will pay Vick a \$5.5 million roster bonus due today.

Playing VICK the bonus doesn't guarantee Philadelphia from trading the former Pro Bowl quarterback. Vick is under contract for \$5.2 million this year.

The Eagles are buying themselves more time and possibly a draft pick by giving VICK the bonus. The alternative was to release him and not get anything in return.

LEHIGHVALLEYLIVE

PLAY IN, NO THANKS

Lehigh basketball coach Brett Reed said his team won't be happy in the NCAA tournament play in game should the Mountain Hawks win the league title. Read about it at lehighvalleylive.com/michael-fors.

TIME TO LIMIT ALL-STAR TEAMS

Sports editor Barry Miller thinks high school conferences are naming too many players to all-conference first teams. Read his blog at lehighvalleylive.com/barry-miller.

SHOT CLOCK WOULD SPEED UP GAME

High school basketball teams holding the ball would be forced to pick up the tempo, read Tom Hinker's blog at lehighvalleylive.com/tom-hinker.

Get ready for Backyard Brawl III

LAFAYETTE VS. LEHIGH, Patriot League finalists split their regular-season meetings.

BY BARRY MILLER
The Express-Times

Lafayette vs. Lehigh. Local fans usually think of football when you talk about this rivalry.

Now men's basketball enters the equation with a lot of stakes.

The Mountain Hawks and Leopards meet 4:45 p.m. Friday at Stabler Arena for the Patriot League title and ESP-NC will be on hand. The winner goes to the NCAA Tournament.

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PAGE C5: Lehigh guard C.J. McCallum is named to the Sporting News All-Freshman basketball team.

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If it falls, Lehigh (23-30) still gets an NIT bid because it won the league's regular-season title. These Mountain Hawks aren't thinking NIT. They're thinking about redemption for these straight four-round exits in the league tournament. And they're playing like a team headed in that direction. "We were really jacked up

for the American games," senior Dave Buchberger said. "We want to leave behind a winning legacy here. We feel we've come up short of that in the last three years. This is our year."

"Bottom line, they were just too good," American coach Jeff Jones said after the 70-57 doubling. "Lehigh is a very talented team when they play with that kind of focus and passion."

Lehigh's defensive intensity made it difficult for the Eagles to get going. "We didn't want to turn the ball over because they're hot and even because they're good," Jones said. "They (Lehigh) don't want to



Lehigh guard Dave Buchberger turned his game up several notches Sunday.

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Lions win sectional title



NORTH HUNTERDON 52, PISCATAWAY 33. Pellechio's defensive play preserves victory in final minutes.

BY TOM MCGAVERO
The Express-Times

CLINTON TWP. | North Hunterdon's biggest offensive threat, sophomore guard Jessica Pellechio, made the defensive play of the game with the contest seemingly slipping away.

Pellechio stripped a Piscataway player driving the lane and scored a layup with 1:30 left to thwart the Chiefs' final comeback effort. The Lions went on to a 42-33 victory in the North II Group I sectional championship Monday night before a crowd of 1,200 in the Lions Gym.

North Hunterdon (23-10), which was upset by Woodlawn in the Tri-County Tournament semifinals and had lost to a late-season game because it used a player for too many quarters in the same week, maintained its lead.

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The Lions have been looking forward to this all year. I think we can do it. I think we can win it all. Jessica Pellechio finished 7 p.m., Wednesday at Union High School.

"This is a big step for us," Pellechio said. "We've been looking forward to this all year. I think we can do it. I think we can win it all."

Pellechio finished with 14 points and four steals, and 6-foot senior forward Kelly Langhorne contributed 22 points and 11 rebounds for coach Tom Hank's Lions, who won their first sectional title since 2001 and seventh overall.

"I feel so relieved," said Langhorne, who made five of her six second-half field-goal attempts. "We had a lot of ups and downs this season and to get this one, especially for Mr. Hank, it feels really good."

The fourth loss meant North had to go on the road to play a Columbia team in the semifinals that had eliminated the Lions from the tournament the last two seasons. This time North prevailed 34-28.

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Jessica Pellechio, who led North Hunterdon with 14 points, goes up for a layup against Piscataway.

McCallum lays out plan for life

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB DINNER, Former Navy and NFL running back finds work ethic.

BY MICHAEL PIZZINO
The Express-Times

BETHLEHEM | Former Naval Academy and Los Angeles Raiders running back Napoleon McCallum stressed the importance of hard work and overcoming adversity as he delivered his speech at the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem fundraiser Monday night at Moroccan College.

The all-time leading runner at the Naval Academy, McCallum spoke before a crowd of Boys & Girls Club members and volunteers. He recounted his life obstacles and the lessons learned from them.

"The one thing that I ask all of you is to think beyond yourself because it makes you stronger," McCallum said. "And get an education. I had choices and opportunities in life because of my education. I could overcome obstacles and succeed."

The 46-year-old McCallum, who works as the director of community development for the Las Vegas Sands

CLOSER'S OPENER



Yankees manager Joe Girardi, left, watches closer Mariano Rivera throw five batting practice for the first time this spring. See page C4.

Stevely a picture of perseverance

As the Bobby Stevely led in the NSIAA individual wrestling tournament here Sunday, a reporter asked the Delaware Valley senior, "How does a wrestler who doesn't even qualify for states his junior year make it to the state final the next year?"

Good question. A little earlier in the day, a longtime Garden State mat fanatic had commented: "Stevely is the Finley Can you believe that?"

Yes, actually I could — because I'd heard the answer to



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both queries the night before after Stevely's semifinal win and the night before the last. PLEASE SEE WILSON, C5

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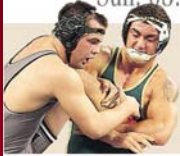


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Question? Straw has answer

On past, present, '86 Mets vs. '09 Yanks

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Darryl Strawberry is headed toward the clubhouse door, an unlit Newport jammed between his fingers.

"Gotta get my exercise," the big man says. "This is my workout right now, smoking."

Strawberry delivers this public-service announcement without apology or KC embarrassment. He's a cancer survivor, a recovering addict, not to mention one of the finest, strongest players of his era. Darryl should be an anti-nicotine zealot, but that doesn't stop him from lighting up and filling the air with those hay-blue curls.

Strawberry instead uses cigarettes as a billboard of his post-baseball life. He's moved on from the vanity (and rolled-up sleeve) of his youth, now sporting a gut that's indecipherable even under a loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirt. Straw still believes he's the best player of his era and that the '86 Mets could've whipped the 2009 Yankees, but the superstar slummers under a layer of real-world modesty.

Darryl is, after all, a middle-aged man who's less famous than he used to be. And let's face it, his legacy is that of a player who destroyed his career, not elevated it the way Derek Jeter or David Wright have. The Mets invited Straw to camp, in part, because they're embracing



ASSOCIATED PRESS Spring training sighting of Darryl Strawberry, who takes up his former and current life.

Nets plant Knicks at Garden

By AL IANNAZZONE STAFF WRITER

NEW YORK — After squandering double-digit leads several times lately, the Nets finally know how the other half lives — and it couldn't have felt good for the Knicks.

This game just showed how bad the Knicks are because two of the Nets' recent victories this season have come against New York. And this one came after the Knicks were leading by 16 in the first quarter.

The Madison Square Garden crowd



The Nets are the second-worst three-point shooting team, yet they were 14-for-24 from downtown. The Knicks were 6-for-18 from deep, an NBA record for most three-pointers taken without a make.

Devin Harris led the Nets with 31 points on 15-of-21 shooting. Courtney Lee made a triumphant return from an ankle injury that kept him out of the last three games, as he buried five uncharacteristic shooting accuracy



The Nets' Devin Harris driving past the Knicks' Sergio Rodriguez on Saturday. Harris finished with a game-high 31 points. ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIVE RINGS NOT NEARLY ENOUGH FOR DEREK

Jeter: Look out, Yogi

Captain wants to match Berra's 10 championships



Derek Jeter with Yogi Berra, who has so many Series trophies that they practically are growing out of his head.

TAMPA, Fla. — As he awaited spring training here nine years back, Derek Jeter stopped outside the minor league complex to talk about the approaching Giants-Rangers Super Bowl, and to respond to Alex Rodriguez's bludge from the blind side.

Even before his infamous Esquire assault to come, Rodriguez had told a radio audience Jeter's defensive flaws and lack of power would prevent him from scoring \$1.8 million contract for Jeter. Rodriguez said, "I'm not trying to beat Alex's record anyway."

Jeter told a reporter that day, "The only record I'm concerned with is Yogi's record, and that's the 10 championships."

Jeter had won three straight rings and four in his first five seasons, and right then and there it looked like Yogi Berra was no bigger trouble than Kerry Collins. But something not too funny happened to Jeter on the way to Yogi's 10, or Bill Russell's 11.

Jeter's Yankees started finding get-watching, heart-breaking ways to lose postseason series, starting with Mariano Rivera's Game 7 greyness to the Diamondbacks. When the smoke cleared from the four-peat that wasn't, Berra — who won five straight from 1949-53 — approached Jeter and delivered this stinging hook to the ribs.

"Now you've got to start all over," Jeter went into excruciating years before starting all over, before winning his one for the thumb. But with the Yankees again knocked enough to win multiple titles, and with the 35-year-old Jeter planning on playing into his 40s, Saturday was a fine time to ask the captain if he still believes he can match or surpass Yogi's 10 before he retires.

"Yogi," Jeter said between bites of an energy bar "because I think it gives me something to do for."

What did you think the captain

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Drive for ages keys Mustangs' victory

By Joe Hofmann
with Scott Pettite

Morrisville's night of foot ball was coming to a sedate end Thursday. The skins opened up, rain came down in buckets and visiting Vernon prepared for its most vexing, followed by a delirious, on-field mauling.

The Mustangs were all but done. They had no punts to go, only 1:52 left and an evening of bench scratching and vocal searching coming up.

Then it happened: Coach Gerry Gallagher's team decided enough was enough, quarterback Jordan Gables engineered a risk-averse touchdown drive for the skins, and the Mustangs somehow walked off the

field with an unlikely 20:27 win. "Wow," Gallagher said. "That's all I can say."

What more needs to be said? Morrisville's victory was done as a single win in the Mustangs' win loss record, but this one was meant more. How much more? Well, practice this week leading up to Morris Hills will be a whole lot more uplifting. Players will knee better and practice harder. Coaches will touch better.

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Focused and ready

Scott spoils Pettitte's return



Pope John running back Anthony Madden Jr. (11) tries to elude the grasp of Morris Hills defender Albert Gault after catching a pass during Sunday's game.

Pope John cruises past Morris Hills

By Dan Brennan
with Scott Pettite

SPARTA — The Pope John football team sees the big picture, but the Lions weren't about to lose sight of what stood directly in front of them on Sunday.

For the second time in two weeks, the highly-ranked Lions went about their business in workmanlike fashion, shaking off a bit of a sluggish start before rolling to a 44-0 victory over Morris Hills in their first conference game.

Pope John opened the season with a 20-0 season, former victory on the road against Livingston.

"It's really not about the big picture right now," said Pope John senior running back Matt Pope, who scored the Lions' second touchdown on a punt run in the second quarter. "I just about the team ahead of us. We know Morris Hills won't be tough, and we also know that on any given week we can get knocked off. If we take it

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U.S. rides 'Night Train' to gold medal

Holcomb pilots first 4-man gold since 1948

By Stephen Edelson

WESTLER, British Columbia — With one more perfect run down sliding's main in-venue track, Steven Holcomb drove USA-1 to the Olympic gold medal in four-man bobsledding on Saturday, ending a 62-year drought for the Americans in the event.

It was the first gold medal for the U.S. in sliding's signature race since Francis Taylor won one for the Americans at St. Mo-

ntreal in 1948. Holcomb's four-run time was 3 minutes, 24.66 seconds, with Andrew Olsen, Steve Mesler and Curt Tomasevicz pushing for him again — just as they did in winning the world championship a year ago.

"This is huge," U.S. coach Brian Shuster said. "There might not be any comparison whatsoever. German Andre Lange, who failed to win a gold medal for the first time in

five Olympic events, had a nearly perfect final run to win the silver in his final race. Lange finished just seconds behind Holcomb and his team.

London Bobs down Canada 1 in the bronze. Holcomb and his teammates crossed the finish line one more time and threw their arms in the air before wrapping each other in American flags. Holcomb hugged his met high as family and friends craned for photographs, and a party that the U.S. program had been waiting 62 years for finally getting started.



The United States' USA-1, from left, pilot Steven Holcomb, Justin Olsen, Curt Tomasevicz, and Steve Mesler celebrate their gold-medal finish after the men's four-man bobsled final.



Emotional rescue

Basketball court has proven to be a safe haven for Monmouth's Gomez

By Stephen Edelson
Staff Writer
Photo by Tanya Breen
Staff Photographer

WEST LONG BRANCH
Chanel Gomez doesn't do pity. Having emerged from an environment designed to tear her down, she speaks in confident, almost defiant tones. And in spite of all of her dark brown eyes have witnessed, her vision for a brighter future has incredible clarity.

"Everything that's happened to me, I wouldn't ask for any changes, even if I knew what was going to happen," she declares. "This was my destiny. I feel like going through everything I've gone through made me who I am. And it's made me tough, mentally and physically."

She turns her right forearm over to reveal a basketball, with a smiling face on one side and frowning one on the other, with the words, "My game is emotional."

After being removed from her mother's care at age 12, her living situation could only be described as transient, from youth shelters and foster care facilities, to anywhere she could lay her head, before finding safe haven in an on-campus dormitory last summer.

Higher on her right arm is a cross bearing the phrase "my struggle is my strength."

Her father spent most of her life in a Massachusetts prison due to drug convictions. Her two older brothers are at the Wagner Youth Correctional Facility in Farmington, Vermont, were gunned down two weeks later in County robbery.

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RBC's Byrne wins 800 title

By Chris Christopher
Staff Writer

TOMS RIVER — It's all in the genes for Kevin Byrne.

Over space a time his dad ran for Peruvian Catholic and Belgian Catholic.

The 2009 annual NJSSAA Meet of Champions took place on Saturday and it was the younger Byrne's time to shine.

Byrne won the 800-meter run in 1:55.30 for Red Bank Catholic at the John Bennett Indoor Athletic Complex.

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"My dad ran for his whole life," Byrne said. "He is like having a personal coach. He has been through all of the bumps and bruises. He realizes all of the different things that go on in a race. I get to join a long list of great athletes and my dad was one of them."

Byrne started in front of family and friends.

"My whole family was here," the junior said. "They come down from Bergen County. They did it for me. I did it for them."

Byrne overcame adversity as he was seated in on the third turn.

"I took the lead with two laps to go," he said. "and I kept going. I felt good today. I went out a little slow."

Byrne broke into several sprints after the race.

"It's pretty damn good to win it," he said. "It feels great to win it. It was exciting to win it for my father. He wanted it for me. All of the hard work I put in all year came down in this meet today."

"It's always nice to win in the Meet of Champions. When you win the Meet of Champions, nobody is better than you. It's nice to say you are the best in the state. It's a great feeling to know I won."

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A DRAMA-FILLED TRIP TO THE GROCERY STORE

Despite some structural difficulties, ‘Whole Foods’ is worth checking out

THEATER REVIEW

By **WILLIAM WESTHOVEN**
STAFF WRITER

Marshall McLuhan’s “Global Village” is still a work in progress. Certainly, the media scholar’s notion of electronic communication bringing humans closer together has evolved beyond anyone’s imagination. Humans, though, evolve at a slower pace.

Tammy Ryan’s “Lost Boy Found” in Whole Foods, an unprecedented coproduction of Playwrights Theatre in Madison and Premier Stages at Kean University in Union, views the global village through the eyes of a modern American everyman whose desperate search for meaning leads her from the local grocery store to the African bush.

Played with convincing passion by Kim Zimmer, the Emmy-winning former star of TV’s “The Guiding Light,” Christine is a character who will remind all of us of someone we know. Middle-aged and recently divorced, Christine is still dealing with the pressures of being a single mother. Her rebellious daughter, the equally familiar Alex (Alexandra Rivera), is a step ahead of her and knows how to push all her buttons.

“It takes a village,” Hillary (Clinton) said that,” Christine tells Alex, trying to channel a mom who she saw get along with her daughter.

“Then why did you get divorced?” Alex snaps back, covering her misbe-

havior with a guilt trip. Depressed by her daughter’s cold shoulder, Christine finds refuge in a warm smile found in the produce section of Whole Foods. The casual conversation she strikes up with a young male employee, Gabriel, turns her mid-life crisis into a global journey that feeds her hunger to be needed by someone.

Ryan maps this journey on a lumpy road and, while some of the potboiler are due to plot holes, Christine is so recognizable that we can’t help but be interested in her fate. The motivation and behavior of some supporting characters, however, trip the story up here and there. Perhaps, with two artistic directors at work here (Premiere Stages’ artistic director John Wooten serves as the host at Kean’s Zella Fry Theatre, while Playwrights Theatre’s John Piotrowski directs this developing new work), some of the structural weaknesses of “Lost Boy Found” in “Whole Foods” can be filled and bring this frequently intense story to a larger audience.

A ‘Lost’ cause

While speaking to the eagerly helpful Gabriel (played with childlike charm and a marvelous African accent by Warner Miller), Christine learns that he is a grown, former “Lost Boy” of Sudan, where thousands of young boys fled for their lives during Sudan’s second civil war a decade earlier.



Warner Miller and Alexandra Rivera share a scene in “Lost Boy Found in Whole Foods.”

Gabriel was among a relative handful of Lost Boys after establishing her as who, assisted by Catholic Charities USA, were given asylum in the states. Christine needs a cause, and Gabriel needs a mentor to help him through college, so she checks him out of Whole Foods and into her home. Alex is mortified but quickly warms to Gabriel’s sunny disposition.

Rivera looks closer to mid-20s than mid-teens, but her rascally sass and cam is perfectly age-appropriate. The playwright, though, rushes her friend-

ship with Gabriel too soon after establishing her as a dead-end against anything her mother suggests. Other problems crop up with the emergence of supporting characters, including Michael (David Farrington), Gabriel’s former Catholic Charities case worker, who no longer works for the nonprofit but inexplicably shows up there in the second act.

Another case worker, Segel (Trish McCall), harasses Christine with a passive-aggressive rant about white privilege. She has a point, but a little di-

plomacy might help the message sink in. Like McCall, Jamil Mangan delivers a powerful performance as Paulter, an older Lost Boy who the system has given up on. Mangan adds a dash of comic relief as an over-the-top, deep-souled thug who is modified like a child when he gets to watch cable TV. But Paulter’s soft side is merely a short detour on a murky path that grows darker in the second act.

Zimmer, freed from the soft-focus glamour of daytime drama, bravely inhabits the path of an aging woman enduring the rejection of a husband and a daughter. But her character betrays her as well. For starters, opening your home to a young adult male with a horrifying past, when you have an obviously troubled teen daughter, is maternal behavior worth a healthy debate.

But Zimmer and the rest of Piotrowski’s cast are worth the price of admission alone. And Ryan delivers enough truth to keep you interested, if not frustrated with, her curious characters.

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BILL OF FARE

The food speaks eloquently at Lambertville's Manon

By Susan Sprague Yeske

Painted stars gleam overhead and French artwork decorates the walls in the dimly lit but romantic Manon Restaurant in Lambertville.

In the kitchen, owner/chef Jean Michel Dumas crafts appetizers, entrees and desserts for his discriminating customers, just as he has for the 21 years since the restaurant opened.

The chef remains aloof. He does not talk to the press. He chooses instead to let his food speak for itself.

So we listen, beginning first with a salad of mixed greens served with his tangy, vinegary house-made vinaigrette.

We are in luck: the menu lists the salad as \$11, but on this night it is one of the appetizers offered with the weeknight two-course prix fixe menu.

So for \$25 we have an entree and the salad, which is crisp and bright, the local greens piled in the center of the plate with four leaves of endive fanning out from the center.

We pay special attention to the soup of the day, \$7, in

this case a pistou, the vegetable soup of Dumas' native Provence made with white beans and flavored with oxtender.

The flavor was light and mellow and made us drink deep and determined to consume every drop.

An appetizer order of mussels, \$13, was a surprise, so many shellfish and all of them plump and sweet, their flavor heightened by the subtle broth.

It was almost too much to eat knowing that we were still expecting an entree.

With a salad and the chef's good bread we could have made a satisfying meal.

The fish of the day, \$24, is monkfish, meaty and fresh, served with the day's vegetables perfectly cooked: haricots verts, carrots with eggplant and a scoop of potato gratin. Each is flawlessly executed, complementing the other dishes on the plate.

A mixed grill, the special of the day for the prix fixe, is comprised of servings of beef, chicken and lamb. All are moist and meaty and topped with a hearty red currant sauce and accompanied by the vegetables of the day.

Equally good was an

Manon Restaurant

19 N. Union St., Lambertville (609) 397-256

HOURS: Open for dinner Wed.-Sat. from 5:30 p.m. and Sun. from 5 p.m. Closed Mon., Tue.

CREDIT CARDS: Cash checks only

FOOD: Very good to excellent French cuisine prepared by the chef/owner.

SERVICE: Pleasant and helpful.

AMBIENCE: The former cobbler's shop is a small space, dimly lit with candles to create an air of romance enhanced by a ceiling covered with stars that gleam overhead. Sheets of butcher's paper cover the brightly colored cloths on the closely set tables.

COST: Appetizers and soups \$7-\$12.50, entrees \$19.50-\$28, two-course prix fixe Wed.-Thur. \$25.

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entree of grilled chicken breast, \$20, served moist and tender with a drizzle of roasted garlic cream sauce.

The only flaw in the meal is in an order of rack of lamb, \$26, with a mustard and thyme crust. Perhaps because of the crust, the tiny moist lamb chops are too salty for our tastes.

For dessert we sample a pear tart, \$8, served warm with a scoop of fine vanilla ice cream, and a frozen nougat, \$8, of ice cream and a raspberry coulis topping a crunchily nougat base.

Neither dessert is especially sweet, and each added a



BEVERLY SCHAEFER/FOR THE TIMES

The colorful facade greets diners at Manon in Lambertville. Dumas buys fresh food in season, makes his own sauces and desserts from scratch, and consistently produces excellent cuisine in

satisfyingly sized servings. As we head into the coldest months, the restaurant beckons with the promise of warmth and comfort.

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entrees \$23-\$42, lunch \$8.50-\$17, tavern \$12-\$17, brunch \$11.95 for adults and \$21.95 for adults, high tea \$18.95. New owners and a new chef have updated the venerable old inn, adding new menus, improving the food and offering specialty events including holiday-themed parties open to the public and high tea on weekday afternoons.

BEIJING TOKYO: 1861 Princeton Ave., Princeton (609) 396-2899, mybeijingtokyo.com. Mon.-Thur. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m., Sun. noon-10 p.m. All-you-can-eat sushi diner \$18.95, Chinese entrees \$6.95-\$13.95, starters \$3.50-\$7.95, lunch specials \$5.95-\$8.95. The all-you-can-eat sushi, made fresh to order and delivered as each item is ready, is the big draw at this restaurant, which also features a full menu of Chinese food and several Thai dishes.

RIVER BLUE CAFÉ: 51 Bridge St.,

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PRINCETON SPORTS BAR & GRILL: 129 Nassau St., Princeton (609) 921-7555. Open Mon. 4 p.m.-midnight, Tues.-Thu. and Sun. 11:30 a.m.-midnight, Fri.-Sat. 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m. Appetizers \$6-\$16, soups and salads \$4-\$12, burgers and sandwiches \$8-\$12, entrees \$15-\$25, pizza \$8-\$12. Burgers, sandwiches, wings, nachos and brick oven pizza are

prominent on the menu, which also retains pasta favorites from the restaurant's former incarnation as Sotto Ristorante. Favorites included the grand slam appetizer platter.

PALATÉ: 311 S. State St., Newtown, Pa. (717) 862-2898 (galatoneutown.com). Dinner served Tue.-Thu. 5-9 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 5-10 p.m., Sun. 3-8 p.m. Call for lunch hours. Closed Monday. Starters \$8-\$14.50, entrees \$16-\$29. Lunch prices not available. Expect carefully crafted dishes with an eye for detail using local produce at this new bistro located in the heart of Newtown. The menu covers a variety of meats and fishes, but vegetarian items have proven especially popular.

SETTIMO CIELO: 17 East Front St., Trenton (609) 656-9877. Open Mon.-Thur. 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m., closed Sunday. Salads and entrees \$6.95-\$11.95, entrees \$14.95-\$31.95. Located near the State House, the restaurant is a

favorite among top officials as well as the rank and file. The chef serves traditional Northern Italian fare using top ingredients that are prepared with an expert touch. Favorites included the chicken liver in balsamic vinegar sauce, chicken sautéed in white wine with rosemary, and homemade ravioli.

KATHMANDU: 50 Riverside Plaza, Trenton (609) 393-7300 (kathmandutrenton.com). Opens 11:30 a.m. Tue.-Wed. with no firm closing time; Thu.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-2 a.m., Sat. 3 p.m.-2 a.m., Sun. opens noon with no firm closing time. Closed Monday. Appetizers \$4.95-\$15.95, entrees \$12.95-\$18.95, sandwiches and burgers, \$5.95-\$11.95. Friday night happy hour buffet \$5. KATHMANDU is more than a nightclub, offering casual dishes such as ribs, burgers and salads. Favorites included the Key West chowder and mandarin salmon.

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Cash's farewell album fitting goodbye

Johnny Cash had a remarkable life, but the way he should off his mortal coil is really something to admire.



ADAM RICHTER Music Reviewer

Through disease, the loss of his assistant, June Carter Cash, and the ravages of age, the Man in Black kept working at his craft, up to the end. Almost. The songs on "American VI: Ain't No Grave" were recorded less than four months before his death in September 2003.

You could argue that death has been present in Cash's songs throughout his career. He "had a love in Reno just to watch him die" for starters. At the other end of his body of work, the Rick Rubin-produced "American Recordings" are filled with songs of mortality: "Oh, Boy, My No. 1," "The Stoney Road," "Hang My Head" and others.



Cash's final album, "Ain't No Grave," is a fitting tribute to his life.

ing lines from the Bible verses. When Cash asks, "Death, where is thy sting?" it's not so much a question as a challenge. He sounds unperturbed by the threat of death. The song seems like the basis for every other selection on "Ain't No Grave."

Cash's serenity comes in the form of "Oh, Boy," the Queen Lillibushani. The Hawaiian farewell song brings a strange immediacy to Cash's death, which happened more than a half-decade ago. (The home he and June Cash shared didn't last much longer; it burned to the ground in 2007.)



Johnny Cash's last album, "Ain't No Grave," marks the sixth and last in his American Recording series produced by Rick Rubin. The album was released Tuesday.

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Cash's Farewell Album Fitting Goodbye

'Invented' Offers Nothing New Weezer's Music Whets Fans' Appetite

Roseanne Cash talks about 'The List'

MCCLEARY NEWSWAPERS These days, it seems like everyone wants a list from Roseanne Cash. The magazine asked her for Short List of Things to Do. Her manager needed a list of changes for Cash's Web site. All requests for a list of essential songs that her father, Nashville legend Johnny Cash, made in 1973.

It's in a frame or donating it to a museum. "Now it's in my box of memorabilia and letters and stuff," said Cash, 54, by phone while on tour. "It's missing the attempts to finalize it. A lot of people want to make it their own." Other songs on "The List" include "500 Miles," "Take These Chains From My Heart" and "Sea of Heartbreak."



Cash's 'The List' album.

She had just graduated from high school in California and was about to go on tour with her dad. Having been raised on the Beatles and rock music, she asked him for a list of country songs she should know. He grabbed a yellow legal pad and, over the course of a couple of hours, scratched the titles of a bunch of songs.

Working with her producer/husband/guitarist John Lemoine, Cash narrowed the list of songs to record. Still, some of their choices intruded here, especially Paty Cline's "She's Got That Thing" (she was Paty Cline) and Bob Dylan's "Girl From the North Country." "It didn't have much of a voice at 18," said Cash, who went on to record 10 No. 1 songs.

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Tomás Sánchez relaxes in the living room of his home, which he shares with his wife, María Quiñones Sánchez, and two sons, and which is filled with Latin art he has collected. Right, it's kick-back time in the man cave, the freestanding garage that Sánchez converted. It features a rugged exposed-brick wall and ductwork, shiny stainless steel seating, a pool table, refrigerator, large-screen TV, patterned area rug, and colorful graphic arts posters from Puerto Rico.

CAVE & CASTLE

By Sally Friedman
PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHRIS COOPER

Just a few steps past the kitchen door of the home of Tomás Sánchez and María Quiñones Sánchez, a male kingdom beckons. While no scrawled signs proclaim it an all-male bastion, there is no mistaking that this is a grown-up clubhouse designed for a guy and his pals.

Tomás Sánchez's "man cave" in the Norris Square section of Philadelphia, a few blocks north of Northern Liberties, is what springs to mind when a guy imagi-

THIS MAN'S HOME IS BOTH: IN NORRIS SQUARE, TOMÁS SÁNCHEZ ENJOYS ELEGANT FAMILY QUARTERS AND A GUY GETAWAY.

lines a retreat, a haven, a guy place. But this one has taste, style, and an elegance that has nothing to do with grandeur.

"I knew exactly what I wanted the look and feel to be, and this is it," says Sánchez, 47, a soft-spoken Harvard-educated man who earned a law degree at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, but doesn't practice law.

As director of business relations at Temple University, Sánchez is a liaison for the minority community, visits business owners, and the larger business world. He is a

See **MAN CAVE** on E8

A peerless plan for a Philly pier

When the Delaware River Waterfront Corp. selected Field Operations last fall to design a new park at the Race Street pier, it was hard to shake off a certain feeling of trepidation.

The firm, led by Philadelphia-based James Corner, was still banking in rare reviews for its work on the High Line park, the magical suspended garden that rolls through New York's Chelsea neighborhood on an elevated trestle. But for that five-acre project, Corner's group enjoyed a singly budget of \$152 million. Fortunately cash-strapped Philadelphia was setting aside just \$5 million for its one-acre pier, and part of that money was meant to cover repairs.

See **SKYLINE** on E3



A rendering of the Race Street pier design (center) supervised on a photo taken from the Ben Franklin Bridge. The planned park was designed by Field Operations, working under a \$5 million budget stipulated by the City of Philadelphia.



Antiques By Karla Klein Albertson

The state figured largely in ice skating



A Olympic figure skaters compete in Vancouver, keep in mind that Pennsylvania was a birthplace of the sport and the art of skating.

The Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society, founded in 1849, describes itself as the first skating club in North America.

Famous club competitors include Olympic gold medalists Dick Button and Scott Hamilton; both serve as expert commentators in television coverage of those 2010 Games.

On the current Team USA, ice-dancing stars Tasha Bol

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"Winter Bewitches," Titled by Greyhound" sold at Swann Galleries for \$640.

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Artful silhouettes decorate items from pillows to plates. **E3**

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'HAIRSPRAY' SHAKES UP PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

Season-opener explodes with energy

THEATER REVIEW

By WILLIAM WESTHOVEN

There's some layer above Paper Mill Playhouse may be compromised from all those fluorocarbons, but global warming, be damned. It's time to dance.

Planned in 1988 and set in 1962, John Waters' "Hairspray" didn't reach a mass audience until 2002, when the cinematic shockmeister's twisted little tale became a plus-size Broadway sensation.

Winner of eight Tony Awards, this colorful, caffeine-fueled musical closed last year after more than 2,500 performances. A successful national tour wrapped in April.

Now, a new production, opening Paper Mill's new season, may not be necessary, but neither is baseball. When the home team hits a home run, nobody complains. Certainly, you won't find a single complaint on this page.

Well, perhaps one: Intermission may need extending to let the audience recover after a relentlessly energetic first act.

Aggressively upbeat, with enough of Waters' subversive wit preserved for the auteurs in the audience, "Hairspray" colors a black-and-white era like a graffiti artist tags a subway car. Back in Kennedy's Camelot, conformity was still in vogue. Still, the seeds of a new world were being sown.

While the Cold War raged in the background, kids were becoming hot and bothered with rock music inspired by the rhythm and blues coming

out of Chicago, Memphis and Detroit. Some called it "race music" and, in Waters' familiar backdrop of Baltimore, an older, whiter generation was trying to keep it from corrupting their precious offspring.

But "Hairspray" is fictional Dick Clark of Baltimore is eager to spin the second of young America on his daily "Corny Collins Show." Tracy Turnblad (Christine Danelson, who was raised in Linden and currently resides in Somerville) would love to be a dancer on the show, but she's too short and stout to make the cut. She's got the hair (her prof grows as the story advances) and the moves, but there's no getting by the show's evil Velma Von Tussle (Dana English). Velma is grooming her daughter, Amber (Kathleen Elizabeth Montelone), for stardom as she instructs Corny to steer the kids "in a white direction."

"Would it kill you to play some Connie Francis' stereos?"

Help from their friends

Corny (Kasey Martinez) has an open mind, but not as open as Tracy's, who makes friends with the black kids in detention. With their help, Tracy gets a spot on Corny's show, but her efforts to integrate the cast get her arrested.

Can there be a happy ending for this fallen cherub, who laments, "I'm like a half-filled book of Green Sausage, beyond redemption."

Of course there is. Along the way, Tracy helps her paraplegic mother, Edna (Broadway veteran Christopher Sieber, hilariously carrying the torch for drag Edna that included Harvey Fierstein on Broadway), get back on her

heels. She even gets the boy, Link (Constantine Roussouli, who her tangle with the Von Tussles and integrates the show and the love life of her best friend, Penny (Adele Ellis).

Like all stories from the fertile mind of Waters, the boundaries of bad taste are omnipresent. But book writers, Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan are good editors and limit the laughs to a few PG-rated body functions.

The true mass appeal of "Hairspray" is the ear candy from Marc Shaiman, who wrote the score and cowrote the lyrics with Scott Wittman. Deliriously fun, "Hairspray" is hard to sit through because you can't help but get up and dance.

The second act slows at times, but in good ways, including the sweet and tart showstopper "You're Tunes to Me," a traditional Broadway shuffle featuring Sieber and Lee Roy Reams as Edna's adoring husband, Wilbur.

And while the civil rights movement is precariously mined for humor, Natasha Yvette Williams belts out the sobering, Gospel-inspired, "I Know Where I've Been," to make sure the message isn't lost in the mist of the ubiquitous hairspray fogging up the stage.

Jerry Mitchell's original Broadway choreography re-created here by Michele Lynch, is cheerful and period-appropriate. Matt Lenz, resident director for Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" on Broadway and national tour, is credited for recreating Jack O'Brien's original Broadway director's torch for drag.

There are many more pleasures to be had in this



Above, Christine Danelson, foreground, starts in "Hairspray" at Paper Mill Playhouse.



Below, Danelson and Constantine Roussouli share a scene in the play.

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EATING OUT: TAVERNA MYKONOS IN ELMWOOD PARK

Passionately Greek

A family business expands to serve the classics in a casual taverna

By Elisa Ung

It's a family affair. As you walk into the new restaurant, you can't help but notice the warm, welcoming atmosphere. The owners, the Pappas family, have poured their hearts and soul into creating a space where everyone can enjoy the best of Greek food.

TAVERNA MYKONOS is a family business that has expanded to serve the classics in a casual taverna. The restaurant is located in Elmwood Park and offers a wide variety of Greek dishes. The menu is diverse and includes traditional Greek fare as well as contemporary dishes.

The restaurant is owned and operated by the Pappas family. The owners have a deep passion for Greek food and have worked hard to ensure that the restaurant offers the best possible dining experience.

RECOMMENDED DISHES: **Kafkas,** **spanakopita,** **greek coffee,** **sourdough bread,** **cheesecake, baklava.**

Hours: 11 AM to 10 PM, Tuesday through Thursday, 11:30 AM to 11 PM, Friday, 12:30 AM to 11 PM, Saturday, 10 AM to 10 PM, Sunday, 10 AM to 10 PM.

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Location: 111 Elmwood Park Ave., Elmwood Park, NJ 07632.

Contact: (201) 328-1234.

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The Pappas family, owners of Taverna in Elmwood Park, have opened a more casual spot with classics like spanakopita.

Owner Pappas is proud of the family business. He has worked hard to ensure that the restaurant offers the best possible dining experience.

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Boxer

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who realizes other girls are afraid to get into the ring with her because she's more muscular than they are. ... Some of my opponents have been bigger than me. Some were the same size, and two were shorter.

Baker's mother was a boxer, and a heavy influence in Baker's decision to box. Baker got used to sparring with bigger boxers in no time.

"I got used to it quickly," Baker said. "It helps me get better with my boxing skills."

Baker is 6-1, winning five matches by decision and one by knockout.

Her most recent battle was her first loss, and she wrest all the way out to Missouri to receive it.

She competed in the National Ringside Championships two weekends ago, where she moved up in weight class to take on Crystal Garcia, a 125-pounder out of Texas.

"We went to Missouri for a fight," said Gould, who said he moved her up in weight because there were no girls in Baker's normal weight class.

Garcia is also 12, and she was taller than Baker, who has still never been knocked down.

"She was a good match for me," Baker said. "Her style threw me off, so I had to be more focused."

Garcia won by decision.

"My mom told me to take that loss and know what to work on," Baker said. "... It motivated me to train more."

The National PAL Boxing Championships take place in San Antonio, Texas, in October. Gould will bring a contingent with him that includes Baker, and he expects Garcia to be there, as well.

Baker would rather be matched with someone in her normal weight class, but wouldn't shy away from a rematch with Garcia.

"This time would be better because, this time, I could beat her," Baker said.

Before then, Baker will continue to seek local competition.

She looks to bounce back from her first loss at a show in Allentown on Wednesday night, followed by a possible fight Saturday in Washington, D.C. Gould would consider bringing up to eight PAL boxers to Texas, including Jose Galarraga, who advanced to the semifinals in his weight class in Missouri.

"I'm going to put a team together, and I want to include those who really want to work hard and represent us," Gould said.

Baker fits that mold.

"I would like to thank Ms. Baker for carrying the torch for female boxing in Cumberland County," Bridgeton PAL President Jerry Young said. "She has outlasted all others despite sometimes having long stretches without competing. Some coaches have been known to pull their boxers when they find out they are to face Basimah. It's disappointing for her when this happens. She just goes back to the gym and trains for the next bout."

Solved

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food order, which consisted of fried chicken and rice, and his flashlight.

Police caught a break when they found a cell phone on the ground in the area.

The cell phone rang as police discovered it had been used to place the order to the East Commerce Street Chinese restaurant, Ott said.

When questioned by police about the phone, the caller identified its owner as 19-year-old Glen Park resident Ryan M. Courney.

Police found Courney, a 17-year-old Bridgeton Villas resident, the Chinese food, a flashlight and a container of Habit dog repellent, which apparently had been sprayed in the deliveryman's face, inside a neighboring Glen Park home, Ott said.

Courney and the Bridgeton Villas teen were charged with robbery, aggravated assault, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, theft and conspiracy to commit robbery.

Courney was lodged in Cumberland County Jail on \$100,000 bail. The teen was detained at the county's juvenile detention center.

While investigating the robbery, police arrested and charged a 15-year-old Walden Drive, Fairfield Township, boy with violating the city's juvenile curfew.

Crash

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21, of Reading, was driving a stolen minivan and attempted to flee from police investigating the theft of gas from the Wawa at DeLesa Drive and Sherman Avenue shortly after 11 p.m. Sunday.

The accident occurred just before 1 a.m. Mon-

Bridgeton party with 200 attending winds up brawl with woman shot

By Sean C. McCallen

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BRIDGETON—At least one person was shot when someone opened fire during a fight at a large party on Walnut Street early Sunday.

Police were dispatched to the 100-block Walnut Street property at about 12:50 a.m. Sunday, Bridgeton Police Det. Sgt. Anthony "Skip" Calabrese said.

They found that 33-year-old Vin-

land resident Michelle Taylor had been shot once in her right buttocks.

It remained unclear Monday whether a second potential gunshot victim actually had been struck by a bullet, according to police.

Anthony Smith Sr., 41, of Irving Avenue, had a severe laceration of his right eye. He was either grazed by the bullet or struck during the fight.

It was reported that the gunman fired just one shot during a brawl at the rear of the 100-block home, accord-

ing to Calabrese.

Both Taylor and Smith were treated at South Jersey Healthcare Regional Medical Center, in Vineland, and later released.

Police estimated 200 people attended the party.

Det. Kristopher Steffler is heading the investigation into the fight and gunfire.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact police at 451-9053.

Linda Gaskill's cluttered place at 100-apartment Bridgeton high-rise had become a fire hazard

Evicted cancer victim now at Cohansey Hotel

By Greg Adomaitis

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BRIDGETON— Mittens and Lucky are both 5 years old. The latter is missing his right eye and Mittens, while physically intact, looks emotionally broken.

That is, until their owner, Linda Gaskill, asks them how they're doing and the two reach their paws out of the carrier she is forced to keep them in.

Gaskill, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in May and evicted from her apartment at the Bridgeton High-Rise, is staying at the Cohansey Hotel, for now.

The room at the Cohansey Hotel comes courtesy of the Cumberland County Social Services office in Bridgeton, with whom Gaskill recently met.

Tijal Patel, owner of the Cohansey Hotel, sends the Bridgeton office a bill for Gaskill's room at the end of the month.

She says this type of agreement between her hotel and people who have consulted Social Services happens often.

The offer wasn't extended to Gaskill's cats, however.

"I told her there are no pets allowed. I'm sorry, but it's hotel policy," said Patel.

At some point, Social Services will

stop paying for the room.

When that happens Gaskill will need to pay \$250 per week or move out, possibly to a boarding home, if upcoming doctor evaluations deem it necessary.

Bridgeton Councilwoman Gladys Lugardo-Hemple was able to track down Gaskill, who has no phone, following the initial story in *The News* about her.

She was granted a rent-free, temporary extension by the Bridgeton High-Rise until last Thursday.

The high-rise, which is managed by the Bridgeton Housing Authority, was Gaskill's home for approximately two years.

She was evicted because maintenance inspections revealed that her room had become a fire hazard.

Gaskill said she simply ran out of space to store her new belongings, sometimes keeping them in cars in the hallway outside her door.

James Howell, assistant executive director at the high-rise, declined to comment on the situation.

Ray Mair, executive director, said he would not speak about confidential information pertaining to former tenants.

"I can tell you it (eviction) is not something we do haphazardly," Mair did note.

The building, which has approxi-

mately 100 rooms, was granted a title four years ago which deemed it as housing primarily for senior citizens, according to Mair.

He said that a March 2009 grant of \$800,000 in federal stimulus money has gone a long way in building renovations and improving the relations between tenants and staff at the high-rise.

"I wanted to go to that woman's funeral," said Gaskill on Thursday while looking at a newspaper story about Tammy Tisa, who was diagnosed with a form of breast cancer and recently passed away.

Gaskill will require 18 treatments of chemotherapy in Vineland before she can undergo the surgery that will remove her left breast and lymph nodes.

She also fears her insurance company will drop her before treatments are finished.

Her hair, still full just before the third session of chemotherapy in mid-July, has become much more sparse.

She uses a single hair clip to pin down her thinning pony tail.

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Concert performers reinvent their art to win over young audiences

GETTING KIDS TO DIG CLASSICAL MUSIC



Concerts are switching from stodgy to showy

By David Reich

Dorothy Lawson's long blond hair flailed around her smiling face while she dug her bow into her cello strings with walloping force, stomping her foot to a heavy blues beat.

Moments after the separating and spattering of an amplified string quartet had stopped filling the New Providence elementary school auditorium, third graders stampeded toward the stage to beg Lawson to let them touch her shiny black cello, as though it were a rock star's prized guitar.

The leading groupies from the Alton W. Roberts Elementary School had questions for her. "How do we find you on YouTube?"

"Are you popular on iTunes?"

"Do you know Miley Cyrus?" Pop icon status — much less kid approval — usually doesn't come to classical musicians. But Lawson and her quartet, named ETHEL, weren't ordinary classical music types. ETHEL calls itself a band. And the group's recent visits to area schools were no ordinary music assemblies.

At a time when the centuries-old art form can use a dose of innovation, Lawson's New York-based band introduced the world of

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Taxes set to soar if Congress fails to act

Lapse of law could add \$1,860 to average N.J. bill

By Jim Puzanoph

LOS ANGELES TIMES

One of the sharpest divisions in midterm election campaigning is over the pending expiration of Bush-era tax cuts. But almost everyone agrees on one point: Doing nothing is not an option.

If Congress fails to act, taxes on most Americans will automatically go up next year — adding \$1,900 to the average household payment in New Jersey and an average \$1,341 nationwide, by one estimate.

Taking that money, a total of \$135 billion, out of the pockets of consumers and small businesses could be a devastating blow to the fragile economy, experts say.

President Obama proposes to continue the tax cuts except for those Americans who have the highest incomes. Taxes would rise for families making more than \$250,000 a year and individuals making more than \$200,000, to reduce the exploding budget deficit and fulfill one of Obama's major campaign promises.

But Republicans appear united in wanting to extend the tax cuts for all, providing a difficult obstacle in the Senate as it prepares to deal with the issue next month.

The debate sets the stage for a high-stakes game of chicken, with the future of American families — and the economy — in the balance.

As the administration ramped up for a breaking fight, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner spoke Wednesday on the consequences of continuing the tax cuts for top earners.

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IN OTHER NEWS

Medical team brutally killed in Afghanistan ambush

Six Americans were among 10 people slain by the Taliban, which said the volunteers were spying and trying to convert Muslims. Page 3

For Newark Mayor Cory Booker, the going gets tough quickly

With the city's budget crisis deepening, the rising Democratic star seems to be losing some of his luster. Columnist Tom Moran says. Page 11

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Climate may be changing, but its shy visionary isn't

By Abby Green

STAR-LEDGER

On recent trips to Europe, Wally Broecker was treated like a celebrity. From London to Rome, the 75-year-old Columbia University geoscientist was mobbed by reporters who hailed him as the father of global warming.

Today, on the 50th anniversary of the publication of his paper "Climate Change: Are we on the Brink of a Pliocene? Global Warming" in Science magazine, Broecker is again fielding calls from members of the media. They want to interview the man who was credited for the now-famous phrase "global warming."

Wally Broecker, an athletic great-grandfather with a halo of fuzzy white hair, just wants to get out of the limelight so he can focus on his research.

"That's not working out so well. I just got off the phone with Foreign Affairs magazine," he said Tuesday. "And Science magazine is doing something about it as well."

The scientist, who lives in Chester in Bergen County, has again become a full-fledged climate debate in light of his increasingly accurate temperature predictions in that paper, which was a side note for many years.

Unwilling to become a sideshow in the

political battles around climate policy, Broecker distances himself from scientists who are climate-change activists, such as James Hansen of NASA. Instead, he strives to do just what he did in the 1970s: outline the mysteries of the Earth from clues left by the ice ages.

Broecker has worked his entire adult life in a lab perched on the Palisades in Rockland County, N.Y.

"I think Wally's contribution is nothing less than reading the Rosetta stone — not of an ancient language, but the Rosetta stone of the Earth itself," said Jeffrey Sachs, the director of the Earth Institute

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Climate-change visionary Wally Broecker has been a fixture at Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory since the '60s.

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The Community Theatre launches its new season with monthly plays from Eugene and Moby Dick.



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Judge decides not to raise bail to \$500K for suspect in case.

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Many changes for Morris' trio of football teams this season.



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A Florida church pastor decides not to burn the holy book on Saturday.

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Robbery leads to fatal crash

Pair fled Montville store on motorcycle

By TERRY SCHEIDT

MONTVILLE — Authorities are investigating the armed robbery of a Pine Brook convenience store that led to a police pursuit and a fatal motorcycle crash on Champerlage Road early Thursday morning.

The crash, which occurred at 1:40 a.m. at the 7-Eleven at the intersection of Champerlage Road and Silver Lane in Pine Brook, were not available Thursday.

The responding police officer activated his overhead emergency lights, and the driver of the motorcycle increased his speed. The driver of the motorcycle was not, Bianchi said.



The 7-Eleven at the intersection of Champerlage Road and Silver Lane in Pine Brook was robbed at 1:40 a.m. Thursday.

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TURN TO SOAP: Family puts goats to work in business



Grace Palmer, 9, plays with Oreo and Brownie, her family's Llanero goats, in her Madison backyard. Oreo and Brownie's mother, Dakota, is the source of the milk that Grace's mother, Tracee Palmer, uses in the making of Secret Garden soap.

The kids are all right in Madison

By AARON MORRISON

MADISON — Names like De-Coeur and Hillendale — the farming goats at the center of last month's egg recall — mean little to the Palmers in Madison.

They've got their own egg-laying flock of chickens, which are given more room to roam than hens fattened in small wire cages.

However, the stars of the Palmers' backyard farms on Park Avenue are three shaggy-haired Llanero goats. One adult goat provides milk used to make Tracee Palmer's Secret Garden Soaps, which she sells at farmers' markets.

"That's where I got the whole Secret Garden idea — you'd never have met that that all this is here," said Tracee, a 49-year-old teacher's aide at St. Vincent Pro-Cath and mother to three boys and a girl.

She and her husband, Don, have spent the last five years modifying their acre-and-a-half property to accommodate a goat pen, a herbhouse, brood her bins, a greenhouse and a vegetable garden.



Tracee Palmer and daughter Grace (above) bottle-feed Brownie and Oreo. The goats always drop to their knees to drink, as if nursing from their mother. Dakota (left) sells some of her favorite goats (left) as she is milking them.

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Defense rebuffed in drowning

Lawyer sought takeover by attorney general

By PEGGY WRIGHT

Despite a defense lawyer's accusations of misconduct, a judge on Thursday declined to sanction or grill the Morris County Prosecutor's Office off the drowning homicide case of Kiefer Cordova.

Cordova's alleged admissions to drowning his wife, Eliana Torres, 26, on May 8, 2008, in the bathroom of their Morristown apartment are the subject of an ongoing pretrial hearing before Superior Court Judge Thomas V. Mossham.

The hearing will resume Oct. 22. The judge's task is to decide whether Cordova knowingly and willfully waived his constitutional rights to remain silent and get a lawyer before he spoke to detectives. If his rights were found to be violated, his statements could not be used at trial.

The judge on Thursday heard arguments from defense attorney Jessica A. Moore, who asked that the state Attorney General's Office take over the case. Moore said she has never prosecuted a court order and Cordova's constitutional rights when they met on Aug. 26 with a state's witness who had not finished giving her pre-trial testimony.

Apologizing for her emotionalism, county Executive Assistant Prosecutor Maggie Calderwood declined the allegations of unethical behavior. Calderwood said she had a duty to question the witness — state Division of Youth and Family Services worker Beatriz "Terey" Ortiz — because her court testimony in August differed from her earlier statements.



The judge's task is to decide whether Kiefer Cordova of Morristown knowingly and freely waived his constitutional rights to remain silent.

Tracee Palmer and daughter Grace (above) bottle-feed Brownie and Oreo. The goats always drop to their knees to drink, as if nursing from their mother. Dakota (left) sells some of her favorite goats (left) as she is milking them.

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Atlantic Health, Newton hospital talk merger

By MICHAEL DAGLE

Atlantic Health Systems and Newton Memorial Hospital are discussing a merger, officials said Thursday.

Atlantic Health, which operates Morristown Memorial Hospital and other facilities, and Newton, an

acute-care facility in Sussex County, have been discussing the arrangement since January, spokesman Michael J. Zelenka said.

On Wednesday, the Sussex County Board of Freeholders voted unanimously to write a letter in support of the merger, and Freeholder Susan Zolman, the

state Department of Health and Senior Services, said she brought the issue to the Sussex board after discussing it with Newton Memorial President Thomas Seiler.

Should the separate hospital boards vote to pursue a merger, they would be required to file a certificate of need application with the state Department of

Health and Senior Services. That application calls for the hospitals to submit letters of support from local governments and institutions. The state department said Wednesday it had not received any such application.

Zolman said the Sussex letter will be drafted by

Freeholder Director Jeffrey Farrell. County Administrator John Fallone and county counsel Dennis McCannelli also are involved in the process.

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Haitian master's works accent Ramapo collection

By JIM BECKERMAN
STAFF WRITER

The impact of the Jan. 12 earthquake was felt far beyond Haiti. The aftermaths even reached Bergen County — home, as it happens, to the largest academic collection of Haitian art in the U.S.

"Mystical Imagination: The Art of Haitian Master Hector Hypollite," a touring show of some 29 pieces running through April 21 at Ramapo College's Berrie Center in Mahwah, is a more companion exhibit to the almost 400 Haitian objects of art on permanent display at the college's Rodman Gallery. No surprise, given recent headlines, that attendance is up.

"There are more people, and new people, wandering through the galleries," says Sydney O. Jenkins, director of art galleries at Ramapo. In addition to the appalling destruction of life (200,000 deaths by one estimate) and property, the quake took a devastating toll on Haiti's culture.

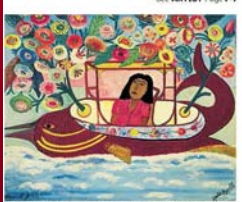
Countless paintings, murals, statues and other artwork, some of it from galleries and some of it part of Haiti's colorful, vibrant street life, have been plundered into rubble — including works by Hypollite (1904-1948), generally considered the Raphael of the Haitian Renaissance.

"I think he was the first one to have the 'genius' word linked to his name," Jenkins says. "He was one of the first to be written about." In a country where art is a part of everyday life and even the public buses have to be gaudily painted if they want customers, Hypollite's art stood out.

"Native" or "primitive," art scholars might call it — but the colorful depictions of snakes, bananas, watermelon, fish and flowers, intermixed with voodoo signs and other mystical symbols, caught the attention of tourists and art scholars in the 1940s. "They have a tremendous impact," Jenkins says. "He did paint, repeatedly, with chickens feathers and with his fingers."

Hypollite, one of the unschooled geniuses who came to hone their creations in the Centre d'Art at Port-au-Prince, became a kind of tourist attraction in the 1940s — notorious for his many mistresses and wild lifestyle, visited by notables like Truman Capote, championed by French surrealist Andre Breton, the subject of exhibitions in Paris.

He was also one of the artists who came to the early attention of Selden Rodman — a Bergen County poet and art scholar whose books such as the 1988 "Where Art Is Joy" are widely credited.



Hector Hypollite's "Ezuzule Au Finest Dolphin," done in the late 1940s, is one of his works on display.

ROCK GARDENS

Schools focused on 'classical' acts give North Jersey youths a chance to bloom musically



Students at School of Rock can get individual lessons on guitar or other instruments; below, a tour group of prospective students and parents watches a jam session during an open house in Tenafly.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TARIQ ZHAWA



STAFF WRITER

U ntil very recently, 9-year-old Kaitlyn Meisner's musical hero was Taylor Swift. By now, though, her idol could be anyone else. It might be Joni Mitchell. Or Justin Koolha. Or Steve Nicks.

That's because Meisner has enrolled in Tenafly's new School of Rock, a sort of rock-and-roll conservatory where the philosophy is equal parts music training and — no offense to Swift — refinement of personal taste. The Tenafly school, which opened last week, following the launches of a Waldbrook franchise in mid-March and one in South Hackensack in 2004, will serve as School of Rock's flagship location for its 54 franchises throughout North America.

At School of Rock, kids internate Led Zeppelin and AC/DC the same way students at Juillard embrace Handel or Bach. To School of Rock CEO Matt Ross, a Creskill resident, the difference is negligible. "For us, we do teach classical music. We just differ on who the classics are," he says, pointing out that the school's fundamental focus is on ear training and discipline. "To us the classics are the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and The Who, and far be it [from] anyone to say that John Lennon isn't the modern-day Beethoven."

But the real difference, Ross says, is that School of Rock tends to relate better with young folks than classical training does — an observation bolstered by the 2005 documentary "Rock School," which chronicled School of Rock's early years in Philadelphia. Back then, middle kids were guided to a well-rounded appreciation of music by a zany rock-musician-turned-teacher named Paul Green (the school was originally called the Paul Green School of Rock). Green left in 2009, and Ross took the reins.

"We've taken a tremendous amount of Paul's systems and beliefs and fine-tuned them," says Ross. "We changed our name, and we're slightly repositioned as we go forward, but the inspiration is still very similar. It's about giving kids the special opportunity to play music in a performance-based, proactive program."

That opportunity comes at a price tag ranging from \$195 to \$125 per month, but the school's rapid expansion indicates that parents consider it

Fame by film
School of Rock launched in 1998 as the Paul Green School of Rock in Philadelphia. Green's unconventional teaching style and the popularity of his program gained notice, leading to a documentary titled "Rock School" (2005), produced by A&E and filmed and edited by Green. Though formal credit is given, it is also widely believed that Jack Black's role in Paramount Pictures' "School of Rock" (2003) was inspired by Green.

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Park service hears power line concerns

By BRUCE A. SCRUTON
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BUCKLE UP, Pa., — The public comment period for the 19th land management plan for the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area drew 70 personal statements and fewer than 30 written comments.

In the most recent set of hearings conducted by the National Park Service, the park, several thousand people took part through the park, several thousand people took part through the park, several thousand people took part through the park.

However, Stillwater resident Lisa Chantagis said more focused Tuesday night



on one of the findings of that management plan — an additional public utility should be built through the park.

Monday's hearing at the Furness Resort and Hotel was the start of a second set of public hearings and comment periods over the

Superiorans Board project, a proposal by Public Service Electric & Gas and PSE to build a 230-kilovolt transmission line along a corridor that already carries a 230-kilovolt line.

But that corridor is proposed by the two utilities, traverses over more than four miles of the recreation area.

Paul Capelli, a consultant with David Evans and Associates, center discusses alternative power line routes with Anneke Harris, left, and Alberta Harp, both of Franklin, Pa., during a National Park Service open house on the PSEG power line project Tuesday at Furness Resort and Hotel in Franklin.

As known at the scoping document. Out of that process, which included several thousand comments from the Middle Delaware National Scenic River and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

Little-known panel holds purse strings

State House Commission's deals draw criticism

By PHILLIP MOLNAR
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In July, the state accepted money from a Texas-based energy company to pay for a pipeline across 100 acres of state-owned land. At some meetings, the commission has voted verbally on a bracketed list of proposed and rejected such as a dozen deals with a single vote. Most often, no financial terms are mentioned in public and the votes are taken within moments of their introduction.

Several times, legislators who are on the commission have left the meeting early, but announced their neighbors at the table to cast affirmative votes across the board.

Although public attendance at commission meetings is typically less than at local council or Board of Education meetings, the



A marker shows the location of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline compressor station on county Route 626 in Wallingford.

commission reached by the eight-person body have for reaching consequences for Sussex County and New Jersey as a whole.

"It's really hard to find their agenda," said Kate Milligan, a coordinator for the New Jersey Highlands Coalition. "The public really doesn't know what they do."

MY LAND IS YOUR LAND

The State House Commission was created in 1963 by the New Jersey Legislature to control the sale and leasing of state-owned property.

The governor is the presiding officer — although he does not preside in day-to-day operations or voting — and decisions are made by the state treasurer or the director of the Office of Management and Budget, the lieutenant governor or a deputy state treasurer. Ten appointed members of the state Senate and two appointed members of the General Assembly.

The five-member commission's tasks range from setting rental prices for Department of Environmental Protection

owned property in Sussex County's State Park, to demarcating Camden's Riverfront State Park.

The State House Commission is also the clearinghouse for the judicial review system, deciding upon pensions and benefits for judges across the state.

Richard Webster, a Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic staff attorney, said the commission's public involvement sometimes gives "short shrift" to conservation issues and a broad view of the impact of its decisions.

Webster said recently, "It takes a narrow view of the issues and a broad view of the impact."

Although lengthy disputes sometimes do take place, the heated discussions about the building of a psychiatric hospital in Marlborough Township that lasted off and on, from 2007 to 2008, actions are still approved without objections to prices and environmental concerns.

There are also the moments of recognition at the sometimes-haphazard sessions.

Had it's appropriate, I'll move the motion to approve this very sloppily performed transaction here," commission member and state Sen. Bob Smith, D-Morris and Somerset, said at a June meeting before voting to increase the size of a student housing building at Montclair State University.

Smith said the New Jersey Herald in a phone interview with the way the body is run, the commission's role is "to do the right thing by the taxpayer," he admitted. "The recent Tennessee Gas Pipeline deal did not do the opposite."

"That pipeline will generate tens of millions of dollars for the company," he said of PSEG Corp. Smith was the only member of the commission to vote against the pipeline.

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Study: 1 in 5 teens has slight hearing loss

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
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CHICAGO — A stunning one in five teens has lost a little bit of hearing, and the problem has increased substantially in recent years, a new national study has found.

Some experts are urging teenagers to turn down the volume on their digital music players. The study found that music through earbuds may be in blame — although hard evidence is lacking. They were that slight hearing loss was "slight," defined as inability to hear at 16 to 24 decibels — or sounds such as

whisper or rustling leaves. A teenager with slight hearing loss might not be able to hear water dripping or his mother whispering "good night."

Extrapolating to the nation's teens, that would mean about 6.5 million with at least slight hearing loss. Those with slight hearing loss "will hear of the crowd sounds clearly, but might miss some of the conversation," such as a teacher's name.

"Although speech will be detectable, it might not be fully intelligible," he said.



Matthew Brady, 17, of Flandersburg, Md., who has some mild hearing loss, uses his fingers to sense an earthquake with the volume turned up while resting on a television set.

Open space tax buys \$300,000 snack bar in Northfield

City Council awards a contract for the contentious project, which will be funded through a county grant.

BY CHRISTOPHER RAMIREZ
Staff Writer
NORTHFIELD — A new snack bar for a local park, nearly \$300,000. The median assessed value of a home here about \$343,000. A lengthy and contentious process

came to an end Tuesday night when the Northfield City Council settled on a deal to build a food concession and meeting facility at Birch Grove Park. The City Council passed a resolution to award a contract to Brigantine-based Simpson Builders for \$298,200, with all council members but Councilman Henry Martinez voting in favor of the project.

The deal brings to a close an issue that was in early spring and has been a source of dispute in a way

where, according to Tax Assessor Mark Sykes, the median assessed value of a home is \$245,782. Northfield is using a \$300,000 grant from the Atlantic County Open Space Trust Fund to finance the project, but residents in recent months have questioned whether that was proper use of the money.

The city received the grant in 2008 as part of a \$6.6 million package approved by the county board. The controversy around the project

extended to the proposals of the companies hoping to construct the project. City Council, which just the project to bid three times, entered into a brief 15-minute executive session Tuesday to review a proposal filed by one of the bidders as in which company made the best offer.

Prior to closing the meeting, Council President Tim Caves announced that it was a "long, drawn-out

VIETNAM MEMORIAL IN WILDWOOD A monument to sacrifice



Anne Killen, of Lancaster County, Pa., looks at items left at the base of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Ocean and Burk avenues in Wildwood. Killen's brother survived a tour of duty in Vietnam. The Wildwood memorial is a half-sized replica of the original wall in Washington, D.C.

Replica wall gives region a place to pay respects, remember

By TRUDI GILFILLIAN
Staff Writer
WILDWOOD — Strains of "Wildwood Days" play in the background as a speaker at the Wildwoods Convention Center announces the city's upcoming events, but across the street, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial remains silent. Visitors come here only when they are ready. Since Wildwood's version of the Washington war memorial was dedicated May 25, visitors have come at all hours, some leaving behind mementos to remember their friends and loved ones, some just wanting to pay their respects.



John and Denise DeLuca, of Brooklyn, N.Y., point out names on the memorial wall. They visited the site with their son, Charles Koon, who is an army veteran of the Desert Shield operations in Iraq and is reflected in the wall's black granite.

They leave behind American flags, flowers — both real and silk — crosses, candles, military insignia and photographs. The items will remain until they become too worn or faded, at which point they will

become part of a permanent collection of keepsakes maintained by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 950 of the Wildwoods, the group that led the effort to raise the more than \$120,000 needed to erect the wall. The setting is very unlike that of Washington, D.C. The wall, at 240 feet long, is half the size of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the nation's capital. Here, families in brightly colored bathing suits hurry past hauling beach chairs, coolers and lounge towels, a reflection of the Great White outer-cooler stands out in the wall's dark panels.

But the memorial lies as many names — 58,513, with room for more — in the larger one. And the visitors come here to pay tribute to those they

Christie to apply for jobs funding

A bill signed into law Tuesday could give New Jersey \$568 million, saving as many as 5,900 education jobs.

By DIANE D'AMICO
Education Writer

Republican Gov. Chris Christie will apply for the state's estimated \$268 million share of \$4 billion in stimulus money to save jobs in education, his spokesman said Tuesday.

Summersed back from summer break, the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday pushed through an emergency \$28 billion jobs bill to protect more than 300,000 teachers, police and others from election-year layoffs. President Barack Obama signed the bill into law, also on Tuesday. The bill provides \$10 billion that could save as many as 100,000 school jobs nationwide and 2,000 in New Jersey. The additional \$18 billion would extend for six months increased Medicaid payments to the states. That would pay for money for states to meet other budget priorities, including keeping more than 150,000 police officers and other public workers on the payroll.

The House approved the bill by a 247-161 vote, largely along party lines. Democrats said the bill was needed before children return to classrooms minus teachers laid off because of budgetary crises in states that have been hard hit by the recession. Republicans called the bill a gateway

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Ramadan fast begins

Muslims in the region and throughout the world begin the holy month of Ramadan on Tuesday evening. Today will be the first day of fasting. Story on C1.

Fewer boaters arrested drunk in New Jersey

Police and marine experts report a decline in drunken boating in New Jersey.

By MICHAEL MILLER

Boaters in New Jersey are behaving more responsibly on the water than they did years ago, police and marine experts say. And while boating fatalities are up significantly this summer over all of last year, none of the accidents involved alcohol, police said.

This changing attitude could be a reflection of a mandatory eight-hour water safety course and ocean state laws passed in 2004 that tie drunken boating offenses to driving privileges. New Jersey

Boaters convicted of a first offense face a fine of as much as \$500 plus a three-hour suspension of 90 days in a year. Subsequent convictions involve longer license suspensions and jail time.

"People who are out there boating are usually people who are affluent to be. They have jobs to support. They have to protect their ability to drive," State Police spokesman Sgt. Stephen Jones

New Jersey State Marine Police arrested just three people for boating under the influence of

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At The Shore
The New York Pops gives Barry Manilow for performances in Atlantic City.

Little League
Will the Lincoln Little League team win its first state title in 10 and 11-year olds?

Summer 2010 one of hottest on record

A.C. International Airport has recorded 34 days with temperatures warmer than 90 degrees.

By DAN GOOD and ELAINE ROSE
Staff Writers

Summer 2010 continues to set the record for the date, 57 degrees, set in 2001. Another day of 90-plus-degree heat on Tuesday gave the region 34 scorches so far this season, tying for the third-most over 90-degree days in a season at Atlantic City International Airport, where records have been kept since 1958, according to the National

Weather Service. That matches the 50-degree-plus tally of 1989 and 2002. This season could easily exceed the second-place mark of 37 over-90 days set in 1991, the all-time mark is 43, set in 1983. The high reached 104 Tuesday, falling just a few degrees short of the record for the date, 97 degrees, set in 2001.

Expect more heat today. National Weather Service meteorologist Valerie Meola expects temperatures to reach into the low 90s again. Showers and a low of 67 degrees are expected for the heat Thursday, starting off a string of 10-degree days.

Temperatures in the 80s aren't the type to challenge records, though in the 80s are — normal! Except? Ordinary? Those are three words that defy this year — and this summer's — weather patterns. Remember, the year began with record snowfall, followed by record rain — and now, record heat.

Joe Romano Jr. isn't complaining. His family owns Sea Isle City Ice Creamery. The company brings its extra workers on heat-bested days, such as Tuesday. Days like these have

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A Day in Life

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ROASTED PEPPERS STUFFED WITH RICOTTA

4 red or yellow bell peppers, preferably a combination
1 cup ricotta
2 tablespoons capers, chopped
1 tablespoon olive oil, plus more for finishing
Pinch crushed red pepper
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
1 tablespoon minced chives

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a pyramid pan with aluminum foil and place the whole peppers on top. Roast, turning occasionally, until the peppers are charred and shriveled, about 45 minutes. Set aside to cool.

While the peppers are roasting, roughly stir together in a small bowl the ricotta, capers, olive oil, red pepper, salt and freshly ground black pepper and chives. Taste and add more salt if necessary.

After the peppers have cooled, peel away the tough skins and discard. Remove the stems and use your fingers to rub off any seeds that stick. Divide the peppers into lengthwise strips about 2 inches wide (usually this will mean in quarters). Place a scant tablespoon of ricotta filling at one end of the pepper and roll tightly to the end, pressing gently to keep the filling together. Place each completed roll on a plate.

When all of the pepper pieces have been used, lightly drizzle the completed rolls with a little olive oil and sprinkle with salt before serving.

Source: McClatchy Newspapers

TRAVEL

GEO QUIZ
Which of the U.S. national parks is on an island in a lake?
"Spino, Japan City, Oni, Awa, Ka Popovians, Jolly, Art, J. Perry, Alan, Jo, Upson, Karl, Al, Yelkovic, It, Wala, Maccione, Arling, Aya, Lashinsky"

Source: McClatchy Newspapers

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BUILDS SHEED LIGHT ON CREATIVE DESIGN
British manufacturer Hager has put an imaginative twist on compact fluorescent light bulbs. The company recently introduced Plumon OOI, an artist take on the spiral-shape bulb.

The energy-saving bulb is available only in Europe, but the site hick.com/photos/plumon-eri promises U.S. sales are coming soon.

The Plumon OOI sells for 20 British pounds or 30 euros — the equivalent of \$33 to \$39.

Source: McClatchy Newspapers



Pam and John Ricketta's rescue boxers, Gina, Bella, Bruno, Vito and Sam gather around for breakfast time.

Puff-ined dining

Gourmet dog food is a breed apart

BY KELLY HOLT
The Express-Times

John and Pam Ricketta started making their own natural dog food 15 years ago for their rescue boxers with a blend of 90-10 sirkins they purchased from B/R Provision Company. Rick Rogers, president of B/R Provision Company, has transformed their homemade recipe into a gourmet dog food company — The Barefoot Biscuit Company.

"When you have dogs that come from different areas and you don't know what they've been eating, you need something they can all eat. (This mix) is healthier and you know exactly what's in it," John Ricketta says.

The Rickettas would make a 40-pound batch of food once a

66 It's real simple — five ingredients, it's slow, kettle-cooked and sold in frozen two-pound tubs for \$6.

Rick Rogers, president of B/R Provision Company

month and freeze it. Combined with brown rice, peas, carrots and spinach, the mix provided the maximum amount of nutrition for their rescue boxers without any chemicals or byproducts that could cause additional health complications.

"What bothered us the most is that you don't know what those byproducts are," Ricketta says. Rogers asked the Rickettas for their recipe so he could make it in 900-pound bulk batches for Din Din Doggie to be sold under the

label of The Barefoot Biscuit Company.

Din Din Doggie has no preservatives, artificial flavors, colors or added chemicals. The mix is fit for human consumption, Ricketta adds.

"It's real simple — five ingredients," Rogers says. "It's slow, kettle-cooked and sold in frozen two-pound tubs for \$6."

Before the product went to market, it was tested on several dogs of varied breeds. The Rickettas asked Dr. Vincent Zaccaro, a local veterinarian and owner of Warren Animal Hospital, to see how the product went over with his animals.

"We tried it on boarding animals at the hospital and recovering dogs they seemed to accept it quickly," Zaccaro says. "It was nutritionally complete and had good palatability. We didn't see any dog who wouldn't try it."

Zaccaro says dogs of all ages from puppies to seniors accepted the food.

"The meat is good quality — it seemed to be very wholesome," Zaccaro says. "Other products can have beef in it, but it's the lower quality meat, and most of them do have additives."

Rogers hopes to get his product into national chains such as Petco, but for now he's forming a niche in the smaller, regional pet shops. Din Din Doggie is sold at B/R Provision, 1225 Northampton St., Easton, and Dutch Mill Market, 561 Millford Warren Glen Road, Millford.

Rogers hopes The Barefoot Biscuit Company, established in 2007, will expand to include chicken and lamb products, as well as natural cookies in the future.



Photo courtesy of The Barefoot Biscuit Company

Din Din Doggie is marketed under the Barefoot Biscuit Company label. The product contains 90% sirkins, peas, carrots, brown rice and spinach.

"It's hard to get people to put out dollars for a new product in this economy," Rogers says. "I think once people get it in a dog's mouth they'll see how easy and convenient it is to use."

The product is designed to be mixed with dry kibble, a fact that Rogers' own 1-year-old black Labrador, Beto, has learned.

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"I'm embarrassed and deeply, deeply sorry for my choice and actions after Mr. Christofi's death."

Jayson Williams, during his statement at sentencing

"I think he's sorry he got caught, that's all."

Andrea Adams, Christofi's sister

A day of anguish and anger



Jayson Williams addresses the court during his sentencing yesterday, eight years and 10 days after he fatally shot his limousine driver, Costas Christofi, at his Hunterdon County estate. Below, Andrea Adams, Christofi's sister, closes her eyes as she rests her head atop his photograph.

Ex-Net's 5-year term doesn't fit the crime, victim's sister says

By Jennifer Geison
STAR-LEDGER STAFF

At the height of his success he was a millionaire many times over, a charismatic regular on late-night talk shows and a bon vivant whose travels through Manhattan's nightlife—celebrities at his side—made him a household name in gossip columns.

Yesterday, a decade removed from his standing as a star performer with the New Jersey Nets, a very different Jayson Williams began a new chapter of his life as a prison inmate.

■ A timeline of the Jayson Williams prosecution. Page 2

Williams — seemingly confident, emotional and nearly fearless — was sentenced to five years behind bars for the 2002 shooting death of limousine driver Costas "Gus" Christofi at the former player's mansion in Alexandria Township.

Williams, 42, must serve at least 18 months before he is eligible for parole. He was taken into custody immediately after the sentencing in Somerville.

The hearing marked the first public exchange between Williams and Christofi's sister, Andrea Adams.

"I sincerely apologize for my actions that caused this death," he said, turning to face Adams. "I'm embarrassed and deeply, deeply sorry for my choice and actions after Mr. Christofi's death. I pray that today brings you some comfort."

His voice broke as he extended an apology to his family, leading supporters to wipe tears from their eyes.

"Please forgive me for the pain that I have caused to you," Williams said. "To my children, you deserve a better father, son, brother than I have been."

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Broken by pain, blinded by tears



Costas "Gus" Christofi was shot and killed by Jayson Williams eight years and 10 days ago. Christofi's sister has died a little every day since.

All the legal filings, hearings and delays, the trial and appeals have left Andrea Adams broken. There is no greater way to put it.

"More's not the same person she used to be," said her son, Christopher. "It has aged her dramatically. Probably, I'm surprised it hasn't killed her. I'm just glad she lived to see this."

Yesterday, Andrea Adams, who attended every day of every court



Mark Di Iorio

hearing was not just weeping but blue tears to her, and Williams, in between, was an ill-defined stalk of dread.

Andrea Adams is all but blind today, the victim of a chronic eye disease she says is exacerbated by stress, and so she couldn't see Jayson Williams mouth the words "I'm sorry" twice in her direction as he was handcuffed.

"I lost my sight because of all the stress and all the crying doesn't help," she said.

Her health has generally deteriorated. There is a bone scan to be done.

SEE DI IORIO, PAGE 2

These toll collectors need to make change — in their rude behavior

By Mike Frassinelli
STAR-LEDGER STAFF

E-ZPass was invented to avoid toll collectors like this.

One collector told a woman who entered the wrong lane that she would have to go inside for a strip search. Another threatened to bring in make change for \$20 on a \$1.75 toll, allegedly threw the change and told the driver to get on the road and die.

Still another, apparently angry over a dog sniffing out the window, reportedly asked where the driver was going to be at 7 a.m. "I can't even post up."

Those are just three examples taken from more than 200 complaint letters filed by drivers against toll collectors on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway in 2009 and 2008.

The letters, with redacted names, were released by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, which oversees the two highways, after a U.S. Freedom of Information Act request was filed by theturnpike.com.

Some of the letters are more piling than a Turnpike pileup.

When a woman gave \$5.25 for a \$4.25 toll on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway in 2009 and 2008, one complaint says, the collector at Exit 9 in East Brunswick mistakenly gave her 75 cents change — then got rude and nasty.

When she asked for the correct change "because he was busy on his cell order ing a pizza with extra pepperoni."

Apparently, paying a toll with pennies on a \$100 bill is a collector's version of fingernails on a chalkboard.

"What kind of expectation comes in with a \$100 bill?" the collector asked a driver at Exit 12 in Carteret on Aug. 30, 2009, according to one complaint.

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Restaurant Row has French connection

CrepeMaker to open Wed. in Vineland

By KRISTI FOMEROSK Staff Writer

VINELAND — A piece of Paris has arrived on East Landis Avenue.

CrepeMaker, a restaurant chain that has opened its debut in Vineland on Wednesday, has an early start on the scene. The restaurant is located at 607 E. Landis Ave. The restaurant is a key element in the development of Restaurant Row.



CrepeMaker and Marlynn Bernhardt are the co-owners of CrepeMaker. The restaurant is located at 607 E. Landis Ave. Photo by KRISTI FOMEROSK

McNabb traded to Redskins

By JOEL LANDAU Staff Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb is changing uniforms and staying in the NFC East.



The Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday night traded the 25-year-old quarterback back to the Washington Redskins.

McNabb was more than a franchise quarterback for this team. Eagles Chairman Jeffrey Lurie said, "The Eagles truly embodied all of the attributes of a great quarterback and of a great person."

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Resurrection and rejoicing



The Rev. Larry Potansky reads from the Bible during Mass on Easter Sunday at St. Hubert's Farmer Roman Catholic Church in Vineland.

Easter is time for self-reflection

By JOEL LANDAU Staff Writer

VINELAND — Christians filled pews at local churches on Easter Sunday to reinforce their own spirituality on the holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.

Attendance on Easter is always very high, said the Rev. Larry Potansky of St. Hubert's Farmer Roman Catholic Church on Macaulay Road.

On Sunday, Potansky conducted his first Easter service as a priest, and said the experience was phenomenal.

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Lamb on the lam in Vineland

By JOEL LANDAU Staff Writer

VINELAND — Authorities responded when an East Vineland family's planned Easter dinner ran away into the woods over the weekend.

Some city residents had purchased a baby lamb with intention to slaughter the animal and serve it as Easter dinner, said Rev. Green, executive director of the Cumberland County Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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INSIDE:

Pope defended Human at Vatican's East Catholic Church on Macaulay Road. On Sunday, Potansky conducted his first Easter service as a priest, and said the experience was phenomenal.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you find the runaway lamb, contact the Cumberland County SPCA at (856) 891-1100 or Vineland Animal Care at (856) 794-4000, ext. 4056.

The lamb had run away from the home and ended up in a wooded area, in a creek that leads into Mountain Lake. It slipped on a small island in the creek, and Stary and the firefighters tried to retrieve it, Green said.

Firefighters climbed into a small boat in pursuit of the lamb, trying to secure it in Stary's direction, but instead the animal ran into the woods. Vineland Animal Care Officer Duane Stary and city firefighters responded to the 2300 block of Brookhaven Drive at 2:44 p.m. Saturday.

Photo by McNabb on 12

Officials: Newcomb project still alive

By KRISTI FOMEROSK Staff Writer

VINELAND — One of the city's largest ongoing economic development projects would be severely affected if state legislators approve Gov. Chris Christie's budget proposal.

But the governor's plans won't stop officials from moving forward with the planned Newcomb Alliance Medical Center.

"This is not important to happen to our city," said Sandy Fomrosky, the city's redevelopment director.

Vineland has been planning to transform the former Newcomb Hospital into a medical center, complete with a school, training facilities and medical services.

Photo by McNabb on 12



SPRING IN FULL BLOOM

The Dixon gift, owner of Green Valley Farms on Arnold Road in Pittsgrove, and Trent David Madson talk Saturday while they stand with some flowers in a program afternoon. Photo by KRISTI FOMEROSK on page A2.

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Birders see more of their type of kite

The bird-watching community in southern New Jersey is having a kite festival this spring, the kind where you can spot a kite instead of fly one. Mississippi kites, southern birds of prey that sail on the breeze and catch insects, are turning up around Cape May in relatively large numbers, three one day, then seven Thursday.

And their visits each spring have increased during the past two decades. In 1992, seven New Jersey kites were seen south of the Cape May canal in a day, the most so far.

The trend is enough to make birders wonder if these laughing-gull-sized raptors might try nesting in our region, which would be a first for the state.

Don Friday, director of banding programs at the Cape May Bird Observatory, said Mississippi kites have bred as far north as New Hampshire, but never in New Jersey or New York.

"The pair that nested in New Hampshire was probably a couple of adventurous individuals off from a launchpad at Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Friday, boosting progress for privately funded ventures to one day take astronauts into space as easily as we do."

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PRIVATE SPACE EXPLORATION

Falcon soars, NASA cheers



The Falcon 9 blasts off from its launchpad Friday at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. The mission was funded by Hawthorne, Calif.-based Space Exploration Technologies Corp., or SpaceX, and multimillionaire investor Elon Musk, who made his fortune when he sold the online service PayPal in 2002.

Commercial rocket's success could take pressure off NASA

By W.J. HENNIGAN

Los Angeles Times

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source more space missions to private businesses.

"This launch of the Falcon 9 gives us even more confidence that a resupply vehicle will be available after the space shuttle fleet is retired," NASA Administrator Charles Bolden said in a statement.

NASA has invested more than \$200 million in seed money to help the company develop and build the rocket. The space agency has already awarded SpaceX an additional \$16 billion in contracts to transport cargo to the International space station, starting as early as next year.

"I think it's clearly a victory for Obama's vision. It shows that a private launch firm — not named Boeing or Lockheed — can create a heavy-lift rocket."

Marco Caress, senior space analyst for Teal Group Corp., noting that until Friday, spacecraft development had been dominated by aerospace giants Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp. "It shows that a private launch firm — not named Boeing or Lockheed — can create a heavy-lift rocket."

SpaceX, which employs more than 1,000 people, makes its rockets in a sprawling facility that once housed the production line for

Boeing's 747 jumbo jet.

Musk, 38, who made a fortune when he sold online payment business PayPal Inc. in 2002, said he started SpaceX with the goal of developing and launching rockets at a fraction of the cost of the current generation of spacecraft.

The average space shuttle mission costs about \$1 billion, Musk said. He would be able to charge about \$50 million to haul cargo to the space station.

Other private rocket ventures have made the same kind of pitch to the government, but with little success.

"The pressure on this launch was incredible. It was a relief to see these guys succeed more than 1 million pounds of thrust, boosted it to an altitude of more than 50 miles. Then the upper stage propelled the rocket into orbit."

Shortly after the upper stage ignited, the camera mounted on the rocket showed that the rocket rolled a bit more than SpaceX engineers had expected.

But the mission was considered a success, Musk said. "It was a near bull's-eye."

Falcons are a relatively common occurrence in the early flights of a new rocket, and rocket scientists often learn as much from these early failures as they do from their successes," said John Holdren, White House science policy adviser. "This single test is not a make-or-break test for the commercial launch industry or for the administration's effort to broaden our capabilities in space."

The Falcon 9 rocket lifted off at 2:51 p.m. Friday and reached orbit nine minutes later. SpaceX officials said the two-stage rocket was initially slated to launch in the morning but was delayed after several earlier attempts were aborted because of technical anomalies. It stood almost four hours before being cleared for launch.

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Venus has hot date with twins

By FRED SCHAF

For The Press

This week, in the evening, brilliant Venus will form a hot date with the bright, close-together points of light, slightly orange Pollux is believed to possess at least one planet. But whether or not you have a telescope or ponder the true nature of these famous stars, the sight of them lining up with Venus on Friday evening should be beautiful.

Actually, the sight is more than that. On Friday, Thursday and Saturday also should be impressive. But on Friday, Venus will be a little farther from Pollux than Pollux is from Castor, and the whole arrangement will form a straight line that is longer than the width of your fist at arm's length.

And then the movie: On Sunday, if you look well before 9:30 p.m., and have an unobstructed view down to near the west northern horizon, you should see a very slender crescent moon far below Pollux and Castor. Then add

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Meteor event ID'd in Whitman poem

Los Angeles Times

Scholars have for decades tried to identify a puzzling celestial event in one of Walt Whitman's poems from his collection "Leaves of Grass."

Astronomer Don Olson, lead author of the article, said the comet had to be the most common of stars, discovered in the northern hemisphere here 18 of that year, the others even proved more difficult.

The breakthrough came in 2000, when Olson picked up a catalog of works by 19th-century landscape artist Frederic Edwin Church.

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Rare bird alert

■ A Dickcissel was seen Sunday and Monday at the Cape May Migratory Bird Refuge.

■ A Mississippi kite was seen Saturday and Sunday at the Management Area in Lower Township.

■ Two black-necked stilts were seen Friday at the Cranbury Wildlife Refuge and late at Cape May Pier State Park.

■ A sandwich tern was seen Thursday at the Holgate unit of the Cranbury Foryngho National Wildlife Refuge on Long Beach Island.

For more information, call the Cape May Bird Observatory at 609-985-2473 or visit: www.birdtagmag.org





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Strike a paws

Holiday pet photos gain pup-ularity

BY DOUGLAS B. BIRLL
The Express-Times

If pets could talk, quite a few of them this time of year would be saying "cheese."

Portrait photography always surges around the holidays, but photographers say they're also hearing more and more requests to include pets in holiday photos.

"It's our biggest season of the year," says Angela Nicole Stehl, who respected her Booch Smooth Photography studio in Northampton would handle some 600 pet photos this season.

"There have definitely been more requests" for pet photos, said Dana Lane, of Dana Lane Photography in Millard.

Among Stehl's shots, one shows a dachshund in an elf outfit. It's lay snuggled beneath a red and green pine's top. Another shows six corgi dogs planted in cotton snow, their heads hooked curiously with a line of presents behind them. There's also a cat emerging from a stocking and dogs on Santa's lap.

Yet another shows a Labrador



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in a Santa outfit, its eyebrows pitched pitifully, mouth partly open, tongue slightly dangling. It might just be an exhausted look, but the dog assembly adds "Just where did you come up with this idea?"

Stehl and Lane have a theory: Young couples are waiting longer to have kids, so having their time with pets and are treating the pets as surrogate children.

"Families are becoming four-legged," Stehl says. "They're filling that missing role. I think for younger couples, they're definitely becoming a more promi-

nent part of the family." "I'm thinking more people are not having children or maybe their kids grow up and move out — so they're taking their pets and treating them like children," Lane says.

Stehl, however, at least in his natural environment, does not go shopping for sweaters. And the only reasonable explanation for why he's wearing a Santa hat is that it's pretty cute.

It raises the question: Aren't holiday pet portraits a kind of silly? "Pets want to be part of the season, too," Stehl says with a

laugh. "So why not?" "You don't want to come off as nuts," Lane says. "But there's nothing wrong with being cute. People love their pets, and if you want to put your dog in a tux and the pet doesn't have any objection to it, I don't either."

Pets are prone to fits that might require a handkerchief or top-dry cleaner. Yet Stehl says she has little trouble convincing Santa to pose for photos with pets, even if those pets are hedgehogs, skunks or snakes.

She says pets usually give some warning before a bite or an accident, and she doesn't recall any Santa-related catastrophes.

"Most of the pets are well socialized," Stehl says, "and I think most of them are used to the idea of being handled by a jolly fat man."

As might be expected, Stehl and Lane each are animal lovers. Stehl's three dogs are dressed in sweaters for the holidays and often become the subject of her shoots. Lane doesn't dress her two dogs or cat, and she doesn't plan to make them the subject of a greeting card. But she understands the sentiment.

ENTER THE HOLIDAY PHOTO CONTEST

Visit lehighvalleylive.com/photo-contest to upload your holiday pet picture — or any other festive photograph — in the online contest.

■ The winner will receive a print of the photo and see it published in the Express-Times.

■ The submission deadline is Jan. 3. Visit the website the following week to vote for your favorite among three finalists.

"I even have friends that send me cards with their pets in different states," she said. "They put reindeer antlers on them or have them on Santa's lap."

"They don't have children," she added. "They have two dogs instead."

Sunday Letter Douglas B. Birll can be reached at 610-267-7171 or dbirll@express-times.com. Talk about issues in your town at lehighvalleylive.com/town.

PET PROJECTS

Photographers say more and more people are having furry friends photographed for the holidays. If you'd like Rover or Fluffy to star in a last-second holiday card this year or if you want a head start on 2011, here's a few of the people who can make it happen:

■ **Booch Smooth Photography, 405 E. Fifth St., Northampton.** Photographer Angela Nicole Stehl has a wide range of holiday props and costumes at her studio and specializes in pet photography. Info: boochsmoothphotography.com or 610-349-7000.

■ **Dana Lane Photography, based in Millard.** Lane specializes in environmental shots, meaning she'll come to see you and your pet in your natural settings and shoot photos there. Lane isn't strictly a pet photographer but says she's received an increasing number of requests for pets.

■ **A nearby pet store, mall or animal shelter.** Several throughout the area make Santa available for pet photos at least one day this year.

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Home's buyers can't live with the meth left behind

The problems with the houses on Jefferson Avenue were little things, Jenn Ferguson says. Someone had frosted the master bedroom window. Light brown plastic kept people from looking in the kitchen. "I thought, 'Maybe there were old people who lived there and they didn't want to get blinded by the morning sun,'" said Ferguson, 36.

The closing hadn't come easily. Twice it was postponed — and the second time the Realtor said he was missing a signature because the owner was in jail. Again, Jenn thought the best "people wind up in jail for all sorts of reasons," she said. "Child support."

She and her boyfriend, Rob Quigley, 31, were in love with the century-old twin in Trenton Borough, and love can be blind. There was plenty of space for her crafts and his computer. One of the four bedrooms could easily be turned into a nursery when the time came.

The location was perfect: a short drive to his graphic-design job in Hamilton, N.J., and a straight shot down 95 to South Street, where she buys clothes for a vintage shop.

"We couldn't wait to get started," Rob said.

They moved in March 1. Five days later, he met their neighbor taking out the trash. She was glad that the young couple had moved in, she said, and that the former occupant was not coming back.

Now she had Rob's attention. "She told me he was in a biker gang, and this used to be a meth house."

Head spinning, Rob walked into the house and under the main staircase. Together they rushed upstairs to the corner pater and did something they said they wished they had done before they bought the \$190,000 house: They Googled the address, 334 Jefferson Ave.

The third hit was a site called Home

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John P. Sheridan, president and chief executive officer of Cooper Health System, speaks at the ground-breaking ceremony for Cooper Medical School, behind a cake model of the new building.

In Camden, a shot in the arm

Cooper Medical School, a \$130 million project, aims to add doctors to the state and revitalize the city.

By James Oshorne
STAFF WRITER

The new Cooper Medical School in Camden will be both an economic boost to the city and a step toward improving the state's health care, Gov. Christie said at a ceremony Wednesday to celebrate the facility's official ground-breaking.

"This is another extraordinary step forward for the revitalization of Camden," Christie said. "It will mean drawing more people and more businesses and a greater sense of hope to this city."

Construction of the four-year institution, to be a part of Rowan University and affiliated with Cooper University Hospital, began earlier this month. The project is estimated to cost \$130 million.

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Jennie Kahana Franks and her husband, Drew, who had two children at the former Kiddie Kollege day care in Franklinville, listen to court proceedings.

Ex-Kiddie Kollege client sees 'medical issues' in 2 children

By Jan Heller
STAFF WRITER

Jennie Kahana Franks tears up when she describes how the uncertainty still worries her, more than four years after the tainted Kiddie Kollege day care in Franklinville was shuttered.

Franks' daughter was 4 and her son was 2 when they were enrolled in the neighborhood day care in early 2004, more than two years before New Jersey inspectors found the building had high levels of mercury vapor.

Since then, the children have exhibited some behavioral and "medical issues" that Franks believes could be linked to breathing the vapors.

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Christie: Plan for N.Y. tunnel is dead

After a review, he said he was sticking to his decision to shut down the nation's largest public works project.

By Adrienne La
PHOTO BY TREVINO FOR PHILLY.COM

TRENTON — Gov. Christie announced Wednesday that he was sticking to his decision to shut down the nation's largest public works project, a second rail tunnel to connect New Jersey and New York City.

The governor first announced his decision to cancel the tunnel on Oct. 7, but was persuaded by U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, who traveled to Trenton for a personal meeting, to reconsider. Christie said he would take two weeks to review his decision.

Since then, federal officials have offered New Jersey \$350 million in new funding, on top of \$1 billion already committed, as well as a host of options to lower costs, including trimming the scope of the project and low-interest federal loans.

But Christie said Wednesday none of that was enough to change his mind, given that New Jersey would have been forced to pick up any cost overruns.

"I cannot place upon the citizens of New Jersey an open-ended letter of credit, and that's what this project represents," the governor said. "Nothing in the last two weeks changed that."

Christie argued that although the tunnel would benefit the entire region, New Jersey would have borne the largest burden in paying for it.

The decision is likely to bring even more attention to Christie, a freshman Republican governor, when his star is rising within conservative circles around the country. The former federal prosecutor has been lauding the country in recent weeks in support of fellow Republican-leaning offices. He has won unstinting praise from some Republicans for his tough stances of smaller government and accountability.

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Gov. Christie said he was concerned that cost overruns would be paid by N.J. residents.

Manhattan trial lawyer Howard Kleinbender relishes tough jobs, such as his recent work representing victims of Bernie Madoff's investment scam.

"I'm a fighter," he said.

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The nonpartisan organization GovTrack ranks Smith as third in the 435-member House for the number of sponsored bills enacted in law since May.

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Kleinbender a long-shot against Smith in the 4th



Rep. Chris Smith and Howard Kleinbender.

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The nonpartisan organization GovTrack ranks Smith as third in the 435-member House for the number of sponsored bills enacted in law since May.

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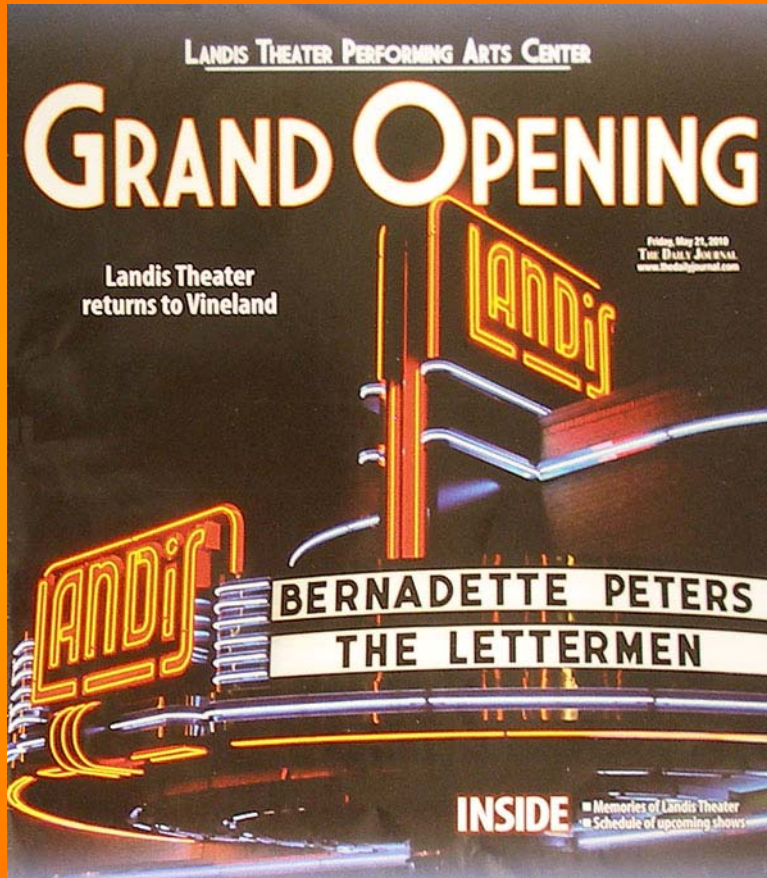
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DeMarco and Sarnese led teams to historic seasons

St. Joe senior brought field hockey team to new heights

By MICHAEL MCGARRY

Major DeMarco changed the way high school field hockey fans perceive the sport.

Before DeMarco arrived, fans thought of the Hammerhead school as a wild, small school outside New Jersey and Cape Atlantic League program.

Now, he has brought it to a new level.

"I've brought the name of the field hockey all over," said DeMarco, of the team's success.

DeMarco scored 43 goals to lead the Hammerhead to the first state championship in the program's history.

It was a tough journey for the team. The senior forward DeMarco has spent "with a lot of hard work."

"I've been playing since I was 7 years old. From when you first can pick up a stick and play, you're committed to it."

While his family says he is the best, DeMarco says he is not. "I'm just a hard worker."

"I think that's the advantage of my dad being a coach," she said. "He would teach me a lot growing up."

"Field hockey is a very hard sport to play in the state of New Jersey."

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Spirit football star overcame obstacles to win N.J. title

By MICHAEL MCGARRY

For Sarnese, the football season began in the summer.

Sarnese, a Holy Spirit High School senior, played in the state championship game.

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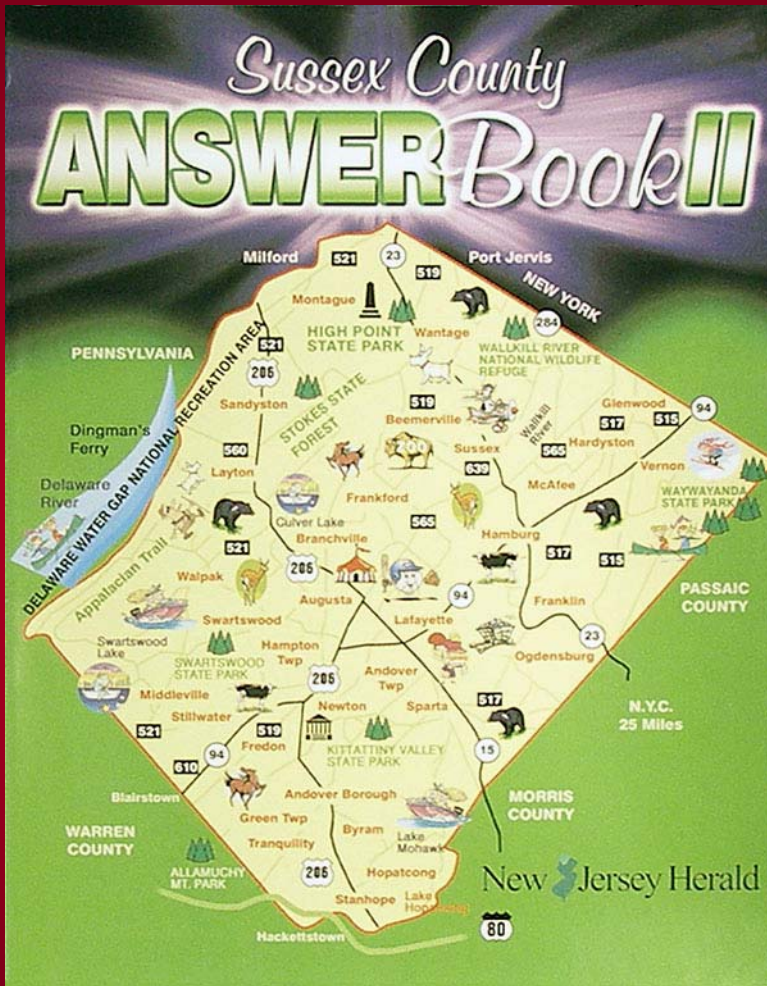
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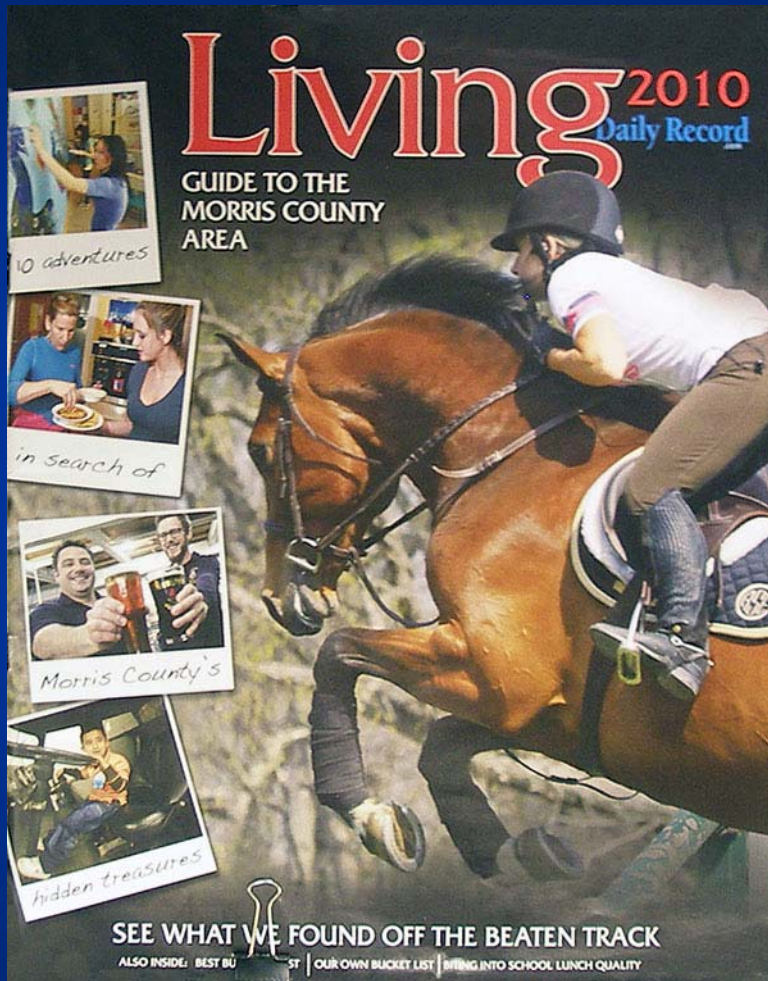
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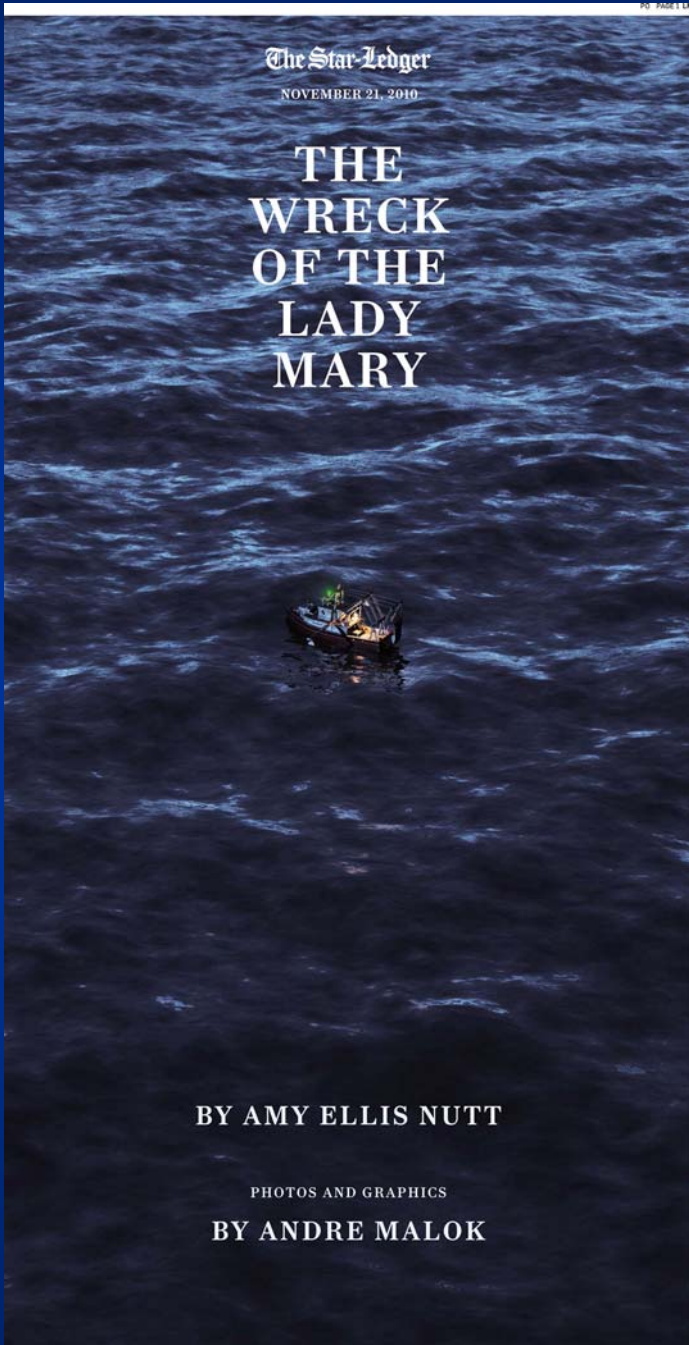
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Health benefits pad salaries

By ABBOTT KOLOFF

FOR OFFICE-HOLDERS: 12 Morris towns provide insurance

SOME DECLINE COVERAGE: But others defend costly practice

A dozen Morris County towns give health benefits to part-time elected officials, effectively doubling or tripling their salaries, a Daily Record survey has found.

Those who receive benefits pay a small compensation for a job that's only occasionally part-time, adding that they often work long hours for what amounts to

less than minimum wage. "I don't think it's asking too much," said Ted Blinn, Blinnville's mayor, who has been out of work for several years and receives more than \$14,000 in health bene-

fits from the township along with a \$6,000 salary. He said he's worth it because he works 30 hours a week.

Even some who oppose such benefits see arguments for giving them, especially to elected off-

icials who have no other insurance, that the cost of benefits has come up as an issue in several towns. The Daily Record survey shows taxpayers paying about \$800,000 in benefits for a total of 25 elected officials.

Rockaway Township, where all 20 elected officials take municipal health benefits. Four towns pay thousands of dollars in annual up-front payments to officials who choose not to accept coverage. Municipal and state officials are not one-sided, but they are not into a separate category from other workers.

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DELBARTON-ST. JOSEPH'S FROZEN FLASHBACK



Members of the 1989 ice hockey teams, (from left) Brian Lonergan, Mike Peody, James Olan and Peter Ramsey from Delbarton and Ken Dusebout, Scott Williams, Julia Livly and Craig Gottschalk from St. Joseph's.

Two new sections inside today

We're pleased to announce the debut today of two new sections: "SUNDAY BEST" and "ISSUE."

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Settling it on the ice

By JAKE REMALY

MORRIS TWP. — The Delbarton hockey team should have been taking the ice for the 1989 state hockey championship, but senior forward Tim Heilly was in a movie theater.

The game was called off the day before because of a massive meltdown and as the game's intermission start time neared, Heilly looked at his watch.

"I said to myself, 'There it goes,'" said Heilly, now a 30-year-old Madison resident. "A moment in time disappeared."

The highly anticipated final, with Delbarton to play top-seeded St. Joseph's of Montreal at Monmouth Arena in the township, ended with both teams being declared co-champions. Delbarton senior Martin Schwartz told the Daily Record at the time: "This has got to be at least 10 times worse than being."

Fast forward 21 years and the players, now in their late 20s, will finally play the game. It's being billed as "the greatest hockey game never played."

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Mike Peody (9) and Derek Maguire of Delbarton in the 1989 Mennen Cup final against Chatham.

St. Joe's, Delbarton declared co-champs

Delbarton hockey survives close call

Green Wave out to capture the elusive state hockey title

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Heartbreak in Haiti

100,000 NOW FEARED DEAD

Relief efforts under way for nation devastated by earthquake



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

A young Haitian is treated at Hotel Villa Creole in Port-au-Prince after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit the Caribbean nation. The International Red Cross says a third of Haiti's 9 million people may need emergency aid and that it would take a day or two for a clear picture of the damage to emerge from Tuesday's earthquake.

In crumbling capital, dazed disbelief

By Jacqueline Charles, Lesley Clark and Francis Biddle
N.J. NEWS SERVICE

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Rescue workers dugged corpses from collapsed buildings, chased homeless people wandering the streets and the death toll climbed yesterday as dozens of aftershocks from a massive earthquake rattled this capital city.

The Roman Catholic archbishop was dead. The top U.S. envoy remained missing. And politicians and police struggled to keep the nation from descending into chaos, led by President Rene Preval, who described stepping over bodies and hearing the cries of those trapped under the rubble of the national Parliament.

It was a day of unending calamity. "I have probably seen 30 or 40 bodies today, but that is just one street," said Benjamin Hery, a missionary with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He was gathering bodies and putting them in a pickup truck, a makeshift infirmary that reflected a grim reality. No reliable casualty count emerged yet. **QUAKE, PAGE 15**



A woman is helped after being trapped in rubble in Port-au-Prince. The quake racked the impoverished nation, toppling buildings and causing widespread damage and untold devastation. **SEE HAITI, PAGE 14**

Waiting for news, and praying, in N.J.

By Jeff Diamond and Brian Mascarenhas
N.J. NEWS SERVICE

The tearful voice on the phone spoke of dead relatives in Haiti, buried under rubble. Another anxiously asked for the latest news, while the rest described devastation on an apocalyptic scale: Hughes Sison, a disc jockey at Radio Verite, a Haitian internet station in Irvington, struggled to keep his composure as calm as after other covered tales of the dead — fathers, uncles, brothers, sisters.

"People are calling, crying," said Sison, whose 3-year-old son in Haiti may also be missing. "I cannot cry myself. But in my heart, I'm crying. When you have someone saying, 'My father died, my sister died,' you try to be strong."

Roughly 50,000 Haitians live in New Jersey, the fourth largest concentration in the country, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. Community leaders estimate the number is now at least twice as high.

Yesterday, hundreds of Haitians gathered

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Newsbreak
Good morning to BCT subscribers
Dorance and Darlene Hall who celebrate their 33rd anniversary today.
Taly has been wandering around the house looking for her new underwear. I'm not sure if the timer is really looking for Julia, or if Taly is just to have the house to herself!
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Phillies fever is in the cards

Collectors are heading to hobby shops.

More than one collector is heading to hobby shops to get a head start on the world of baseball card collecting. That's because many of them would like to get their kids' collections when the children grow up or moved out.
"I bought the baseball card company, including 'Midwest Card Company' with the promise, 'Get back the card year from three away.'
Dennis Ryall of Madison Lakes, owner of New Century Cards, Hobbs and Market Share Shop on Stokes Road in Marlton, thinks the 'gimmick' has been a great idea. Buy a pack of baseball cards with a special redemption ticket inside. Go online and check the identification number on the ticket. You may have won a really special card from the rookie year of a great player.
Keep in mind, though, that the promotion started at the beginning of the season and many of the covered cards could have been claimed.
"About a week ago, someone actually pulled a rookie Mickey Mantle card from 1952," said Matt Adams, a spokesman for the Topps Co. in New York. He has his own Mantle baseball cards set for \$25,000 to \$250,000, depending on their condition.
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Humble superstar back at work

A day after throwing his best no-hitter, Roy Halladay beat most of his teammates to the ballpark — as usual.

By Randy Miller
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PHILADELPHIA — The morning after, Roy Halladay beat most of his teammates in Citizens Bank Park.
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Witness cross-examined in Castagna retrial

By Davette Cavitt
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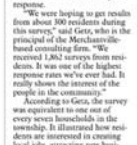
MUKENT HOLLEY — The defense for suspended Burlington City Police Chief Philip Castagna got in one of the state's star witnesses — the man whom authorities alleged Castagna solicited to kill his former superior — on Thursday in Superior Court.
On cross-examination, Gary Hall admitted there was no specific plan or detailed instructions from Castagna about how to carry out the alleged hit on his then-straggled wife in 2004.
Castagna, 42, of Plainsboro, is on trial again for conspiracy to commit murder and conspiracy. As his first trial last year, a jury could not reach a verdict on these charges, but acquitted him of those charges and a separate count of conspiracy.
The state had alleged that Castagna dined his friend, a convicted felon, to set fire to the house he shared with his wife, Joyce Leopold. He has maintained his innocence on all charges since his arrest, which took place six years ago this week.
The jury heard eight audio tapes of conversations between the men and watched one videotape of a Sept. 25, 2004, meeting at a Florence motel, where Hall showed Castagna a gun he said he would use to kill Leopold.
"What was the plan? What was the agreement?" attorney Robert Lerner asked Hall. "But he never saw Phil Castagna going to confer on you for killing his wife?"
Nowhere on the tape is there any discussion of Castagna paying Hall for the hit.
"There was no agreement," said Hall, who finished his second and final day in court.
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Survey nets big response

The results equated to one in seven households in Pemberton Township voicing opinions regarding Browns Mills development.

By Mark Zimmans
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PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP — A telephone survey conducted by the township and several local residents has yielded a major survey asking people what they would like to see in the Browns Mills section of town were shared at the Township Council's meeting on Monday night.
Joe Getz of the JOSC Group, which compiled the statistics, said he was overwhelmed by the response.
"We were hoping to get results from about 300 residents during the survey," said Getz, who is the principal of the Monmouthville-based consulting firm. "We received 1,862 surveys from residents. It was one of the highest response rates we've ever had. It really shows the interest of the people in the community."
According to Getz, the survey was equivalent to one out of every seven households in the township. It also asked how residents are interested in creating local jobs, increasing new business and restaurants, revitalizing the downtown section of Browns Mills, and creating more recreational activities. Also, almost three-quarters of homeowners older than 54 said they would like age restricted housing.
"This survey expresses the interest of the community that we recognized all along," Mayor David Focantano said. "We wanted to get a professional analysis so we could take it to our developers and then the results of what our residents want in town."
Besides an online survey, questionnaires were sent to about 5,000 random households, stores, banks and restaurants in Browns Mills. Residents and faculty at Burlington County College, staff and visitors at Deborah Heart and Lung Center, and military personnel at Joint Base McGuire-Dix Airfield were also invited to take part.
Getz said residents identified Mirror Lake as the town's best attraction, and he recommended organizing recreational events such as 10K runs to showcase its beauty. He said such events could strengthen the attraction the lake would have with people of attracting businesses with a proposed laboratory town center on Johnsons Road.
"We were taken aback by the beauty of Mirror Lake," Getz said.



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Should taxpayers pay \$300M for casino in Atlantic City?



The Revel Casino under construction in Atlantic City has applied for financial help from the state.

Firm took a \$10B government bailout, gave \$14B in salary, bonuses to employees

By JEAN MIKLE
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Fresh from using \$10 billion in federal bailout money to save itself, Morgan Stanley is now announcing that its investment in a 100-percent casino-based in Atlantic City's boardwalk will hit another type of jackpot.

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The financial services company, which has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in the project, is betting that state leaders will grant a \$300 million in tax breaks to help finish the partially built casino.

"I'm struggling to pay my taxes, and we're giving Morgan Stanley \$10 billion to build a casino," said Bob McDewitt, president of U.S. Bank Local 24, the largest casino em-

ployee union in the city. "Why should the people of New Jersey finance this project?"

Morgan Stanley, which repaid the \$10 billion in Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) funds it received from the federal government, recently gave \$14 billion in bonuses and compensation to its employees. Morgan Stanley declined to comment for this story.

Morgan Stanley has provided most of the financing for the \$2 billion casino project being built by Revel Entertainment Group in Atlantic City's South Inlet section. Work has continued on the exterior of the structure, but construction of the casino's interior was halted in January 2009 to await additional financing.

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TOP OF THE NEWS

Toms River house fire kills three

FAMILY PERISHES: man, woman, young girl

By GRACIE BRASHEAR

TOMS RIVER — Dozens of firefighters and rescuers from across the township descended on a Pine Hill Road home Saturday to put out an early-morning blaze that claimed the lives of three family members, including a young girl, officials said.

At 6:30 a.m., a 911 call alerted rescuers to the fire in the split level, single-family residence, said District Chief John Novak of the Toms River Fire Department.

"I smelled smoke this morning," said Kurt Johnson, a neighbor who lives around the corner on Newwood Drive. Johnson said he thought the smell was from a stove or fireplace, but then saw rescuers arriving.

Another neighbor, Cindy Claus, also of Newwood Drive, said she woke to the sound of sirens just before 7 a.m. and saw the burning home from her windows.

"When I got up, there was smoke pouring out of it," she said.

Novak and Chief Gary Dye of Toms River Fire Company One were two of the first rescuers to arrive at 32 Pine Hill Road shortly after the call went out. Novak said, and a neighbor told them, these people might still be inside the burning house.

A Toms River police officer forced open the front door and found the first victims, a man, near the microwave.

Novak said he and Dye could go no farther until engines with hoses arrived. When they did, firefighters from Toms River, East Dover and Pocomoke Fire departments knocked down the blaze and began searching the house, he said.

"Because the stairs had burned away, access was compromised," said Novak.

But firefighters were able to enter the house with a ladder raised to a bedroom window. Novak said when they searched the second floor, they found the bodies of a young girl under a bed and an adult woman in a bathroom.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, said Deputy Chief Michael Mohr, spokesman for the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office. Officials have not released the names of the victims pending notification of next of kin, he said.

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ON THE WEB: Visit our Web site, APP.COM, to view a video from the scene of Saturday's fatal fire.

SUNDAY READER

High flier who fell hard haunts victims, authorities

By MICHAEL L. DIAMOND

Five people have known the lights and love of Robert E. Brennan.

The Show's most famous financier amassed a fortune selling so-called penny stocks. He forever stamped his name on New Jersey through his philanthropy.

He raised thoroughbreds, brooded sports figures and could be spotted at a table for high rollers in Las Vegas and a yacht on the Mid-

west coast.

But the charms that won over crowds couldn't persuade law enforcement to get off his back.

Fined for defrauding investors and found guilty for laundering money, his fortune eventually was confiscated, and he has spent the past eight years living a her-

mit life in the federal prison system.

Today, Brennan, 66, is in his final year in prison and, befitting a man who never was far from the limelight, is back in the headlines.

The New Jersey Bureau of Securities said recently it would disburse more than \$1 million to customers who invested in one of Brennan's firms, a reminder that his life continues to make waves through the Show.

Even now, investors are trying to

put their ill-fated purchases behind them. And even now, the state is searching for more of Brennan's assets.

"I can't discuss an ongoing investigation," said Anne M. Lancaster, deputy attorney general who has been working on the Brennan case since 1996.

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Heavy snow closes highways, bringing area to a standstill



Ivan Cimron heads out on Walnut Avenue in Easton to shovel snow during the height of Wednesday's storm, which dumped 12 to 14 inches on the region.



No major wrecks, but plenty to plow

BY STEPHEN J. NOVAK
The Express-Times

It wasn't a glancing blow this time.

The region got walkered by heavy snow Wednesday for the first time this winter, bringing the shut-down of major highways in Pennsylvania as well as schools and businesses.

Gov. Ed Rendell ordered Interstate 76 from the New Jersey border to its terminus at Interstate 91, closed around midday Wednesday and it remained so into the evening. A slew of other roads, including parts of I-81, I-476 and Route 93, were also shut down.

Road crews were hoping to have major thoroughfares cleared for this morning's commute after an estimated 12 to 14 inches of snow piled up.

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Online programs could cancel schools' snow days

BY COLM MEYER
Friday and Monday for in-service days, the snow days Wednesday and today might have disrupted her plans and forced a postponement in her her 12th-grade pre-nuclear class.

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Newly released aerial photos of the World Trade Center towers' dramatic collapse, from just after the first plane strike to the apocalyptic dust clouds that spread over lower Manhattan and its harbor.
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COP ACCUSED OF DRUNKEN DRIVING
Berthlem police officer James L. Hoffman drove drunk last month, authorities in Bucks County say. Hoffman, 28, turned in his badge and will have a \$25,000 unpaid administrative duty after charges were filed Jan. 29, according to city police Commissioner Stuart Berdes.
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REGION
MERCY SETTLING VIOLATION LAWSUITS
Closing another chapter in the painful saga over withdrawn arrests for violence in Bucks County, the state has agreed to settle lawsuits brought by three mothers who had gotten by appointing three committees and a chief medical officer to monitor their children's care.
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This week's Lehigh Valley Entertainment Chat is all about love and fun ways to celebrate it this Valentine's Day. Join the conversation at 8 p.m. Friday at lehighvalleylive.com for some last-minute tips on how to show our affection, and a chance to win five movie tickets.

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deadly abuse



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At least 20 children across the nation, including three in New Jersey, have died after being sat on, placed in choke holds or isolated for long periods of time in schools and institutions. New Jersey allows educators to use such methods to control unruly behavior.

By SHANNON MULLEN
 of our writers

Part of three parts

It's been called "the dirty little secret" of special education. New Jersey gives public and private schools a virtual free pass to forcibly restrain unruly children with disabilities.

School employees can use "bear hugs," "hug-and-hold" and "take-downs" — which sound more like wrestling moves than anything you'd expect to see in school — and keep children confined in "time-out" rooms until they calm down.

Last year, congressional investigators uncovered hundreds of cases of alleged abuse and at least 26 deaths related to the use of restraints and seclusion in U.S. schools since 1996.

State laws also allow school employees to use extreme measures to control severely autistic children who habitually injure themselves by banging their heads, biting their hands or other compulsive behaviors. The techniques include spraying water or noxious chemicals in kids' faces, suspending their wrists with rubber bands or putting hot sauce on their tongues, disability rights advocates say.

There are 'hundreds of cases of alleged abuse and death related to the use of these (restraint) methods on school children during the past two decades.'

U.S. Government Administrator O'Connor

No one sees it, no one questions it, even parents don't know it's going on.'

— Phil Amos, an autism advocate

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IN THE NEWS

Oil spill may reach Atlantic

Well still gushing as slick expands at alarming rate

By ALLEN G. BREED
 and NEW BUREAU

VENICE, La. — A series of storms settled over the American coastline from Louisiana to Florida on Saturday as a massive oil slick spreading from a ruptured well kept growing, and experts warned that an uncontrolled gusher could create a nightmare scenario if the Gulf Stream carries it toward the Atlantic.

President Barack Obama planned to visit the region today to assess the situation amid growing criticism that the government and oil company BP P.L.C. should have done more to avert the disaster. Meanwhile, efforts to stem the flow and remove oil from the surface by skimming it, burning it or spiking it with chemicals to disperse it continued with little success.

The Deepwater Horizon well is at the end of an 8 1/2-mile branch of the Gulf Stream, the fastest warm-water current that flows from the Gulf of Mexico to the North Atlantic. Several experts said that if the oil enters the stream, it would flow around the southern tip of Florida and up the eastern seaboard.

"It will be on the East Coast of Florida in at most no time," said Hans Greber, executive director of the University of Miami's Center for Southeastern Tropical Advanced Remote Sensing. "I don't think we can prevent that. It's more a question of when rather than if."

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MORE INSIDE: Fishing, oil industry at odds over spill. PAGE A7

APP EXCLUSIVE

N.J. pension 'cost curve' under fire

Christie aims for savings

By JASON METHOD
 of our writers

TRENTON — Pension and benefit reform proposals that, if adopted, ultimately would affect up to 500,000 state workers and retirees, may be issued by Gov. Chris Christie's administration within two weeks.

The anticipated proposals — which some observers believe may include medical benefit contributions for current retirees — could shake the expectations long held by many government employees that their jobs came with unsharable pensions and medical benefits.

Education Commissioner Bret Schaeffer told an Assembly committee last week that the pension reform package would be out in early May. Administration officials have been quiet about the details, but budget documents show that Christie will cut for exceeding the 9 percent pension boost voted by lawmakers in 2005.

"We are trying to fix the system so that it is sustainable for current and future employees. If we don't do that now, the questions it even parents don't know it's going on."

"That means bending the cost curve to make the state's pension funding obligation reasonable and affordable," Derwinski continued. "Short of that, the problem will just grow worse. It's a mathematical certainty."

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Jeff Colson



a musical journey with
DAVID JOHANSEN

Quick quiz: David Johansen is:
A. A glam rocker who wore lipstick and high heels as a member of The New York Dolls.
B. A soulful singer-songwriter.
C. A lounge lizard with a postmodernist who sang jump blues and swing standards.
D. A roots musician with an encyclopedic knowledge of country blues.

By BILL MOTT/SPECIAL TO THE DAILY RECORD

The answer is A, all of the above – and that has not been mentioned on his record. Johansen is a multi-talented musician who has been successful in many genres, including rock, soul, jazz, and country. He is also a performer who has been successful in many genres, including rock, soul, jazz, and country. He is also a performer who has been successful in many genres, including rock, soul, jazz, and country.

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Find recipes for Easter in our recipe file on Page 2, along with instructions for Polish Easter Almond Buns, from our archive. There also is a Passover harvest. For other archive recipes, visit the Web and add recipes.

a closer LOOK



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Area restaurant news
■ The former owners of One Elena Wu in Voorhees are planning a new restaurant in Mount Laurel at the old Elmer's Café. One Elena Wu will be at 1328 Route 38, at Larchmont Roadway. It is scheduled to open in May. The Asian French Fusion FISH will have 74 seats and serve lunch and dinner seven days a week.
■ High Street Grill in Mount Holly will have new Sunday hours, excluding Easter Sunday. New hours are noon to 10 p.m. Courtesy: Nancy McDevitt. Call (856) 966-1111. Info: www.highstreetgrill.net.
■ La Pesta Ristorante in Marlton (856) Route 78 N.J. offers a \$15.95 four-course prix fixe every Tuesday and Wednesday. Call (856) 986-6885.

—Christine Mitchell

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Breads tempt customers at Sweet Freedom Bakery in Philadelphia, whose co-owner is a Monroeville resident.



Eggs and strawberry shortcake comes from the Voortreks Desserts in Voorhees.

Sweets that fill A NEED

Dessert retailers offer variety of products for food-sensitive customers

By KIM MULLFORD

The scent of freshly baked cookies wafts from the ovens at Sweet Freedom, a new bakery on South Street in Philadelphia. It's just before the lunch hour, and already a line of customers waits for vanilla cupcakes, chocolate chip cookie sandwiches thick with frosting, soft warm oatmeal raisin cookies, decadently dense brownies and bright lemon poppy muffins.

But these patrons aren't here for what's on the bakery's ingredient list, they are here because of what's not.

In response to an increasingly food-sensitive population, more retailers and

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Chocolate chip cookie sandwiches thick with frosting are favorites at Sweet Freedom Bakery in Philadelphia. Chef Moun De Silva (left) makes food-sensitive sweets at Simplicity Desserts in Voorhees.



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Easter ham sales to pre-Christian Europe, when the pig was considered a symbol of good luck.

Easter conundrum: Is it ham or lamb?

By KAREN FERNAN

Planning the Easter meal typically begins with the proverbial question: ham or lamb?

Ham is familiar, easy to prepare and affordable. It can be as low as 89 cents per pound — although you can certainly pay a bit more, depending on your tastes and traditions. Specialty hams range upward of \$1 per pound. And because the leg muscle is a well-exercised part of the leg, ham is surprisingly low in fat.

"It's hard not to like ham, and most people do for all the right reasons," says executive chef Bob Miquino of

A's Fine Foods in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Ham can be prepared as a roast, but most cooks improve it with a sweet or spicy glaze. Soak your glaze, although decisions vary, are enjoying a resurgence. These prep plans — made with Coca-Cola, Dr. Pepper, stringer ale, 7-Up or any other variety — add just a hint of carbonated sweetness to the ham.

As for lamb, chefs and diners alike see its second place status on lingering misperceptions that it's gamey, fatty and tricky to fix.

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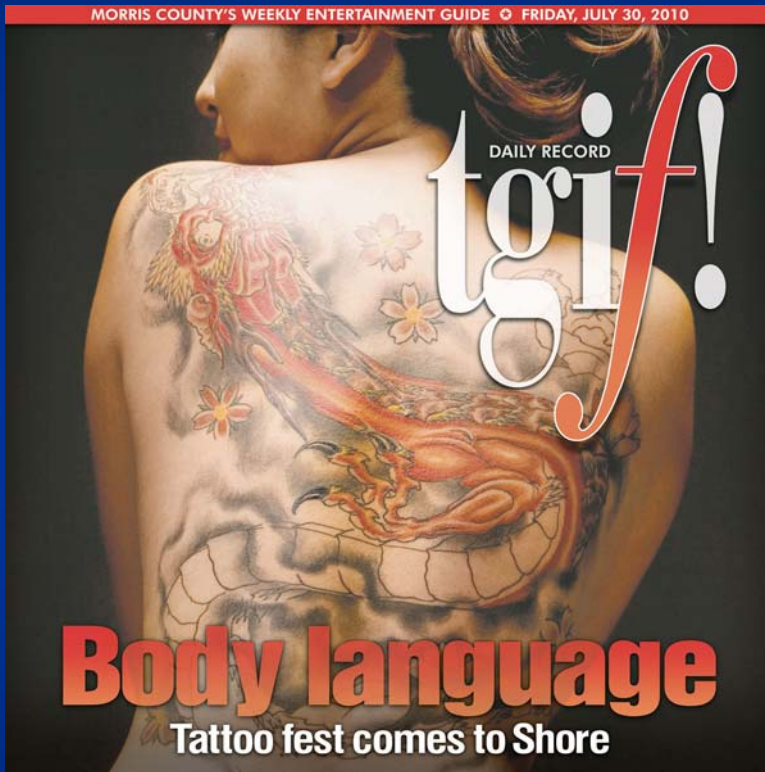
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Build a gluten-free, vegan Thanksgiving with all the traditional flavors

A redesigned holiday



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY LISA MANSOLILLO/DALE/STAFF ARTIST

One-of-a-kind gifts at North Jersey's holiday boutiques

By ALFA GARCIA
STAFF WRITER

With Halloween behind us, the holiday season is officially under way. You know what that means: "It's the season for holiday shopping. There are many local boutiques that will give you a chance to do just that. Here are some of them:

■ **2010 Annual Classic Creations Holiday Boutique:** The Heritage Museum hosts this long-running boutique, open daily through Nov. 28. Find arts and crafts made by hundreds of artisans from around the country, all at various price points. Some items you'll see: wreaths, custom-made Santa Claus, ornaments, jewelry and art pieces, children's goods, apparel, food items, personal accessories.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Thursdays, when boutique closes at 9 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving Day, 135 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus. \$7 admission, children under 12 free. Ticket purchasers can return to boutique for additional items with original ticket. 201-444-2255 or classiccreationsboutiques.com (\$1 off coupon used on website).

■ **Lambert Castle 2010 Holiday Home Boutique:** The historic castle atop Garret Mountain continues its year-end BOUTIQUES Page F-5



The Holiday House Boutique at Lambert Castle in Paterson offers crafts and home decor.

By KARA YORID
STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving is almost here, but this year's table has just been turned upside down.

Uncle Harry was diagnosed with celiac disease and is now gluten free. Cousin Kristina's fiancé is a vegan. Grandma has diabetes. And Billy from down the street is allergic to nuts.

Take a deep breath. All is not lost. As a matter of fact, after the initial panic phase, it can come together quite easily.

"There are definitely a lot of options out there," says Michele Di Pietro, Whole Foods' regional culinary concepts coordinator.

And the typical menu doesn't have to change much at all.

"Thanksgiving is one of the easier holidays, the taste of the harvest is what we're going for," says Terry Walters, author of "Clean Start," a new cookbook of 100 vegan and gluten-free recipes. "If people focus on what's seasonal and bringing that rainbow of color, you're going to have a magnificent table that everybody can eat from."

There doesn't need to be an entrée for everybody. Don't think that turkey is now mandatory. If a substitute main dish is squeaky, consider a stuffed butternut squash. Remember, there are plenty of side dishes that work for everyone as well — fresh vegetables, mashed potatoes using olive oil instead of butter and milk if there's a veggie at the table.

Beware of condiments and nebulous ingredients like "flavorings." Di Pietro says some turkeys are injected with flavorings that may make them unsuitable for some people. Always err on the side of caution, which might mean telling the person the item isn't OK for them as opposed to not making it at all.

Use fresh fruits and vegetables, get educated, read nutritional panels, ask questions, don't decide on your own what is and is not OK, and don't be offended.

Uncle Harry would probably love to pit some stuffing onto his plate; his decision not to is not a reflection on the food or host.

Those with dietary restrictions should try to talk to the host before the meal — preferably before Thanksgiving itself. The issue should not be discussed at the table, which could make the guest or host uncomfortable and feel singled out.

"The main thing is never to embarrass someone," says Peter Michaels, who teaches etiquette classes for The Barclay Classes. See HOLIDAY Page F-2

Definitions

- **Vegetarian** — does not eat meat
- **Vegan** — does not eat meat or any animal byproduct including all dairy and honey
- **Gluten free** — Gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley, rye and oats, so being gluten free means someone does not eat any of the typical flour-based foods like bread, pasta etc.

Resources

- New are cookbooks and websites that can help with recipe planning:
- "Clean Start" 100 vegan and gluten-free recipes by Terry Walters
- "The Meat Lover's Meatless Cookbook" by Kim O'Donnell
- "Cooking Light Way to Cook Vegetarian" by the editors of Cooking Light magazine
- Wholefoods.com
- glutenfreepages.blogspot.com
- vegweb.com

Classes

Whole Foods in Paramus is offering classes and tastings to help finalize the feast day menu for your friends and family.

- 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Vegan Thanksgiving Tasting, free
- 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 16, A Thanksgiving Feast With Chef Chelly, \$35
- Noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 19, Vegetarian Thanksgiving, free

For more information: wholefoods.com

Fair Lawn author followed her passion

By MIKE KERWICK
STAFF WRITER

Her favorite room in the house has green walls, white blinds on all six windows and a comfy couch. Sunlight streams in through the blinds, inspiration seeps in through the couch. On this couch Margee Gelbwasser.com pines some of her best work, pecking away at a laptop until each sentence has been meticulously measured. She also writes at Paterson — when it's not too noisy — and at the Glen Rock Public Library — when she can't sneak away for a few hours. But on a recent Monday morning, the same day her debut novel "Inconvenient" was officially introduced to the world, Gelbwasser's laptop and carrying case were sitting there on the couch, right next to the 34-year-old Fair Lawn resident.

In this room, cluttered at the fringe by her 5-year-old son's toys, a writer turned into a published author. Now Gelbwasser has put a typical clock on herself — three years — to see if this career has legs.

"I would just like to have a steady career going," Gelbwasser said. "I don't anticipate making millions."

It begins with "Inconvenient" — a 302-page portrait of a 15-year-old girl named Alyssa Bondar who lives in Glenfar — a fictional suburb in the mid of Glen Rock and Fair Lawn. In the novel, Alyssa's Russian relatives love to drink. And when Alyssa's mother begins tipping back from by her 5-year-old son's toys, the bottle's little too often, Alyssa is thrust into the middle of a home plagued by alcoholism. All this, while trying to balance the typical life of a high school teenager.

Gelbwasser said neither of her parents were alcoholics, but acknowledged that drinking is a big

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ELIZABETH LAMAR/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

WHO: Margee Gelbwasser.
WHAT: Book signing for "Inconvenient."
WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday.
WHERE: Barnes & Noble, 765 Route 17 south, Paramus; 201-444-4569.
FOR MORE INFORMATION: margeewrites.com.

Fair Lawn's Margee Gelbwasser is a newly successful author.

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DOWN THE LINE

ATHLETE OF THE DAY



Connor Dean

- ★ St. Augustine
- ★ Senior
- ★ Boys' basketball
- ★ Forward

Dean picked the perfect time to score a career-high in points, netting 18 in St. Augustine's 72-53 rout of Bishop Eastman in the Non-Public A South semifinals on Monday. The senior also grabbed eight rebounds to go with two steals in helping the Prep reach Wednesday's sectional final.

McNabb, T.O. to be on same TV show

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb will be throwing passes to Terrell Owens again, and Owens are teaming up on a basketball court instead of a football field in the new season of Spike TV's "Prep vs. Juv." The episode features NFL players that played college basketball against former NBA stars.



McNabb



Owens

McNabb (Syracuse), Owens (Tennessee Chattanooga) and Antonio Gates (Kent St.) will face Hakem Ojjano, Kenyon Smith and Rick Piv. T.O. helped McNabb and the Philadelphia Eagles reach the Super Bowl in 2004, but a feud ended their relationship and Owens was cut midway through the '05 season.

PHILADELPHIA — When Flyers center Jeff Carter learned on Dec. 23 he had been left off the Canadian Olympic hockey team, he lightened his chin strap and fought at 7 p.m. on a club the game defeat, on news pain-sovereign sprain that re-established his reputation as one of the NHL's top scorers.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS



Connecticut's Maya Moore looks to join in the National record-setting 71st victory on Monday.

Comments or questions? Call Sports Editor Tom McGuff at 603-5200 or e-mail tom@njpa.com for your news to 563-5200

★★★ NJSIAA Boys' Basketball Playoffs ◀ Non-Public A South Semifinals ★★★



St. Augustine Prep's Brent Shickoff (left) and teammate Connor Dean celebrate the Hermits' 72-53 victory over Bishop Eastman in the Non-Public A South semifinals on Monday.

Victory road

Prep topples host Crusaders to advance to sectional final

By ANTHONY COPPOLA
Staff Writer
acoppola@dailyjournal.com

PENNSAUKEN — Connor Dean has enjoyed a complementary role as the St. Augustine Prep boys' basketball team this season.



St. Augustine junior guard Isaiah Horton (right) gives to the hoop past Bishop Eastman's Steve DaGina in the Hermits' 72-53 victory in the Non-Public A South semifinals on Monday.

But on Monday, in the Hermits' biggest contest of the year, the 6-foot-4 forward thrust himself into the spotlight.

Dean scored a career-high 18 points and hauled in eight rebounds as St. Augustine dismantled host Bishop Eastman, 72-53, in the Non-Public A South semifinals.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES



PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Tampa, Fla. — For the first time in three games, Dominic Brown's name was not in the Philadelphia Phillies' starting lineup when it was posted in the team's clubhouse on Monday.

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Philadelphia Flyers

Carter on fire after Olympic omission

By CHUCK DONNELLY
Gannett New Jersey



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Philadelphia Phillies

Brown showing lots of potential

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Avant signs 5-year deal with \$8M guaranteed

By GREGG MOSHER
The News Journal

PHILADELPHIA — The Eagles continue to make modest moves in free agency, improving their roster by re-signing valuable role players instead of doing so big money in the open market.



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National League Division Series: Reds vs. Phillies

Triple Threat

Phillies hope 3 aces lead to championship

■ The Big 3 of Roy Halladay, Cole Hamels and Roy Oswalt are a combined 13-1 with a 2.16 ERA since Sept. 1.

By MICHAEL MCGARRY
PHILADELPHIA — The Phillies went to the 1950 World Series with Hall of Fame pitcher Robin Roberts. Mike Schmidt, considered by many baseball experts to be the greatest third baseman ever, led the Phillies to the 1980 world championship.

The Phillies have provided fans with plenty of thrills, two World Series appearances and a 106th year three years.

But Philadelphia has never had a team like the one that begins the postseason today.

More inside
A position-by-position breakdown of the Phillies and Reds. **D2**
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Phillies closer Brad Lidge regarding 2009 form. **D3**
The Phillies' NLDS roster and other notes. **D3**

The Phillies are favored to win the World Series behind the starting rotation of Roy Halladay, Roy Oswalt and Cole Hamels that is the best in the club's 127-year history.

Nicknamed "1-2-3," the Big 3 are a combined 13-1 with a 2.16 ERA since Sept. 1.

"These guys are all in their prime right now," closer Brad Lidge said. "We have so much confidence in these guys it's unbelievable. We really feel like every time they go out there they're going to give us an incredible shot to win."

Halladay (21-10, 2.44 ERA) shows the first pitch of the National League Division Series against the Cincinnati Reds at 5:07 p.m. today at Citizens Bank Park. Oswalt (13-13, 2.73 ERA) will start Game 2 at 6:07 p.m. Friday at Citizens Bank Park. Hamels (12-11, 3.09 ERA) starts Game 3 at 7 p.m. in Cincinnati on Sunday.

The Phillies could play 19 playoff games this fall. The three aces could start 17 of those contests on full rest.

"All three are the same (mentally)," catcher Carlos Ruiz said. "They're tough. When they go to the mound, they're ready to pitch. That's what I like."

Hamels, Halladay and Oswalt demonstrated

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Reds vs. Phillies schedule
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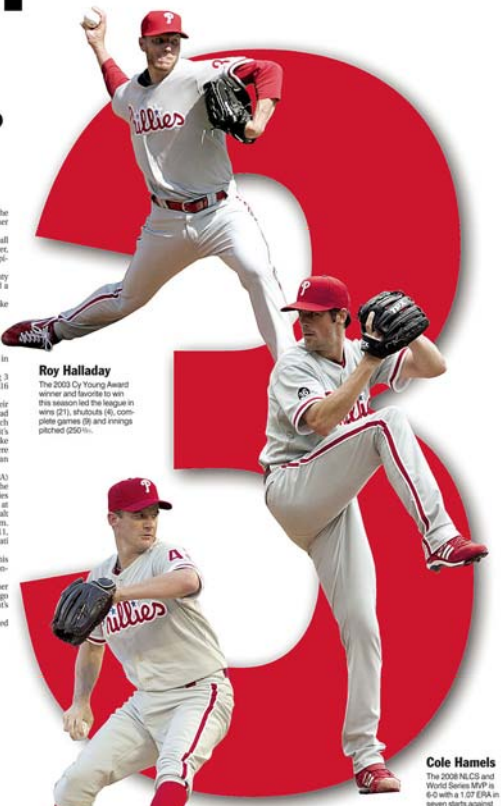
GAME 1
Today
Cincinnati (Volquez 4-3)
at Philadelphia (Halladay 21-10), 5 p.m.

GAME 2
Friday
Cincinnati (Arroyo 17-10)
at Philadelphia (Oswalt 13-13), 6 p.m.

GAME 3
Sunday
Philadelphia (Hamels 12-11)
at Cincinnati (Cueto 12-7), 7 p.m., TNT

GAME 4 (if necessary)
Monday, Oct. 11
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 5 p.m.

GAME 5 (if necessary)
Wednesday, Oct. 13
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.



Roy Halladay
The 2009 Cy Young Award winner and favorite to win this season led the league in wins (21), shutouts (6), complete games (9) and innings pitched (250 1/3).

Cole Hamels
The 2008 NLCS and World Series MVP is 6-0 with a 1.07 ERA in seven starts against the Reds, including 3-0 with a 1.07 ERA in Cincinnati.

Roy Oswalt
Oswalt is 2-0 with a 2.81 ERA in 34 career starts against the Reds. While he was 15-13 overall this season, he was 7-1 with a 1.74 ERA since his trade from Houston in July.

Sacred Heart thwarts Middle Twp. comeback

By JAMES CLARK
SACRED HEART
MAY COURT HOUSE — Nick Gazzara wasn't about to let his team down on Tuesday afternoon. The senior boys soccer senior for Sacred Heart High School had already scored two of his team's three goals against a tough Middle Township team playing at home on a cold day that assembled November



Athletes of the Week

Nick Gazzara
Sacred Heart boys soccer

Jenn Eisenberg
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ATHLETE OF THE DAY



Joey Maccari
 • East Windsor
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Maccari hit a pair of two-run home runs to help East Windsor defeat North Windward 8-4, in the first round of the District 3 tournament on Friday.

Cremer wins U.S. Women's Open



Cremer final round of the U.S. Women's Open. Creamer, only 25 but long considered the best women's golfer to not win a major, went into the final round at sunny Oakmont Country Club with a three-shot lead that never dwindled below two shots.

Reutimann wins at Chicagoland



Reutimann made a charge in the closing laps, cutting Reutimann's lead to one shot as a record, but he couldn't get close enough and finished second. Gordon was third, followed by Clint Bowyer and James McMurray.

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Trout staying in California

Says he's getting promoted to the High-A Quakes



by **JOEY FRIEDMAN**
Staff Writer
 jfriedman@thedailyjournal.com

Anahiem, Calif., found out Friday night he was being promoted to the Rancho Dominguez Quakes, the Los Angeles Angels' Single-A affiliate in the California League.

"I didn't hear any word of it before the game. But after the game, they called me into the manager's office with the coaches and told me right there," Trout said. "They told me I would be staying in California. I was thrilled. It's a good opportunity to show what I have and move up in the pipeline."



Mike Trout
 (Photo: Justin S. Sizemore/Sports Illustrated)

Photo by TRUCKY on C2



Spain's Andres Iniesta, with the words "Dani Jarque, always with us" written on his shirt, celebrates after scoring a goal in the World Cup final against Netherlands on Sunday. The goal proved to be the game-winner as Spain won its first title with a 1-0 victory.

Spain conquers

Finals record 14 yellow cards issued in game

By **BARRY WILNER**
 The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Spain rules the soccer world, winning the World Cup last long last. It came after an extraordinary 10 victory in extra time over the Netherlands on Sunday. Two years after winning the European title, the stylish Spaniards did even better.



Spain's Andres Iniesta (second from right) holds up the World Cup trophy as team members celebrate their 1-0 victory over the Netherlands in the tournament final on Sunday.

Photo via AP/WIDE on C3

NFL

Vick not allowed to attend his golf event

By **GEORGE HENRY**
 The Associated Press

FUCKER, Ga. — Michael Vick was nowhere as his celebrity golf tournament Sunday after probation officials restricted travel for the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback this weekend.



Vick

Vick spokesman Judy Smith said that Vick's travel has been at the discretion of his probation officer since he was released from prison in a federal dogfighting case in May 2008.

Photo via VICK on C2

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Braylon:
 No loss
 this time
 Wild-card hopes
 dashed in past

By J.P. PELZMAN
 STAFF WRITER

FLORHAM PARK — Wide receiver Braylon Edwards isn't apologizing for the Jets' victory over an Indianapolis team that chose to rest its starters.

But unlike the rest of his teammates and coach Rex Ryan, he has one very good reason to feel that way. He knows all too well what the flip side of the "Colts' mind-set is like. And that's why he intends to secure the moment when the Jets host Cincinnati on Sunday with a playoff berth at stake.

Two years ago, at the end of his third season in Cleveland, Edwards and the Browns were poised to make the AFC playoffs as a wild card, but lost control of their destiny with a loss to AFC North collier-dweller Cincinnati on the road to last Sunday.

The Browns then beat visiting San Francisco in a 1 o'clock game following Sunday that included a 45-yard touchdown catch by Edwards, but they had to endure a

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Sheridan:
 What, me
 worry?

By VINNY D'IRANI
 STAFF WRITER

EAST RUTHERFORD — Bill Sheridan is not concerned about talks he stay as Giants defensive coordinator might last just one season.

"Absolutely yes," he said Thursday when asked if he thought he would get at least a second season to direct a Giants' defense that has allowed 383 points in 15 games. "I'm not concerned about [job security]; I know you guys [media] are very concerned about it. But I'm not concerned about it."

Why should Tom Coughlin keep him at his post after the Giants have allowed 40 points or more in four games?

"The same reason why he gave me the job," Sheridan replied. "because I'm competent. I do a coaching, diligent job. And that's what I told him in my interview before I got the job. To me the most important thing is competence — that you can put your players on a

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REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Memories of '09



Curtis March of Teaneck



Amber Allen of Passaic Tech



Carly Piccinich of IMA



Don Bosco wins in Prattville, Ala.



Ken Post of St. Joseph



Maggie Ely of Pascoack Valley



Bryan Sullivan of Paramus

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Outback Bowl
 11 a.m., ESPN

Capital One Bowl
 1 p.m., Ch. 7

Gator Bowl
 1 p.m., Ch. 2

Rose Bowl
 5 p.m., Ch. 7

Sugar Bowl
 8:30 p.m., Ch. 5

New Year's Day schedule: It's time to go bowling

By JOHN ROWE
 STAFF WRITER

While you're waiting for Thursday night's BCS championship game between No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 Texas, there are plenty of traditional New Year's Day games to satisfy ardent college football fans. From Bobby Bowden's farewell Florida State coach to the Sugar Bowl matchup of Florida and Cincinnati. Here's a look at the games:

Outback Bowl
 Northwestern (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5), 11 a.m., ESPN

Expect plenty of points in this one. Both teams have exceptional quarterbacks: Northwestern's Mike Kafka has thrown for 2,886 yards and Auburn's Chris Todd has passed for a single-season school record 21 touchdowns. Northwestern, which won its last three games, has scored 302 points. Auburn, which finished with losses to Georgia and Alabama, has scored 395.

The last team with the ball might win this game.

Players to watch: Bill Ben Tate gives Auburn a solid running option, at he averages 104.5 yards per game. He'll go against a Northwestern defense led by DE Corey Wootton. Wootton is starting in his school-record fifth game and has 19½ career sacks. After making All Big Ten as a junior, he was

stowed this season by the aftereffects of a knee injury suffered in last year's Alamo Bowl.

Capital One Bowl
 Penn State (10-2) vs. LSU (9-3), 1 p.m., Ch. 7

A matchup of two top defenses, the former Penn State's offense is a bit better.

Penn State's defense is ranked eighth in the country in total defense (227.1 yards per game), 10th in rushing defense and fourth in scoring defense. LSU's defense is 12th in scoring and 16th in pass efficiency.

A special teams play, or mistake, could be pivotal in this matchup.

Players to watch: Penn State QB Daniel Clark has thrown for 2,587 yards and 23 TDs, but he didn't play well in losses to Texas and Ohio State.

Although LSU's offense has not matched the production of its de-

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John Connolly



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BUZZER BEATERS

Islanders fire Gordon, promote Caputo

The odds were against Scott Gordon all along. Once the New York Islanders dropped 10 games in a row in the final year of his contract, it was hardly a surprise that he was fired Monday in his third year as coach.

A three-game sweep on a California trip left the team on a 0-9-1 skid, sealing his fate. Gordon was replaced by Jack Caputo, the coach of the Islanders' AHL affiliate, the Bridgeport Sound Tigers. Caputo will make his NHL coaching debut Wednesday at home against Tampa Bay.

"It's not the ideal situation," Caputo said after making practice Monday. "I have great respect for Scott. We've been friends for a long time. We've learned a great deal for him. But there was a change, and I'll make the best of my opportunity."

The Islanders were already operating in a state that had lost the likes of Ulfen and depth when key forward Kyle Okposi and top defenseman Mark Streit were injured during the preseason and last for months. After a 4-2-1 start, the Islanders plummeted to the bottom of the NHL standings. New York is 13th in tied with Edmonton for the fewest points (11).

LeBron humbled by award nomination

"If the Miami Heat locker room was peeling, LeBron James would not have unanimous support in the race for Time's Person of the Year.

James would not even vote for himself. Calling it "crazy" just to be on the list of finalists for the award, the NBA's reigning two-time MVP admitted that he was embarrassed on Monday when he learned that he was one of the final 25 names under consideration. The winner of the award, announced Tuesday, will be chosen by a person or group who "has done the most to influence the events of the year," as expected to be revealed next month.

"It was a high and I think I'm in a position of my life where I'm going to get better every day," James said after Miami wrapped up its practice Monday. "But it's not much."

Other finalists this year include President Barack Obama (the 2008 winner), Lady Gaga, Sarah Palin, Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert, conservative commentator Glenn Beck, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Duke an easy No. 1 in AP poll

Duke's 10-1 poll at college basketball's regular season looks a lot like the preseason Top 25. Duke was again a runaway No. 1 on Monday, receiving 54 first-place votes, three more than it had in The Associated Press' preseason rankings. The Blue Devils, the defending national champions, opened the season Sunday with a 77-point win at Princeton.

The same teams were in the poll, with eight schools switching places. The 25 teams were a combined 314-0 in the first week of play, with Missouri the only one without at least one win.

There should be plenty of movement in next week's poll. At least three games between ranked teams are scheduled this week. Michigan State, which received the other seven first-place votes, remained second followed by Kansas State, Ohio State and Pittsburgh. Villanova was sixth with Kansas, North Carolina, Florida and Syracuse rounding out the top 10.

DAILY NUMBER

76.0 Donovan McNabb's passer rating the season going into Monday night's game against the Eagles.



Eagles running back Jerome Harrison (22) rushes for a touchdown against the Redskins during Monday night's game.

Eagles belt 'Skins

By TIM RIBBICK

PHILADELPHIA — The Redskins opened the cross-country with a progressive scuffle. They ended it ended with a whiplash.

A brief scum over the Eagles turned into the early evening crowd in FedEx Field out of their own. Once the game began, the Eagles won the first majority of the fan house early to fight behind traffic.

On 12-22-10, the Redskins' Michael Vick connected with DeSean Jackson on an 88-yard touchdown with Vick's pass traveled more than 60 yards through the air striking some of the feet out of the Redskins along with a Va. scramble for a 7-yard touchdown just minutes later and the rest was on.

The Eagles would go on to win 39-20 to move into a first place tie with the New York Giants in a 3-way tie in the NFC East standings. All this on the day the Redskins announced the signing of former Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb to a reported five-year, \$78-million contract extension. The home fans were boosing McNabb's extension with



Eagles 59, Redskins 28

The Redskins (4-5) had 23 net yards and three points in the first quarter. Vick struck again on the first play of the second quarter, opening up 117 yards on Jimmy Macias. McNabb brought some low-flying, two-point life to the crowd with two late, second-quarter passes to set up touchdowns. Vick continued with his second touchdown run of the night, from six yards out. The Eagles offense ended their year perfect first half with a 49-yard David Akers field goal. The Eagles jumped their highest scoring first quarter in history (78 points) into the highest scoring half (107) ever in the NFL (99) since by the Bills scored 144 points against the Cincinnati Reds in 1981. With the Eagles ranked a 31-point halftime lead, the second half was a race to end some garbage-time stats.

Donovan McNabb, who was beaten on one of McNabb's last second-quarter passes returned himself with a pair of interceptions, including one that was returned 60 yards for a third-quarter touchdown.



Sacramento Kings' Jason Thompson, a Lenoise High School grad, could be trade.



AMY SANDETTA

Change of scenery may be in Thompson's future

Report claims the Kings have placed the Lenoise High School grad on the trading block.

PHILADELPHIA — Two years ago, lottery pick Jason Thompson and Spencer Hawes were regarded as the Kings' backbone of the future. Thompson, the former star at Lenoire High School and Rider University, was the promising rookie power forward and Hawes a second-year center for

the 6-foot-10 Thompson and power guard Jeff Teague. "I know right now it's kind of tough on him out there finding minutes, so it has been for a while," Hawes said Monday after practice. "This has to be good working and training in your abilities."

The second, you could be the forefront of the future or whatever they were calling on. The next second, a couple personal changes and another Thompson, who is now the Kings' fourth big man. "I'm not sleeping" and that the Hawks turned from a trade involving



Former Iowa Cubs manager Ryno Sandberg had been hired by the Phillies to manage the Triple-A Valley Forge.

PHILADELPHIA — The Phillies have left the Cubs and will manage the Triple-A Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. BY NIKKI MILLER

PHILLIES Better late than never, Sandberg returns

PHILADELPHIA — The Phillies have left the Cubs and will manage the Triple-A Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. BY NIKKI MILLER

Richards powers Flyers past Senators

PHILADELPHIA — The Flyers are hot.

Not that Mike Richards was ever really even hot the past two games he's turned it up a notch, with a pair of three-point games, including a two-goal effort in Monday night's 5-1 win over Ottawa at the Wells Fargo Center.

Richards also scored in an assist for his 300th NHL career point as the Flyers went to 9-0-1 in their last 10 games. It was still a game snail Richards, who had only 12 points in his first 16 games, struck for his two goals at 1:30 apart in the third period to make it 5-1.

First, Richards stripped defenseman Erik Karlsson on a power play and scored his second shorthanded goal of the season at 1:3.

Then he connected again at 7:45 to give the Flyers a whiplash 18 goals in their last three games. "I think he has played really tough," coach Peter Laviechen said. "He's been skating really well. He looks like he's got energy. That (shorthanded) goal that he scored tonight was a big goal. I think he's in a game."

Richards' hot streak is going to have to last that penalty and a few more. It's a 3-1 game, it's still in question, it's probably going to be a tighter finish than you would like.

"It's going to pull away from the guys and then under pressure, a beautiful goal. For me, that's where the game went and got separated."

Richards took his hot streak a few breaks. He finished on one point and it ended up a team man's goal. Then a quick bounce-off the boards right onto his stick for his second goal.

"With the teams in this league being so close, you have to have some bounces," he said. "And get some luck to have success. We're capitalizing on our chances."

Another quick start got the Flyers rolling in the right direction. They are now 6-0-0 when leading after one period, 11-0-0 when ahead after two.

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The Star-Ledger SPORTS

Alex Rodriguez of the Yankees gestures as he rounds the bases at Yankee Stadium after smacking his 600th career home run yesterday in the first inning against the Toronto Blue Jays.

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600... FINALLY

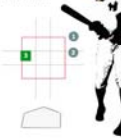
Long wait ends as Rodriguez takes his place in baseball history

TRACKING THE AT-BAT

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Results: HR



A-ABOUT TIME

It took him 431 at-bats over 12 games, but yesterday the Yankees' Alex Rodriguez finally reached one of baseball's mythical milestones: 600 career home runs.



ALEX RODRIGUEZ
No. 599: July 22, 2009
No. 600: Aug. 4, 2010

WILLIE MAYS



21 AT-BATS
No. 599: Sept. 15, 1959
No. 600: Sept. 27, 1959

BARRY BONDS



5 AT-BATS
No. 599: Aug. 6, 2002
No. 600: Aug. 9, 2002

KEN GRIFFEY JR.



18 AT-BATS
No. 599: April 23, 1991
No. 600: June 9, 2008

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48 AT-BATS
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BARE RUTH



1 AT-BAT
No. 599: Aug. 20, 1931
No. 600: Aug. 21, 1931

By Marc Cury

First career year

NEW YORK — Fans have been perched in their seats ringing the outfield at Yankee Stadium, striking a familiar pose: Arms out front, elbows crooked. Bases in hand and pointed toward home plate, where the weight of history hovered over Alex Rodriguez.

And then they waited, and waited — through pop-ups, groundouts and strikeouts. Until yesterday afternoon, when with one majestic swing the Yankees slugger became just the seventh man in baseball history to hit 600 home runs.

After 12 days, 41 at-bats, 103 special-ty marked baseballs and thousands of popping flashbulbs, Rodriguez hammered a 2-6, first-inning pitch from Blue Jays pitcher Shaun Marcum over the center-field fence for a two-run homer, ending a pursuit that has been equally difficult to comprehend and see. **YANKEES, PAGE 43**

YOUNGEST TO REACH NO. 600

ALEX RODRIGUEZ
35 YEARS
8 DAYS

BARE RUTH
36 YEARS
196 DAYS

HANK AARON
37 YEARS
81 DAYS

BARRY BONDS
38 YEARS
16 DAYS

WILLIE MAYS
38 YEARS
139 DAYS

KEN GRIFFEY JR.
38 YEARS
201 DAYS

SAMMY SOUSA
38 YEARS
220 DAYS

Tainted or not, fans seem to enjoy witnessing the milestone moment

NEW YORK — The milestone is tainted, and still they rose to their feet to celebrate it. The number is supposed to be meaningless, and still the 47,659 fans snapped photos and will bring to absent friends about their good fortune to be at the ballpark when it finally came. No one believes that hitting 600 home runs means what it once did, or that Alex Rodriguez will ever surpass Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth in stature, even if he does in the record book. But when that specially marked baseball left his bat and rocketed toward the 408-foot steps in straight-away center field, nobody turned their



Steve Pollitz

backs in protest or held up an inflatable syringe, either. "When the tarnished slugger rounded home to get his man bag from team mate Derek Jeter, it was clear fans had an appetite for righteous indignation with their peanuts and Cracker Jack. "I couldn't believe their patience and their support," said Rodriguez, who was never really bowed in his 12 game, 46-at-bat homeless streak. "It was incredible." This was the first major milestone for Rodriguez since admitting he used steroids during three seasons in Texas, and the moment confirmed what we see. **POLLITZ, PAGE 43**

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Umenyiora tackles old injury, new role

The Giants defensive end, right, is dealing with an injured hip and lower profile. Page 47



With perspective, Holmes returns to football

After helping his son through surgery, Jets wide receiver arrives at training camp. Page 47

Questions accompany start of Rutgers practice

Greg Schiano's team hopes to provide answers to issues for the 2010 season. Page 51

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FOOD TIP

Want to reduce the calories this Thanksgiving? Replace the butter often called for in stuffing recipes with fat-free broth. If your stuffing calls for sausage, use chicken sausage instead of pork.



INSIDE:
 More tips, recipes B2



Secrets to a
stress-free Thanksgiving



PLANNING
 Don't rush at the end

Not to say, but you've not done enough work ahead of time if you find yourself rushing around like a mad cook on Thanksgiving. This requires a little planning and organization, but lucky for you, Mizuno's Laura Viala (www.kansascity.com) is here to help. It might shock you to find out just how much Viala makes ahead of time and sticks in the freezer. And we're talking more than just side dishes here. Think dessert.

—Recipe for Triple ginger cake on B2

By **LORINDA JARVIS**
 Staff Writer

Tell the relatives not to panic: Mom's stuffing will take its place of pride on the Thanksgiving table, as always. The traditional Turkey day menu tends not to change too much. In many homes, to change it up too much might start an epic food fight.

But that doesn't mean you can't make things easier, right? Here are a few tips and ideas to consider before the big day that might help things go a little smoother. Maybe then you can actually sit down and eat for a change.

CHANGE IT UP
 [just a little bit]

Traditional recipes can be taken up a notch by stressing fresh ingredients and adding your own ethnic spin. Viala, who moved with her family from Italy at the age of 12, adapted a little later than most to the whole Thanksgiving thing. And almost everything she touches has an Italian twist, including her own version of the grand of green bean casserole.

—Recipe for Viala's green bean casserole on B2

PREPARE ▶▶
 It's OK to start on Wednesday

Most people set their tables a day ahead of schedule, but Diane Werner, food director for Taste of Home magazine (www.tasteofhome.com), suggests pulling out your serving plates and bowls, then placing post-it notes on them, designating each for a particular dish.



QUICK TIPS



■ **Break out the slow cooker**
 Squish a variety of aromatics, or break out your slow cookers and use them to hold your mashed potatoes, extra stuffing or veggieballs. Many, if not most, have crockery that can be removed and used as a serving dish.

■ **Smaller is better**
 Remember to serve appetizers on smaller trays, if only for the visual appeal. "It looks kind of sad when there are only a few appetizers left on the tray," Werner said.

■ **Think lists**
 "You can't make enough lists," Werner said. Make different lists. One for staples, another for probabilities and last minute items. "Break it down more and more," Werner said.

■ **Serving stations**
 Set up different carving stations for appetizers and beverages. They will make it easier for your guests to serve themselves.

■ **A tale of two turkeys**
 If you're serving a big crowd, consider making one turkey the day before, then carving it up and covering it with gravy or broth. The second turkey is the one you can use on the table and watch dad carve up. Meanwhile, your guests can dive into the plate of warmed, carved turkey without waiting.

■ **Save the relish tray** ▶▶
 Don't just dump out leftover carrots or other veggies set aside as credits. Save them and use them with leftover turkey to use in soup later on.



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Star power: Buzz Aldrin pairs up with dancer Abby Costa in "DWT'S."

To the Moon and 'Stars'

By VIRGINIA ROHAN
STAFF WRITER

From walking on the Moon to "Dancing With the Stars?" Buzz Aldrin doesn't seem to see this as a strange transition, though television viewers indeed may.

In the new season of the ABC dance show, which has a two-hour premiere at 8 p.m. Monday, the legendary astronaut from Montclair is part of the celebrity cast, a sort of "people-people would never think of putting in the same sentence" mélange. Eighty-year-old Aldrin — the second man to walk on the lunar surface during the historic Apollo 11 mission of July 1969 — will share the small screen with,

among others, Pamela Anderson, Shamon Doherty and Kate Gosselin. Yes, people whose biggest public achievements are "Baywatch," the old "90210" and a marriage ending reality show.

"We main in the same studio building, with at least six different studio-dance floors. So we see each other coming and going," Aldrin says of all his co-stars. "It's a new crowd of people that I'm happy to join in and be a part of."
On the phone less than a week before the show's debut, Aldrin, who's paired with profes-

sional dancer Abby Costa (formerly DeGennaro), says noticeably he's been going "just wonderfully."

"It's been kind of building up in a level of confidence and enjoyment. We're hoping to get the music today for the second week for the first time," he says. "But of course, we're still concentrating quite a bit on the chemistry."

Will any of his dance music have "moon" in the title? Perhaps "Blue Moon," "Moon River" or "Fly Me to the Moon?" "I sure hope so," says Aldrin, who was eager to get information from producers about the musical selections.

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Twyla Tharp sets Ol' Blue Eyes' songs to dance

SINATRA, HER WAY

It's unusual to have a big Broadway show with recorded music, but with her new one, director-choreographer Twyla Tharp wouldn't have it any other way. "Come Fly Away," in previews for a Thursday night opening at the Marquis Theatre, features songs made famous by Frank Sinatra — and they're sung by Sinatra, whose recorded voice is backed by a 16-piece live band. In her last two Broadway shows, "Movin' Out," with Billy Joel's songs, and "The Times They are a-Changin'," with Bob Dylan's, other singers performed their numbers. But Sinatra is different. "Nobody else can sing like him," said Tharp via e-mail, as she labored to put the finishing touches on the production. "Sinatra's singing goes to the emotion of



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the songs, and he tells the truth of the emotion in a very simple fashion that everyone can relate to — the pain of love, the suffering of love, the joy of love. Sinatra tells it the best."
Tharp, an iconic figure in the modern-dance world, has created a dance musical that's a blend of ballroom and ballet, with stories that echo the heartaches and pleasures in Sinatra's songs.
Four couples visit a nightclub, and we follow their romantic ups and downs over the course of a single evening. The dancers include many Tharp veterans, including John Selya, Kevin Roberts and Karine Plantadit-Flagole.
"If you understand English, and listen to the lyrics, then the dances and the songs carry the story telling together," said Tharp. For people who don't know the language, See **THARP** Page F-9



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THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS

What makes you happy?
High school students respond.

"Running because you can just take yourself and not think of work about anything else."
Katie Adams

"Sneaking around the city with no specific place to go, until you realize how small you really are, but still allows you to see the experience."
Kate Baker

"Blacking it takes you away from all of your problems and puts you in a new world that you don't know the ending to."
Frankie Bucci

"Being outside. Your name, personality, all of those things — say your first name to an instructor. No one knows the first name take notes."
David Anderson

"Going to a place that helps to make memories whenever you want, you can feel so comfortable and at home."
Tina Labadie

"Dancing because there are no limits, it's really satisfying to know what you're created in the end."
Lisa Marbach

"Photography it's incredible how something as small as a camera can turn almost anything into a work of art, it preserves memories, which provides not only a way remembering, but also a way to educate the people of the future."
Jade McLaughlin

"Tell us what makes YOU happy at breakfast, lunch, or dinner."
Do they have about this on the internet?

Our stressed-out, sleep-deprived, angst-ridden teen lives don't often leave time for enjoying simple pleasures. But finding those things that make us truly happy is crucial — and not as difficult as you might think.

Ban the Dictionary!

That's what a school in California tried to do when a kid found a "bad word."

By Megan Meyer
staff writer

Many people, myself included, would like to think that, over the years, mankind only continues to move forward.

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So BAN, Page D2

Just keep your head up, smile, and soak up whatever sun these remaining winter months have to offer!

By Marybeth Kennedy
staff writer

Our world is a distracting place. Whether we're searching for a lost set of keys, studying for a big test or simply waiting for Jennifer Aniston to transform into Miss Havisham right before our eyes, finding time to appreciate life is few on our to-do lists.

It seems like today's culture is so rushed, just like the White Rabbit from "Alice in Wonderland." We speed through life, constantly worrying about school, work and being late for a very important date.

But have you ever stopped to think about what you really love about life? What makes you truly happy?

Over the course of the 17 years I have spent on this planet, I've noticed a certain feeling that accompanies pure, undistracted happiness. We've all experienced this feeling before, when something makes you so happy that you feel as if every cell in your body is smiling.

It's that moment when you see the ocean for the first time since the previous summer, and you're so in awe of its beauty that you can't speak. Or when you look up at the night sky just as a shooting star flies across your field of vision.

During moments like these, everything seems to be in its right place. Our problems melt away, and, in that moment, we are at peace.

In my opinion, that is happiness.

So what's happiness to you?

"Making people smile," says Erica Luskowski, a junior. "It's what keeps me going and really makes life worthwhile."

Over the years, many studies have shown that being happy does indeed keep a person going. There are both long and short-term benefits to having a cheerful disposition, such as an increase in energy and creativity, a stronger immune system and even a longer life expectancy.

Another popular cause of happiness is music.

"It puts you in your step and a glide in your stride," says Emily Michael, a student and band member.

The medical community is taking notice of music's influence on society.

A new kind of therapy, focusing on music, is quickly proving that music has very strong effects on the human body. From helping people deal with depression to lowering blood pressure, it's no wonder so many people claim that listening to music cured their lives.

A very wise man once said: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

Sure, Ferris Bueller is a fictional character, but that line from the movie still speaks the truth.

If we continue to get wrapped up in trivial matters, life will fly right by us. By focusing to savor every happy moment, life will seem so much easier, no matter what kind of situations get thrown our way.

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Wind destroys A.C. buildings, damages Revel crane

By LYNDIA COHEN and CERIE HANPHER

ATLANTIC CITY — Wild winds and heavy rains on Saturday caused several buildings to collapse, briefly closed the boardwalk and may have helped to partially topple a crane at the Revel Entertainment construction site that was designed to withstand 130-mile-per-hour wind.

The National Weather Service said Atlantic City wind gusts topped out at 59 mph at 12:48 p.m. Saturday, the highest wind speed for the region.

More weather

■ Storm knocks out power throughout the region. **A9**
 ■ Firefighter collapses in Longport. **A9**
 Fire Chief Dennis Brooks estimated it was gusting to about 70 to 75 mph at times.

As of Saturday afternoon, the rainfall total for Atlantic City was 2.53 inches with more rain expected throughout the night. The water briefly closed parts of the Black Horse Pike.

□ See Storm, **A9**

The call at the Revel site came in at 12:24 p.m., Atlantic City Police Sgt. Monica McMoran said. Three minutes later, Police Officer Brian Hurley was injured when debris crashed through the driver's side window of his patrol vehicle. He was taken to the Atlantic City Medical Center, where he was treated and released for his injuries.

Revel CEO Kevin DeSantis said a portion of the boom for the 730-foot tall Crane No. 1 fell on part of the site.



Atlantic City firefighters approach an Arctic Avenue home battered by 59 mph winds on Saturday.

Access to records still a runaround



SUNSHINE WEEK

A four-part series on the N.J. Open Public Records Act.

Today: Inconsistent implementation of OPRA from agency to agency frustrates record-seekers and the intent of the law.

Monday: Who uses OPRA? For the most part, not John Q. Public. The law has become a tool of businesses and professionals.

Tuesday: What bureaucratic roadblocks frustrate people who try to get government documents?

Wednesday: Advocates suggest reforms that could improve OPRA.

OPRA opinions

Read a Press editorial and the views of our Citizens Editorial Board. **A10**

The 2002 Open Public Records Act often has reverse effect

By JULIE FLETCHER

Staff Writer

How long does it take to get a piece of paper from a government office?

Once, there was no right or wrong answer, said Mayrouh Ferrata, a lawyer who has requested countless pieces of information — mostly found on printed paper, filed away in record rooms deep inside government offices.

While it sometimes took a lawyer to force the release of documents, that was not always the case. Occasionally, if a friendly clerk wanted to give out the information, Ferrata just waited for him or her to walk down the hallway and dig it out.

In 2002, when the state passed a strong Open Public Records Act

establishing the right to access government documents of all sorts, Ferrata thought the uncertainty over whether the clerk would walk down the hallway would be a thing of the past.

"It seemed like we had a path now that could take us to request of public data without having to argue or wait," she said during a recent visit to Trenton.

But that's not what she sees when she works as an advocate to help citizens file requests of their own.

Despite the state law guaranteeing access to government records, attempts to obtain public information are still often met with resistance, delays and bureaucratic roadblocks.

□ See OPRA, **A8**

WATCHDOG REPORT:

Graduation tests

Many get free pass on test to graduate

By DIANE D'AMICO

Education Writer

Almost a third of the 70 seniors who graduated from Wildwood High School last June did so without having to pass the state graduation test. All had some type of disability that exempted them from passing the test, but did prevent them from graduating and receiving the same diploma as all other students.

In 29 New Jersey high schools, more than 20 percent of the entire senior class graduated without passing a state test, according to a review by The Press of Atlantic City of state report card data. Locally they include Atlantic City Middle Township, Wildwood, Ridgeway and Millville. In some, mostly urban, school districts, almost every student with a disability was allowed to graduate without passing the High School Proficiency Assessment, or HSPA, in language arts and math. Statewide in

□ See Example, **A6**

Findings

■ In 2009, 45 percent of New Jersey high school seniors with disabilities did not have to pass the state test to graduate.

■ In 20 high schools, five in the area, more than 20 percent of seniors graduated without passing the test.

■ In some area high schools, almost every student with a disability was exempt from passing the test.

After fire, family waits for a home

By LEE PROCIJA

Staff Writer

BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP — Ellen Mahull's story started out like a lot of others that make the news. There was a family disaster and, in despair, calling out for help. Neighbors donated their belongings and food. There was a group of businesses and organizations that wanted to support.

That's how the "Home For Danik" project, named after her 14-month-old son, began in 2007. After an earnest cigarette caused a fire that destroyed the family's home in Village Drive, Mahull, with little insurance money from the fire and even less savings, was left with a lot of help.

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Health research

Stochton College researchers think pigma may have benefits for cancer patients.

A runaway Toyota and years of wondering

■ In 2002, Kathleen Kelly was struck and killed in Atlantic City by a Toyota sedan that reportedly accelerated suddenly.

By DAN GOOD

Staff Writer

Eight years later, the image remains. So do the doubts.

A runaway Toyota, accelerating suddenly. A crowd. A death, her sister's. A driver, never charged. Since 2002, insurance Toner wondered whether the accident that took Kathleen Kelly's life could have been avoided.

"Her death has been very painful, and I still have so many questions about what happened," said Toner, a Monmouth Township, Middlesex County, resident.

The questions have persisted as other Toyota drivers report acceleration problems. Her suspicions grew as the popular automaker blamed floor mats and gas pedals. Now, lawmakers and regulators are studying the scope of Toyota's sudden-acceleration problem. So far, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has linked 52 deaths to crashes allegedly caused by Toyota's acceleration problems. Toner thinks that number should be 53.

April 11, 2002. A warm afternoon.

Kathleen Kelly had won her battle with colon cancer the previous month. Her 48th birthday was just four days earlier, so relatives paid for Kelly and her husband, Thomas, to visit Atlantic City. The Bergen County residents stopped at Harrah's Resort.

Kathleen Kelly rested on a bench near the casino's lake area. It was 1:22 p.m. An out-of-control Toyota sedan hurtled up the sidewalk, striking the Kellys.

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Supreme Court ruling, Christie order will alter rules of campaign finance game

By FRANK ASKIN

THE MOST perceptive summary of the 200-page Supreme Court opinions in the Citizens United ("Hillary, the Movie") case may have been that of the headline writer in The New York Times, who wrote: "Lobbyists: New Power: Core Is and Our Cash Will Buy You."

This case involved the right of a non-profit corporation, the conservative Citizens United, to advertise its film on television within 30 days of a presidential primary election in a state in which Hillary Clinton was on the ballot. Since Citizens United was paying for the ad with funds that included some contributions from business corporations, the Federal Election Commission ruled that such ads would violate the McCain-Feingold law.

Frank Askin is distinguished professor of law and the director of the Constitutional Litigation Clinic at Rutgers School of Law-Newark.

Why the hysteria?

By THOM AMMIRATO

THE HYSTERIA that has greeted the Jan. 22 Supreme Court ruling permitting corporations to exercise their First Amendment rights in political debate has exposed the irrational fear by some media outlets and politicians, who are desperately clinging to their monopoly on political speech.

The New York Times said the High Court's 5-4 ruling in the Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission case was "a blow to democracy" and that it "threat politics back to the robber baron era of the 19th century."

This is an odd comment from a corporation that owes its existence to the free speech rights in the First Amendment. The ruling's critics fail to recognize, as the court did, that laws making the FEC the arbiter of who gets to exercise political speech "are the equivalent of prior restraint, giving the FEC power... that the First Amendment was drawn to prohibit."

The Washington Post said the decision was "dangerous because corporate money may now overwhelm both the contributions of individuals and the faith they may see."

Thom Ammirato is a public relations consultant in North Jersey. He often consults for Republican candidates.



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Are casinos the best bet for the Meadowlands?

THE Meadowlands swamps are no longer home to just dead moose and other strange guests such as that alleged baseball team known as the Nets. Birds of all species and fashions are flocking there, including eagles and owls - evidence, perhaps, of a cleaner environment.

Unfortunately an old New Jersey suburban is trying to sneak in, too. Yes, casino gambling. In the Meadowlands. It was only a matter of time before this form of social torture would be proposed in one of the largest and most valuable parcels of land in the New York-New Jersey region. After all, these are desperate times, and when people get desperate - well, just ask the



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folks in America's spy agencies who figured that waterboarding would not pervert American values. The point here is that desperation tends to cloud some people's vision. And, here in New Jersey, political leaders are unusually desperate to find new cash sources to pay the bills. They won't dare raise taxes. But encourage gambling?

Welcome to New Jersey. **\$38 million deficit** Across the Garden State, all manner of government agencies are crying poor, from police departments and schools to libraries and transit systems. So it wasn't such a big surprise to learn recently that the governing body in charge of the Meadowlands, the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, was projecting a deficit. But \$38 million?

Such is the estimated shortfall that Governor Christie's transition team is predicting for just this year's Sports Authority budget. In a report on the future of the

Sports Authority, Christie's transition team essentially portrayed the authority's main asset - the Meadowlands Sports Complex - as the equivalent of a terminal patient. About half of the revenue loss - \$15 million - will come from the closing of the old "old" Giants Stadium. But what's striking here is that this loss did not have to happen.

Once upon a time, when New Jersey politicians actually understood the basics of economics, they set up a system in which they would receive income - about \$15 million last year - from the football teams and other groups that used a stadium on public land. But in a hugely misguided decision, the Authority allowed the Giants and Jets to build a new stadium on that same public land - and keep all the revenues.

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ISSUE 1 HOSPITAL INFECTIONS: are the GERMS winning?



Amanda Broderick of Toms River, a surgical technician at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, goes through her cleaning protocol before entering the emergency room.

By MICHAEL ANSEL STAFF WRITER
Helen Jensen, 66, of Lakewood was complaining about leg cramps and thought she might have circulation problems. So Dennis Jensen, her ex-husband, took her to Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood on March 21, where doctors found her kidneys were failing. Six days into her hospitalization, Jensen had her left leg amputated and nurses told Dennis "she was doing fine." One day later, she developed sepsis, a blood infection, and her blood pressure began to plunge. On April 2, Helen Jensen died.

INFECTION FACTS

- In 2008, an estimated 1.7 million people in the U.S. were hospitalized with infections.
- Nearly 100,000 people die annually from hospital-acquired infections.
- The annual nationwide cost to treat hospitalized patients with MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) is estimated to be between \$1.3 billion and \$4.2 billion.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MRSA infections accounted for 2 percent of the total number of deaths in 2004. By 2004, they accounted for more than 10 percent.

SOURCES: Federal Health and Human Services Department, *Consumer's Digest*; The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

hospital-acquired infections nationally. Hospitals in New Jersey and throughout the country say they are working hard to implement strategies to protect patients from potentially fatal infections — most of which are preventable by following proper protocols — but the Health and Human Services Department report indicates far more work needs to be done. Despite years of preven-

tion campaigns, the 2008 quality report found hospitals have made "very little progress" eliminating hospital-acquired infections. Historical data on hospital-acquired infections is spotty because it is only in the past several years that hospitals have been required to track and report infections in health officials and, more recently, to the public.

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IN DEPTH Should state reimpose income tax surcharge on the wealthy?

By JASON METHOOD
Republican Gov. Chris Christie and state Democratic legislative leaders are hurtling toward a high-stakes showdown this summer over the state's \$20.3 billion budget. The point of contention? Whether the state should reinstate an income tax surcharge for the wealthiest 1.4 percent of tax filers — a move that would generate an estimated \$900 million in additional revenue. The surcharge imposed last year under Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine was to have been a one-time tax. It expired in December. If the surcharge is reimposed, New Jersey would have the third highest income tax in the nation for those who make \$300,000 or more, according to the Washington-based Tax Foundation.

Whether to reinstate it is an economic and political question. Christie has promised to veto any tax increase, contending that higher taxes will continue to drive business owners out of state. Nearly half of those who would be affected by a surcharge report business income on their tax returns.

The governor also has political concerns. He has been criticized for being a budget cutter and a leader who backs up what he says. Political observers believe he won't change his mind about the surcharge. But Democrats, including state Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, D-Gloucester, point out that the recession has stripped away tax revenue needed to support essential programs. For a small additional tax hike on the wealthy, they argue a host of draconian cuts could be reimposed or at least mitigated.

INSIDE Cuts state could require by reimposing surcharge. PAGE B2

Last year's surcharge increased the tax rate from 6.27 percent to 6.9 percent on income between \$300,000 and \$1 million, and from 6.9 percent to 10.75 percent on income over \$1 million.

The Democrats had promised bipartisan cooperation earlier this year, but have grown increasingly contentious. Sweeney has vowed not to pass a budget without a surcharge.

Mark Karpiński, owner of a steel construction company in Jackson, says a surcharge would cut into his profits, which would result in smaller raises for his workers.

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"It's not fair. It's the Robin Hood effect, rob from the rich to give to the poor."
— Mark Karpiński, owner of a Jackson steel construction company.

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THE EDITOR'S VIEW

My late mother: my rock, my friend, my inspiration

Hollis R. Toms
My mother's death is always hard for me. As a mild-disposed man, I still miss my mother. I hear particular songs on the radio and soon tears flow down my face. After all these years, I still can't get through "Mama" by Beyoncé, "Sister" by the Spinners, "Home" by Shabazzle Mills or "Dance Queen" by Michael Jackson. They remind me of simple

times, of an era when I was younger. My mother was my rock, my best friend in the entire world. She's the reason I passed up football when she asked if major universities to play at tiny Fort Valley State in my hometown of Fort Valley, Ga. Other classmates left town and went off to college. But my mother wanted her baby boy home. She promised to make my

favorite dishes — fresh tomatoes, peach cobbler and sweet tea — and bring them over to my dorm. She promised to help me with my college coursework, even though she never went to college herself. She was always there with her motherly wisdom, even when I went astray. She also was a comedian before her time, making phrases that I use to this day with my own children. If she made a hearty

meal and I ate everything, she'd call me an "entire fixation." If I dated a girl she didn't approve of, she'd say, "hey, you better leave that peppy head girl alone." In my freshman year, I became roommates with my best friend from high school. Problem was, he didn't like going to class. My mother found out and made me move in with another best friend. To this

day, I don't know how she found out the first roommate was shacking off. I also never understood how she found out when I spent the night with my girlfriend in her dorm room. To my horror, my mother called the pay phone on the fourth floor of her dorm and found me. She said my girlfriend to send me home for working hours. See Toms, Page B2

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SIDE TRIPS

HIKING

This 2.5-mile hike features views of the Hudson River

Staten King State Park This 2.5-mile loop hike offers panoramic views over the Hudson River. It begins at a parking area on Route 9W, 8.1 miles north of the Bear Mountain Bridge. Follow the orange-blazed Butler Hill Trail, which begins just north of the parking area and climbs steeply. Soon, views over the Hudson River appear to the left.

The trail passes stone pillars, descends slightly, then continues to climb. At the top of a steep climb, open rock ledges afford a wide panorama. After a short level stretch, the Butler Hill Trail ends at a junction with the yellow-blazed Stillman Trail. Turn right and follow the Stillman Trail up to the summit of Butler Hill, which offers a 360-degree view. Continue along the Stillman Trail, which climbs some more, then levels off, with more spectacular views over the Hudson River.

When you reach a junction with the blue-blazed By-Pass Trail, bear right and follow the By-Pass Trail, which winds along the side of the mountain. When the By-Pass Trail ends, continue ahead on the blue-blazed Howell Trail, but in 500 feet, when the blue-blazed trail turns off to the left, continue ahead on the road to the parking area on Route 9W, where the hike begins.

■ For a more detailed description of the hike, log on to www.nystrip.com/hikes/butler-hill-stillman-by-pass-trail-loop-route-9w

*Hiking is provided by Daniel Chazin of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

SWIMMING

Head to the Glen Rock Pool and Swim Across America

For the last seven years, 15-year-old Caitlin Beggs has joined her father, Tom, in participating in the Swim Across America event in Long Island Sound to honor the memory of her grandfather, who died of Hodgkin's Disease in 1971 when he was 38 years old. Together, the Beggs have raised more than \$51,000 for cancer research through the event.

This year, Caitlin wanted to do something closer to home as part of the Swim Across America national pool program. So, the Glen Rock resort helped organize the inaugural North Jersey Pool Swim from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 17 at the Glen Rock Pool. Her brother, Tom, and mother, Jen, will also be swimming.

"My motivation for starting the pool swim was to get more people involved with Swim Across America and to bring community awareness to such an important cause," said Caitlin, who, at age 14 in 2009, was the youngest in the country to complete a half Ironman triathlon. "Open water swims can be intimidating, and a pool swim is a perfect alternative. My hope is that each year, with each swimmer that my dad and I raise, that we become one step closer to a cure."

The Beggs will also be participating in the Long Island Swim Across America event again on July 24. Proceeds from both events will go to the Cancer Support Team, the Children's Hospital of New York, and Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. To learn more, or to make a donation, visit swimacrossamerica.com/north-jersey.

— Tom Gulliti

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CYCLING

July 10
 ■ Family Fishing Basics class at Pequot Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center, 9:30 a.m. Call 908-627-4125 for more info.
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FISHING

July 13
 ■ The New Jersey Fish and Game Council meets in the Central Region Office in the Asanuguan Wildlife Management Area in Robbinsville at 1 p.m. The public is welcome.

■ Belmar 5M (8:30 a.m.), Taylor Pavilion, 5th and Ocean avenues, Belmar. For info, visit Belmar.com.

■ Bayview
 ■ Arcoez Pizzo Memorial 5K (9:30 a.m.), Memorial Park, Bayview Heights. For info, phone 908-322-3332 or visit www.arcoezpizzo.com.

PLUNGING

■ Nike Burner Loop 5K Challenge (7:30 a.m.), Rock Point Parking Area, Portland Road, Highlands. For info, visit www.nike.com.

■ Sprintin Clinton 5K (8:30 p.m.), Clinton Community Center. For info, phone 908-279-0112 or visit sprintin.com.

July 13

■ Run with a Purpose, Hoboken 5K (7 p.m.), Pier A, Hoboken. For info, visit runwithapurpose.org/.

■ Morris County Strides 5K Summer Series (7 p.m.), Johnsons Pond, Boonton. For info, visit mccountystrides.com.

July 14

■ No Trail XC Series 5K (8:30 p.m.), Central Park Sports Complex, Parsippany. For info, e-mail Rick at Rick@no-trail.com or visit www.no-trail.com.

■ World class fly-fishers show off their techniques and even a photo gallery of nearby fishing spots.

GET UP AND GO: FISHING

BIG FISH STORY



"Big Mo" is a trout statue that greets visitors to the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. There are plenty of fine fishing spots nearby.

Learn the history of fly-fishing at the Catskill Museum

By MARK J. CZERWINSKI

STAFF WRITER

There's more to fishing than simply losing a line into the water. The sport, particularly fly-fishing, has a rich history in the United States. It is a check full of tradition that has many of its roots in conservation and is built around a deep, abiding respect for nature.

If you want to understand or develop a deeper appreciation of that aspect of the sport — and find some incredible fishing spots along the way — then plan a visit to the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. It's located in Livingston Manor, N.Y., about a 90-minute drive from North Jersey, and it is a wonderful place for an angler to spend a summer afternoon.

The museum is dedicated to preserving America's fly-fishing heritage, teaching future generations of fly-fishers and protecting our fishing environment. The museum collects, cares for, interprets and displays angling equipment, art and artifacts in a way that explains the traditions and techniques of



the sport.

The museum calls itself "The Hub of the Fly Fishing Community" and, if you want to know what to expect on this trip, that slogan tells you everything you need.

The exhibits are fascinating. Among the highlights are the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame — but you didn't know there was one of those — a Rod Makers Gallery and the Making of Bamboo Rods display.

There's an exhibit honoring the 50th anniversary of Trout Unlimited — North Jersey anglers can relate to that thanks to the work of the East Jersey chapter — and the Women in Fly Fishing section is very popular. Make sure you check out the collection of old rods, including some early American fly rods that are truly works of art.

On Saturdays through the end of July, the museum boasts a Guest Fly-Tier program from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. during the summer months. There is a very informative World class fly-fishers show off their techniques and even a great opportunity to learn.

This is a little slice of fly-fishing heaven, and it extends well beyond anything you see inside the museum. That's because the museum is located on 53 acres bordering the Willowemoc, right in the heart of the scenic Catskill Mountains, and that is the bones to this trip.

This area is where American dry fly-fishing was born, and once the museum gets your fishing juices flowing, you can visit one of several outstanding spots to fish in the region. In addition to the Willowemoc, there's the Bearkill River, Biscuit Brook and the west branch of the Delaware River, and there are all prime spots.

Keep in mind that you will need a New York State fishing license to fish here. A non-resident, one-day fishing permit costs \$15, and you can find more information about obtaining one at www.dec.ny.gov/permits/565.html.

This is a beautiful place to spend a morning or evening fishing, like something right out of a painting. And if you've never been there before, you can check out stream conditions in the area by logging on to catskills.com/stream.html or checking out the website at offcn.net/index.htm that provides detailed information about the exhibits, directions and even a photo gallery of nearby fishing spots.

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Even Esposito, 6, Rami Viazoli, 3, of Budd Lake and Mikayla Viazoli, 4, at the beach at Budd Lake. Photo by Warren Rosner

Budd Lake's beach perfect for swimming, relaxing closer to home

By VANESSA VERA ROMAN
STAFF WRITER

For more than three decades, Ann Krizanda has been a faithful friend of the Budd Lake beach.

A longtime Budd Lake resident, Krizanda, 76, used to bring her son to the beach for swim lessons when he was a boy. He's a grown man now, but Krizanda keeps visiting on her own several times a week to read, swim and relax on her piece of shore closer to home.

"I think the beach is wonderful. Mount Olive did a wonderful job on the beach," Krizanda said. "It's one of the best assets that Mount Olive has."

The Budd Lake beach, located on Route 88 West, is where Mount Olive residents come to play or relax for free. Nonresidents have the opportunity to do the same for a small fee.

Beach season started in June and ends on Aug. 28.

Throughout the summer, beach staff offer swim lessons as well as a host of activities for families such as movie nights, family programs and birthday parties. Mary Lou McGrath, the beach's director for the last four years, said.

"I think the atmosphere we have here is terrific," she said.

For 23-year-old Hamburg resident Susan Sapendrich, it's precisely the atmosphere that brings her to Budd Lake almost daily.

Sapendrich and her sister, Budd Lake resident Jocelyn De Voechto, 28, usually visit the beach together along with De Voechto's three children and Sapendrich's 12-year-old daughter.

"It's a better atmosphere than to drive an hour away down the Shore. It's more family oriented," Sapendrich said. "They look out for each other here, all the families. Everyone's watching everyone's kids," she said.

For De Voechto, a mother of three, it's an easier time keeping an eye on her children.

"I like the fact that it's here, that we see other people (my daughter knows from school)," De Voechto said of the beach.

Additionally, both sisters agree that the beach is an affordable place to enjoy.

See Beach, Page 4

from the editor

Hey Mount Olive, we love it here — really!

Do you love Mount Olive and all its parts — Budd Lake, Flanders and Bartley? How about Southgate State Park, Waterloo and Sutton Falls? We do.

Have a soft spot in your heart for Netcong? Us, too.

Oh... sometimes it gets a little annoying: finding cars at East at morning rush hour in Budd Lake. Quarter past 8 at the corner of Main and Route 206. Or 24-7 at the Netcong Circle.

And what's with all the hawks? How about few gourmet restaurants, or a few clothing stores on our side of the road? Still, we are blessed with great neighborhoods, wonderful parks, top-notch schools and... well... as our most interesting and precious asset.

Welcome, then, to Mount Olive This Week, which brings our neighborhoods to life for busy people on the go who live and work in them. Inside you'll find interesting, fun and useful information on:

- Where we eat, play and shop
- Our celebrations — photographs of our occasional full pages of them, having fun and doing our favorite things.
- An example of a local hero — a regular person doing good work when no one is looking.
- How we exercise.
- What buses and condos we're buying.
- Welcome, then, to Mount Olive This Week, which brings our neighborhoods to life for busy people on the go who live and work in them. Inside you'll find interesting, fun and useful information on:
- And lots more, including stories and briefs about the good things people are doing in our suburban life.
- If you like what you read in Mount Olive This Week, we'd like to know. And if you can point us in the direction of an interesting website, restaurant or local hero we should profile, please do — even if it's just an e-mail at info@mountolive.com, or call us at 973-282-6814.

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Is he a statesman and a problem solver? Or is he just another wedge politician?

After nearly a year in office, it's time to give Gov. Chris Christie his first report card.



Tom Moran
columnist

In a poll, almost half of the state's voters give him an A or a B, and half approve of the job he's doing. That might not sound impressive, but it is.

Because he's earned this in a blue state, during a recession, while preaching a gospel of sacrifice. He's done it by taking a blood vow against higher taxes, by knocking the overpaid teachers union off its pedestal, and by outmaneuvering Democrats to enact a sharply conservative budget.

And he's done it with a style that is pure Jersey — rethinking the fight, showing no mercy and enjoying himself like a teen driver in his first car, thrilled to be at the wheel.

Outside the state, he's become the hottest property on the right, a Sarah Palin with testosterone. A YouTube star with a razor-sharp tongue who fits the nation's angry mood as if it were made just for him. “Ladies and gentlemen, it is a joy to have another man,” asks Rush Limbaugh. “Because I love Chris Christie.”

Here's the problem: Rush doesn't know from Jersey. And neither do his gushing pals on the right, like Glenn Beck and “Morning Joe” Scarborough. They praise Christie because he is so good at their game — direct, snappy answers that dent the conservative credo. But where are the concrete achievements?

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COURAGE A Give him that. The man is a cage fighter for his cause.	BUDGET B Cut state spending by nearly \$3 billion, but favored the rich.	THE PENSION ABYSS B Delayed pension payments, but signed modest reform and pushing for much more.	ENERGY B Rallied clean energy funds, but pushed solar and wind rights over and offshore drilling.
EDUCATION C Strong reform vision, but lots of layoffs, excess borrowing and new taxes to top.	TRANSIT D No solution on it Hudson tunnel. Or for better transit fund.	ETHICS D No principals in his camps, but avoids suspect connections from fat cat insiders.	PERSONAL BEHAVIOR D Rethinking traditions has morphed into gratuitous personal attacks.

CHRISTIE'S FINAL GRADE

Here is our grade for the governor. Want to offer your own? See Page 4.



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- Former Gov. Brendan T. Byrne and Tom Kean join the ratings.
- A close look of Christie's highlights — and lowlights.
- Breaking down the latest Democratic poll approval numbers.

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THE GOV THAT ROARED

“He has two ears and one tongue so that we would listen more and talk less,” according to the Greek philosopher Diogenes. It is a likely bet that Gov. Chris Christie might not much appreciate this adage either. He hasn't been one for holding his tongue during his first year in office, and his combative style, while refreshing to some, is prized as refreshing by others. Here's a sampling:



“Using the students like drug mules to carry information back to the classroom is reprehensible.” — April 23

On the eve of statewide school elections, the governor accuses teachers of using students to gather information about their parents' voting plans, citing homework assignments given to elementary school pupils in Monroe.

“Hey, listen. You know what. You want to yell, yell at me. It's people who raise their voices and yell and scream like you who are dividing this country. We're here to bring this country together.” — Sept. 22

During a campaign swing in support of Meg Whitman, the Republican candidate for governor in California, Christie confronts a man who was heckling Whitman.

“Don't lie to the governor. That's the message.” — Aug. 27

After the governor fires Ben Schurder, an education commissioner, he claims Schurder lied to him. Schurder disputes that and presents e-mails that support his account.

“Let me tell you about the new poster boy for all that's wrong with the public school system that is being dictated by greed.” — Nov. 2

At a town hall meeting in Parsippany Township, Christie is unrelenting in his contempt toward that would-be Parsippany school chief Jeffrey Smith about \$225,004 annually and identifies the superintendent by name.

“All he knows how to do is blow hot air. So I don't really care what Frank Lautenberg has to say about much of anything.” — Nov. 22

Asked about Lautenberg's criticism of the decision to kill the Hudson River tunnel, the governor fires back.

“He is going to have to explain to the people of the state of New Jersey why he's depriving them of \$400 million that this application earned them.” — Aug. 28

After New Jersey bids to win \$100 in the Top funding for education, Christie asks that of President Obama and claims the bid would not allow New Jersey to sell information missing because of a clerical error. A video later shows he was wrong — New Jersey officials didn't have the needed data.

Are terrorists anything more than ordinary criminals?

By John Farmer Jr.

The recent acquittal in New York federal court of alleged al Qaeda member Ahmed Ghailani on all but one count of a 295-count indictment, resulting from the 1995-1998 East Africa bombings in East Africa, has sparked the predictable scheduled response.

Critics of the Obama administration's determination to try accused terrorists as ordinary criminals in federal criminal court have reacted on the verdict. They have proclaimed it — in seconds: House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Peter King's words — a “tragic wake-up call to the Obama administration to abandon its ill-advised plan to try Guantanamo detainees” in federal court. Supporters, on the other

U.S. officials remain confused about whether or not terror attacks are acts of wartime combat.

hand, have pointed to Ghailani's conviction on the single count of conspiracy to destroy government property — and the likely sentence of between 20 years and life in prison — as evidence that the use of the federal courts to try terrorists has been vindicated. As Monahan, former chief prosecutor at Guantanamo, wrote in the New York Times: “The Ghailani verdict delivered justice. It did so subtly and elegantly by upholding the values that defined America.” In reality, however, the Ghailani case is a poor evidence for either side of that debate. Contrary to the claims of King and others,

it is far from clear that the result would have been different before a military commission.

Ghailani was acquitted of the murder counts because the strongest proof of his involvement was obtained through coercion — and excluded at trial. Under the military commission statute, coerced testimony is inadmissible. Furthermore, military judges have not hesitated to suppress evidence that has been obtained through coercion. On the other hand, imagine sitting in that Manhattan courtroom and hearing the words “not guilty” spoken 24 times. Such a verdict is hardly a monument to the capacity of the federal criminal courts to deal justly and effectively with terrorist suspects. As prosecutions of terrorists in federal courts go, the Ghailani

MULSHINE ON THE BEAR HUNT:

“I suspect Yogi won't be making that boo-boo after the hunt begins. The bears tend to get humbled by a hunt.” Page 2



BOOKS
“DEAR MRS. KENNEDY, I was terribly shocked when I heard of the cowardly deed done, well, it must have been a mistake, performed. I'm in fourth grade. I was in art when I saw the news came. I am only 9, but I know how great he was. I give you my deepest sympathy, which I know will not help much, but you may have all I have to give. My sympathy, Brett Ferneux.”

An excerpt from an Oklahoma boy's letter in “Dear Mrs. Kennedy: The World Shows Its Grief, Letters, November 1963.” A review of this book and three others on the Kennedy can be found, with other reviews, on Page 6.

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