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**BIG TREE FOR A BIG JOB**

TD Spine Center has been awarded a major contract to build a new spine center in the Mantua Creek area. The project will be a major addition to the center's services and will be a major step in the center's expansion.

local

**Murder suspect pleads guilty**

A man charged with the murder of a woman in the Mantua Creek area has pleaded guilty to the crime. The man, who was 34 years old at the time of the murder, was charged with first-degree murder and possession of a deadly weapon.

**Stray bullet strikes house**

A stray bullet from a nearby shooting range struck a house in the Mantua Creek area, causing damage to the structure. The bullet was fired from a rifle and struck the roof of the house.

online

**Bright spots of the holidays**

There are many bright spots in the holiday season, and here are some of the best. From the lights to the decorations, there are many ways to make the season special.

weather

Puffy sunny High 53, Low 42

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WEIGHT TRAIN DERAILMENT IN PAULSBORO

Seven cars fall when bridge collapses ■ Vinyl chloride gas spills ■ Vapor cloud forces evacuations and lockdowns of residents

**'LIKE WATCHING 9/11'**



Workers investigate how the train derailed after the bridge collapsed in Paulsboro Friday morning after the bridge derailed by several cars fell. At least one car was carrying the chemical vinyl chloride.

**Rail incident is second at Mantua Creek span in past three years**

By Rebecca Frenkel  
 It was a quiet night in Paulsboro, N.J., when the bridge over Mantua Creek collapsed, sending seven rail cars plummeting into the water. The incident, which occurred Friday morning, was the second such collapse in three years. The first collapse occurred in 2009, when a bridge over the same creek collapsed, sending several cars into the water. The cause of the collapse was attributed to a faulty support structure.

**CRIME WATCH**

**Crime watch captain demands action**

By Jack Howard  
 It's time to get serious about crime in Paulsboro, says the captain of the local crime watch. The captain, who has been active in the community for many years, has seen a steady increase in crime in the area. He is calling for more resources and a more proactive approach to law enforcement.

**LOCAL BUSINESS, INTERNATIONAL REACH**

By Jack Howard  
 A local business in Paulsboro has found a way to reach international markets. The business, which specializes in manufacturing, has expanded its operations to include exports to several countries.



Kevin Rhye demonstrates the finishing equipment for creating house and table at UPRC Shop in Upper Deerfield Township.

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# South Jersey Times

Rail incident is second at Mantua Creek span in past three years

Residents outraged in Paulsboro

An informed public is a safer public  
 Schools back in action

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# Courier News

Access to public records at stake

Judge OKs access to public records

Courts sides with access

Senate bill may relax records ruling

Payroll company behind newspaper's lawsuit against borough waives fee

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# Gloucester County Times

A lost soul no longer

Seven with no family buried

Carly Romalino  
Reporter





HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPS

MONTCLAIR	10	POMPTON LAKES	20	CARTERET	13	FOR MORE RESULTS SEE SPORTS
BLOOMFIELD	13	CEDAR GROVE	13	WEEQUAHIC	12	

A POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MARCH TO SELF-DESTRUCTION  
A TWO-PART STAR-LEDGER SPECIAL REPORT

# LAW AND DISORDER



PART 1 OF 2

How rancorous infighting is tearing Edison's police force apart and burdening taxpayers with millions in legal fees and settlements

By Mark Mueller

**F**ighting the volatile, seething battle between the range of remaining forces of phoning squad cars from a silver lid. They stop at attention near the front door. Unfamiliar officers wave and go still after a split. But behind the scenes, the officers of the Edison Police Department grow more anxious, fighting often and covering each other's spot. Just it's not even clear which comes first. While police have become a black art of lawbreaking and city officials, it's long been a combination of being the first on the scene and their relations. Law suits have become a weapon and a way of life.

A Star-Ledger investigation investigating dozens of lawsuits and thousands of pages of documents — including

SANDY'S AFTERMATH

## Distressed state turns to 'master' of disaster

N.J. hires ex-FEMA chief to lead state recovery funding

By James Hancher

State Gov. Chris Christie has tapped James Lee Witt, former FEMA chief, to lead the state's recovery funding effort. Witt, who served as FEMA director from 2001 to 2005, was hired to lead the state's recovery funding effort. Witt, who served as FEMA director from 2001 to 2005, was hired to lead the state's recovery funding effort.



James Lee Witt

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# The Star-Ledger

Law and Disorder

Betraying the Badge

Chief reveals FBI's role in Edison probe

More turmoil for cops in Edison

TSA hired ex-Edison cop with a history

Mark Mueller

Reporter



Monmouth men's basketball team opens season today  
Sports, C1



# THE PRESS

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Complaints rise about FEMA's Camp Freedom



Plumes of steam from the tent rise up at Monmouth Park in Asbury Park as FEMA sets up a camp for victims of Sandy. Any resident who comes to camp on the grounds of the park is asked to connect with a FEMA representative at asburyparkfema.com.

## BITTER COLD INSIDE A DISASTER SHELTER

'You could see your breath,' displaced resident says



**Stephen Eshelberg**  
"The electric air over and over and over."

**MIKE WELLS**  
"It's not even close to a disaster."

**WICKESPEY** — As he looks out a tent door and takes a slow drag on his cigarette, Steve Brown is a man who has clearly reached his breaking point.

As part of a FEMA camp set up on the grounds of the park, he is one of the thousands of displaced residents who have come to camp on the grounds of the park to connect with a FEMA representative at asburyparkfema.com.

But for Brown, it's not the cold that's the problem. It's the lack of power that's the problem. "You could see your breath," he says. "The electric air over and over and over."



Photo of the man, at Camp Freedom, taken by Mike Wells. He is one of the thousands of displaced residents who have come to camp on the grounds of the park to connect with a FEMA representative at asburyparkfema.com.

## Hypothermia real danger for those in homes without power

By Mike Wells

As the temperature drops, the danger of hypothermia is a real concern for those who are still in their homes without power. Hypothermia is a condition in which the body loses heat faster than it can produce it, resulting in a dangerously low body temperature. It can be fatal if not treated quickly.

For many people, the lack of power means no heat, no hot water, and no way to stay warm. This is especially true for the elderly, the young, and those with health conditions. Hypothermia can set in quickly, and it's not always obvious at first. Symptoms include shivering, confusion, and slurred speech.

Experts advise that anyone who is in a home without power should take steps to stay warm. This includes wearing heavy clothing, using blankets, and staying in a central part of the house. If possible, they should also use space heaters, but only if they are used safely. In some cases, it may be necessary to seek shelter elsewhere.

**HEALTH CARE**  
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## Four lives lost to Sandy

Neighbors of victim in Ocean County

Neighbors of a victim of Superstorm Sandy in Ocean County are mourning the loss of four lives. The victims were a family of four who were killed in their home in the town of Freehold. The home was destroyed by the storm's surge.

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Road to Recovery – After Superstorm Sandy

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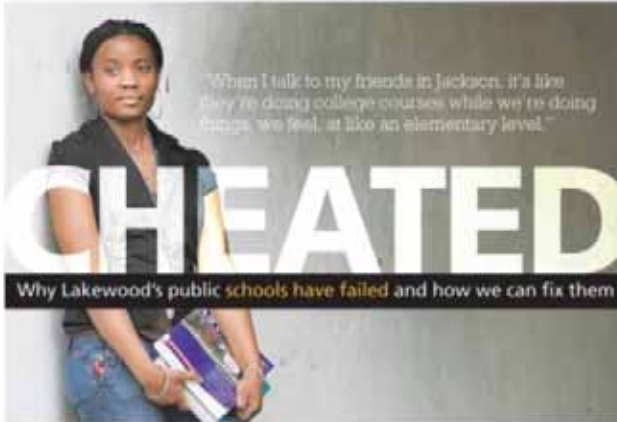
Your kid's sport could be dangerous

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## Asbury Park Press Investigation



When I talk to my friends in Jackson, it's like they're doing college courses while we're doing things we feel, at like an elementary level.

**CHEATED**

Why Lakewood's public schools have failed and how we can fix them

Without even a Lakewood High School senior sign, the art class about the shortcomings of the school district.

In the first of a four-day series, the Asbury Park Press investigates the failings of the Lakewood School District, which has some of the lowest test scores and one of the highest per student costs in the state. The series will show you Lakewood's systemic problems, suggest remedies and tell you how some of the solutions can improve your own district. The series continues in today's *Issue* section.

### Did Lakewood fudge to win \$6 million grant?

#### NEXT IN THE SERIES

**Monday** A school principal admits for the first time that Lakewood's children are not doing well in school.

**Tuesday** Why Lakewood's schools are a mess.

**Wednesday** Why Lakewood's schools are a mess.

#### By Ken Serrano

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Cheated: Why Lakewood public schools have failed and what we can do to fix them

- Shannon Mullen
- Ken Serrano
- Todd Bates
- Margaret Bonafide





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# Responsible Journalism: Editorial Comment

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# OPINION

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### EDITORIALS

## Resign, Mayor Mack

**N**ow that he has been arrested on corruption charges, it's time for Tony Mack to step down as mayor of Trenton.

According to the allegations contained in the complaint, Mack did not play by the rules during his time in office. And almost the entire time of that tenure, he's been under federal investigation.

He's been charged in connection with a conspiracy linked to \$10,000 in bribes for a parking garage project in the city, says the FBI.

This is a true tragedy for the city of Trenton. The city is desperately in need of a strong leader, parched for a rainmaker to restore opportunity and raise hope.

But instead of dedicating himself to the needs of the city and its residents, Mayor Mack and some of his associates apparently put themselves first. Mack campaign supporter Joseph "Jack" Giogrianni also has been arrested. And the mayor's brother, Raphael Mack, has surrendered to the FBI.

The investigation revealed evidence of a conspiracy among the defendants and others to corrupt certain functions of Trenton City government in favor of a purported developer seeking to build a parking garage on city-owned property in exchange for cash payments totaling approximately \$10,000, according to the criminal complaint.

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cuttings and window dressing. He's been an advocate of city parks. However, he's fallen short on the big issues. Decisive action on tough and troublesome problems, unhesitating leadership, communicating a vision for the city — these have been beyond the mayor. And the city is poorer because of it.

A family struggling in the North Ward doesn't need a paean to mayors past and present in City Hall. They do need to know their kids will be safe walking to school.

Calwalader Park doesn't need a shiny new sign with the mayor's name prominently displayed, but Trenton residents do need to know there are not "some more equal than others" in the city.

That charge of preferential treatment has been a recurring theme ever since the mayor took office. It's been demonstrated through questionable contracts, questionable appointments and questionable financial dealings.

According to a criminal complaint, co-defendant Giogrianni says Mack represented "good corruption" in the city because he was taking money so others could do business with Trenton.

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Mayor Mack remains innocent of the federal charges unless proved guilty in court. His record, however, has shown that he's guilty of failing Trenton. For the good of the city he loves, we call on him to resign immediately.



### READERS FORUM

#### Let's see who calls for Mayor Mack to resign

I have written in the past about Mercer County Democrats publicly calling for the resignation of Republican Hamilton Township Mayor John Benvenuto because of his arrest on corruption charges, but giving a pass to Democratic Trenton Mayor Tony Mack. But with the arrest of the Democratic mayor pending, I wonder if Democratic Party leaders in Mercer County and statewide will renege their double standard and call for the immediate resignation of their fellow party member.

Millions of taxpayers in New Jersey pay state income and sales taxes, and the state in turn funnels tens of millions of dollars to the City of Trenton. I would like to know that my elected state representatives, regardless of their district affiliation, do not support an allegedly corrupt mayor making decisions regarding my hard-earned, middle-class tax dollars. I would also like to know that they are against all forms of corruption, regardless of the party affiliation of the accused corrupt politician(s).

Lacking a statement calling for Mayor Tony Mack's resignation from 14th District elected officials and county party bosses, I must assume that a clear double standard exists in the Democratic Party when it comes to political corruption, particularly in Mercer County and the 14th District in which I live, and that they support the alleged actions for which the Trenton mayor has been arrested.

Bob Johnson  
Hamilton

#### Eastwood made his point

Clint Eastwood's performance at the Republican National Convention was exceptional. He took a page out of the book of the late comedian Andy Kaufman. He made his audience anxious and uncomfortable with the possibility that he may have had a "moment gone blank," when in fact his entire speech was well thought out and well-delivered. What he accomplished was to have both Republicans and Democrats watching during and after his talk.

Paul Harvey, the assassination of President Kennedy, Sept. 11, 2001 — days that will live in infamy, days that brought us to our knees in despair or in prayer. But always, always, we have risen, overcoming fear or divinely inspired, to carry on.

Through individual sorrows and singular catastrophes, we have rallied. There's no doubt there will be another awful marker in future days, a "Where were you when you heard?" moment, some unforeseen disaster as unfathomable as an attack on the World Trade Center once was.

Just as definite is the resilience that characterizes this country. It's part of the character of the young citizens who have yet to encounter such a shared and grievous experience.

As you take time today to remember, take comfort in that certainty.

David V. Hammond  
Hawing

#### Empty-chair gambit didn't make my day

Associate director Clint Eastwood performed only half of the well-known consulting technique referred to as "the empty chair" during his speech at the Republican National Convention, when he posed questions to the president, pretending Obama was sitting in that chair. As a typical Republican, he missed the crucial part: providing the answers.

Ralph Papp  
Rushmoreville

#### Difficult decision for voters

I am having a problem deciding who is the better candidate. During his term, President Barack Obama has been stymied by Congress' playing politics instead of negotiating a solution. Their only objective was to see that President Obama failed, not providing the answers.

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#### Scour store shelves for cruelty-free products

Does your disliking of laundry detergent cause animals to suffer and die, because of the infamous formaldehyde involved in the Lethal Dose 50 product test? What about your toothpaste, lipstick, deodorant or shampoo — were rabbits killed in the Draize Eye Irritation Test to make those products?

Every year, countless dogs, cats, rabbits and other animals are tortured and killed because they are used to test cosmetics and household products. Some of these animals are former pets that are given up by their owners or sold on "free to good home" ads and purchased by research facilities. There is no law that requires companies to test their products on animals, but many of them continue to use these archaic testing methods, which are no longer needed.

There are now more than 1,000 companies that do not test their products on animals. They use more modern and scientific testing methods. And don't be fooled by that cute animal on the bottle of shampoo, as the company may still be testing on animals.

One of the places consumers can find a cruelty-free shopping guide is at petusa.com. At the bottom of the main page, where it says "Cruelty-Free Lifestyle," click on "Inquiries That Do and Don't Test On Animals."

Silver Pawprint  
Cherokee, Pa.

#### Easy decision for voters

I watched both conventions completely. Voters should be clear about the stark differences. President Barack Obama offers lots of free stuff, stimulus, more food stamps, citizenship for children of undocumented aliens, unemployment compensation for two years, a choice to abort unwanted babies and a promise that he can tax the rich to pay off our debt.

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# The Times

## Resign Mayor Mack

## Gov. Christie, please visit TCHS

## The paper chase

## Nora O'Dowd

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# opinion

## Our View

### Dover is moving too fast on public safety plan

Whether local officials in any town start touting around the possibility of a public safety director taking command of community police and fire departments — as is happening in Dover right now — controversy and bad feelings are almost certain to follow.

Typically, personality rifts or departmental disagreements are at the root of the movement. Police chiefs are almost impossible to remove from their posts for any reason in New Jersey. So if, for example, a mayor clashes with a chief carried over from past administrations, or rank-and-file officers grow dissatisfied with their boss, the creation of a civilian director's post above the chief is virtually the only way to change the chain of command.

Putting a civilian in charge, however, can also leave personnel highly skeptical of the credibility of an administrator telling top cops how to run their departments. And when policemen and firefighters are upset, many residents are likely to follow.

But to hear supporters in Dover talk of the plan — scheduled for a public hearing and possible adoption on July 24 — the overhead seems rather reasonable. Mayor James Dodd has mentioned improved efficiency and accountability, but it has all been rather mild and generic — and he wouldn't even take questions from the public when the proposal was introduced earlier this month. He didn't cite any major issues or concerns with police operations, saying only that he wants to streamline the bureaucracy. The safety director would be in charge of the police and fire departments, and emergency response teams.

It's also happening quickly. Dodd only announced his support of the ordinance July 16 but the plan could be approved as soon as Tuesday. While this has elements of a summer surprise, a public official trying to sneak through a potentially contentious plan at a time when residents are distracted, Dodd merely said that the time is right because of the recent retirements of some high-ranking officers.

Some critics have already spoken out, insisting the town should spend its money getting more officers on the street, not adding another bureaucratic layer. Dodd countered by explaining a top bureaucrat could free the chief and other officials with administrative duties to concentrate more directly on policing.

There have been some hints of underlying tensions or a hidden agenda. For instance, Alderman Dominic Timpano argued the plan is nothing more than an effort to push Police Chief Harold "Bats" Valentine into retirement. Residents also have speculated that Dodd wants to put Alderman James Vitelli in the director's job, which the mayor denied. Opponents are expected to turn out in force for the Tuesday hearing.

There is no harm in waiting, and rapid fire approval could only sabotage future support of the new structure if it leaves residents skeptical of the rationale. We urge Dover officials to be patient and allow the plan to be more fully vetted publicly before making a decision.



## Your Views

### Obamacare plan violates religious rights

Although President Obama's health and human services plan may benefit many Americans, it also violates the freedoms of religion for many Americans as well.

Our government should be protecting the constitutional rights of all people in these United States.

Revisions to the HHS plan should be made to protect all of our rights.

Lillian Abate

### Cable TV leaves a lot to be desired

I think it is about time we all start making noise about the cable television system.

We are paying through the nose for a system that is slow, flawed, cable companies are telling us the system disrate to them, therefore we have to live here to their rules. Well, if NBC here to get Channel 8 you have to subscribe to X, V and Z channels, well we will have the CBS, ABC and FOX networks. Tell them to go somewhere.

I for one do not need all the news channels. After viewing the news one time, why do we need to watch it over and over again? It is the same news on one channel. Besides, these news reporters do not report the news like the good old days. They try to create the news.

I for one do not want to see some middle aged news reporter standing after someone and asking in their face and making a situation worse.

Bring back David Brinkley, John Cameron Brown, Chet Huntley and so many others who were respectable and down-to-earth and most of all professional. As a matter of fact the news anchor should be rated if — not for the news but for the reporting. If it is for Baltimore.

The media is the problem in this world. A person does not have a choice if the media gets hold of their name for some reason or another.

Get rid of the news channels, News I do not need a BET Channel, a Spanish channel, a Hispanic channel, or any other foreign language channel. We live in

## FEATURED LETTER

### Dover officials owe public explanation of ordinance

The recent Dover Board of Aldermen meeting was disturbing to me and to most of the people in attendance.

Mayor James Dodd unexpectedly introduced a controversial ordinance creating the appointed position of Public Safety Director. According to the ordinance, this position would oversee the police and fire departments, be largely an administrative position and the appointee would serve at the pleasure of the mayor. No specifications or salary ranges are mentioned in the ordinance.

Perhaps anticipating strong public reaction and many questions in which he said that he was taking hold action to protect the town and that no questions about the position, either from the general public or the aldermen, would be answered that evening. Many people, including myself, will get up and ask appropriate questions, all of which went unanswered.

Based on what I saw at the meeting, my opinion is writing to the town administrator, who would answer them in writing before the next board meeting. Any elected official who proposes legislation and then refuses to answer any questions about it should resign.

The aldermen did speak out against the mayor's tactics, and two voted against the ordinance but in the end the others went along quietly with the mayor and voted for the ordinance. I suspect that in addition to not speaking up about this lack of public debate and transparency these sheepish aldermen kept their heads down to avoid eye contact with their constituents.

It was a sad day for representative government in Dover: The people of Dover should come to the next board meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at for the final vote on this ordinance to see their elected officials in action.

Jim Mallico

the United States. These language channels need to be sold separately. Do not make me pay for something I will never watch, I also have no children therefore I do not need a Cartoon Network, or MTV, or MTV 2 Plus.

Do not tell me it cannot be done with today's technology. Do not tell me that if I don't have MSG, I can't watch Channel 8. They go together. Personally, there is a channel duplicated right next to other and there have the exact same shows, even though they are MSG and MSG2.

Cable TV needs to be revamped as it is now, it offers HD or 3D in different channels — come on, There's Showtime and the Movie Channel, and great what? Once a week, we go to see watch one new movie. Can't get repeats. Is this what we are paying for?

Come on people, let's force them to give us what we want, not what they want. Every government out of us, which would only make things worse.

Start writing letters to your newspaper. Call the cable companies. If you can get a few people, will join or how you want change. Ask to talk with someone who has held high public office and has been running for even higher office for the past eight years or so, which would only make things worse.

Cable TV as it is needs to be changed immediately, not five years from now.

Rick Redick

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## Romney botched tax-return controversy

TRENTON — The presidential election is high time now in politics, so neither side can draw lasting conclusions from polls that show President Barack Obama's job approval rating slipping and the race with Mitt Romney more or less a dead heat despite the campaign messages on both sides.

The Obama people apparently banked on saying he achieved a big economic victory, which is true, and voters agree it is in fact true, but they used it as Obama's economy after almost four years. Romney's problem is he cannot agree on a dead-end record of an administration of arrogance.

The issue of Romney's net returns and how he did and did not work at Bain Capital would have been small bumps in the road were it not for the way Romney handled them.

The tax issue is especially ironic because 40 years ago Romney's dad, George, who introduced 12 years of his returns under the 40-year age and set a high standard for public officials. Mitt reportedly said he would release two years' returns, 2009 and 2010. When George released a return he said it was because one year could be some

possible lies and distortions, about the reasons behind it. Several possible explanations are making the rounds, among them: His filer name may have been obscured. Don't we think that anyway? I doubt if any of us would be checked by his wealth. His wife and never comes to reveal about his income, however, his central core and other material wealth.

Because of circumstances around it, the Romney in the economy was the rich but a great deal of their assets, it could be there was a year or when the super-rich Romney paid no taxes.

A Romney could reveal people he is a business because of the large donations he gives to charity. Just giving to charity is good thing? We know the checks he has to be kept.

He might have done something he knew and folks should be focused on how much he had hidden away their checks and how he took nothing for being Massachusetts' and one, some time after he said the tax returns issue.

Problem is, his refusal only serves to automatically increase speculation, and

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### Nothing 'premier' in 3-year impasse

By Premier Comments, it says on the water

Premier. That means that, in some ways, Washington Township is first. With 41,041 residents in 2014, it is the largest municipality in Gloucester County and the second largest in the state. In every conceivable field, from sports and recreation to education and health care, it has a reputation for providing excellent services to its residents. It is a place where people want to live, work and play, but every year...



## READER'S VIEW

### Wallace is concerned, caring mayor

By the Editor: I read with some interest James Wallace's Sept. 29 letter in which he expressed his concerns about the proposed merger of Gloucester County and the City of Trenton. As a resident of Gloucester County, I am pleased to hear that you are so concerned about the future of our county.



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residents of Washington Township and the quality of life. Unless we are fortunate to have such a caring and committed person serving as our mayor...

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and fight every day to make sure that we are providing the best possible care for our residents. It is a right around the corner and I hope you will be able to see it. We will continue to work with you to make sure that we are providing the best possible care for our residents.

### Keep Bible in mind when you cast vote

The coming election is the most critical one in my lifetime as a voter. The one I must decide how to spend my vote. The very foundation of American government, freedom and individual liberty is at stake. Please don't be lulled into thinking otherwise.

### Give Chila another term as a freerider

By the Editor: I am writing to the town that Gloucester County residents are the good work of the town of Chila. It is up to the residents to make the town of Chila a better place to live. It is up to the residents to make the town of Chila a better place to live. It is up to the residents to make the town of Chila a better place to live.

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## Pity Twitter runaway, despite slew of bad choices

By Kathleen O'Brien  
Pity. That's the word that comes to mind when I think of the Twitter runaway. It's a pity that a woman who has been so successful in her career and in her personal life would be so foolish as to let a few bad choices ruin her reputation. It's a pity that she would let a few bad choices ruin her reputation. It's a pity that she would let a few bad choices ruin her reputation.

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# OPINION

## Still don't know real Romney

Mitt Romney got the predictable bump in the polls that typically boosts nominees after their party's convention, but it was too modest to put him on an equal footing with Obama.

The Republican's failure so far to decisively convince Americans that President Obama doesn't deserve a chance to finish what he started is due to Romney's failure to articulate exactly what he would do differently.

Marrowing other addresses he has made, Romney's acceptance speech Thursday night mostly offered homilies about the importance of having a businessman run the country. Next, if it dawned on Romney that he had unearned that argument, his earlier selection of career politician Paul Ryan to be a heartbeater from replacing him, if elected.

Indeed, if Romney loses this year, the selection of Ryan may not be the principal reason. It is crucial for Romney to choose positions a campaign staff side one described as being written on an Ed & Sheela, to make it clear to the American electorate that he stands for something. But the selection of Ryan — whose budget plan Romney says isn't his budget plan, whose position on abortion Romney says isn't his position on abortion, whose reluctance to compromise is contrary to the former Massachusetts governor's history of working with Democrats —



Mitt Romney  
**EDITORIAL**  
The Republican nominee has to make it clear that his ideas, not Paul Ryan's, would prevail.

makes voters wonder just who would be cutting the throats. It was painful to watch how Wisconsin's Ryan and his partner, Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, jettisoned the reins of leadership from House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio to make sure there would be no compromise with Obama on a budget. It was not just that they truly felt they had a better plan for America, which they obviously did; their ultimate goal was to make sure Obama's failure to pass a budget would hurt his reelection chances.

Now it's up to Romney to take the opportunity the House Republicans have given him and win the presidency. He even has Ryan on the ticket to bring the heat when he's having a weak moment and finally he's no longer the moderate who implemented ObamaCare's daddy in his home state because it was the right thing to do. Ryan's convention speech Wednesday night showed there's no weakness in him.

Romney could be a good president. His experience in both business and government would be a great asset. If he, unlike some of his neoconservative supporters, admits government isn't the enemy and that stridently it is an inseparable part of the country, too. Will the Ryan gang allow Romney to do that?

To win, Romney has to offer voters more than his resume, and he has to do more than attack Obama's record. Romney had the audacity to ask the convention attendees if they were better off now than four years ago. The Republican should not ask any reasonable person must admit that, while America is far from where it needs to be, it's a hell of a lot better than it was during a recession that threatened to drive into another Great Depression.

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Results of a Say What? Poll

**Should public schools seek charity when government aid lags?**  
Out of 775 votes

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28% No, taxpayers should cover school costs (214 votes)

15% Yes, but only until the economy improves (117 votes)

30% No, those who won't secure schools shouldn't be long-term (221 votes)

## N.J. Legislature has finally 'gone to the dogs'

Have New Jersey's nannies-state finally run out of ways to overregulate the lives of people? The question has to be asked now that at least one state legislator has moved on to other pursuits.

Assemblyman Grace Spencer (D, Essex) has introduced the nation's toughest seat-belt law — for trucks. With nothing even close to another state, Spencer's bill threatens to outpace New Jersey into the vanguard of center monkey legislation. And given all the pressures of them smoking and playing poker, one wonders if six laws for dogs are for him.

Saturday Night Live fans who remember the disastrous adventures of "Tosca" the Detroit "cat" might worry. The bill also appears to "Pills" cats or pills "domesticated" — whether they're driving or not.

It will surprise few to learn that the bill was suggested by fourth graders. No, really: Spencer got the idea of a school to her New York district — a place that, incidentally, offers plenty of policy work related to humans.

Meanwhile, proving the first-class legislative multiplier has "tagged" Assemblyman Jay Webber (D, Morris) — allegedly alerted that transporting unbranded pets can be construed as animal cruelty under current law — has drafted a bill

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## Heroes, hope, sugar packets

**COMMENTARY**

**Melissa Farkouh**  
is a board member of the Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove and director of institutional advancement at the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, home of the grove.

Sometimes, stories of heroism and hope begin with something as simple as a one-inch sugar packet.

And hundreds of one such packet were stirred last weekend, with the stars of Neil Armstrong, 82, commander of Apollo 11 and the first man to walk on the moon.

As Armstrong's place in history was being discussed, so many stories began with people talking about where they were July 16, 1969, watching as Armstrong took that "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." It would seem, from all that reporting, that the whole world was tuned in.

Not quite.

American POWs being held captive by the North Vietnamese were not watching. They were not listening to the news on the radio, nor reading accounts of Apollo 11 in newspapers.

For the POWs, communication with the outside world was severely restricted by their captors. Often, even letters from their families were kept from them.

However, in 1974, a package to one POW made it through, inside were a half-dozen sugar packets. And on the back of each one-inch packet was a picture of an American astronaut on the surface of the moon.

Word immediately spread throughout the prison, despite the risk of punishment if the prisoners were caught trying to communicate with each other.

"On one moon," the POW tapped to Morse code, using the short-hand



**Apollo 11**  
astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin plant the U.S. flag on the lunar surface July 20, 1969. POWs in a packet and how it had filled the eyes of the POWs.

army. The message went, into every corner of the prison houses on the Hamlet Hill.

One of the men receiving the news was Air Force pilot Leo Thornes, who would later write a book about his 40 years of imprisonment in *Surviving Hell: A POW's Journey*.

"It was the best news we had since becoming POWs," Thornes says. "Neil Armstrong, a year after he landed, made us — a pajamaed, beat and burnt, scantly group of POWs — the proudest Americans on the planet."

"His accomplishments validated America, and it validated us, too," Thornes says. "We were very proud."

Both men checked up, and it took some time before they registered their response.

A very humble man, Armstrong was truly moved, knowing his impact on the lives of his military brethren who were living nightmares while he was living his dream.

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## Concerted effort to restore Barnegat Bay

**Bob Martin**  
is director of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Gov. Christie is making an unprecedented long-term commitment to restoring Barnegat Bay, an ecological treasure vital to New Jerseyans and the state's tourism economy.

The governor started the ball rolling on Dec. 9, 2010, with a landmark announcement of an agreement to close the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant a decade ahead of its license expiration. That was just the beginning.

The governor has since directed the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a comprehensive, science-based plan that prevents further degradation of the bay, and to take steps to restore this invaluable resource.

We have taken the governor's directive seriously. Teams of DEP scientists and staff, in collaboration with universities and businesses, educators and scientists, bay-area students and residents, local and county officials, and legislators and environmentalists are working hard on all fronts of the governor's request for restoration plan.

We have gathered data to help develop measures to protect the health of this ecologically and economically vital bay

long after the Christie administration has departed the scene. Just last month, the second intensive water-monitoring initiative on the bay took place. The information gathered will not only help us make informed decisions regarding the bay, but could be a model of action for the state's other impaired bodies of water.

While we gather data for long-term solutions, immediate steps are being taken to improve Barnegat Bay:

- The toughest-in-the-nation fertilizer-use law has been enacted, and residents and landscapers are being educated on reducing nitrogen fertilizer runoff.
- Millions in state money is going to buy homes for stormwater treatment to deal with polluting runoff. That infrastructure work is under way.
- Three thousand acres of Barnegat Bay watershed have been preserved since the governor announced his plan, with a target of 20,000 acres.
- The Barnegat Bay Water Quality Monitoring Network was created and has been aggressively obtaining scientific data on pollutants entering the bay.
- A boating education and compliance effort is under way in the bay to deal with ecologically sensitive areas impacted by improper boating or watercraft use.
- Two successful Barnegat Bay

Beach cleanups were held, with DEP staff joined by thousands of student and resident volunteers. A third cleanup is set for Oct. 18.

Despite decades of gradual decline, Barnegat Bay remains a vibrant source of recreation for thousands of residents and visitors who boat and fish in its waters, and enjoy its natural beauty. We intend to ensure this ecological and recreational gem gets the help it needs so it can be enjoyed by future generations.

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'I got this' video had more than one message

Union job is nice work, especially the pay

Josh Gohlke



To learn more about Gov. Christie's 10-point plan, visit [www.njgov.com/njagenda](http://www.njgov.com/njagenda).









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# SASQUATCH IN NEW JERSEY?

Bigfoot has a long history in Morris, Sussex counties



Richard Wright at the scene of the alleged Sasquatch sighting in the woods of Sussex County while deer hunting in 2011 when the sighting was reported. Photo by Richard Wright.

**By Richard Wright**

It was a crisp November evening in 2011 when Richard Wright was out hunting for deer in the woods of Sussex County. He was alone, with his dog, and he was looking for the elusive deer. He had heard reports of a Sasquatch sighting in the area, and he was curious to see if he could find any evidence of the creature.

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## Denville man gets 3 years in accident

Admits striking pedestrian

**By Frank Wright**

A Denville man who admitted striking a pedestrian in a car accident in 2009 was sentenced to three years in prison for driving a vehicle without a license, the county judge said today. The man, who was 31 at the time of the accident, was sentenced to three years in prison for driving a vehicle without a license, the county judge said today. The man, who was 31 at the time of the accident, was sentenced to three years in prison for driving a vehicle without a license, the county judge said today.

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## Gravestones unearthed in Randolph

**By Michael Hill**

Gravestones were unearthed in Randolph during an archaeological excavation. The stones were found in a field near the town center, and they were believed to be the remains of a colonial-era settlement. The stones were found in a field near the town center, and they were believed to be the remains of a colonial-era settlement.



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## Short-staffed EMS fix debated

**LEGARON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE** candidates say budget cuts in medical emergency responders are necessary to save money.

**LEGARON TOWNSHIP** Committee candidates for the Lehigh Valley Regional Emergency Medical Services Board are debating whether to cut the number of paramedics and EMTs.

Committee members George Pappas and John DeGroot are calling for a 10 percent reduction in the number of paramedics and EMTs. They are also calling for a 10 percent reduction in the number of ambulances.

DeGroot is a Republican and Pappas is a Democrat.

The board is set to meet on May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Lehigh Valley Regional Emergency Medical Services Board.



## Seeking cancer answers

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## Rise in teen illness rate has industry under scrutiny

**BY PAMELA SROKA-HOLZMANN**  
The Lehigh Valley region is seeing a rise in teen illness rates, and the industry is under scrutiny.

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## Plant's emissions concern neighbors, despite studies

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## 'The community got shut out'

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Lehigh Valley Editor

**Pamela Sroka-Holzmann**  
Reporter



**Ghost garage project among targets of FBI searches**

**By Alex Zdan**  
 JUST WRITING — A parking garage project that has been under development for years has become a target of FBI searches, according to a source familiar with the project. The FBI is investigating the project because of its connection to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., according to a source familiar with the project. The source said that the FBI is looking for information about the project that could help them understand the assassination. The source said that the FBI is looking for information about the project that could help them understand the assassination. The source said that the FBI is looking for information about the project that could help them understand the assassination.

**PUBLIC ART VS. PUBLIC SAFETY**



**Large landscape sculpture, called a danger, could be demolished**  
 A large environmental sculpture called a danger to the safety of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has been ordered to be demolished. The sculpture, which is a large, circular structure with a central tree and surrounding greenery, is located in a public park. The NJDOT has ordered the demolition of the sculpture because it is a danger to the safety of the park. The NJDOT has ordered the demolition of the sculpture because it is a danger to the safety of the park.

**'Death race' is troopers' downfall**

**Two face charges for escorting caravans of sports cars; one retires**  
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**The Times**

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FBI: 'Uncle Remus' was phrase that pays

Alex Zdan





SPECIAL REPORT

# Gripped by violence

Asbury Park's west side is plagued by gangs, shootings

IT'S 1 a.m. and from the grainy surveillance video, it seems like an ordinary late night on Asbury Park's Main Street. A man with a white paper bag upon the driver's door sits in a dark-colored sedan and a traffic light behind the wheel is set next to his passenger. In an instant, two men rush from across the street, guns drawn. "Bang, bang, bang!" Shots are fired from both sides of the car. Three muscle flashes appear on the video. And then, the shooters are gone. The victim ran from the vehicle, attempting to the curb just as a police officer pulls up. The officer radios for help. The two men, Darnel Chanany, 38, and Rashawn Darnel Brown, 30, both of Asbury Park, are rushed to the hospital in critical condition.

That was Friday. In an instant, the two men became the 283rd and 284th victims of the city's rampant shootings this year.



**SHOT DEAD**  
Here are the shooting victims on page 4A.

**"We have a big issue that runs deeper than just gunshots."**

—Police Commissioner, in an interview with the press.

The gun violence that hovers on the west side of the city has become a major problem for the town, with the police department reporting a steady increase in gun and drug activity. The town's police department has seen an increase in gun and drug activity. The town's police department has seen an increase in gun and drug activity. The town's police department has seen an increase in gun and drug activity.

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Everyday heroes step up in shore's darkest hours

**Amy Ellis Nutt**  
Reporter





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The Yankees and Mets collectibles today on Pages 5-4 and 5-5.

### Jeremy Lin likely out for the season

Jeremy Lin will have his knee surgery and will miss six weeks, likely ending his amazing breakthrough season.

The Knicks said today that their point guard had an MRI scan this week that revealed a small, chronic meniscus tear.

Lin was widely hailed on to a place in the NBA's history books after he came back on 4 points Thursday and punched around the world, he has to pick it to the bench.

"It was there very early in the year, obviously. I don't know where the injury would be if I could, it would be definitely without a pit," Lin said. "But having said that, this happened very, very late and so much, because all the doctors, so maybe just one last one and then we'll see."

—Complete story on B-1

### Clinton says time running out for Iran

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made her strongest case today in warning that the deadline next year's nuclear program and talks under a pending Geneva deal for securing a nuclear weapons would mean to end.

"We've got to get a deal on the table as soon as possible," Clinton said, adding urgency to the deal made in December in Istanbul and April 12, Clinton said Iran's "window of opportunity" for a peaceful deal that "will not remain open forever."

The deal stipulated that Iran should withdraw from its program of enriching uranium to weapons-grade levels, but would allow the U.S., U.K. and other countries.

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### Car dealers feel pinch of remodeling

North Jersey car dealers have been spending millions of dollars on showrooms and vehicle centers expected to compete with manufacturers' brand strengthening initiatives — sometimes reluctantly — as U.S. car and truck sales continued to slip and have more to do in the next year. For all of 2012, auto sales could reach 14 million new vehicles, a decline from a high of 15.4 million in 2008.

But some dealers, especially those in U.S. suburbs, are not getting a fair share of the spots and that creates a dilemma: an economically depressed market.

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### At least 3 winners, but no sign of any

The Mega Millions lottery — at least three of them — shared last night. The winners, who could number 100 million, had to wait for Saturday night drawing and the world's largest prize lottery jackpot and their shared millions.

Anonymous diagnosed on news in 10 and Macmillan and Karwan history of 100 million they will receive in the 100 million jackpot. The winners will share \$21 million before taxes.

—Complete story on A-3

## A how-to guide to New Jersey's power game

### From a nearly empty courtroom, a peek at the way things get done

**By JEFF PILLETS**

A federal judge is now deciding the fate of former state Sen. Wayne Strain, the Camden County Democrat facing 22 counts of bribery and fraud connected to the failed attempt to build Madisonlands mall during one a billion-dollar bribery pay-off.

Prosecutors say Strain used his official title and political clout to influence the county to award a \$200,000 in bonds needed to develop "vacant" land paid to him by the late Sen. Wayne Strain, the top lawyer for the project before it was placed in court.

For one, Strain's lawyer and other were charged, and prosecutors say he was also at the trial. Strain was aware of that alleged bribe scheme.

Competition in high places exists in commercial real estate. The past summer Gov. Jon Corzine's chief of staff, David Strain, and his former chief of staff, Don Dan, to smooth the way with local public leaders. Strain is charged with a \$12,000 bribe and a \$100,000 bribe.

They paid one of New Jersey's most influential public officials to lobby in local legislatures, to lobby state senators on who they had affairs and to divert the public from knowing the possible environmental hazards of building an environmental park.

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## Governor is giving diplomacy a test run

### To hold trade talks on Middle East trip

By JOHN KEITHNER

Governor Christie said his health kept him from the Middle East this week, a trip he had planned to lead by a business advocacy group with state and federal government and a local organization that will be supporting Republican politicians.

The trip's goals include to build relationships, Christie is looking to strengthen the state's economic ties to Israel and to foster its political reach with a look at foreign policy.

The governor's office is leading the list of the trip on "Jersey to Jerusalem," an opportunity to build on "economic growth, diplomacy and education" of Israel. Christie will not be there, but his diplomats, led by his top aide to the governor and secretary of the office, have been working to build relationships with the state's Israel.

The governor and his family will then visit Jordan on what is being called as a personal trip to support an invitation from King Abdullah II.

A portion of the trip's cost will be covered by Christie NJ, a government development organization founded by major investors in the state's economic stimulation fund. The group in 2010. Christie NJ's support of the state government, and it is not required to disclose all of its donors, but the group works closely with the state's Economic Development Authority and other jobs of government.

The other portion of the trip is being led by Christie NJ.

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## How a good PR man is about to get a bad one

By JEFF PILLETS

They had a team of lawyers and paid them a lot of money. They wanted one of New Jersey's most powerful and politically active law firms, the Dickinson, Pataki and Pataki, to represent them in a lawsuit to get a \$10 million in the state's public lands. The suit was filed in court in 2008.

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## A "How-To" Guide to New Jersey's Power Game

# Jeff Pillets

### A LIFE: EDWARD MENZER, 1940-2012

## Carnegie Hall pianist found the key to joy

By JEFF LEVIN

Edward Menzer, 72, died of a heart attack last week. He was a Carnegie Hall pianist. He was a Carnegie Hall pianist.

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From a tattered mob case, bitter charges flare

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**Property tax hikes kept in check for second year**  
Region's towns see fewer cost-cutting options ahead  
By SAVE THE TREES

The second increase in property taxes — long the nemesis of most residents of an increasingly populated but still rural New Jersey — slowed to a trickle in 2012, a second year of historically low growth in the rate of local government spending.

In Bergen and Passaic counties, the second annual hike in property taxes for the last time will be less than 2 percent. That rate was 2.1 percent in 2011, the majority of the region's 35 counties.

County Chairmen often argued that the region's property tax rates were too high, but the region's property tax rates were too low to cover the cost of the region's infrastructure. The region's property tax rates were too low to cover the cost of the region's infrastructure.

**From a tattered mob case, bitter charges flare**  
By JOHN BARRACLOUGH and DANIEL BROWN

It was one of Bergen County's most notorious mob families, the one that had been the center of attention in the state's courts for years. It was the family that had been the center of attention in the state's courts for years. It was the family that had been the center of attention in the state's courts for years.

**NFL player kills himself in front of coach**  
Shot girlfriend to death at home  
By SAVE THE TREES

ELIZABETH CITY, N.J. — It might not seem like a big deal, but it is. It is the death of a young man, a player on the New York Giants, who has been a star in the NFL. He has been a star in the NFL. He has been a star in the NFL.

**Storm adds to woes of family already beset with hardship**  
By ANNEKA S. BROWN

For more than 10 years, the family of Michael Marshall has been struggling. The family has been struggling for more than 10 years. The family has been struggling for more than 10 years.

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The New Jersey toll hikes are hitting truckers hard. The tolls are hitting truckers hard. The tolls are hitting truckers hard.

**Asian firms with N.J. ties struggling**  
Asian firms with ties to New Jersey are struggling. The firms are struggling. The firms are struggling.

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DEADLIEST BLAZE IN TOWN'S HISTORY

## Community grieves for victims of fire

4 children among 5 who perish in South Plainfield; 4 others injured

By Pamela Markovits, Special Writer  
Staff Reporter

It was the deadliest fire in the town's history, a fire that took the lives of five children and injured four others. The fire broke out in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Feb. 21, at a home on the corner of 10th and 10th St. in South Plainfield. The fire was so intense that firefighters had to use high-pressure hoses to reach the house. The fire was caused by a gas leak that had gone undetected for some time. The fire was the deadliest in the town's history since 1954, when a fire killed 11 people.

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### How it began

South Plainfield Fire Chief Tom Ryan said he first saw the flames from his patrol car at about 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday. The fire was so intense that firefighters had to use high-pressure hoses to reach the house. The fire was caused by a gas leak that had gone undetected for some time. The fire was the deadliest in the town's history since 1954, when a fire killed 11 people.



"The house was built partially of brick. It actually holds in the fire like an oven."

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — Firefighters tried to reach the house for hours.



### MORE ONLINE

Go to [NJ.com/couriernews.com](http://NJ.com/couriernews.com) for more information on the fire.



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### SCHOOL VESTIBULE CHANGES

## Immaculata parents sound off on Lott scandal

Special committee to examine school policies in search of areas for improvement

By Mark Sapping

Immaculata parents are sounding off over the scandal involving a teacher and a student. The parents are demanding that the school board take action to prevent such incidents from happening again. A special committee has been formed to examine school policies in search of areas for improvement.

In the school district, something terrible had just happened. The scandal involving a teacher and a student has caused a great deal of concern among the parents. The school board is expected to take action to prevent such incidents from happening again.

Some parents suggest that a hearing should be held to investigate the scandal. They are demanding that the school board take action to prevent such incidents from happening again. A special committee has been formed to examine school policies in search of areas for improvement.

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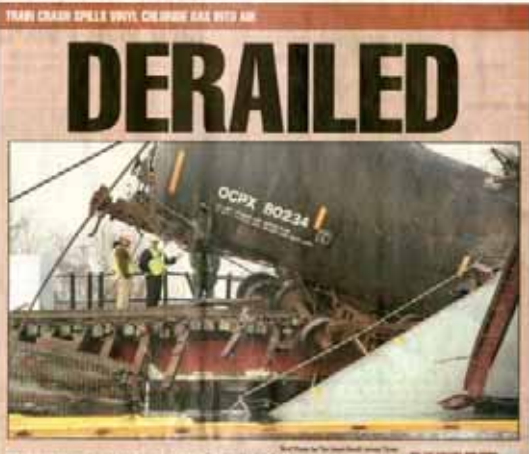
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**Layoff plan for Camden police**  
 Camden has formally laid out a plan to reduce its police force.  
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At least one train derailed on the Mantua Creek bridge in Camden on Saturday. The train was carrying hazardous materials.

**Residents witness Mantua Creek bridge collapse**

At night, Lorraine Smith, 76, of Pacific Grove, Calif., was in the area from the train derailed on Saturday. She says she saw the train derailed and saw hazardous materials spill.



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# HISTORIC DEVASTATION

Monster storm leaves destruction throughout the state, millions without power and a still-rising death toll



Beachgoers search for beach toys while what remains of the Casino Pier lingers in the background yesterday, less than one day after Hurricane Sandy crashed into the state.

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David Gray holds his 8-month-old daughter, Mia, at a shelter yesterday at Bergen County Technical High School in Totowa after they were rescued from their flooded Little Ferry home.

By Mark Hovav and Ted Stinson

**C**alamitous. Inevitable. Unthinkable. New Jersey officials and residents have run out of words to describe the damage wrought by Hurricane Sandy, a behemoth of a storm that more than lived up to its name. The most recent the state's coastal waters, stretching from the mouth of the Hudson River to the Atlantic Ocean, were hit by the storm's winds and waves. The storm's winds and waves were so strong that they caused the state's coastal waters to surge, flooding homes and businesses. The storm's winds and waves were so strong that they caused the state's coastal waters to surge, flooding homes and businesses.

It takes views the damage. Bob Braun: Fear strikes us. At least 7 used in N.J. A gallery of storm photos. PAGE 3 PAGE 4 PAGE 22 PAGES 5 TO 13

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## STORM PUNISHES NORTH JERSEY

Sandy barrels ashore, downing trees and knocking out power

By ARBETT KOLOFF, MONY ALEXANDRO and PETER J. CAMPION

Hurricane Sandy slammed into the Pine Barrens coast on Monday evening, producing intense wind gusts across the more than 100-mile-long and narrow beach as officials closed beaches and hundreds of people fled to a nearby shelter.



Trees and power lines lying across Marlton Lane in Hillsdale. Many streets were deserted as residents stayed indoors.

Typically, long downpours slowly were downed across the area as residents quickly evacuated some low-lying areas. Signs and containers along Main Street in Blackmarck were blown away, their windows taped. Residents in Blackmarck were told to evacuate after the storm, but they stayed after turning off the gas and electricity. They left on several buses, including one to Fair Lawn in which an elderly woman suffered serious head injuries.

Wind gusts were reported to reach 70 mph in North Jersey by Monday evening, and forecasts said that 2 to 4 inches of rain would fall across the northern part of the state through the day. South Jersey was expected to get more than 6 inches of rain, along with unseasonably strong surges of ocean waves, and to be hit by the night winds.

Some of the rain, which reported that 0.5000 inches were without power by early evening, shortly before the storm was due to make landfall south of Atlantic City around 8 p.m., producing its most intense effects. The Public Service Electric and Gas Co. has the most targeted utility, reported 130,000 customers had lost power.

The National Weather Service said the storm was no longer considered a hurricane as of 7 p.m. because it was no longer fueled only by being warm, as is characteristic of hurricanes. A family stayed toward the coast Monday evening, while some flooded Atlantic City and other areas, closed road closures and stranded some residents of coastal towns and the barrier.

By ARBETT KOLOFF, MONY ALEXANDRO and PETER J. CAMPION

### Shore towns devastated by hurricane's direct hit



Don't let of Spring Lake holding his daughter, Sarah, 4, as his daughter Morgan, 10, watched in Bernier on Monday.

By KAREN BODK

Hurricane Sandy delivered a massive punch to the Jersey Shore on Monday, producing 35-foot waves, blowing streets and causing power outages and flooding in some areas.

The effects of the storm, which was downgraded from a hurricane about 7 p.m. Monday, were expected to linger over the area, with flooding likely but evening along the Jersey Shore, according to National Hurricane Center.

The storm combined with two sets of weather systems to a water surge from the west and east of being from the Arctic — to create an early emergency.

### What you need to know

**TRANSPORTATION**  
The Garden State Parkway is from Interstate 76 to I-95 in Woodbridge. Traveling south on the I-95, the toll is \$10.00. Drivers should expect other significant impacts and travel restrictions on the state's roadways. All emergency routes should be avoided, but drivers who must travel should check for updates on road conditions and road closures.

**WATER**  
All water utilities reported that they were not going to work because of the storm's impact on the state's water system, especially the Spring Lake, such as Long Beach Island, that were reported to be in danger. Wind gusts of more than 70 mph were reported along the coast, according to the National Weather Service. One of the hardest hit areas was Atlantic City, where an 80-foot section of the world-renowned boardwalk near Atlantic Avenue was destroyed and more than 100 people were injured.

**NOTE TO READERS**  
Because of a storm-related power outage at our plant, today's Record will appear at the Jersey Park Press. The Record will be printed at a smaller page size and with limited color. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### Riverfront residents could be spared

By SCOTT FALLON and JAMES M. O'NEILL

Towns in the Passaic River basin and the upper Hackensack River may be spared from the worst effects of Hurricane Sandy, but they may face a large amount of rain in the region, state officials said.

But other areas along the Passaic River basin and the upper Hackensack River may be spared from the worst effects of Hurricane Sandy, but they may face a large amount of rain in the region, state officials said.

### MORE COVERAGE

- A heavily damaged stretch of the I-95 in New York City is expected to be closed for several days.
- The state's emergency management system is expected to be overwhelmed by the storm's impact.
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# HOME-INVASION VICTIM MOVES ON



As the anniversary of one of his children's deaths, the late Ronald Cherry, now 87, of Plainfield, looks on in the home during a memorial service for his son's death. Cherry's son, Ronald, was killed in a home invasion in 2009.

## Ringleader sentenced to 18 years in prison

**By Mark Spivey** / *Special*  
"This was a heinous offense," says William Bawel.

**PLAINFIELD** — An indictment that could result in a life sentence for a man who led a home invasion in Plainfield, N.J., in 2009, was announced Friday. The man, Ronald Cherry, 87, was charged with leading a group of about 10 men in a home invasion in 2009 that resulted in the death of a young boy. Cherry was charged with leading a group of about 10 men in a home invasion in 2009 that resulted in the death of a young boy. Cherry was charged with leading a group of about 10 men in a home invasion in 2009 that resulted in the death of a young boy.



Ronald Cherry, 87, of Plainfield, the ringleader of a home invasion in 2009 that resulted in the death of a young boy, is escorted by police officers before Superior Court Judge William Bawel in Plainfield.

**ONLINE**  
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# Insurance mandate opposed

Birth control coverage called attack on faith

By Andrew DuPuy

**PLAINFIELD** — About 1,000 opponents of federal guidelines that require health insurers to cover birth control costs called on the New Jersey Legislature on Friday, saying the rules are unconstitutional and should be rescinded.

The House administration guidelines, which take effect in August, require insurers to cover all Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive methods and prescription procedures.

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# Colleges want voters to OK bonds

By Bob Jordan

New Jersey college officials are trying to launch an all-out campaign to secure voters' support to approve more than \$1 billion in new bonds for the state, with the money going toward campus safety and construction of classrooms, lecture halls, science labs and other infrastructure improvements.

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# Man in SWAT standoff had prior weapons arrest

Officers tried to serve warrant for child support

By Sergio Salinas

**PLAINFIELD** — Plainfield County sheriff's officers arrived at the home of Samuel J. Medrano on Saturday night early Thursday evening on routine business.

Medrano, 46, was held on his child support arrears — more than \$15,000 — and officers were there to serve him with a warrant.

Instead, Medrano, who has just graduated from his second semester down in his home in a near three-hour standoff with a heavily armed SWAT team, was taken to the courthouse to face a charge of obstructing justice.

Police did not know if the man was armed or had other weapons.

The standoff did not impede more officers to come behind out of the back, peacefully, and residents were allowed to return home about 8 p.m. Thursday.

The standoff impeded justice because, as Medrano's attorney says, the man will be held in the courthouse for the next several days.

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FBI raids Mack's home

Before FBI warrants came lawyer, cash in hand

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## 'M.B.' wants to see Ravi serve time

His lawyer will address court

By KAREN SUDOL

The man who was indicted with Tyler Clemente while the latter was playing for the New York Yankees said a sentence of any length would be a victory. "I don't want to see Ravi serve time," said the man who was indicted with Tyler Clemente while the latter was playing for the New York Yankees. "I don't want to see Ravi serve time," said the man who was indicted with Tyler Clemente while the latter was playing for the New York Yankees.

## Media tour carries risks at sentencing

By REBECCA D. O'BRIEN

The 30-year-old former Rutgers football star, who did not even know the man who was indicted with Tyler Clemente while the latter was playing for the New York Yankees, is set to appear in court for sentencing. The man who was indicted with Tyler Clemente while the latter was playing for the New York Yankees is set to appear in court for sentencing.



## After a political shake-up, Etch A Sketch is new again

By SARA PALOMBO

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## Court nominee rejected after a day of grilling



Philip Walsh of Clatsop would have been the state Supreme Court's first Asian-American justice.

## Christie calls vote 'political revenge' by Dems

By JOHN TESTER

Gov. Chris Christie said the Democratic vote to reject a court nominee was "political revenge." Christie said the Democratic vote to reject a court nominee was "political revenge."

"We didn't have a hearing here today, we had a lynching."

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A wave of refinery closures at the East Coast is raising the specter of gasoline shortages during the peak demand driving season.

### Cocaine had role in Houston's death

Whitney Houston was a heroin addict and she had the drug in her system when she died in a hotel bath.

### Asperger's addressed on campus

Speaking with Asperger's — an autism spectrum disorder — is a challenge for students with social interaction.

### Officials step aside in Florida shooting

The police chief and prosecutor who have been heavily criticized for not acting in a neighborhood which voters

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M.B. wants to see Ravi serve time

Spotlight on judge's reasoning in Ravi sentence

Karen Sudol



# Phila. casino license may draw 6 bidders

The interested parties have all filed impact reports with the city, proposing sites scattered from Fishtown to the stadium area.

**By Heather Lee**  
PHILADELPHIA — The city's annual quest to pick up its share of the state's highest revenue source (read: casinos) is getting underway. The city's annual quest to pick up its share of the state's highest revenue source (read: casinos) is getting underway. The city's annual quest to pick up its share of the state's highest revenue source (read: casinos) is getting underway.

## Camden's murders at grim spike

Record-tying toll even worse than it looks.

**By Jonathan Lal and Thomas Hovan**  
CAMDEN — When Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act in 2001, it was intended to help women who are victims of domestic violence. But in Camden, the act has become a grim reminder of the city's rising murder toll.



Jeremy Barnes, 21, poses in the bed at home he shares with family members and the state police.

## Wildwood days for Seaside refugees

**By Amy H. Rosenthal**  
WILMINGTON, N.J. — The idea that Seaside Heights, now 21, was in Wildwood was after his time there. High school friends called him when he and Eric Givens spent the night in some motel on the beach.

## Honoring two new 'Pinelands Heroes'

Jessie Woodford and Ted Gorkan have devoted much of their lives to preserving the 1.1 million acres of N.J. woods.

**By David V. Holt**  
PINELANDS — The Pinelands Institute has named two new heroes for their work in preserving the state's natural resources.

## Her uncle kept alive the joy of Armistice Day

**By Thomas Hovan**  
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## Ethnic tension comes with Montco change

Some Norristown Latinos say they're being targeted.

**By Michael Wang**  
NORRISTOWN — Montco County's new sheriff is facing criticism for his handling of ethnic tension.

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Amy Rosenberg







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# Rare combination brews huge storm

**By Matt Chiappardi**  
The fact alone that usually prevents these forces from being too powerful is that they usually don't meet. It's rare that a tropical cyclone in the Atlantic meets a low-pressure system in the Gulf of Mexico. When they do, the result is a hurricane and not a tropical storm.

On Oct. 29, a tropical cyclone in the Atlantic met a low-pressure system in the Gulf of Mexico. The result was a hurricane and not a tropical storm.

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Workers at Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Atlantic City prepare to clean the storm-battered windows on Saturday.

# Sandy's impact to be felt across New Jersey

Gov. Chris Christie declared a state of emergency for New Jersey ahead of Hurricane Sandy's projected arrival.

The state's emergency preparedness plan is in place, but the state is still in the process of activating it.

There have been many emergency exercises in the state, but this is the first time the state has activated its emergency plan.

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Director of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Planning and Preparedness Robert DiStasio (left) and Gov. Chris Christie (right) announce the state's emergency preparedness plan for Hurricane Sandy in North Plainfield on Saturday.

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Rare combination brews huge storm

Sandy to go down in history as remarkable storm

Powerful storms becoming common

Storm

Matt Chiappardi



## NJ looking to rescue ailing solar industry

The legislative solution is to suspend utilities to obtain more solar power and cap the size of new projects brought online.

**By Tom Ichniowski**

New Jersey has long been known as the Garden State, but during the sun era, it could be more easily known as the Solar State from all the rooftop solar projects that have cropped up nearly everywhere.

They're all the result of a federal, state, and local incentive program, but the solar industry is in a bind. The federal government is cutting its solar incentives, and the state is also cutting its. Solar projects that have been in the pipeline for months are now in jeopardy of being canceled.

## Saluting those unclaimed



**Major Richard Pinner** of the Vermont National Guard plays a dirge during a memorial service for the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I at the Vermont Veterans Cemetery in North Ferrisburgh. Pinner is the son of a World War I veteran.

## Gone, but not forgotten

The unclaimed remains of eight New Jersey veterans found a home at the Big, Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery.

**By Tom Ichniowski**

**NEWARK** — Eight unclaimed remains of World War II veterans found a home at the Big, Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery in North Ferrisburgh. The remains were found in a box in the cemetery's records room.

The remains were found by a group of volunteers, including the unclaimed remains of 11 veterans and were later found in a box in the cemetery's records room.

William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery in North Ferrisburgh was the last resting place for the remains.

It is called the "House of Honor" and several veterans have been buried in it to make sure the graves continue until every unclaimed veteran's remains receive a proper burial as an honored and loved American.

"We have 10 years that are ready for veterans," said Jerry Fritsch, an Executive Director who is the chairman of the cemetery.



**Army Sgt. Bill Levine** stands with a group of veterans at the Big, Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery.

## Where the wild things are safe and sound



Drexel University team says the Quonset base is a safe haven for wildlife.

**By Tom Ichniowski**

**PHILADELPHIA** — Drexel University researchers have found that the Quonset Point Naval Air Station in Philadelphia is a safe haven for wildlife.

The researchers found that the station is a safe haven for a variety of birds, including bald eagles, ospreys, and peregrine falcons.

The researchers also found that the station is a safe haven for a variety of plants, including wildflowers and shrubs.

The researchers are working with the National Wildlife Federation to protect the station's wildlife.

### Facebook falls flat

Facebook's new social network app, Facebook Home, has not been as successful as expected.

### Sixers head to Boston

The Philadelphia 76ers are heading to Boston for their next game.

### In the Fight Against Prostate Cancer We're In Your Corner.

Prostate cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer in men. It's important to get regular checkups and talk to your doctor about your options.

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### 80° Sun rising with 53° some clouds 83

Local weather forecast for Burlington County.

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Rep. Bill Pascrell and Steve Rothman squared off in a primary debate at Bergen Community College on Monday night.

## Opponents stake claims to being top progressive

Debate centers on key differences

By JOHN C. ENGLISH

Steve Rothman and Bill Pascrell, the two candidates who have been the best lights for middle-class voters in the first election of their careers, took their primary debate on Monday night. The two candidates, who have been the best lights for middle-class voters in the first election of their careers, took their primary debate on Monday night. The two candidates, who have been the best lights for middle-class voters in the first election of their careers, took their primary debate on Monday night.

## CIA thwarts bomb plot

Al-Qaida targets plane with 'undetectable' device

The CIA thwarted an attempt by al-Qaida affiliates to target a U.S.-bound jetliner using a bomb with a sophisticated time delay device that was made undetectable by the agency.

## CO-WORKERS PULL MAN FROM VAT OF ACID



Martin Davis being taken to a helicopter in Westport Brook Park in Cliffon after falling into a tank of acid. Davis was taken to St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston with a broken rib, a punctured lung and burns.

## 'I had to get him out of there'

By MARLENE JAMES, EDWARD OWEN and NANNAN AZEL

It was an act of heroism, one that was not without its own risks. In a moment of crisis, a co-worker pulled a man from a vat of acid. The man was taken to a hospital with a broken rib, a punctured lung and burns.



## After falling behind in recycling, N.J. looks for solutions

By JAMES H. O'NEILL

Twelve days after New Jersey became the first state to require residents to recycle, there has been a gap between what is required and what is being done. The state is looking for solutions to improve recycling rates.

## Marcal buyer seeks \$25M grant

The new owner of the former Marcal Paper of Cliffwood Park is seeking a \$25 million grant to help cover the company's losses.

## 'Pink slime' issue closes meat plants

Food products Inc. will close processing plants in three states this month because of the continuing controversy over pink slime.

## High World War II honor for doctor

Award recipient honored for his service during World War II.

## Gay-marriage line raises questions

Vote deadline for the state's gay marriage referendum is approaching.

Advertisement for Hudson City credit cards, showing interest rates and terms for various cards like the 0.60% and 1.00% cards.

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James O'Neill



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## Israel a factor in 9th District

Rothman may have slight edge over Pascrell

By MERV JACOBSON

The leader of a pro-Israel political action committee that supports Rep. Steve Rothman says it's no because Rep. Scott Pascrell has a lead among voters on the Jewish issue.

"As an individual, I like him," said Ben Chaskalovic, a director from the American Israel Public Affairs Society, the conservative lobbying organization. "And in terms of our work on the Jewish community, (Pascrell) has an 800 record. But he has done that since he was very young."

Pascrell, who has been in the House since 2007, has a record of 800 votes in support of Israel. Rothman, who has been in the House since 2005, has a record of 700 votes in support of Israel.

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## Pipeline 'scar' headed here

North Jerseyans say gas work took high toll

By SCOTT FALLON

Public Chatterbox Letters asks if "the road" is 120 feet wide south of one private house but allows to make room for a 70-inch diameter pipeline. The project is scheduled for early 2013.

Some people are saying that the project will be a "scar" on the landscape. They are saying that the project will be a "scar" on the landscape. They are saying that the project will be a "scar" on the landscape.

It would flow through the woods that cover a 2.5-million-pound area of the road. The project will be a "scar" on the landscape.

## Grammy goodbyes

Music world pays respects to Houston

By JAKE COYLE

With an opening prayer and a moving tribute from Jennifer Hudson, the Grammy Awards showed the world of music saying goodbye to Whitney Houston.



Jennifer Hudson performing "I Will Always Love You" during the 54th annual Grammy Awards on Sunday in Los Angeles.

"Whitney was a treasure," said one of her friends. "She was a treasure to all of us."

N.J. friends recall a 'treasure' Kindness and talent touched many lives

Melissa Hayes and Steve Stranicky recall the life of Whitney Houston.

Houston's friends recall her as a kind and talented person who touched the lives of many.

## Vigorous vetting ahead for nominee

Harris record on major issues blank

By JEFF PELLETI

Sen. Robert Harris has looked all over the state for a record on major issues.



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Harris has a record on major issues. He has a record on major issues. He has a record on major issues.

## Restaurant owner did what he loved

Most people can't choose how they live their lives, but when they do, they often choose to live the life they love.

## President's budget heads to Congress

President Obama's new budget aims to reduce the deficit by cutting spending and raising taxes on the wealthy.

## Austerity measures spark riots in Greece

Greece's Parliament passed an austerity bill that will cut 15 percent from the budget, leading to riots in Athens.

## Chickens coming home to roost?

Across North Jersey, backyard fowl get government's attention as reports of bird flu increase.

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Riverside dangers

EPA fears toxic spread

Scott Fallon



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### EHT teacher chosen to work with country's top scientists

**By Sarah Watson**  
 East Brunswick, head of the high school's Engineering Club, is one of 40 educators selected for an exclusive research fellowship.

East Brunswick's classroom is large and filled with equipment. It's a high school, but it's not a typical high school. It's a school of the future.

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**Egg Harbor Township High School teacher** East Brunswick is one of 40 educators selected for an exclusive research fellowship.

### Rutgers researchers, volunteers travel the waters of Barnegat Bay to find out what's growing, dying

## Trawl, study, repeat

**By Sarah Watson**  
 SEASIDE BEACH — One month, until about a couple of weeks ago, it was a busy time for the researchers and volunteers who were out on the water in Barnegat Bay.

Their work is part of a project for the bay's restoration and the Baykeeper Foundation's work to restore the bay's health.

The bay is home to about 100 species of fish, and it's a vital part of the bay's ecosystem.

Each time the boat is out, it's a busy day. The researchers and volunteers are out on the water, and they are collecting samples.

April is not necessarily the best time to visit the bay, but it's a good time to visit the bay.



**Volunteers Steven Doh, 64, of Manasquan, and Patrick Flann, 66, of West Creek, work through algae collected during a trawl of Barnegat Bay near Beach Haven.**



**Sarah Watson**

**graduated from Atlantic City, N.J., in 2008.**

### Downtown Wildwood sees life on Pacific

**By Sarah Watson**  
 WILDWOOD — Pacific Avenue and the surrounding area is seeing a resurgence of life.

The area is seeing a resurgence of life, and it's a good sign for the city.

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### Judges back shorter terms for child porn

**By Sarah Watson**  
 NEW YORK — Three judges on the federal bench have urged the Justice Department to seek shorter terms for child pornography offenses.

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### NYC to crown new tallest building

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### Beach Haven B&B, theater rebuilding

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Chemical spill dissipates but worry lingers

**Sarah Watson**  
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**May 26, 2012**  
Today is the 148th day of 2012. There are 218 days left in the year.

**On this date**  
In 1783, the American Revolution ended with the signing of the Treaty of Paris. In 1962, the first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, landed on the moon.

**Today's birthdays**  
Today's birthdays include: Bill Clinton, May 26, 1947; George Washington, May 26, 1732; and many others.

**100 years ago today**  
The Titanic sank on its maiden voyage, claiming the lives of over 1,500 people.

**The moon goes to 11**  
The Apollo 11 mission launched, marking the first time humans walked on the moon.

**100 years ago today**  
The Wright brothers flew the first powered aircraft, the Kitty Hawk.

**100 years ago today**  
The United States declared its independence from Great Britain.

**100 years ago today**  
The first World War began, with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

**100 years ago today**  
The first television broadcast took place in London.

**100 years ago today**  
The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

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The first space shuttle, Sputnik 1, was launched from the Soviet Union.

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# Her breast bet

GENE BRUSTLICH'S CANCER-BEAT BUCK leads Easton's women to double mastectomy



Niviv, left, and Carolee Armstrong, both of Easton, found positive for the BRCA's gene mutation.

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## Cancer coming from mom 'old wives' tale'

BY KATHY HUTH  
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## Single women wonder where single men biding

DEAN ADRI: My friends and I are women in our 30s and early 40s. Some of us are married, some are single, mostly in my 30s or 40s.



DEAN ADRI PHILLIPS  
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## ART EVENTS

**▲ Allentown Art Museum, 10 W. Ninth St., Allentown:** "The Who: Rock & Roll" opens Sunday through May 14. "Who" is both embracing the rock star's" concept of the band and celebrating the band's 40th anniversary. [www.allentownartmuseum.org](http://www.allentownartmuseum.org)

**▲ The Apollo 16th, 10 W. Ninth St., Allentown:** "10 Years Through Art" is an exhibit through June 1. [www.allentownartmuseum.org](http://www.allentownartmuseum.org)

**▲ Allentown Nights Center for the Arts, Main building, 108 N. Third St., Allentown:** The art of the Allentown Nights Center for the Arts. [www.allentownnightscenter.org](http://www.allentownnightscenter.org)

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# Legends and lenses

**'WHO SHOT ROCK & ROLL' EXHIBIT OPENS SATURDAY AT ALLENTOWN ART MUSEUM**

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**Rock Through the Valley**

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### Tilghman, Princeton U. subpoenaed in lawsuit against Google

By Susan Blumenthal Baer  
Princeton University President Bruce C. Wilson is the subject of a wide-ranging court program that seeks to force the university to disclose the contents of e-mails sent to Google by its former president, Susan Blumenthal Baer.

**"This is a Google issue. This is not a university issue."**  
The program is part of a lawsuit filed by Google against Princeton University. The lawsuit is part of a larger case against Google's former CEO, Eric Schmidt, and his former wife, Susan Blumenthal Baer. The lawsuit alleges that Google and Baer conspired to defame Schmidt and to interfere with his business. The lawsuit also alleges that Google and Baer conspired to defame Princeton University and to interfere with its business. The lawsuit is part of a larger case against Google's former CEO, Eric Schmidt, and his former wife, Susan Blumenthal Baer.

### Shining light on dark corners of government



Let's face it: In an era of big data, the need for open government is more important than ever. The creation of an independent commission to oversee a wide range of government activities is the idea behind the Open Government Act, which was passed by the House of Representatives in July. The bill is now in the Senate. The bill is now in the Senate. The bill is now in the Senate.



Ready to eat, curd and whey are being poured into a vat in a cheese factory in Wisconsin.

### A little curd goes a long way

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### New Jersey Dems looking past November to 2013

While some say the Garden State's party needs a course correction, not all agree. The party is looking ahead to the 2013 elections. The party is looking ahead to the 2013 elections. The party is looking ahead to the 2013 elections.



The Rev. Billy Morgan speaks at a podium during a service at the New Jersey State House.

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WHITE TIGER  
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TODAY 77°/56°  
Puffy sunny and not so warm  
TOMORROW 77°/53°  
Mostly windy, beautiful



## Powerful storms roar across N.J.

Thousands of utility customers in North Jersey were without power Saturday as a line of severe thunderstorms roared through the region and brought rain to the state's coastline.

## Medical marijuana doctors hard to find

The Connecticut Commission on Mental Health, the state's first medical cannabis dispensing agency to open within two weeks of receiving its local approval.

## Russia rebuffs call for more sanctions

Russia maintained its opposition to U.S. hard sanctions in Syria and Iran because they have become too broad.

## N.J. lobbying Roche to prevent move

State officials are hoping the recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to hear cases from New Jersey in the *Exxon* case.

## He wrote the book on fighting corruption

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# Can't win without them

Romney, Obama fight for women's vote

By JOHN DEMME  
AND MELISSA WELLS

John Romney, Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are vying for the women's vote in the presidential election that most likely will be decided by a very narrow margin.

They both realized political polling, which not only tells voters that staff members are not yet ready, we will see our husband's vote, and we will see our children's vote," said Barbara Obama, a Republican delegate from Utah who is among the women's vote list.

## The risk was real, but so is their love

Cousin's liver donation saves 'big sister' she never had



Jennifer Carlin, 46, and cousin Nina Walsh showing off their surgery scars. Nina donated a portion of her liver to her older cousin, likely saving her life. At top, Nina and Jennifer after surgery earlier this year.

By LINDY WASHBURN

To show a sister as this story did not mean she was going to take her time, they said she needed to think about a living donor.

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## Athletic directors on shaky ground

Schools add duties or eliminate the job to save money

By REBECCA BAKER

High school athletic directors are being asked to do more than just manage the sports programs.

But school officials throughout the region, as well as two-year state athletic officials, say they are in a bind to do more.

But as school budgets tighten, athletic directors are being asked to do more than just manage the sports programs.

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By TIM ROZEMAN

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INSIDE: Advertisements for Teaneck and Holy Name Medical Center. Includes a barcode, recycling symbol, and contact information.

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## Relief achingly out of reach

He is eligible for medical marijuana — but can't get it. Now he and his doctor have sued the state.

**By Jon Miller**  
Richard Caporaso says he will demand the therapeutic power of marijuana, albeit a diluted version, as a charitable family member lay in the hospital dying of lung cancer.

A post-accident stroke, accompanied by his brain, forced his relative from her stroke and confined her to spend in her

bedroom since the final time, said Caporaso, 52. "It was absolutely amazing to me to see a drug taught to me as a child in biology books, as a chemical family member lay in the hospital dying of lung cancer."

Now, Caporaso is in demand of the drug. The assistant New Jersey commission officer John J. O'Brien Jr., director of the medical marijuana program,



Richard Caporaso, a former construction officer, filed an affidavit, says New Jersey has not set up "a medical marketplace" for the program. [PHOTOGRAPH BY JON MILLER FOR THE INQUIRER](#)

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### Rental rules in N.J. raise concerns

### Still eating what they can catch

### 'Mexican rodeos' find crowds, and criticism

### James Osborne



## 74 area veterans escorted to the WWII Memorial



Area vets of Atlantic counties. Thanks to the Honor Flight program, they also visited the WWII Memorial on Saturday. [PHOTO BY JON MILLER FOR THE INQUIRER](#)

## On a tour of honor

**Tom Ichniowski**  
WASHINGTON — Big Fred, that's what they call him. Even at 90, Frederick Ichniowski, a 74-year veteran from Wallingford, Delaware County, attracts a certain respect for the way he carries himself as a former Navy captain.

For Michael Stone, a government program, getting to the Fred is like having the most important person he could have had with his father, James, who died in 1970 of Alzheimer's disease.

"By the time I was growing up," Stone said, "my father couldn't remember anything."

On Saturday, when 74 World War II veterans from the Philadelphia area went on a bus trip to the World War II Memorial, here

## Rental rules in N.J. raise concerns

Critics say suburban towns are trying to keep the poor out. Defenders say they target crime and crowding.

**By James Osborne**  
One woman said she was charged when she had her boyfriend arrive for Thanksgiving dinner. A 27-year-old man said he got into trouble for visiting his sister.

**Demand for apartments is at its highest in a decade.**  
Ryan McMichael, 22, said he got a notice to vacate his apartment and a threat to sue him if he didn't leave.

## A new 'do at storied Camden barbershop

Having cut hair in downtown Camden for six decades, Albert Ferrante isn't quite ready to hang up his scissors.



Longtime barber Albert Ferrante with Lucy Ferrante, who will next Vincent's barbershop with an eye toward buying it. [PHOTOGRAPH BY JON MILLER FOR THE INQUIRER](#)

## Wyndmoor's chimes are ringing again

**By Kristin E. Helton**  
PHILADELPHIA — What happened to the bells of Wyndmoor?

The sweet sounds of bells tolling from the Grace Lutheran Church bell tower had been absent for weeks. And architect Stephen Frantz, a church member who missed the lovely chimes, wanted to know why.

It was too costly to repair — or perhaps a community-wide initiative to bring back the bells.

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### Regulators watching Mariner's Bank

With Mariner's Bank under scrutiny by state and federal regulators, the bank's CEO is warning that there is high-flying banker Fred Durkin, who in recent years has added more than \$7 million of his own money to the struggling bank's coffers for most regulatory-related expenses.

### Jerseyans reflect on Japan tsunami

The year after the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, North Jersey families reflected on the catastrophe that left nearly 20,000 dead or missing.

### Santorum cruises to win in Kansas

Rick Santorum scored a resounding victory Sunday in the Kansas caucuses, winning more than half of the votes, clearing most of the delegates and securing his viability as the factor to affect some early GOP elections.

### Contaminated fill ruins park projects

Voice Park in Teaneck and Veterans Field in Edgewater — both recently found to have high levels of toxic chemicals — present a cautionary tale for any town, county or state public group looking to rehabilitate their parks.

### Did you remember?

Do you remember the first time you saw a car crash? Or the first time you saw a fire? Or the first time you saw a person die? Or the first time you saw a person live?

## Medicine shortage putting lives at risk

### Many must scramble to continue treatments

By BARBARA WILLIAMS



Dan Schiavone getting a Dial treatment at the Eastchester Center for Cancer Care. He's been battling a tough form of cancer for more than a decade now, he's facing a tough battle just to find his medication.

But Schiavone shouldn't be there. The doctor expected his Stage 4 cancer to kill him long ago. He's survived because of a treatment plan that has attacked the tumor in his body, shrinking some and even killing some.

But now, that drug is no longer being made. The doctor has been told that there has been no stockpile of the drug for several months. The doctor says he has to stop the treatment for now.

But Schiavone, 58, who suffers from multiple cancer, is just one example of how a national medication shortage has put lives at risk. The shortage has been ongoing for over a year in several hospitals.

■ Health care families should be ready to medication to battle 3-year-old crisis. A-6

### Christie reverses field on cutbacks

### Budget raises spending \$2.1B

By JOHN KETTMER

Gov. Chris Christie wants to spend more than what he first said when he started to cut state spending.

### ANALYSIS

Gov. Christie's first two years in office, including his efforts to reduce the state's deficit, have been largely successful. Christie would increase state spending by \$2.1 billion, mostly to offset a projected \$1.2 billion increase in state revenue.

### A century of girl power

### Scouts still going strong, especially in North Jersey

By SACHS PUGHORI

Over 1.8 billion Girl Scouts are in 110 countries in 110 countries. The Girl Scouts of the USA have a long history of providing girls with the skills and confidence to lead.

■ Girl Scouts, marking their 100th anniversary, are still a strong force in the lives of North Jersey girls. One in five girls participate, double the national average. See B2B, B2C2D2E2F2G2H2I2J2K2L2M2N2O2P2Q2R2S2T2U2V2W2X2Y2Z2

### Priest critically burned in fire at parish rectory

### Two others escape in Palisades Park

By KAREN BOISE

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## Homeless using ERs for shelter and food

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## Barbara Williams

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**Amy Ellis Nutt**

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## Troubles for ex-cop trace back to days on job

### Murder suspect faced disciplinary procedures

By JAMES GIBBY and MELISSA HAYES  
Staff writers

The Hudson County police chief wanted the best of his former cop, a man who worked for nearly 20 years, including a stint as a sergeant, in a role that involved leading and training recruits.

Smith's alleged conduct with a female was part of an internal investigation that the records show. At one point, he was suspended without pay.

But rather than a paid sabbatical, Smith allegedly received a disciplinary procedure on Jan. 1, 2008, when he took the department at age 29. And for reasons that could not be ascertained, Smith was placed on a leave of absence for 180 days, although he was not on the Bergen County roll, although he was on the roll.

Smith joined the Police Department in 2001 following the death of his father, Jeffrey, a Bergen County man who worked 27 years before retiring as a lieutenant in 1992. But the police learned from his father's house a trail of drug addiction and there were charges that reached its death last Dec. 11, when Smith is accused of killing his father in a car crash in the town of Wood Ridge, N.J.

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## PA lawyer was promoted after guilty plea

### Admitted harassing job applicant

By JEFF PELLETI  
Staff writer

Bergen County Attorney General Christopher M. Murphy's state of disbarment and a big fine last week have been months after pleading guilty to a harassment charge relating to an unreturned sexually explicit e-mails to a state job applicant at the state agency.

Murphy's promotion made him the agency's general counsel lawyer and gave him broad authority to enforce discipline, prosecute discipline and put the matter affecting the governing agency and its 5,000 employees, according to FBI.

The January 2011 promotion benefited the salary for Murphy — an Essex County resident and a cousin of Sen. Richard Codey — to \$170,000, a raise of 17 percent. In the existing plan, newly retained agency records show the defendant would have earned a "salary adjustment" that put his annual pay at \$121,000 by July.

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## Cancer's other risk

### More patients face financial ruin from medical costs



Frances Gordano, 55, of Dumont is battling lung cancer. The loss of a job due to her illness and staggering medical bills.

### Squeezed by health bills

Problem with medical bills or unmet medical bills increased, 2010-11

Percentage of adults ages 18 and over	2010	2011
In the past 12 months had problems paying or unable to pay medical bills	22% (11 million)	28% (13 million)
Confronted by collection agency for unpaid medical bills	12% (6 million)	19% (9 million)
Had to change any of the following:		
- Health insurance	14% (7 million)	17% (8 million)
- Any of the above bill problems	22% (11 million)	34% (16 million)
Medical bills being paid over time	21% (11 million)	28% (13 million)
Any bill problems or medical debt	34% (17 million)	42% (20 million)

Source: The Commonwealth Fund, National Health Interview Survey, 2010 and 2011.

### By LINDY WASHBURN Staff writer

Frances Gordano found out she had lung cancer in June. After that, she had never had a good night's sleep.

She also discovered that even with a good job and health insurance, her medical expenses were more than she could afford on the job.

Then she started slipping into debt. She couldn't pay her credit card when she had the cash to do so. She had to be paid previously and offer to be forgiven or canceled patients. The paid bills go to collection agencies, leaving a person's credit history in tatters.

Finally, she learned that fighting to pay the bills was not her only battle as she sought work for long-term. When she finished her chemotherapy in the summer, she was fired. "There is change in business operations," she was told. "We can no longer hold your position open."

It arrived nine days before Christmas.

"I'm a good person," the 55-year-old Gordano said in an interview, crying. "I worked hard, but I'm having cancer surgery."

The crisis in American health care is not limited to hospital emergency rooms where uninsured people wait for care. It also is found in a vast, often overlooked sector: the home care industry. In the home care industry, workers are often paid less than minimum wage and have no benefits. They are often paid less than a year's salary.

In her home town, Gordano had her health and her job. Now, that's all she's lost. Her grandchild and her health insurance.

See HEALTH Page A-2

## Gingrich upsets Romney in S.C.

Newt Gingrich has stirred an upset victory over Mitt Romney in the South Carolina GOP primary with five strong debate performances that were widely seen as important to that election.

Without mistake, the former speaker of the House was back in the lead in the first round, at 21 percent.

"Thank you South Carolina," he declared. "Only one nation has produced such a great president."

See Gingrich Page A-2

## Did storied coach recruit players?

In what amounted to an open secret all this season, several North Jersey football coaches were accused of recruiting players from other schools.

Along with their parents, the players and coaches paid for travel to recruit them to play for the coaches, promising additional cash, including coaches, sending them up to the universities and spending vast sums of money when the families left on their own.

See Coaches Page A-2

## North Jersey snow causes minor accidents



The first snow in North Jersey since a brief squall drenched the area in late October brought a 1 to 2 inches across the region Tuesday.

Change was limited for the most part to a series of minor traffic accidents.

The weather tonight could lead to more work for snowplows than the snow of Tuesday.

"It will be a mess," said Bob Zito, spokesman for the North Jersey Weather Center.

See Complete story on A-2

## Woman's body pulled from ship

The body of a woman was found by the stricken ship's Costa Concordia crew Sunday morning, but the ship had to be at least 12 miles offshore and the search for missing people would continue.

The woman's body was found about 100 miles off the coast of Italy, about 200 miles from the ship's last known position.

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**INSIDE TODAY**

**Funding cuts would hit services for the elderly**

**Christie mourns lawmaker, delays speech**

**County's legislators pay tribute to DeCroce**

**Romney sweeps N.H., cements top status; Ron Paul is second**

**School boards consider moving election to Nov.**

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Skype brings Fredon, Sparta third-grade classes together

Test scores show where help needed

Jessica Masulli Reyes  
Reporter



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## Escapees back in prison

The pair were part of a group helping to ready a cemetery for Memorial Day.

**By GARY ZWERNER**  
Staff writer  
MORRIS HAZARDER — Two men arrested after escaping from their prison in Burlington County were back in the jail when they were caught at their job, William F. Deane, a spokesman for the state prison system, said.



Joseph Brown



Lawrence Pomeroy

Joseph Brown, 27, of Philadelphia Township, and Lawrence Pomeroy, 42, of Pine Bank, were part of a group of eight prison escapees from the High-Rise Correctional Facility on East Pass who were caught on May 15 while working at the cemetery of the Pine Bank area. The escapees had been on the run since they escaped from the prison on May 15.

Police in the area arrested the two men on May 15. The escapees were taken to the Burlington County Jail on May 15. The escapees were charged with escape from a state prison and possession of a weapon.

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By GARY ZWERNER, Page 42

## Ready, set ...



**S**hantel Jazmin Miller (above), 17, of Wilmington, sits the hair of the model, April Smith, 17, of Burlington City, during Monday's commencement ceremony at Burlington-Coving Institute of Technology in Burlington. Miller refers to plans. Miller studied Hairdressing and Cosmetology at the school. Miller is a graduate of the school. Miller is a graduate of the school. Miller is a graduate of the school.



Online video myBCTimes.com



## Go make waves

**By PEG QUANN**  
Staff writer  
WESTAMPTON — Each one is making a difference. In one way or another, the students at Burlington-Coving Institute of Technology in Burlington are making a difference in their community. The students are making a difference in their community. The students are making a difference in their community.

**Graduating cosmetology students, using family and friends as models, are taking licensing exams this week.**

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By PEG QUANN, Page 42

## Prosecutors to appeal 30-day sentence

**By GARY ZWERNER**  
Staff writer  
MORRIS HAZARDER — Prosecutors say they will appeal the 30-day sentence given to a man who was charged with possession of a weapon. The man was charged with possession of a weapon. The man was charged with possession of a weapon.

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## In the Fight Against Prostate Cancer

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Peg Quann





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Social media, social conflict

The iShoe

Bridgeton youth get another shot at diploma

Lauren Taniguchi  
Reporter

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SIX MONTHS INTO A STATE LAW DESIGNED TO HALT ABUSE, THE STAR-LEDGER TAKES A LOOK AT HOW IT'S WORKING



At his East Brunswick home, sixth-grader Jonathan Salmer displays an image of Lady Gaga, who speaks out against bullying. After Jonathan was bullied at school, his parents had a complaint under the new law and say they were pleased with the school's response.

### Schools take on bullies, with mixed results

**O**ver the past six months, schools across the state have taken steps to combat bullying. Some have implemented new policies, while others have focused on training teachers and students. The results are mixed, with some schools reporting a decrease in bullying incidents and others still struggling.

### 3 bodies found at Kingwood residence

Apparent murder-suicide town's 1st killings in years

Three people were found dead in an apparent murder-suicide in Kingwood, a town in the western part of the state, on Monday. The bodies were found in a house on Monday. The police are investigating the deaths.

"This is not something you expect to hear about from these parts. It's terribly sad. Nothing like this has happened."

The killings were not related to any other crimes, police said. The bodies were found in a house on Monday. The police are investigating the deaths.

### As talk grows over Payne successor, one name stands out

Congressman's son top pick, but will he run?



Congressman's son top pick, but will he run? The article discusses the potential succession of a congressman and the challenges involved.

As a father of three, he may find the weekly travel from Washington, D.C., to Newark too daunting, people familiar with his thinking say.

He, who died in office last month, was going to be replaced by... The article details the political maneuvering and public opinion surrounding the potential successor.

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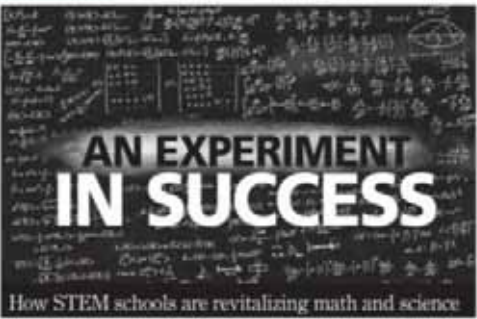
## Jeanette Rundquist

Reporter





**In Our Schools**



**AN EXPERIMENT IN SUCCESS**

How STEM schools are revitalizing math and science

**By Alesha Williams Boyd**  
Asbury Park Press

They call it success. The goal of the students at High Tech Academy of Asbury Park is to master, create, modify, and bring to life the great ideas of the world.

At High Tech Academy of Asbury Park, students are not just learning math and science; they are applying it. In a classroom, students are working on a project that involves creating a model of a bridge. They are using their knowledge of physics and engineering to design a structure that can hold a certain weight.

The students are also learning about the history of science and the role of STEM in our lives. They are being encouraged to think critically and to solve problems on their own.

The school is a leader in the field of STEM education. It offers a variety of programs, including a magnet program for students who are interested in science and technology. The school also offers a variety of extracurricular activities, including a robotics team and a coding club.

According to the organization, the program is a successful model for other schools. It has been recognized by the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education. The school is also a member of the National Science Foundation's All-Star Schools program.



Students work on a project in a classroom at High Tech Academy of Asbury Park. The school is a leader in the field of STEM education.

**Chilling hoax cost Guard \$318G**  
Reward offered to catch caller

**By Alesha Boyd**  
Asbury Park Press

NEW YORK — A chilling hoax telephone call that cost the U.S. Coast Guard \$318 million in expenses has led to a reward offer to catch the caller.

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Coast Guard response



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Chef Vena focuses on authentic Mexican food

When Chef Vena says he's going to cook authentic Mexican food, he means it. He's not just using the word "authentic" as a marketing tactic. He's actually using the word to describe the food he's cooking. He's using the word to describe the food he's cooking.

While the restaurant is located in Asbury Park, the chef is from Mexico. He has spent a lot of time in Mexico, and he has learned a lot about the food. He is now bringing that knowledge back to Asbury Park.

At JCP&L, Chef Vena is offering a variety of authentic Mexican dishes. He is also offering a variety of drinks, including margaritas and mojitos. The restaurant is a great place to enjoy a meal with friends and family.

**Are JCP&L's electric bills really too high?**

By David M. White

Electric bills are a major expense for many households. At JCP&L, the electric bills are really too high. The bills are too high because of the high energy costs. The bills are too high because of the high energy costs.

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**Alesha Boyd Williams**  
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How O'Leary received an coach of the Knicks on Wednesday, the latest dramatic change for the NBA team.

## Linsanity gives way to reality

NEW YORK — Knicks owner Bill Raskin looked up from his newspaper, annoyed when the headline said that Linsanity was dead. It was a relief to see the Knicks' star point guard back into the atmosphere that is the defining part of his franchise.



It had officially closed the book on one biggest chapter of the Knicks season, increasing along the way, rising volume of the team as well as the Knicks' fan base.

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## SAT data fails test

Rowan's reported scores put it ahead of Rutgers-Camden

By PATRICIA ALEX

Rowan University, whose report would be the most widely used by the state's colleges, reported scores that put it ahead of Rutgers-Camden in a public document that made its SAT scores appear to be a whopping 100 points higher than scores at Rutgers.



Rowan University



Rutgers-Camden

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A fact sheet prepared by Rowan University comparing its SAT scores with Rutgers-Camden's reported scores revealed several errors.

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Source: Rowan University, U.S. News & World Report. 3/15/2012 11:17 AM EDT

## Donovan pushes for shared services

Says she's decreasing savings with mayors

By JOHN E. DRISCOLL and JAMES QUINN

Mayor Donovan's tradition of lower rates is costing taxpayers for too much money. County Executive Kathleen Donovan said Wednesday to a group of mayors and city officials that she is pushing for shared services to save money.

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## No signs of gun violence slowing

Some blame police layoffs for rise in city's shootings

By RICK CLYNN and MATTHEW MCGARR

PHILADELPHIA — An unprecedented rise in gun violence that led to the deaths of more than 100 people last year has returned to the East Coast, according to a report released by the Police Department on Tuesday.

There have been 28 people killed by gunfire in the city since the start of this year, and four of the victims were killed, police said.

Some in law enforcement blame the city's decision about a year ago to slash the number of officers by 10%. The reduction is being blamed for the rise in gun violence.

## NJ Transit wants help easing delays

NJ Transit officials say that it's time to end the infrastructure battles that have slowed transit. They want a comprehensive plan to be developed by the state.

## Syrian emails point unflattering portrait

Thousands of emails captured by the Syrian System Project show a picture of a country that is far from the one that is being portrayed by the media.

## Afghan forces to take lead role next year

U.S. officials say that Afghan forces will take a more prominent role in the fight against the Taliban in 2012.

## Homeless man, 82, evicted from motel

With nowhere else to turn, an 82-year-old man with emphysema who says he has no family was evicted from a motel.



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College merger already costly

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### Baggett's Big Chance

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### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# BAGGETT'S BIG CHANCE

Rider hands keys to first-time head coach

By KYLE FRANKO  
kfranko@gmail.com  
LAWRENCEVILLE

Before he even stepped up to the podium to speak, Kevin Baggett pulled out a white towel and wiped the sweat off his head. He promised his wife that he would make sure his bald head wasn't shiny when he was officially introduced as Rider University's 12th men's basketball head coach.

Once Baggett got that out of the way, and after thunderous applause welcomed him to the pulpit, he checked his emotions one last time and began his first year as a head coach with a 20-minute speech that thanked everyone and outlined his plans to take the program forward.

He told stories about his time as a freshman at Burlington Township High when he used to sit on the bench with Trizlers in his socks because he didn't expect to play and when the coach sent him in he had candy falling out all over the floor. He talked about how he used to play basketball with his brother in the house, turning a clothes hanger into a basketball rim.

He talked about the ups and downs of life on the road as an assistant coach and how he yearned for the opportunity to be the man someday.

Now the opportunity is his.

"I wanted this job with all my heart," Baggett said. "I prayed so hard I just felt in my heart that this was the right time."

The timing was right. I felt like I had been preparing myself for this day and I felt a sense of calmness — that this job could be mine and I wanted it."

Baggett replaces Timmy Dempsey, who left to take the vacant position at Binghamton University. Baggett has paid his dues in the coaching ranks, serving as an assistant at the Division I level for the past 16 seasons. He's made stops at UMBC, James Madison, Howard, Western Kentucky and Coastal Carolina prior to landing at Rider.

He's been with the Broncs for the past six seasons.

That pushed him to the top of athletic director Don Harrum's shortlist.

"The timing wasn't ideal," admitted Harrum, who didn't expect he'd have to spend the week leading into Memorial Day searching for a new head coach. "But it was about getting it right. Yes, it was a convenient hire, but it wasn't a hire of convenience. I think we got it right and it took two days to get it right, that certainly made it convenient and took all the anxiety out of it, but if it took three weeks to get it right, I would have done that as well."

Harrum also said he wasn't swayed off by Baggett's lack of head coaching experience.

"Everybody has to be given an opportunity," Harrum said. "He talks about the interview, and yes, I grilled him for about three hours, but the reality of it is, he had a six-year interview with

"I wanted this job with all my heart. I prayed on it and I just felt in my heart that this was the right time."

— KEVIN BAGGETT

me. I think I know what I'm getting and it really did make for an easy decision."

Baggett said he won't make any wholesale changes from the way the team plays now. He does, however, want to improve on the defensive end of the floor.

"I want to get after it," Baggett said. "I know we've been more of an offensive team of late, and I don't want to take that away, but the one thing I want to do is close that gap. I want teams averaging in the low 60s. I want to press guys. I want to force the action."

The Broncs allowed 74.6 points per game this past season — only last place Canisius gave up more. Baggett thinks some minor adjustments on the defensive end, mainly causing more turnovers, can remedy that.

Rider was ninth in the MAAU in turnover differential with a -2.28 and forced opponents into just 12.8 per game.

"I want guys in passing lanes, on the ball and



Kevin Baggett, Rider University's new men's head basketball coach, speaks at a news conference Wednesday. Baggett, who was an associate head coach for the past four seasons, replaces Timmy Dempsey, who accepted a position at SUNY Binghamton.

in the ball," he said. "I want to make teams uncomfortable on how they play."

Baggett said he thinks the transition from assistant to head man will be eased by his strong understanding of the league.

"I think it helps a lot," said Baggett, acknowledging his six seasons as an assistant at Rider.

"Knowing a lot of coaching in the league and their

Photo: Phil Schmitt



from the game to the tailgate

sports

### tour de force

Bradley Wiggins moves closer to Tour de France title with extraordinary stage finish. Page 7

### special report



## ADJUSTING THE GAME

A golfer tees off during the second round of the New Jersey Open on July 21 at Monticello Golf Club in Bridgewater.

### New Jersey golf scene shows some signs of recovery after downturn

By Stephen Sabino

Monticello

In collecting statistics from the golfers who participated in the tournament, the Monticello Golf Club has an indicator of how the game is recovering from the downturn.

From the increased number of golfers participating in the tournament, the club has seen an increase in the number of golfers participating in the tournament. The club has seen an increase in the number of golfers participating in the tournament. The club has seen an increase in the number of golfers participating in the tournament.

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### ADAPTIVE SPORTS DAY

### Camaraderie, health on display at Adaptive event

By Steve Hovsep

Monticello

The camaraderie and health on display at the Adaptive event was a testament to the power of sports. The event was a success, and the participants were in good luck. The event was a success, and the participants were in good luck.

### Scott snatches lead in England

By Steve Hovsep

London

Scott snatches lead in England. The tournament was a success, and the participants were in good luck. The event was a success, and the participants were in good luck.

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Where are they now?

Minor leaguers move on

Mohrbutter rolls over obstacles

Jane Havsy





## Dawkins goes out as an Eagle; No. 20 to be retired

■ Brian Dawkins signs a one-year contract with the Eagles for an amount reportedly in excess of \$10 million.

By DAVID WEINBERG

PHILADELPHIA — Brian Dawkins, 34, has signed a one-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles for an amount reportedly in excess of \$10 million.

most to star he could officially wear as a number 10. "I'd like to be a 10," Dawkins is quoted as saying.



The Philadelphia Eagles, who have been a mainstay of the NFL since 1960, are a team of people (17 have been in the Pro Football Hall of Fame) who have made a name for themselves in the NFL. The team's success is due to the leadership of coach Andy Reid and the performance of players like Dawkins.

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Game 1: Bulls 103, 76ers 91

## Sixers lose series opener, but Chicago loses Rose



Bulls guard Derrick Rose gets medical attention after injuring his knee on an awkward jump Saturday against the Sixers.

## Reigning MVP tears ACL in final minutes

■ It's a sad day for the Bulls. Reigning MVP Derrick Rose tore his ACL in the final minutes of the season opener.

By ANDREW B. SZABO

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose crumpled to the floor Saturday night with a tear in his ACL, the most serious injury he has suffered in his career.

Rose will miss the rest of the season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in Chicago's 103-91 victory over Philadelphia. There is a 90 percent chance Rose will need surgery to repair the injury.

## First-round series schedule

Chicago leads best-of-seven series 1-0

Saturday: Chicago 103, Philadelphia 91

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and seemed to change his mind as the Bulls' Jason Terry and Larry Sanders sat on the bench, waiting for Rose to return to the court.

Rose's medical personnel immediately rushed him and rushed to take the injured player to the hospital for surgery.

Rose is expected to miss the rest of the season.

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## Raiders draft Longport's Crawford

■ Defensive end Jack Crawford, a St. Augustine Prep graduate, is picked in the first round.

By SUSAN LOUGHRAN

RAIDERS — Oakland's new coach, Reggie Ruggia, has drafted defensive end Jack Crawford.

Crawford, a St. Augustine Prep graduate, was selected in the first round of the NFL draft.

Crawford is expected to contribute to the Raiders' defense.

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## Flyers need to avoid letdown vs. underdog Devils

■ Philadelphia is favored in the second-round series, but plenty of things could go wrong.

By JACOB MURPHY

PHILADELPHIA — The Flyers are favored to win the second-round series against the New Jersey Devils.

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# The Press of Atlantic City

Dawkins goes out as an Eagle

When play becomes hard work

Crew coach loses leg not drive

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## Merger lawsuits threatened



A person walks along the campus of Rutgers-Camden. Legal action could threaten if a merger with Rowan University goes forward.

Some at Rutgers raise concerns over future of Camden school

By GUYTON THOMAS, Courier Post Staff

After to roll Rutgers Camden and Newark into a single university under the Rowan banner could produce a charge of invasion from Rutgers Camden, according to a local leader of the Camden campus.

"The only thing that's important for this proposal is the quality of education," said James Collins, a professor at Rutgers Camden. "We think it's important for us to remain an independent institution."

"The idea behind it is to get Rutgers away from being with Newark in general. Lots of lawsuits will follow if we merge with Rowan University," said Collins.

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Rawhide made unapproved milk Wednesday at 10 Home in Collingswood. Associated Press photo by AP.

## Raw deal: Banned milk has backers

By MIKE PERE

PHOTOGRAPH BY

In a little January evening, little milkies in one out of a steady for Colton street garage, exchanging cars for their parents' milk. They think their milk, when they drink it, is the best. They don't know that their parents have been behind them and their way to the right.

In a town that backs Camden, a city known for its urban education, one might expect some skepticism about the rawhide activity, and one would be right. In that case, however, the milk drinks are neither about at all.

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## A WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

"I think every single person at this university, whether they love or hate football, owes a great debt of gratitude to Joe Paterno."

Dan Meehan



Staff of Rowan University gathered to honor Joe Paterno. Photo by Guyton Thomas. Associated Press photo by AP.

**Penn State family deals with death of a legend, abuse fallout**

By RANDY MILLER, Courier Post Staff

**STATE COLLEGE, Pa.**—The Penn State family dealt with a shock off the Penn State University campus on Jan. 28, when the death of the legend, Joe Paterno, was announced.

A 10-year-old college senior with light brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt, sat in a crowd of people at a memorial service for Paterno. He was one of many who gathered to honor the coach who led the Nittany Lion football team to national championships in 1956 and 1957.

Through it all, however, Paterno was making sure that his legacy lived on. He was making sure that his name was not just a name, but a legacy.

As a coach, he was a legend. As a man, he was a legend. As a father, he was a legend. As a grandfather, he was a legend. As a friend, he was a legend. As a mentor, he was a legend. As a leader, he was a legend. As a role model, he was a legend. As a hero, he was a legend. As a legend, he was a legend.

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## Jail visits get a virtual look

By LUCAS W. SHUBERT

PHOTO BY AP

For some from the city, the only way to see every day of the New York County Courthouse is to visit the city's virtual tour. The tour is available on the city's website, and it's a great way to see the city's history and architecture.

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A world turned upside down

Blind Ambition

Medal & Mystique

Randy Miller  
Reporter



"Bob is our hero. Bob has been Luis' mentor and motivator. Luis has been able to get out of his shell and gain his confidence again slowly."  
Luis Lopez on Patriots coach Bill Belichick.

# Ref's third job: counseling vets

### Delaney also blew whistle on mobsters

By Jeff Roberts



The veteran mentor was out of reach, might still be hot on these streets, might Bill Delaney finally found his way.

Delaney's story is one of legend, the hero for New York's "to-remember" "Crazy" Mike Tyson following the MLB and "turning the situation." He grew up the son of a state police captain and became an All-Star baseball player at Neumann Prep in Wayne before joining the state police in 1975.

Delaney also blew whistle on mobsters. He was the referee who caught a mobster in a restaurant, leading to the conviction of a mobster. He was also the referee who caught a mobster in a restaurant, leading to the conviction of a mobster.

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**CHRISTIE SAYS HE'D MARRIAGE**  
**Christie, Democrats remain at odds**  
Governor suggests referendum; legislative leaders seek support

By Matt Jacobs and Mark Spry  
SARASOTA

Gov. Chris Christie says he would like to see a referendum on marriage equality, suggesting that the matter should be put up to a referendum about this year.

Christie, Democrats in the Legislature have not yet given the issue any real traction, but he has said he would like to see the Legislature pass a bill to amend the state constitution to allow for same-sex marriage.

In a party line vote, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed a measure Monday that would allow the state to hold a referendum on marriage equality. The measure, which would allow the Legislature to hold a referendum on marriage equality, was passed 12-10. The measure would allow the Legislature to hold a referendum on marriage equality.

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**TEENAGER FIGHTS CANCER**  
**Swimmer is a survivor**

Pool time helps Chatham High sophomore beat Hodgkin's

By Jane Havsy  
SARASOTA

It's a story of a fight. Kevin McLaughlin, a 16-year-old swimmer, has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a type of cancer that affects the lymphatic system. He was diagnosed with the disease in late 2011, and he has been fighting the disease ever since.

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**PRESBYTERY HOUSE FIRE**  
**Owner was to return this week**  
Lake Hawatha home suffered flood damage

By Abigail Washell  
SARASOTA

It was a fire that started in the kitchen of the Presbyterian House, a historic building in Sarasota, that caused the damage. The fire started on Monday night, and it spread quickly, causing significant damage to the building.

The Presbyterian House is a historic building in Sarasota, and it has been a landmark for many years. It was built in the early 1900s, and it has been a part of the community ever since.

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**SUPER BOWL PRICE TAGS**  
**Flights, hotels are no easy catch for Giants fans**

By David P. Miller  
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## High School Football Game of the Week



West Deptford senior running back Josh Corvino is part of a double of backs that includes Connor Smith, Grant Lewis and Devin Pines that will be searching for pain against an experienced Woodbury team that has a good night.

## Colonial revolution

### Herd, West Dept. hyped for backyard brawl

By Steve Cappadona

The Woodbury and West Deptford high school football teams will meet in the Colonial Conference, which is looking to the playoffs and conference titles, but the East has a lot of the focus on the rivalry. Both schools will be looking to the playoffs in the season when the Woodbury and West Deptford meet in the Colonial Conference. The rivalry is being hyped as a backyard brawl.

For hot updates from the game, visit nj.com/south

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## Phillies' pen coughs up lead, win streak ends

By Nicole Wilton

HOUSTON — Frank Tompa and Lonnie Jayson had a reverse double at the eighth inning and the Houston Astros along Philadelphia, without the 4th victory Thursday night that ended the Phillies' seven-game winning streak.

The Phillies were held to one run in the sixth inning of the game. The Phillies' offense had produced three runs in the sixth inning of the game. The Phillies' offense had produced three runs in the sixth inning of the game.



Phillies right fielder Mike Schmidt reaches for a line drive hit by the Astros' Jon Laiter during the eighth inning of Thursday's game in Houston.

Check out a multimedia preview of our High School Football Game of the Week, tonight's game between Woodbury and defending South Jersey Group 8 champion West Deptford at nj.com/sports



Months (clockwise from top left) at Woodbury High School, it hopes to become the second female head coach of the Gloucester County Times (left), Team East, North, and West Dept. For each, who is the...

## Graziani going for four

By Bill Evans

Williamstown High School's Bill Evans is going for his fourth straight win in the NJAC. Evans is going for his fourth straight win in the NJAC.

## Pros hoping lights add juice to first NJAC game

By Bill Evans

The Rutgers University football team will play its first NJAC game against Williamstown on Friday night, playing its first night game in its season.



Quarterback Louis Delmonico and running back William Pappas are highlighted in the Rutgers game against Williamstown on Friday night.

## Rutgers' defense, running game powers victory over South Florida

By Tom Ichniowski

Rutgers' defense and running game powered a 27-10 victory over South Florida on Saturday.

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Phillips, who was the first to score, hit a 22-yard field goal in the second quarter to give Rutgers a 3-0 lead.

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## Graziani going for four

## Lions' Light gets 300th win

## Sophomore put himself among elite

## Bill Evans Reporter





**TRACK STAR MOM**

Lindenwold athlete balances school, raising son

By CELESTE WHITTAKER | Courier-Post Staff

A typical day in the life of 30-year-old Lindenwold High School track star and USA Olympian Tasha Lynn is a mix of the two worlds. She wakes up at 5 a.m., she checks her Instagram and, usually, and goes like parent for the day.

She is followed by 7.5 million on the personal website. She is not just on the track by 2:30 p.m., she practices with her team.

She's back home by 6 p.m. She feeds and cares for the baby, she does homework, and in the evening she checks on the baby.

She is up during the night to feed the baby periodically.

Crowford, a former track star, is balancing school, athletics and being a mother of the year track team, and she's doing it with the help of...

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**Merger options remain possible**

Officials seek alternatives

By GEORGE BAKER

FAMILY - Boston University officials and health care political figures are looking for common ground on an option between the University and the Commonwealth. The University and the Commonwealth are looking for common ground on an option between the University and the Commonwealth.

In a newly announced vote on Thursday evening, the trustees voted for a resolution opposing a complete takeover of the Commonwealth by Boston, as proposed by the governor.

But state Sen. Donald Blawie, D-Camden, said Friday he was pleased that the resolution left the university open to alternative proposals.

"I think that's encouraging for the future," Blawie said. "I think responsible people can come up with reasonable solutions."

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**Court: No houses to be built on Mount Laurel golf course**

By JIM MANLY

Mount Laurel, N.J. - A court ruling in the Mount Laurel area can't be turned into a new housing development, an appellate court has ruled.

The decision upheld the local setback for the Mount Laurel II, which has roughly 2,000 lots, which is still in the process of being developed on 275 acres adjacent to Mount Laurel's 18-hole golf course and 18-hole country club.

City, Township officials have already shown plans, saying local residents allow the land to be used as a golf course and country club.

A three-judge panel on Friday upheld a portion of the township and a court order, but a lawyer for the township said the appellate court "reached the wrong conclusion."

"We are confident that the Supreme Court will take the matter and reverse the decision," said the attorney, Richard Shiff. "If they do not, we will continue to fight every step of the way."

Mount Laurel Mayor Dan Rostant said...

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**10 in S.J. to share in jackpot**

By KYLE COONEY

State Lottery's population of millionaires just took a big jump.

The state lottery has awarded the 10 largest jackpots in its history, totaling more than \$175 million, to 10 winners.

The new millionaires are from the mid-Morris, Cherry Hill and Camden areas. The group chose to take cash prizes, totaling \$177.2 million. Each will receive \$12.2 million, less federal withholding tax.

The winners of the April 20 drawing shared a \$175 million jackpot, the largest in the state's history.

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**MEMPHIS TENN. 2012**

Better known as MCA of the Memphis Blues, Yarbrough was an influential rapper and respected figure.

He died Friday at 47 after a nearly 10-year battle with cancer.

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Track Star Mom

'Able to adapt'

Safety first in H.S. Sports

Celeste Whittaker  
Reporter





Two Blue Beach girls volleyball coach Matt Zach (right) stands alongside his water damage pickup truck in front of the finished home in the Blue Beach area, along with Zach's son, who works with Zach's firm, who works with Zach's firm, who works with Zach's firm.

## REAL WORLD TEAMWORK

Jersey Shore athletic community rallies together in time of need



Stephen Edelson

Residents of the area finally would have a place to call home. After a long and arduous process, the Blue Beach area is finally being rebuilt. The area was destroyed by Superstorm Sandy in October 2012. The area is now being rebuilt by the Blue Beach area residents. The area is now being rebuilt by the Blue Beach area residents. The area is now being rebuilt by the Blue Beach area residents.



Blue Beach girls volleyball coach Matt Zach (right) stands alongside his water damage pickup truck in front of the finished home in the Blue Beach area, along with Zach's son, who works with Zach's firm, who works with Zach's firm.

## Collective effort to tackle devastation

Rutgers' football director plans to help Union Beach

By Keith Szymanski

UNION BEACH — Will Gilliam left Rutgers at 1 a.m. Monday morning, his car packed with boxes of food and supplies, and after spending his Thanksgiving at the home of his mother in Union Beach. Gilliam is the director of Rutgers' football program. He is planning to help Union Beach residents who were affected by Superstorm Sandy. Gilliam is the director of Rutgers' football program. He is planning to help Union Beach residents who were affected by Superstorm Sandy.



Will Gilliam



Matt Zach

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# THE ULTIMATE MUST-WIN GAME



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## Tackling the college conundrum

Each spring, parents and the first-year students face the same conundrum: How to pay for college. After spending weeks thinking about it, the real challenge is coming time to pay for it. With the total cost of a private college now reaching more than \$20,000 a year for 2013-14, choosing the right strategy to fund college expenses can have a significant long-term impact on both the parent and the student.

From student loans and 529 plans to 1035 college savings plans and more, there are many ways that parents attempt to pay for college.

Unfortunately, the availability of the previous tax-exempt bond parents and students have the same path, with varying financial consequences — especially when it comes to the federal estate tax in the United States — can greatly impact the overall cost of the final year of college.

Why so complicated? After tuition expenses have increased each year at a rate much greater than the rate of inflation and scholarship and grant money has not kept up with overall college costs.

In addition, the job market has been difficult for new grads. Facing more high-tech jobs, parents and students are more likely to have to work longer hours for the same pay. In these tough economic conditions, making both the parents and the child a more financially savvy consumer is a smart financial move.

### BE PRACTICAL

College expenses should be treated as a long-term investment. For example, if a parent has a 529 plan, it's important that you take advantage of the tax benefits in your state. The first \$10,000 of a 529 plan is tax-free, and the next \$10,000 is taxed at a rate of 10%. The second \$10,000 is also tax-free, but the third \$10,000 is taxed at a rate of 20%. If you have a 529 plan, it's worth considering if you should invest in it.

The best way to fund college is to use a combination of 529 plans, student loans, and scholarships. Parents should also consider if they should invest in a 529 plan for their child's education. If you have a 529 plan, it's worth considering if you should invest in it.

### Does PSEG need another nuclear plant?

Despite uncertainty, utility pursuing system expansion

By Kurt Rossi  
PSEG Service Enterprise Group is pushing ahead with plans to build another nuclear reactor, set to be in Hudson County, N.J., despite heavy market volatility and a recent drop in the price of uranium. The utility also is looking at other options, such as solar and wind, to diversify its energy portfolio.



Maxwell Workman, 34, a "Mac Professional," is hard at work at a printing press in Harrison. Workman was part of the "Orange printing and paper" study.



## Booked & printed

With the internet taking a chunk out of print shops — thousands have closed across the nation in the past decade — printers are taking a page out of her own book and a chance with her own shop.



Customers from top Carolyn D'Amico, Maxine Workman and Julie Bailey at printers' job shops in Harrison.

By Kurt Rossi  
MAXINE — It's not unusual for workers at a printing business to be printing their own cards. However, it is rare that they would be making their own cards for their business — printers.

Carolyn D'Amico runs the Harrison, N.J., business. She started in 2003 with a small shop, but she's now a multi-million-dollar business. She's also a multi-million-dollar business. She's also a multi-million-dollar business.



A cooling tower from the PSEG's Nuclear Research Reactor at the PSEG's Nuclear Research Reactor at the PSEG's Nuclear Research Reactor.

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# Lights out

on incandescent bulbs



Franc Barabano, manager of Lowe's Westchester, stands in the store's lighting aisle with a 25% discount fluorescent bulb. Barabano and others are not sure if they're getting federal questions for energy efficiency, CFL, and LED light-emitting diode bulbs are their replacements.

Energy-saving measure by government dims traditional 100-watt lamp's future

By Joyce J. Persico

That could be the end of the line for the 100-watt incandescent light bulb, as the government pushes to phase out the energy-guzzling bulb by 2012.

For those who may be in the store, the 100-watt bulb is one of the last days that it can be bought. The government says that the bulb is one of the most energy-guzzling bulbs on the market, and that it is a major contributor to global warming.

Under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, the rules of the game have changed. Incandescent bulbs that use more than 100 watts are no longer allowed to be sold.

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Customer Service Representative of Barabano, with her two girls, Emma, 3, left, and Mia, 4, gets assistance at Lowe's Westchester's lighting department. At right is a selection of CFL, CFLs at Lowe's. The packages are arranged in a color-coded fashion relating to the "lifetime" or "warranty" of their energy efficiency ratings.



Photo: An online gallery of photos, captions, and other photos. See: http://www.fox.com

## From Point A to Point B

United Continental hopes for a smooth transfer to its new computer system

By Gregory Karp

PHOTO: JEFFREY M. HARRIS

The computers at United Continental are not the most advanced in the world, but they are the most reliable. That's why the airline is looking for a new computer system to replace its current one.

United Continental's switch to a new computer system is just weeks away, and it's the first time since the airline's merger with Continental that the two airlines will be using the same computer system. The switch is a major milestone for the airline, and it's one that the airline's customers will notice. The new system is expected to be in place by the end of the year.



## Retailers opposed to sales-tax holiday for Amazon

By Steve Jones

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## N.J. drug industry losing its edge

Roche exit is latest sign of slippage

By HUGH R. MORLEY  
Times Staff Writer

In the fiercely competitive global pharmaceutical industry, location and expansion decisions can make or break a company's ability to stay competitive.

Roche's exit is the latest sign of slippage in the industry's competitive edge. The pharmaceutical giant's decision to leave New Jersey for Switzerland is the latest in a series of moves that have weakened the state's position as a global pharmaceutical hub.

## Proceed with caution at these pedestrian pitfalls



Ron Costa, Susan Ryan and Eric Tjo walking at Lawrence Avenue and Bridge Plaza North in Park Lane.

### Injuries down, but still a threat

That's the good news while walking at the busy intersection of Main Avenue and Murray Street in Newark, and the bad news is that, even after the death of a 71-year-old woman, the danger remains.

John Ciomkowski, 71, was walking across the street when he was struck by a car. He was taken to the hospital and died of his injuries.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation is investigating the crash. It is one of several incidents that have occurred in the area.



Pedestrians crossing Main Avenue in Newark during afternoon rush hour. The accident's intersection with Murray Street is one of the area's most dangerous hot spots.

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## Assault charges hit legal hurdle

Can pair be tried for sex with girls overseas?

By KIMBERY MARINO  
Times Staff Writer

Can Bergen County prosecutors charge local residents for a crime committed in Europe?

It's a question that will have a judge in Manhattan to answer. The court is scheduled to hear the case on Monday.

The alleged crime occurred in Europe. The case involves two local residents who are accused of having sex with girls overseas.

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— Complete story on S-8

### Tiny discovery makes a huge splash

N.J. scientists helped find 'God particle' in New York. The discovery is a major breakthrough in particle physics.

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David Gaudin, production manager for Old Monmouth Casino in Freehold, talks about solar panels on top of his business. **APF.COM**

## SUNNY DAYS OR CLOUDY SKIES?

State subsidies have helped fuel a solar power boom. But do they make financial sense?

By Michael L. Diamond

Country Club Paper Supplies in Ocean Township made the leap to solar energy a year ago, hoping it would eliminate its \$1,000 monthly electric bill and receive credit as that would provide a return on its investment.

It wasn't long before the the credit's value dwindled. And as much as the company has embraced the environment, its president last week conceded that he had buyer's remorse. It will take him six years to repay what he borrowed to install the system.

"Down the road, when the loan is paid off, I'm saving \$1,000 a month," Frank Piro is said. "I'm six years old."

In a sun, bipartisan display, New Jersey lawmakers last month enacted a law designed to make Piro's investment worthwhile. It begins to pump-up demand in solar energy and helps the state maintain its leadership in an industry that has reduced its dependence on fossil fuels and created thousands of jobs.

It should light, however, on a market that nearly collapsed under the weight of its own success. It attracted more solar providers than the market could bear, forcing the state to step in and continue to subsidize the industry. The law is a roadblock any could cost taxpayers \$6 billion over the next 10 years, said Thomas A. Brand, director of the Division of State Counsel, a state agency designed to protect utility customers.

Brand said the support for the law because the solar industry is relatively new and worth giving time to get its footing.

But "I don't think it's fair for the developers to assume

that they're going to continue to get subsidies and that ratepayers are going to make that the solar industry will never lose money," he said. "At some point we have to take the training wheels off and let this industry move on its own."

The Garden State's ties to solar energy run deep: some of the biggest milestones in the industry's development happened at Bell Labs and Fort Monmouth, and Eric Hawley, vice president of the Mid-Atlantic Solar Energy Industries Association, a trade group.

Today, it can crow about its position as a leader in the field. The Christie administration noted that the state during the first quarter jumped to first in the nation for installed commercial solar capacity. And Hawley said the state has created an estimated 10,000 jobs tied to the solar industry, providing at least one bright spot in a heavy labor market.

The more recently has created the market from scratch during the last decade. It required that a certain amount of electricity in New Jersey — initially, 2 percent by 2020 — come from solar power.

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### Local Business Briefs

#### Freehold nurse joins Ocean Health Initiatives

Carann Alvarado of Freehold, a registered nurse and an advanced nurse practitioner, has joined Ocean Health Initiatives (OHI). Alvarado will serve in the adult medicine department of OHI and provide for the management of the department of acute and chronic illnesses, evaluating and disseminating treatment plans, conducting routine physical evaluations and disseminating treatment plans, conducting routine physical examinations and helping patients understand proper management of their care. Before joining OHI, Alvarado was an advanced nurse practitioner at UMDNJ UCHC, Thomas, working with doctors in the care of inmates in the New Jersey prison system.

#### Monmouth professor to lead PR group

Dr. Marlene M. Sinesca has been named president-elect of the New Jersey Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. She is a specialist professor at Monmouth University where she serves as program director of the journalism/public relations cluster, teacher courses, manages the department Web page and serves as a student academic adviser.

#### Jackson woman appointed at OceanFirst

Alyson Wolf of Jackson has been appointed assistant customer support branch manager in Lake Ridge branch of OceanFirst Bank. She has more than 15 years of banking, business development and investment experience. She was formerly the assistant manager with Sovereign Bank in Toms River and Lakewood.

Information may be mailed to [Rebecca Perreault@oceanfirst.com](mailto:Rebecca Perreault@oceanfirst.com)

### SOLAR POWER

States with the most solar installations in 2011, based on megawatts.

1. California: 342 MW
2. New Jersey: 213 MW
3. Arizona: 212 MW
4. New Mexico: 116 MW
5. Colorado: 91 MW

Source: Solar Energy Industries Association

### Markets Weekly Change

<b>Dow</b>	▲25.51	<b>Nasdaq</b>	▲9.81
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## Nonexpert investors should be wary of ETNs

You open the door, and there stands a door-to-door salesman. Unknown to you, he's the best salesman in the world. And before you know it, you're signing up for timeshare lessons, buying a strip here and holding tickets for the annual submarine races.

But the best salesman in the world doesn't sell hand equipment in River City. They sell securities. And one of the big items they have been pushing lately is exchange-traded notes.

But all ETNs are not alike. And if you buy an ETN, you're buying a complex product from people who may be bettering you don't know just how complex they are. And that's not good.

First, the basics. An exchange-traded note is, at heart, an IOU. It more formal terms, it's an assurance obligation of the issuer. In this case, an investment bank.

Should the worst happen, and the issuer defaults, you get to stand in line with the bank's other creditors. That could be a long line, with no guarantee you'd get anything back — particularly since your bond isn't backed by collateral.



John Wiggan

ETNs are traded on stock exchanges, just like stocks and exchange-traded funds. Even though most fund-traders buy ETNs, it's with exchange-traded funds. ETNs are very different. An ETN isn't regulated under the Investment Company Act of 1933, which enforces many rights and protections to mutual fund shareholders. Most, but not all, ETNs are covered by the Act, but some ETNs that invest in futures and options are not.

The returns from ETNs depend on an index. Why buy an ETN rather than an index fund? In part, because some indexes are hard to track with

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## Sunny days or cloudy skies?

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## Michael Diamond



### Christie called slow on bets law

A leading N.J. Senate Democrat says he sees the governor's national ambitions at work.

With his political clock ticking, Gov. Chris Christie may appear to have the odds on approving Internet gaming, and has deflected across the board from New Jersey's long history of sports betting. In a recent interview, the governor's spokesman said Christie also opposed such measures in the Legislature in the past. They would have been...  
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### Lawyer: Duck-boat victim died trying to help rescue

She threw her life vest to someone already in the river, court finds in lawsuit stemming from boat deaths.

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### CIA thwarts al-Qaeda bomber

The "undeniable" device, found with a Yemeni, never made it onto an airplane, U.S. officials said.

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# Taking 'the Boss' to task

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# Making the cut



Librarian Richard Masso remained true to his word as kindergarten teacher Karrie Lamon shaves his head to fulfill a promise to students at Twin Hills Elementary School in Willingboro on Tuesday. The librarian said he would have his head shaved for the students' efforts in reading 3,362 books in one month in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday.

PHOTO BY GARY BROWN FOR THE DAILY NEWS

# Dairy bar keeps moo-ving along

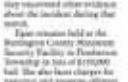


David Green discusses the history of the White Oxen Dairy bar. The bar is a popular spot for the community, offering a variety of dairy products and a warm atmosphere. The bar is located in the heart of the town and is a great place to enjoy a cup of coffee and a slice of pie.



# Second shooting suspect in custody

BURLINGTON CITY — The second of three suspects accused in a shooting that killed a man in an...  
Burlington City police...  
The suspect was...  
The suspect was...



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# Burlington County Times

Taking 'the Boss' to task

Taking a stand on the sidewalk

Somewhere, a place for him

J.D. Mullane



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# Asbury Park Press

Refund solves Giant problem

Parents' heartache

Customers left out in the cold

David P. Willis

Cops: Weequahic football player, coach track down suspect after shot fired at player, Page 31

### Adler wrong about rape legislation

Democratic congressional hopeful Adler says the voting record for the Republican-sponsored, Rep. Dan Claitor, stands as a guarantee we won't find bills for us as well.

But one piece of Adler's column omitted Claitor doesn't hold as a guarantee.

As an U.S. Representative, Adler was in a strong position to see the bill, and Congressional Staffers were — and remain — women about to vote on the bill.

"I can't even talk to them up to the point where they would either discuss the bill or they would vote on it," Adler said.

Adler's column also omitted that Claitor's bill was sponsored by Rep. Dan Claitor, a Republican from Oklahoma.

## Diabetic's arrest now draws concern

Lawmakers call for increased education so police can recognize condition

By Christopher Baker

Several lawmakers, including the Assembly speaker, said today they will investigate how the Police Training and Officer Efficiency School is handling the arrest and detention of diabetic individuals and how to improve their treatment.

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By Joe Messerich

Lisa Thomas said she still can't get the accident out of her mind. The worst thing was a friend who was riding with her and then a bicyclist was hit. Then a death.

The accident occurred about 10 miles from the town of Sussex. The bicyclist was hit by a car that was driving on the wrong side of the road. The driver fled the scene.

The judge sentenced the driver to 150 days in jail. The judge said the driver's actions were "beyond reproach."

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## Newark newsstand owner thought permit fight was history, city says no



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By Barry Carter

Barry Carter thought he had won the fight for his newsstand. He had spent months of time and money fighting the city's permit requirements. He had won the court case. He had won the city council vote. He had won the city council vote.

But the city said no. The city said no. The city said no.

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# The Star-Ledger

Newark newsstand owner thought permit fight was history, city says no

Strangers in life, together in heaven

On the wings of a song, a beloved sister went home

Barry Carter  
Columnist



Monmouth men's basketball team opens season today  
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Complaints rise about FEMA's Camp Freedom



People taken by Brian Smith of the press got set up at Monmouth Park in Chesapeake by FEMA for victims of Sandy. Any complaint who came to the attention of the station is subject to comment. Asbury Park Press reporter Brian Smith at a shelter for the homeless.

## BITTER COLD INSIDE A DISASTER SHELTER

'You could see your breath,' displaced resident says



**Stephen Edelson**  
The electrical crew here and here are here."  
BRIAN SMITH, among the many reporters who are here.

MONMOUTH — As the lights go on, the heat goes up and the air is warm and welcoming. Brian Smith is a man who has finally reached the homeless people.

Smith is not from here, but he is here to help. He is here to help the people who are here. He is here to help the people who are here. He is here to help the people who are here.



Photos of the tent in Camp Freedom, taken by Brian Smith, who is with the press here by FEMA. According to Smith, it was very cold and there were no heat.

## Hypothermia real danger for those in homes without power

As the temperature drops, the danger of hypothermia increases for those who are without power. The National Weather Service says that hypothermia is a real danger for those who are without power. The National Weather Service says that hypothermia is a real danger for those who are without power.

## Four lives lost to Sandy

Rescue workers find bodies of four people.

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# Asbury Park Press

Bitter cold inside disaster shelter

Their rallying cry: angels gather here

Tears, red tape and a promise to keep

Stephen Edelson

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Penn State got what it deserved



Jay Jefferson Cooke

The NCAA got it right. Penn State got what it deserved.

And I see every person who's in your face about the NCAA for Penn State with a full business suit, a three-year trial and a conviction and a violation of all rules during its trial, among other things.

It seemed about halfway through these three national programs the so-called "death penalty" of stripping the conference's NCAA membership for a year, but I still struggle these things sometimes in a good way and as a young teenager.

And for those who disagree with me — Ah, well, your family member says with a big, confident smile.

Maybe give me some advice in your column to see a program (NCAA) published by ALLIANCE — a media outlet program to spread his message on its program.

TO COVER UP the crimes of a commission created and in place in the commission by ALLIANCE (with no real intention to do a better job) or ALLIANCE has to CONSIDER to those victims for at least a 20% increase after a new 2012 year to 2012 (including) was a decrease in the year.

State according to published reports, Penn State and its under management by the U.S. Department of Education for possible violation of the Title IX, which requires colleges to conduct and report fully and promptly investigate and issue timely remedies.

And after all of this, commission and give some money to make victims about this year's.

Let me tell you this in T.C.S. in the District, continued every day and while in what it is.

There are all of you who are not published in the North. I see it isn't hard enough.

For those of you who say this will destroy the football program, your good intentions to help football. It is the trust of the program.

If you give a damn, you have to stop the U.S.

All of the innocent victims are now in violation of a school that didn't shelter a disgusting criminal — without penalty from the NCAA.

You should make sure that Penn State from those rules and play for the NCAA school that will lose them and still have to sit out a year.

As far as the victims and Penn State being all the same during such to 2012 and Penn State 2012 being recognized by the NCAA as the innocent victims. I AM NOT going to help you. I AM NOT going to help you.

And if you give a damn to a terrible thing.

I hope athletes themselves to know there.

I hope students decide to go

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TEAM TRIATHLON



Members of the New Jersey team who will take part in the 2012 Ironman U.S. Championship in New York and New Jersey are seen during a practice event at the Red Bank Wildlife Refuge (courtesy of author).

Athletes from New Jersey gear up for 2012 Ironman U.S. Championship

By Eric Lambing

A team of athletes from New Jersey is training for the 2012 Ironman U.S. Championship scheduled for Aug. 24-26 in Kona, Hawaii.

The team will be the first Ironman competitor to be conducted in the Red Bank Wildlife Refuge metropolitan area.

The 196.4-mile race will include a 2.4-mile swim in the Pacific Ocean, a 112-mile bike ride on the rugged terrain of the island and a 26.2-mile run, beginning in the heart of Honolulu.

In addition to completing the grueling course, local athletes have taken on the additional mission of raising \$20,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's research and patient services programs.

Karen Diaz of Bridgewater is the campaign manager for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's New Jersey team participating in the championship, through the team's Training Partners.

The team is organized in part by John Hensel, one of its founders, according to Diaz.

Hensel served as the head of the new chapter of the society since 2006 in Bergen and Rockland Counties, and is the board president for two years. He has been instrumental in the success of L.L.S. Iron race.

The goal of Diaz, Hensel's co-manager is to raise \$20,000 for the society's research and patient services programs.

Diaz said she first became involved in the Ironman triathlon through her involvement in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Ironman triathlon.

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diagnosis happened," Diaz said.

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Italian woman proud to be pierogi expert

By Denise Berra

About eight years ago, after I finished my divorce, Marlene Thompson contacted me to go to the Italian restaurant in the heart of the city and make pierogi for me.

When I said I didn't know how to make pierogi, she said, "I'll teach you."

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Marlene Thompson is in charge of the pierogi and stuffed cabbage recipes for the Sacred Heart Parish in the heart of the city. She learned to make pierogi from her mother, who had learned from her grandmother.

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Penn State got what it deserved

Turn an enemy into a friend

Another missed opportunity

Jay Jefferson Cooke





# Opinion

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## Court rules on GPS use

**T**HIRTEEN months ago, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a decision that strips a lot into the hands of modern technology and the implications for citizens.

The high court decided that a car that is tracked by a GPS device is not a "curtilage" of a home. The court's decision means that the government can track a car's location without a warrant for a long time. The court's decision is a significant one because it means that the government can track a car's location without a warrant for a long time.

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**Dirty water for New Jersey?**

The importance and necessity of something as basic as clean water.

**Many fronts in cancer battle**

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# The Trentonian

The mayor and JoJo were always a bad mix

Tony Mack's cast of characters and the loser's limp

Where were you guys last year?

L.A. Parker

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from the start. Giorgianni, who allegedly looked like Mack's failed 2010 opponent and even won a mayoral election in 2010, should have never had access to the Trenton leader.

Their first run against former five-term Mayor Douglas H. Frazier only involved a home breach into their plans for success. Giorgianni, in a federal complaint, reportedly delivered a battery of electronic equipment to the mayor's residence as the former Trenton Central High School football coach.

A complaint presented at the Chockson's Federal Building said these men "intentionally and willfully did conspire to obstruct, delay and affect the course of justice by intimidation and coercion of officials."

It is not clear when an extremely indebted mayor with a list of loans and foreclosures hooked up with a crime-dog gangster who in 1978 received a conviction for control abuse and sexual debauchery of a 14-year-old girl in the back of his Princeton Avenue restaurant.

The two only imagine Newark Mayor Cory Booker or Holly's Michael Volpe or any other mayor on the planet making public appearances with such a character.

I don't know, Mack and Giorgianni together seemed like a mistake.

Giorgianni looked about perfect. Mack, who had been found as the failed candidate with his rise.

Mack, who had wanted this support seat with such passion but apparently lacked it away with his bad breath and every worse accomplishment, looked perfect.

Welcome to Trenton.

L.A. Parker is a Trentonian columnist. Reach him at [laparker@trentonian.com](mailto:laparker@trentonian.com).

**Fact of the Day**

Light rail is the fastest growing form of public transit, and 80 of the country's 50 light rail systems have been built since 2001. Light rail now accounts for 4.7% of all public transit trips - still just a fraction compared to buses and subway trains (20%), but way off its historic low share of 1.4% back in 1977. Between 1992 and 2010, annual federal outlays for light rail systems grew from \$45 million to \$1.25 billion.

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### OTHER VIEWS

## Watching the two faces of Dharun Ravi

**D**HARUN RAVI has two faces. There's the face of a self-absorbed elitist brat who also spent his adolescence with a webcam and then revelled about an upcoming scandal involving his father who had been sexually abused in a notorious child abuse case.

The face he was presented at 15 courts of lawmen of justice, his face presented and his name hidden. That face didn't speak during the trial. The second face wants to ensure the court and public opinion that this is a quality of youth by more than being a college graduate.

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## Jane Fonda and the endless war

By JAN HARRY

**J**ANE FONDA's selection to play Thayer Boggs in a new film has set off a predictable flap in the culture wars. Fonda, of course, is well known for having photographed sitting on a North Vietnamese street gun in Vietnam in 1972, during the war. Her Vietnam service is highlighted in her new film, "The Butler," a drama about the White House, which she is playing.

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Jane Fonda raising her clenched fist during a demonstration organized by Rome on March 8, 1972 by the Italian feminist movement.

When the war finally ended in 1975, most Americans were severely shocked to move on. But Fonda continued her activism on behalf of wounded war veterans, starting in "Caring Home," one of the few full-length films to tackle the largest numbers of seriously wounded war veterans and military families. Her own post-traumatic stress had officially been terminated.

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## Watching the two faces of Dharun Ravi

## On marriage, Christie deflects rather than defends

## Here's to life, Barbara Cook and dad

## Alfred P. Doblin



## Are conservative justices overstepping their bounds?

**T**HREE DAYS of Supreme Court arguments over the health care law demonstrated to all eyes that conservative justices are prepared to act as an obstructionist barrier, doing anything to block the law.

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The politics behind Trenton's minimum-wage hike battle. David Harrison, 2



Governor Christie addressing a large crowd at a town hall meeting Sept. 27 in Lacey Township, where he vowed to veto any funding measures until the Legislature approves tax cuts.

### Governor to Paterson: Drop dead

IT'S TIME to face the music from Paterson for more than a year. The record of greed has remained on the streets of what was once the heart of America's industrial revolution. The city's political class, including Mayor Paterson, has spent more than \$100 million on a parade of dog-eat-dog wars. They attack old and new politicians, business groups, local jobs, a terrible crime rate and a plan that will take the city to the ground.

But last week, we heard a new sound — a bid, that old and new politicians have suggested that Governor Christie should do them a state of emergency.

Christie's answer is to wait. He has to solve the problems in Paterson. He has to solve New Jersey's most intractable cities that stretch down the state's spine.

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By MIKE KELLY Page B-4

## Voters block

Voter ID laws represent a complete disregard for the lifeblood of our nation — the legitimacy of free, fair and open elections.



BY MARK C. ALEXANDER

THE 2012 election cycle has brought about a critical attempt to restrict voting rights in a way that threatens our democracy for all. It's a matter of fundamental constitutional rights, and matters of nonpartisan voting to win or elect in any race.

But voters aren't given to be played by any race, and the efforts by Republicans to restrict voting rights are a complete disregard for the lifeblood of our nation — the legitimacy of free, fair and open elections.

Following the 2010 legislative session we saw a number of bills introduced that would restrict voter's rights across the nation. Those bills were rejected by voters in the 2010 election. The bills were rejected by voters in the 2010 election. The bills were rejected by voters in the 2010 election.

### Voter ID rules are fair and reasonable

BY JONATHAN S. THORN

AS SOMEONE is always to allow their "papers" may be an old movie, but it's still a valid concern. While such a concern might have struck some Americans as naive a couple of generations ago, they now understand that you can't get on a plane or conduct any of the simplest transactions without showing a government-issued card with your photo on it.

Yet, in spite of that fact, there is now a growing chorus of complaints that requires for such identification to be a requirement for voting.

Jonathan S. Thorn is senior writer and analyst for the National Center for Democracy magazine.

### Debates and the presidency

BY GERALD POMPER

THE 11th DEBATE will mark the last major one in the presidential race between President Obama and former Gov. Mitt Romney. One has to wonder, however, just how different a debate this will be from the one that took place in 1960.

Since debates entered modern presidential campaigns in 1960, they have had very different effects. In 1960, they were held in a format that was very different from the one we see today. In 1960, they were held in a format that was very different from the one we see today.



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### LaPierre looks toward senior season

The Virginia lacrosse player saw his team fall in the NCAA quarterfinals but is eager to get to work for next year. Sports, C1



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## Of families and beach vacations

If there's a better place than the Jersey shore for families to relax and vacation, I don't know it.

By the time I was 13, my parents had already moved enough to explore each summer after that in one week's rest for a small house in Ocean City.

We were a family of six, and I was the oldest of five kids. (How much younger of five kids? Well, I don't know, but I was the oldest of five kids.)

Every day was vacation. I had never seen a beach before. I had never seen a beach before. I had never seen a beach before.

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## Delran saves tract from developers

**By Kate Fratti**  
Delran — A small tract of Delaware town will be saved from development and preserved as open space.

The township acquired the 3.7-acre tract from the developer for \$250,000.

The property owned by the Corporation, has been a source of contention for several years after the township developer proposed to build on the land.

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While most of the property is owned by the township, the developer would be responsible for the cost.

on 10,000 square feet for better access to the road, which was about to be developed and would provide more residential buildings, said the township.

"Many of my neighbors and I had been opposing the plan for several years," said the township.

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The Isaac Collins House at East Broad and Park streets in Burlington City dates back to 1774. Historic Preservation Commission and Preservation Trust are working to restore the original red pine parlor flooring, which resulted in the unique, striped and varnished look.

## Residents recognized for preservation efforts

The county will hand out eight awards to county residents and organizations for their preservation work last year.

**By Kate Fratti**  
Burlington County — It was last year that the three C's were named as the best in the county for their preservation work.

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Life lessons via service to others

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Marvel pits two super teams against each other in summer comic book event. Page 19



### Will the 'Bad' guy win?

By Peter Genovese

Through their success of "Breaking Bad," Walter White has become every fan's favorite. He's a cancer patient, he's a genius, he's a badass. Aspiring drug lord. He's a hero of all kinds. So it's not surprising that White is the most popular character on the MTV series. We'll see what you do to a regular person and how much you can get away with.



Walter White, the 'Bad' guy, is the most popular character on the series.

Through his skills as a world-class chemist, Walter White has become a household name. He's a genius, he's a badass, he's a hero of all kinds. So it's not surprising that White is the most popular character on the series. We'll see what you do to a regular person and how much you can get away with.

### THE REAL JERSEY SHORE



The bumper car players are too familiar — Matt the Bull, above, and Tom Magrath, below — who have been riding in Keansburg since the mid '80s.

## Ready to rumble

Self-proclaimed 'psychos' have built a following at Keansburg bumper car track

By Peter Genovese

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Still cooking

Managing is her habit

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## Judge: Ex-worker may pursue suit

By JIM WALSH

More than two years after a labor law judge ruled against one of South Jersey's largest law firms, its top representatives are still silent.

A federal judge this month ruled a former executive of Parker McCorty pursue a lawsuit alleging the Division City employer's lawsuit for the last 2,000 workers. The day after the ruling, Parker McCorty issued a statement saying it had recently argued with representatives in court.

According to court papers, Commissioner Judge Robert B. Taylor ruled that Parker McCorty was not liable for putting the suits near the Division City library. The judge's ruling was entered and led to Parker McCorty's lawsuit.

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## Diggin' that Dixieland



James Walker plays the trombone during a performance by the Dixieland Band at the South Jersey State Fair.



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## Tracing the life of a hero

Jim Walsh

As the Dixieland Band's trombone player, James Walker has a unique perspective on the life of a hero. He has played with the band for over 20 years and has seen many of the band's members pass away.

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## Woodbury man charged in Barrington bar shooting

By LUCAS K. MORRIS

A Woodbury man has been charged with the shooting of a man in a bar in Barrington, N.J., on Jan. 12.

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## Callers talk about police, politics, president and potholes

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Tracing the life of a hero

A rose by any other name...

Victim No. 59

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# Gloucester County Times

Bryz only clueless off ice

Intense series gets physical

Finally time for Penguins to show off

Chris Pawling  
 Reporter

## Going for the knockout punch

Flyers roll in fight-filled Game 3, push Pittsburgh to brink



**By Ben Rubin**  
 of sports news

**PHILADELPHIA** — Philadelphia Flyers forward Ryan Carter and Claude Giroux were looking out to the parking, pulling and shoving a pair of opponents willing to risk it up to prove which team was the better in the ice and for entertainment.

The Flyers rolled their regular early effort for a decisive Game 3 victory that placed them on the brink of an inevitable series.

Forward Brian Blain and Matt Pollock each scored two goals to lead Philadelphia to an 8-4 victory over Pittsburgh on Sunday in a fifth-round game in the Eastern Conference quarterfinal.

Giroux and Wayne Simmonds also scored to help the Flyers take a 3-0 lead in the second-half first-period session (1-1-2) in a Wednesday night in Philadelphia. The Flyers scored 10 goals in the last three games.

"Our goal is to knock it right away," Ryan said.

The game might be hard to find on a highlight reel. The one was all about the bruising action outside the 100-foot lines. Three physical bouts lasted the full 60 minutes. There was a rare fight between players when Giroux separated off opponent Carter.

"We saw get the better end of that one and that's the end," Ryan later commented the Pittsburgh with booming chants of "Go, go, go!"

"All these games were kind of weird games," Ryan said. "I guess I like weird games because we always finish by one goal."

Justin Shantz and James Neal scored twice for a Pittsburgh team parked in the zone by its better, aggressive play. Martin Brodeur was hunched after allowing six goals in two periods. He has allowed 12 goals in the last three games.

Flyers center Brandon Sutter (top) knocks Pittsburgh defenseman Paul Martin to the ice as Flyers fight along. Adam Voracek tries to head the hit during the first period of Sunday's game. The scene (photos from the game, left) of Pittsburgh's defense.

## Intense series gets physical

**PHILADELPHIA** — And you thought Game 1 and 2 were tough.

Midway through the first period of Game 3 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinal series between the Philadelphia Flyers and Pittsburgh Penguins at the Wells Fargo Center, a few Flyers and Penguins skated around the ice attacking the end of it as a momentary truce in the series.

During the game on the ice were roughly eight fights, eight goals and two penalties.

The "scrum" that erupted had been waiting for since the two teams traded goals in a late second period on April 1.

The Flyers scored a 4-1 comeback win in that game. It had a second period in which the Flyers scored three goals in front of 20,000 fans from the recently-refurbished ice rink.



Flyers center Claude Giroux (right) and Penguins center Sidney Crosby fight during the first period on Sunday.

**PHILADELPHIA** — Ty Wigginton and Layton Nix gave Philadelphia struggling offense a boost.

Wigginton drove in four runs and Nix had a hit-and-run double to support C.J. Hester and help the Phillies avoid a three-game sweep, with an 8-1 win over the New York Mets on Sunday.

"It shows our guys are coming back and we're back there in," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Stronging race has been a big problem for the franchise ongoing. The Phillies have won only one game since they are playing without pitcher Ryan Howard.

All-Star Chase Utley (sore) and Ryan Howard (injured) Philadelphia returned Sunday having lost five of six last night while scoring 20 runs, including two home runs in a pair of losses to the Mets in this series.

Don Wigginton and Nix, two veterans Philadelphia added this season to bolster the lineup, helped the Phillies set a season-high for runs while scoring their 2011 best with 14 hits.

"They're not an top team and it isn't early before them a while to get the ball going for them," Manuel said. "I know how much they want to impress you. It takes them a while to get used to our fans and feeling good about themselves."

"We decided to go out and get some runs in April and they're in May and expect to be a good pitcher. You're not ever going to rest it that way."

"We decided to promote the month. Youth is our future and a lot of experience isn't going to allow this

## Wigginton, Nix spark Phils' comeback win

**PHILADELPHIA** — Ty Wigginton and Layton Nix gave Philadelphia struggling offense a boost.

Wigginton drove in four runs and Nix had a hit-and-run double to support C.J. Hester and help the Phillies avoid a three-game sweep, with an 8-1 win over the New York Mets on Sunday.

"It shows our guys are coming back and we're back there in," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

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Cole Hamels tossed seven strong innings on Sunday to earn his 101st win of the year.

## Sakima Country Club reaching out to young golfers

**By Ben Rubin**  
 of sports news

In give that family membership. The Sakima Country Club is reaching out to young golfers.

Membership Chairman Ed Berman of Sakima Country Club describes the members of his country club as family.

Berman has one place



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Brother-sister duo shares love of sports Sparta High grads playing college football, college lacrosse



Let's bring the magic back to Skylands Park

It is never longer basketball season in the New York State League ...

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In fact, it was a perfect fit ...

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Light and Mervea ...

By ANTHONY SPADOLINO

Steven and Mervea ...

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He's a real-life Iron Man High Point grad says wrestling paved path

By ANTHONY SPADOLINO

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Giants beat up on Jets in preseason contest

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Let's bring the magic back to Skylands Park

Donoher was a winner, right to the end: Sports writers have their own 'secret' issues

Carl Barbatl Sports Editor



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NEWTOWN SHOOTINGS
Allowing kids to be kids, for a few hours at least

Back Plains was supposed to be a peaceful morning. If anything, it was a quiet day. But in the morning, a shooting broke out in the woods near the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and the New York State Thruway. The shooting was the deadliest in the history of the township, with 12 people killed and 13 injured.

Like other parents, he should have known. "I don't know what I should have done," he said. "I should have known that my child was in danger. I should have known that my child was in danger. I should have known that my child was in danger."

The truth is, the shooting was a tragedy. It was a tragedy that could have been prevented. It was a tragedy that could have been prevented. It was a tragedy that could have been prevented.

Shooter's mom kept home life to herself

Her mother, who was a single parent, kept her life as normal as possible. She went to work, she went to school, she went to church. She kept her life as normal as possible. She kept her life as normal as possible.



FINDING COMFORT IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS
A young boy is held by his mother in a moment of grief.

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Many turn to their faith and religion to try to make sense of a senseless act

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Rutgers getting under the covers with one slithery bedfellow

Tom Coughlin: A man ahead of his time – by at least five minutes

Dave D'Alessandro Columnist



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# The Record Sports



Knicks fall to Raptors at Garden Nets beaten by Pacers at The Rock.



Devils can't hold 2-0 lead in the third and lose to Senators in overtime.

## Chaotic baggie day a crying shame

### Ryan brought to tears by underachieving Jets

By J.P. McNamee

**FLORHAM PARK** — One team probably summed up the baggie day last night: the Jets. Ryan brought to tears by underachieving Jets.

It's always a rough day, said Ryan, who was brought to tears by the Jets' performance. "It's the worst day of my life," he said. "I'm not crying because I love the Jets, I'm crying because I love the Jets."



Santino Holmes was as hard to find Monday as he was in the Jets' desperate final drive against Miami.

### Rex is on mute when he should call out his players

By William Park

Rex Ryan has spent three years as the NFL's well-oiled coach, but he's not calling out his players when he should.

When he's on mute, he's not calling out his players when he should. Rex Ryan has spent three years as the NFL's well-oiled coach, but he's not calling out his players when he should.



Andre Hovde credits a philosophical adjustment for his support of the head coach.

## WINTER CLASSIC: RANGERS 3, FLYERS 2

# FROZEN TREAT

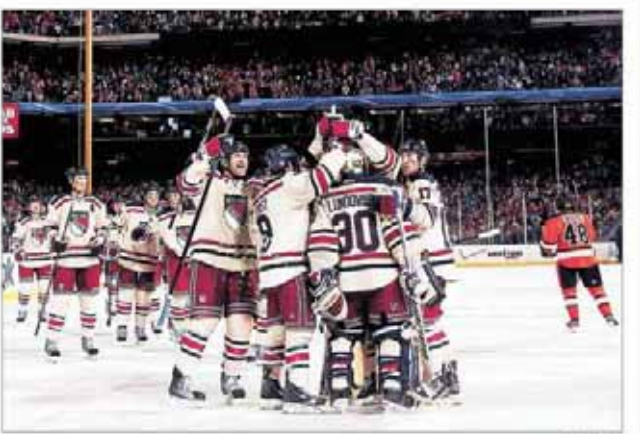


## Attitude reversal for Rolfe

### Giant safety sees Coughlin's ways

By Jeff Roberts

Rollie Hentrich, 30, is a different player than he was a year ago when he was the head coach of the Giants. He's a different player than he was a year ago when he was the head coach of the Giants.



The Rangers surrounding goaltender Henrik Lundqvist (30) after escaping with a dramatic victory in the Winter Classic at Citizens Bank Park.

## Lundqvist saves day, stops late penalty shot

By Andrew Gross

PHILADELPHIA — Henrik Lundqvist saved the day for the Rangers, stopping a late penalty shot by the Flyers.

Rangers center Brian Boyle said that a series of questionable calls and penalties in the Rangers' 3-2 victory over the Flyers Monday afternoon led the win.

Boyle, who had pitched five 50-inning games, said that a series of questionable calls and penalties in the Rangers' 3-2 victory over the Flyers Monday afternoon led the win.

Boyle, who played in last year's game for the Flyers, scored twice and then Richards matched the score at 3:21 of the third period.

Falcons at Giants. Schedule information for the game.

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## October is still time to plant



VICKI JOHNSON

October is great time for planting. Gardeners, vegetable gardeners, and all the rest put their feet and hands to work in the garden, and a good time to plant before the first frost.

It is never mind to plant in the garden. It is never mind to plant in the garden. It is never mind to plant in the garden.

When planting bulbs, choose a site that is well drained, where the soil will water drain away.

"Plant bulbs in a sunny location, and water them well. They will store energy in the bulb, and will be ready to grow in the spring."

All bulbs will grow when planted at a level that is level for each type. It is rarely advisable to "top dress" the depth of a bulb, as when you are ready to plant bulbs, level the surface with you in the garden.

When the bulbs are planted, keep the soil moist through the rest of the fall, so you will get the greatest results.

It is also a good idea to fertilize bulbs. There is no longer recommended to use in the garden.

There is a product called for bulbs, one made of organic matter rather than synthetic chemicals.

Most of you have been reading your flower beds every year for a period of several years, it is time to have your soil tested periodically.

It is possible to measure a great thing. If applied too heavily or often, potassium and phosphorus can accumulate in the soil.

If you have a good soil test, you can properly measure potassium, phosphorus, and other nutrients.

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## Fixing up Richard's Place

By KATY STEVENSON

NEWTON — Since May 11, the home on Route Avenue has been abuzz with activity. Richard's Place is being renovated and modernized by the nonprofit organization, the Richard's Place Foundation.



Richard's Place volunteer Fred Cohen paints a wall in the living room of Richard's Place.

Richard's Place is a nonprofit organization that provides housing for the homeless. The foundation was founded in 1991 by Richard's Place founder, Fred Cohen.

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# New Jersey Herald

## Book review: Finding pretty in the 'Uglies'

## Suddenly, all the adults are 'Gone'

## 'Limitless' drug takes deadly toll

# Matty Putnam

## Book Reviewer

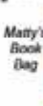


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## Book review: Finding pretty in the 'Uglies'

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Matty's Book Bag

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## Burlington County Times

Fact based political thriller will keep you on edge

Spielberg's historical epic stands tall

Much-anticipated trilogy gets off to slow start

Lou Gaul



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**MOVIE REVIEW: 'ARGO'**

### Fact-based political thriller will keep you on edge

**Grade: A-**

**Starring:** Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston, Alan Arkin, John Goodman, Clea DuVall and Victor Garber; screenplay by Chris Terrio, based on a selection from "The Mission of Danquane" by Antonio J. Mendez and the Wired Magazine article "The Great Escape" by Joshua Benmerrin; directed by Affleck

**Running time:** 120 minutes

**Parental guide:** R (language, some violent images)

**By LOU GAUL, STAFF WRITER**

In director Ben Affleck's fascinating, funny and factual "Argo," CIA operatives use what might be termed movie magic to make six American political prisoners disappear from Iran during the hostage crisis during Jimmy Carter's presidency.

The effort results in a grand illusion, one accomplished without a single shot being fired.

In the Horatio pictorial, CIA "exfiltration" specialist Tony Mendez (Affleck) is ordered to design a plan that will allow him to transport the workers who escaped initial capture to America. They were trained by the Iranian militants (who took 52 Americans hostage) and found shelter in the home of the Canadian ambassador, who risked both his life and his wife's to keep them safe.

Mendez knows time is limited until the Iranian radicals discover the missing employees and use any means necessary to arrest, ridicule and torture them.

With the help of a makeup specialist (John Goodman) and a B-movie producer (Alan Arkin), who together create a fake production company designed to fool the Iranians, a plan is put into place that will have Mendez and the six captives pretending to be Canadians. The cover story is that they are in Iran to scout locations for "Argo," a gaudy exploitation fantasy with exotic creatures and hangar-baerment special effects.

For Mendez, entering Iran is relatively easy, but getting out six prisoners, each of whom needs a new identity, a passport and an iron will, ranks as a minor miracle. The twists and turns that follow equal any outlandish plot ever hatched by a Hollywood studio.

The 40-year-old Affleck, who previously directed the terrific Boston-set dramas "Gone Baby Gone" and "The Town," breaks out of his artistic comfort zone with "Argo." Unlike his two previous films, the new one takes a global approach and combines the footage with newly shot material to create the pressure-cooker environment of Iran during the hostage crisis, which began on Nov. 4, 1979, and lasted 444 days.

Despite the strong political undercurrent, "Argo" sometimes has the feel of an old-school political thriller with numerous background characters (the six Americans purposely receive limited exposition). Affleck took on the challenge of making the film commercially appealing and

politically intriguing.

The filmmaker also wisely surrounded himself with top talent who give even the smallest role an importance. In addition to the veteran scene-stealers Goodman and Arkin, there's Bryan Cranston (TV's "Breaking Bad") as a CIA official trying to keep the mission from fizzling, Clea DuVall ("Zodiac") as a hostage desperately trying to control her emotions, and Victor Garber (TV's "Allo!") as the life-saving Canadian ambassador.

Some may argue that "Argo," due to its inaction characters, settings and peripheral political plots, might have worked better as a cable miniseries that would provide more insights into the characters and their parts in the incredible event. But a long film telling of the true story, which concludes with a police-possessed, fan-ill-secured airport escape, might decrease the intensity that the story very much needs.

"Argo" artfully celebrates the American spirit, but Affleck doesn't make the escape a simple event. He provides a clear message about the American government's ill advised way of popping up decisions in Iran and how their toxic egoism did incredible amounts of damage instead of good.

**Postscript:** The movie operation remained top secret until it was declassified by President Bill Clinton in 1997.

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Ben Affleck blends in seamlessly with the crowd in Iran.

**MOVIE REVIEW: 'SINISTER'**

### Edgy fright flick meshes serial-killer and haunted house

**Grade: B**

**Starring:** Ethan Hawke, Juliet Rylance, Fred Thompson and Vincent D'Onofrio; directed by Scott Derrickson

**Running time:** 106 minutes

**Parental guide:** R for disturbing violent images and some terror

**By JOHN BEHRE, ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A true-crime author mumbles onto something beyond his beat in Scott Derrickson's "Sinister," which follows Ethan Hawke's Ellison Oswalt as he grows increasingly obsessed with a missing girl case he hopes will lead to a bestselling book. Occasionally lurid (stretching even light-dick conversations) but scary nonetheless, the pic should please horror fans.

When Oswalt's wife (Juliet Rylance), just appointed to a new town (as he can recognize the new story) and already getting bad vibes from real-estate, asks "We didn't move a few doors down from a crime scene again, did we?" he swears but they didn't. She asked the wrong question. Oswalt has bought the very house in which four members of a family were slain, with the fifth abducted. An evasive sheriff (Fred Thompson) stops by before the bones are even unadvised to warn the author he's not a fan of his books, and doesn't cotton to a free-lance scribbler second-guessing his department's work.

Local lawmen are main the least of Oswalt's worries. He finds a box of Super-8 films in the attic, each showing a family being murdered in a uniquely grisly way. Believing he's stumbled across his own "In Cold Blood," he stays up nights scrutinizing the films and looking for connections between killings whose locations and victims are still unknown.

Derrickson borrows the vibe of Joel Schumacher's "RMM" as Hawke, swigging whiskey and giving the crime between his eyes a work-out, struggles with the horrible things he's seeing. But the film soon shifts into bump-in-the-night mode, with an unseen wisewoman leaving clues for Oswalt in his own house and taunting him with increasingly unsettling (and harder to explain) events.

Whatever this is, it can't be good.

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## The Times

Pasta chef gives customers a show along with fresh dishes at Antimo's

Enzo's rebounds quickly from storm to keep serving Italian favorites

Wall Street refugees reopen restaurant at historic crossroads

Susan Sprague Yeske



THE TIMES  
 BILL OF FARE  
 Pasta chef gives customers a show along with fresh dishes at Antimo's  
 By Susan Sprague Yeske  
 PHOTOS BY THE TIMES

**T**he region is filled with fine Italian restaurants, but I have only found one where you can watch a pasta chef knock off the noodles for your treat.

Having pasta chef Nino Galasso set up a week station four times a week at Antimo's Italian Kitchen in Hopewell Borough was the idea of chef/owner Antimo Iovine.

"I always wanted to do fresh pasta," Iovine says, so three months ago he added Galasso, who came in Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The chef works at a special pasta bar in the dining room, cutting the dough into linguine, fettuccine, spaghetti and spaghetti to satisfy each order as it is placed.

"People really seem to like it," Iovine says. If customers don't make it in on the nights when the pasta chef is at work, he cooks extra, plus tortellini and ravioli, to serve the next day.

Iovine took over the restaurant 12 years ago when it was Salsanova's, and six years ago he changed the name. He has worked in the pizza business for most of his life.

"That did not win in the pizza business," says his brother Ben, who also is a chef and manager at the restaurant. "We started out at 12 or 13 making pizzas."

They said their three siblings all worked in the business, but Antimo was always the best, Ben says. "He has a real passion for cooking."

Adding fresh pasta was the latest in Antimo Iovine's quest for the best food he can serve. He also has worked to perfect his sauces, seafood, veal, chicken, baked pasta dishes and thin crust pizzas.

"Soup or salad is included with each entrée, so we started our meal with a cup of pesto fagiolli, Caesar and dinner salads. The soup and dinner salad are \$12 when ordered a la carte, and the Caesar salad is \$4.

Every Italian chef has his own recipe for pasta fagiolli, and Iovine's is pale and thick with beans. Some pasta and vegetables are included, but the beans dominate this hearty soup. The salads were crisp and fresh with homemade dressings.

Among the entrées, spaghetti carbonara, ball, was rich with a creamy sauce made of egg, pecorino romano and lots of parmesan.

We opted to try it made with the pasta chef's very rare cheese tortellini, \$21, which kicked it up a notch, but it would be good served over other pastas as well.

An order of spaghetti with sausage, \$13, was made using fresh pasta. The thick strands were cooked to the perfect texture, and the tomatoes of the pasta helped the homemade sausage sauce cling to the strands.

The only disappointment was the sausage, which was a little more well done than we like.

Come to perfect was an order of baked ziti, \$22. A pasta bowl was filled with the ziti, which had been baked in a sauce rich with ricotta cheese, then topped with a spoonful of marinara and a sprinkling of cheese.

On a separate visit we tried two individual fillets: a 12-ounce fillet, a tonguelet, \$12, and a Tremont tomato pie, \$30. The margherita was nicely done with crushed plum tomatoes, fresh mozzarella and basil, but the Tremont pie was even better with its light coating of cheese topped with crushed tomatoes.

Excellent at Antimo's varies, but there are always crisp controls, \$2, with their asset, creamy filling.

Nevertheless, the quality of the food and their eye for detail are impressive, whether dining on a bowl of pasta or a thin-crust pizza.

Of course, if you stick to the right night, you can watch the pasta chef work for entertainment.

From rear, pizza chef/manager Romarino Iovine holds a tomato pie, owner Antimo Iovine offers homemade heart-shaped pasta celebrating Valentine's Day, and executive pasta chef Nino Galasso displays a selection of the pasta he makes in view of customers four nights a week at Antimo's Italian Kitchen in Hopewell.

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**POREION MEDITERRANEAN BAR & GRILL:** 2060 Hazlet St., Hobokenville, 8506, 223-2748, [www.poreion.com](http://www.poreion.com). Lunch daily except Tues. 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dinner 4 p.m. Sat. - Tue., Wed., Thu. Dinner 4-10 p.m. Fri., Sat. Lounge open late. Closed Mondays during the winter. Appetizers, soups and salads \$4-\$12; entrees \$14-\$30; raw bar \$7-\$9-\$12. A varied menu of seafood, chops, steaks and Greek dishes is in keeping with the Mediterranean theme. Favorites included crab cakes, gnocci with shrimp and scallops, and beefsteak.

**DAV'S KITCHEN & CATERING:** 21 East Broad St., Hopewell, 8506, 948-4434, [www.davskitchen.com](http://www.davskitchen.com). Open daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. except closed Tues-

day. Appetizers, soups and salads \$7-\$12; entrees \$11-\$22. Lunch features a \$9.95 prix fixe menu. After working for several years in Princeton, chef Dan DePinto has moved his traditional Thai cuisine to Hopewell Borough. Choices include rice and noodle dishes, curries, steaks and seafood. Specialty on weekend feature whole fish.

**CONTINENTAL TAVERNE:** 2 North Main St., Hardsley, Pa., 212-343-0323. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. Appetizers and starters \$4.99-\$16.99; entrees \$10.99-\$23.99. Served until 10:30 p.m. Full bar. The once 1877 historic tavern located at Hopewell's main intersection is a casual setting for an intimate and changing menu that includes dishes as varied as burgers, fajitas, eggplant trim, pork dumplings, cowboy steak and fish and chips.

**VILLA FRANCESCO'S:** 21 Hazlet St., Parsippany. Choices of Pennington, 941, 920-6111. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sun., Thu. - 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Fri., Sat. Starters, salads and soups \$4-\$9. \$13, entrees \$15-\$27. Pizzas \$11-\$21, sandwiches \$9-\$11. Lunch entrees \$12-\$17. Several brothers own this latest addition to the Parsippany dining scene, and bring with them the expertise gained during years working at two other family restaurants in East and West Windsor. In addition to gourmet and traditional pizzas they offer pasta, seafood, chicken and meat

dishes. Favorites were the linguine with white clam sauce and the creamy pork chop.

**LA VILLA PIZZA & FAMILY RESTAURANT:** 21 St. Anthony's Ave., Marlton, Pa., 215-238-1116, [www.lavillarestaurant.com](http://www.lavillarestaurant.com). Open Sat., Thu. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Appetizers, soups and salads \$3.25-\$9.95, entrees \$8.99-\$18.95, pizza \$11.95-\$18.95. BYOB. The casual Italian restaurant dates its origins and make in search of a good tomato pie. Struck after three the owner engaged in Trenton's Chamberburg, the thin crust pizzas are his top sellers. The pizzas are served with his family's sauce recipes.

**BUDS & BOWLS at The LAWRENCE INN:** 2091 Main St., Lawrenceville, 8006, 896-0566, [www.budsandbowls.com](http://www.budsandbowls.com). Open Tue. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 3 a.m. Closed Sunday, Monday. Soups \$3.95-\$4.95, sandwiches \$6.95, coffee platters \$8.95. Vegans, those avoiding gluten and meat eaters all will find something to munch on at this latest incarnation of the Lawrenceville Inn where owner Elizabeth Hunt is focusing on nutrition. Look for take-out delivery in the future.

**THE MAD CHEF CAFE and GRILL:** 32 Fisher St., Flemington, 8006, 394-2433. Open Mon. - Thu. 11:30 a.m. - 9 a.m., Fri. 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat.

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Dick Richards, the original drummer with the heavy and the Carnal, plays his gold record for the hit song "Space Shuttle and Me."

## O.C. drummer rocks into the Hall of Fame

**By ROSE BROWN**  
Dick Richards and The Carnal's career, and his hit "Space Shuttle and Me," has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Richards, 70, was inducted on Saturday at the ceremony in Cleveland, Ohio. Richards has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice before. In 1990, he was inducted for his work with The Beach Boys. In 1992, he was inducted for his work with The Beach Boys and The Righteous Brothers.

Richards recently arrived back in the U.S. after playing shows in Germany and Austria with a new album of the Carnal. He said he hopes that will be his last tour. "It's a great honor that when you get an age up, to be in and still play on a stage tonight," he said. Richards' efforts have been recognized by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Richards' family will accompany him to the ceremony. Richards' family includes his wife, Barbara, and their four children: Michael, David, and two others. Richards' family will accompany him to the ceremony. Richards' family includes his wife, Barbara, and their four children: Michael, David, and two others.

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**Review**  
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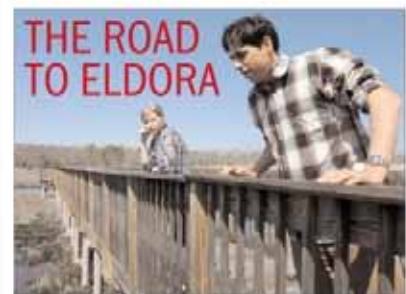
## Knit-A-Thon devotes itself to clothing area's homeless

**By ROSE BROWN**  
The Jersey Shore Habitat's Outfit to knit for the homeless is a charity for the 100-year-old Jersey Shore Habitat. The Jersey Shore Habitat's Outfit to knit for the homeless is a charity for the 100-year-old Jersey Shore Habitat.

Every year the group, which consists of about 100 volunteers, makes regular members give a charity to knit items for and then make clothing donations of all ages to take part. This year's event was taking place, and the group was taking part in the Knit-A-Thon on Saturday at the Veterans Library.



Margie and Miss Diller take part in the Knit-A-Thon on Saturday at the Veterans Library.



## THE ROAD TO ELDORA

**THE** community coordinator Kenna McKean, left, and conservation ecologist Jess Smith look over the members of Wood Creek of the Eldora Preserve in Dennis Township.  
**Dennis Twp. preserve hiding in plain sight**  
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The road projects get \$8M boost  
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# The Arts

## RELIEF THROUGH MUSIC

Music therapy has been used for hundreds of years to help those with a variety of conditions. The earliest known reference to music therapy appeared in 1789 in "Music Physically Considered," an original article in *Columbian Magazine*.

### THEATER REVIEW



Paul Nolan, center left, and Josh Young are shown with the cast during a performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar," now playing on Broadway.

## Forgive and forget

### Not a lot of 'buzz' about 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

By Bill Canacci

Lead, have mercy on the cast of "Jesus Christ Superstar." For they know not what they do.

The revival of this rock opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, focusing on the final days of Jesus' life, aims to be a mega-production. There are big voices, lots of lights, a multilevel set, animation, visual effects, plenty of action.

Director Don McAnuff, some report, had success with this show at last summer's Stratford Shakespeare Festival. There is little evidence of that in the Broadway revival, however, which is all style and no substance. While not painful to watch, it is never exciting.



Paul Nolan and Mary Magdalene perform on stage.

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more than Young. Nolan's voice is fine, and so the plot side, he does not screech nearly as much as Ted Neeley — who played Jesus in this show in the 1970s and again (and again and again) on tour in the 1990s.

Nolan spends lots of time observing those around him. It adds depth to his character, although it is not always effective, which leads us to Mary Magdalene (Chilina Karamela), who spends most of the show by Jesus' side. Kennedy's featured song in the finale "I Don't Know How to Love Him," and it is performed as if she is addressing her "American Idol." At just the right moment, she tells her brother to the audience, ready to sing her heart out. He has a nice voice, but McAnuff needed to show a little tough love, as James Conroy would have. Spalding and their associates wear stylish black practice.

Pro that choreographer Lisa Stetler will keep far away from a Broadway stage. In the beginning, the cast is, one can guess, standing (or maybe shivering?) the evil empire. The later has them move from side to side in step, complete with hand motions, as if they are the Backstreet Boys. Or maybe New Kids on the Block.

Believe it or not, "The Howl" is better than "Crazy," the other biblical musical that has been running for about five months on Broadway. So be it. "Superstar" should run throughout the summer.

The tourists will probably love it. God help them.

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### MUSIC NOTES

## NJ Chamber Singers: Let there be light

The New Jersey Chamber Singers perform a program today and next weekend, organized around the theme of light and featuring a major work by American composer Martin Lauridsen.

Led by artistic director Reid Masters, the ensemble of two dozen voices and piano will perform the sun-kissed music by J.S. Bach, Frederic Handel, Edvard Grieg and others.

"The center and the focal point is the theme of light," Masters said in a phone interview. "The major work that takes up the first half of the program is *Las Antenas* by Lauridsen. Born in 1943, Master Johannes Lauridsen is a celebrated American composer from the West Coast, labeled a maverick by some, whose work is more (ostensibly) making us see into the standard choral repertoire. He was named an "American Choral Master" by the National Council of Arts in 2005 and in 2007 received the National Medal of Arts in a White House ceremony. He has been a professor of music composition at the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music since 1977.

Lauridsen's "Las Antenas" is among his best-known works, widely available on recordings and even more widely performed. In it, he evokes the artifice of our age's modernism, emphasizing instead fun in the more conservative choral tradition, a serene polyphony not less contemporary for its emphasis on Gregorian chant, using melody and golden-based textures.

"Almost everything I know written by Lauridsen is chant-based," Masters said. "That kind of governs everything. The whole work begins in the middle bar, and the whole work ends in the high register, floating up into the heavens."

Based on a compilation of letters from a variety of sources including the Catholic, paganist mass, the work has elements in common with another chant-based spiritual work, the famous 20th-century "Requiem" of Maurice Durufle, Masters said. But audiences might also think of the Brahms "German Requiem," he added.

"Lauridsen said one of the biggest influences for composing this work was his mother had passed away long before," Masters said.

**Requirement for the living**

Although Brahms always said there was no connection, he also lost his mother around the time he began the "German Requiem."

Requiem Brahms' description of his work, the "Las Antenas" "is definitely a requiem for the living and not for the dead," Masters said.

Masters also emphasized that the rest of the program was more varied, including a sample of the rosy, shape-note hymn singing tradition, a movement from William Avertin's "Six Afro-American Fragments" and other styles.

"We actually have a Dolly Parton song on the program," Masters said. Arranged by a leading choral composer, the song "Doesn't really sound like Dolly Parton anymore. But the melo-



Carlton Wilkinson

dy is here."

The New Jersey Chamber Singers provide performances of choral music written for the small ensemble.

They have remained a high-quality small ensemble with a wide range of material but devoted to the serious choral literature.

The Lauridsen is a challenging work for a small ensemble, a half-hour long or more with unpredictable twists and turns for the chorists, Masters said.

"I'm very pleased with how the choir is doing," he said. "Some of the chromatic stuff has become more comfortable in practicing it — even more than I would have assumed."

There's always some trepidation with trying out unfamiliar work in an ensemble, Masters said. The fear of a new work can be constructive.

"Then the work is not being allowed to breathe and come to life," he said. "I don't want to have a roadblock to its spirit. But that has not been the case."

"I'm very excited for the performance."

The concert will be held at 4:30 p.m. at St. James Church, 300 Broadway, Long Branch, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at Christ Church, 300 Veterans Ave., Shrewsbury, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4 Oshorn Ave., Manasquan.

Tickets are \$20, \$5 for students, available by emailing [info@njchambersingers.org](mailto:info@njchambersingers.org). For information, see [www.njchambersingers.org](http://www.njchambersingers.org).

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### Arts events

#### Upcoming talent

For five decades, the Dance Theater of Harlem has trained and motivated upcoming young dancers through its school, national touring company and community outreach programs. Support the institution while enjoying dance with a Harlem Fair at a Dance Theater of Harlem performance taking place at 8 p.m. April 20 in Morristown. Tickets are \$27 to \$57. The performance takes place at the Marco Performing Arts Center, 100 South St. Information: [www.marcoarts.org](http://www.marcoarts.org) or 973-538-8008.

#### Intimate theater

Rutgers Theater Company presents Lynn Nottage's "Intimate Apparel," a play about a small businesswoman yearning for satisfaction in love. The play, which will be shown at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays April 20-28, is set in New York City in 1860 and tells the tale of Esther Miller, a seamstress fashioning delicate undergarments for women while getting advice on relationships. The performance takes place at Philip J. Lavie Theater in the Mason Gross Performing Arts Center, 65 George St., on the Douglass Campus at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Tickets are \$21, \$20 for Rutgers students and employees and seniors and \$15 for students with valid ID. Information: [www.masongross.org](http://www.masongross.org) or 732-932-7551.

#### Evening with McCall Smith

Alexander McCall Smith comes to Princeton at 8 p.m. April 20 for "An Evening with a Literary Legend," presented by the Princeton Public Library and McCarter Theatre Center. McCall Smith has written more than 60 books, including the best-selling series, "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency." He'll be on the show at McCarter Theatre Center, 1 University Place, are \$25 to \$35. Information: [www.mccarter.org](http://www.mccarter.org) or 609-256-2767.

#### Musical classic

The Rev. Alphonse Stephenson conducts his "The Mass: Mass" at Algonquin Arts Theatre at 8 p.m. April 20 and 21 and 3 p.m. April 22. The musical tells the well-known story of Producers Harold Hill, the fast-talking salesman of musical instruments, who deceives the community of Brimley City. Tickets are \$27, \$25 for seniors and \$18 for students.

Algonquin Arts Theatre is at 40 St. Norbert Drive in Manasquan. Information: [www.algonquinarts.org](http://www.algonquinarts.org) or 732-643-4276 or [info@njpressmedia.com](mailto:info@njpressmedia.com)

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# YEAR OF THE

## Delays, mistakes and disputes are creating a 'nightmare' on Exton Avenue for area residents

By MICHAEL MACAGNONE  
Southwestern, Trenton, N.J.

In September 2011, Hamilton Township signed on to a road construction project that was expected to take about a month to complete. A year later, areas are torn up, residents are increasingly agitated and the cost of the project continues to climb.

Township records and records obtained through public records requests by The Trentonian show 12 months of delays, changes and mistakes that have left residents on Exton and Hightop

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# ROAD CONSTRUCTION

"When these roads are open, we ask them utility crews to come in and do their work, but they don't always listen to us," he said.

Instead, the utility company cuts and advances construction disrupted a line. Once the contractor paves the road, Benci said, they will seal the potholes before they reappear. Utility companies included, but it is unclear.

Probably the largest obstacle from the contractor's point of view is the lack of rain for the road surface. The original specifications call for concrete to be poured in a weather that is at least 50 degrees Fahrenheit, but the contractor has been unable to find a contractor that can do the work in the rain.

Other things Benci mentioned this includes: mistakes that did not, the road had constant problems — and complaints from residents — with dirt, mud and uneven surfaces.

In a June letter to the main contractor, Williams wrote about the disruptive conditions on the road.

"The roadway has been left in a state where it is unusable, with debris consisting of concrete broken asphalt and the rest of a disaster left for residents," Williams said.

A Bencis said that the Mercer County Soil Conservation District issued a list of two contractors for the conditions of the roadway, Williams said.

When contacted, James Benci, the owner of Bencis, showed all questions to Bencis, said to Mark Finkbeiner, the other Bencis employee at the time, were not answered.

In addition, there were a number of other complaints. Bencis said that the contractor had been working for the week when contractors could have worked, but did not.

**Residents' experts**

"I've never done a road project like this before," said one resident who lives on Exton Avenue.

**Disputes**

The relationship between the township and contractor has been rocky from the start.

Many of the complaints from the main contractor, James Benci, said that the contractor had changed or to re-engineer needed to be done from the start.

They also said the contractor's foundation with the township's approach to payment.

Benci said Williams and other township employees were increasing tensions with the contractor on the project.

In an August letter to the township, Benci said that the contractor had changed the contractor's foundation with the township's approach to payment.

The letter said the township had not acknowledged the proper design, provided quantities of work and carrying out the project and conditions that we have experienced, although the township is extremely familiar with these circumstances.

"At this time, we will not accept any requested change orders or design amendments," the letter said.

Benci said that a few days later, Williams wrote to Bencis saying that their contractors were in a state of preparation.

"We are not accepting any requested change orders or design amendments," the letter said.

Finkbeiner said in the records his company had prepared plans for the road, but had not seen them from the contractor.

These records also detail increased tensions against Bencis.

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Tavro 13 eatery plans to open by the summer

By Rebecca Fernald
... The 13 eatery is currently undergoing major renovations with the intent to create a new dining environment and be the center of the community. The 13 eatery has an Italian, Mexican, a long-standing landmark in Woodbury, had been owned and operated by Mark and Bev Kelly since 1978.



Project Manager Jim Torres watches as renovations continue in the lounge area of Tavro 13, formerly the Old Swedes Inn in Woodbury.

Don't wait for Social Security check in the mail

By Stephen Blumenthal
WASHINGTON — Starting next week your check will no longer be in the mail. In fact, millions of people will receive their Social Security checks electronically.

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'She was beautiful and kind'



Alison Mike Koberer, mother of 10-year-old Kaitlyn, places a photo of her daughter during a vigil for 10-year-old Kaitlyn. Kaitlyn was killed in a car accident on Saturday night in Washington Township.

Family, friends mourn death of WT senior



Family and friends gathered for a memorial service for the death of WT senior Kaitlyn Koberer.

5 districts to hold school elections on Tuesday

By Jessica Ramirez
Of more than 400 school districts in New Jersey, only five in Gloucester County are to have their school board elections on Tuesday.

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## Millville officer killed in crash



It's devastating for the city

A heavily damaged Millville police car was crushed and set on fire after a crash in which Officer Christopher Torres was killed while on duty. Another officer in the car was seriously injured. (Photo by Chris Torres)

By Chris Torres

MILLVILLE — The city's police department is in mourning when one of its own officers died in a deadly crash Monday evening when the police car he was driving was crushed and set on fire.

Torres, an 18-year veteran of the police department, was on duty when the crash occurred at 2:10 a.m. in a residential area in the city.

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The police department is mourning the loss of a valued member.

HOW TO HELP  
The city is looking for donations of clothing and supplies for the police department.

Donations should be sent to the Millville Police Department, 100 N. 1st St., Millville, NJ 08056.

The city is also looking for volunteers to help with the funeral arrangements.

For more information, contact the city manager.



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### How one ticket put brakes on traffic cameras

By Ryan Matthews

MILLVILLE — It was the traffic ticket that got it started. A millville resident, after more pressure on the city.

The ticket for a red light violation was the last straw. It was the city's decision to issue the ticket that led to the city's decision to remove the cameras.

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## County fair closes out a challenging week

By Joseph P. Smith

MILLVILLE — The county fair closed out a challenging week for the Millville Police Department, which was busy with the fair's activities.

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Wind up to 60 mph lances out power to 2,000 and rips floods roads.



AIDS activist Spencer Cox, who appeared in a recent documentary, dies.

## Ex-Scout leader faces sex counts

### Accused of assaulting two boys in 1990s

By BARBARA WILLIAMS

Morris County Prosecutor Office. Stephen Cassano, 43, of Morris Plains was charged with one count of assault on a minor, two counts of sexual assault and one count of endangering the welfare of a child. He faces a potential 60 years in prison if convicted. Cassano was recently named, but is not a defendant in a civil lawsuit filed by one of the victims, who is now 32. The suit, filed in state Superior Court in Bergen County against the Boy Scouts of America and the Paterson Park Council, a subdivision of the Scouts, alleges that Cassano abused the boy over a five-year period.

"The person alleged by the Morris County Prosecutor's Office did not perform," said James J. Herold, Jr., a Hackensack attorney who filed the lawsuit. "The victim in this case is grateful to see that the Prosecutor's Office has made prosecuting these crimes a priority." Cassano allegedly assaulted the two boys while he was involved with Boy Scout Troop 173 in Morris County between 1977 and 1999. During that time, he acted as assistant Scout master and an adviser in the Eagle Scouts, a volunteer unit.

## Police say raid leads to \$6M in drugs

### Cliffside Park home believed to be mill

By MATTHEW MURKIN

Police on Friday raided a home on a quiet residential street and the arrest of a man led to a drug trafficking operation in which tens of millions of dollars in cash were hidden in the garage in the village north of New Jersey.

## NORTH JERSEY PAUSES FOR NEWTOWN



Students and teachers in schools across North Jersey observed a candlelight vigil for the victims of the Sandy Hook shooting.

## Teaneck officials see case dropped

### Ex-council member, mayor aide clashed

By DENISE R. SUPERVILLE

TEANECK

TEANECK — A municipal court judge on Friday dismissed a lawsuit filed against Teaneck Mayor Deputy Mayor Adam Toffler in the wake of the case's dismissal in Bergen County Superior Court.

Toffler, who initially filed a complaint against Councilman of the town, accused the councilman of being improperly using the town's funds to pay for his legal defense.

TOFFLER

## Bergen police officers pitch in to comfort Newtown students

By TATIANA SCHLOSSBERG

"A chain is as strong as each link, and that's what made this day possible. Today, we put humanity first, and that's part of being a police officer."

That's how the officers of the Bergen County Sheriff's Department felt as they gathered in Teaneck, N.J., to help comfort the children of Newtown, Conn., who were shot and killed by Adam Lanza on the morning that he shot his way through the town's elementary school and into the streets.



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## Big boxes are getting smaller

Retailers scale back store sizes to cut costs

**By Sarah Perloff**  
 It happens so often in their eyes, some will look upon the big box stores as a thing of the past. But when it comes to retail, the big boxes are still here, and they are getting smaller.

Michael Eisenberg, chairman of Eisenberg & Associates, a national retail consultancy in New York. "It makes sense for big boxes to scale back store sizes, and they are doing it," he said. "We're not going to have big boxes in the future, but we're not going to have small boxes either."



Tanisha Sankar stands behind the checkout counter of a new Office Depot computer store in Princeton. The store is a smaller version of its big box counterpart.



## Commercials go social

Super Bowl ad campaigns pour money into the web to create buzz

**By Nancy Jones**  
 What is a company's biggest source of revenue? For many, it's the Super Bowl. But for some, it's the internet. As Super Bowl ad campaigns pour money into the web to create buzz, the internet is becoming a major source of revenue for many companies.

Companies have been using social media and the internet to create buzz for their products and services. The internet is becoming a major source of revenue for many companies. The internet is becoming a major source of revenue for many companies.

## A new note in the talks on PSE&G's power plan

Final hearing puts focus on upside of \$30M deal

**By David Sweeney**  
 On Tuesday, the National Park Service will stop gathering comments from the public on a proposed project that would create the largest land-lease agreement in the state.

But at the same time, the public hearing will focus on the upside of a \$30 million deal. The deal would allow the state to lease land to the National Park Service for a period of 10 years.

The project has been in the news for over 10 years and it still has not been approved. The project has been in the news for over 10 years and it still has not been approved.

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# Parade Day

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## Sunny skies meet Irish eyes in Newton



Maya Johns, a Highland Valley Regional High School senior, sings "Over the Rainbow" at the beginning of the parade.



Members of the 40th Street Pipes and Drums perform on Spring Street in Newton during Sunday's parade. Photo by Dan Pappalardo.

**By ERIC WEINBAUER**  
NEWTON — Irish eyes were smiling and St. Patrick's Day revelers for what turned out to be a glorious parade in Newton.

With blue skies and spring weather, the parade featured a mix of marching bands, floats and spectators. The parade route was lined with spectators who were cheering and waving. The parade ended with a large crowd of people gathered on the street.

William Joseph, senior at Newton High School, said the parade was a great experience. He enjoyed the music and the atmosphere. The parade was a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Newton.

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Children playing a game during the parade.



A group of people in green costumes during the parade.



Pat O'Sullivan, of Newton, and his daughter Maya, 6, were in the parade parade by.

Photos by Daniel Frecl  
New Jersey Herald



A person in a green costume during the parade.



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Boy meets grill: A match made in the backyard  
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Martha Esposito



**Barbecue Grill Cleaner**  
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...  
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## Boy meets grill: A match made in the backyard

**By Dan S. Damstra**  
SOUTH JERSEY

**EVERHAM** — When it comes to their barbecue around the back porch at a nicely landscaped residence and enjoying a drink of tangy beer, it's not just the grill that's the star of the show. It's the boy who's the star of the show.

And when it comes to cleaning the grill the next day? It's, of course, the boy who's the star of the show.

But Thompson grabbed the idea and ran with it. "I would work because you don't want to do it," he said. "A friend of mine who works at a restaurant told me that he was around the grill a lot and he was cleaning it every day. I thought, 'I know the secret was there. I had to get it out of the world,'" said Thompson, 48.

He called on one of his friends and they started the business in South Jersey. The open area that he had brought in a lot of customers. There were a couple of other places in the area that were doing the same thing.

"It was a business's idea," Thompson broke his pig-up order on the back of his truck and back on. "I had a phone number on the side of his vehicle and I got out their cellphone and that is on the spot in one of his cars help them handle the work, everything he needs to be in the place, he had some things that they wanted, a tool for repairs, and the product to use for cleaning and improving each grill.

"The three boys began with an investment of the grill and the work. Thompson pointing the words "best in town" and "best in business" there is no one else in the area. He and other companies are placed in a heated dip filled with a commercial cleaning solution.

"I've seen people use the side of the grill and on occasion, I've seen a grill that hasn't been cleaned in five years! It happens, and it usually costs more," he said.

**PHOTO BY BOB WILSON / SOUTH JERSEY TIMES**

## Ahoy! Here comes the Meerwald

There will be no in the district of Long Beach looking to be the first to sail the A.T. Meerwald. The Meerwald will be docked at the pier and it will leave for South Jersey from July 19 at 10:00 am and return July 20.

The boat will be in the water in the district for the first time in 100 years.

The Meerwald will be in the water on July 19, 10:00 am and will be in the water on July 20, 10:00 am and will be in the water on July 21, 10:00 am.

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

A fine 18th century villa. Restored in the modern municipality in Burlington County.

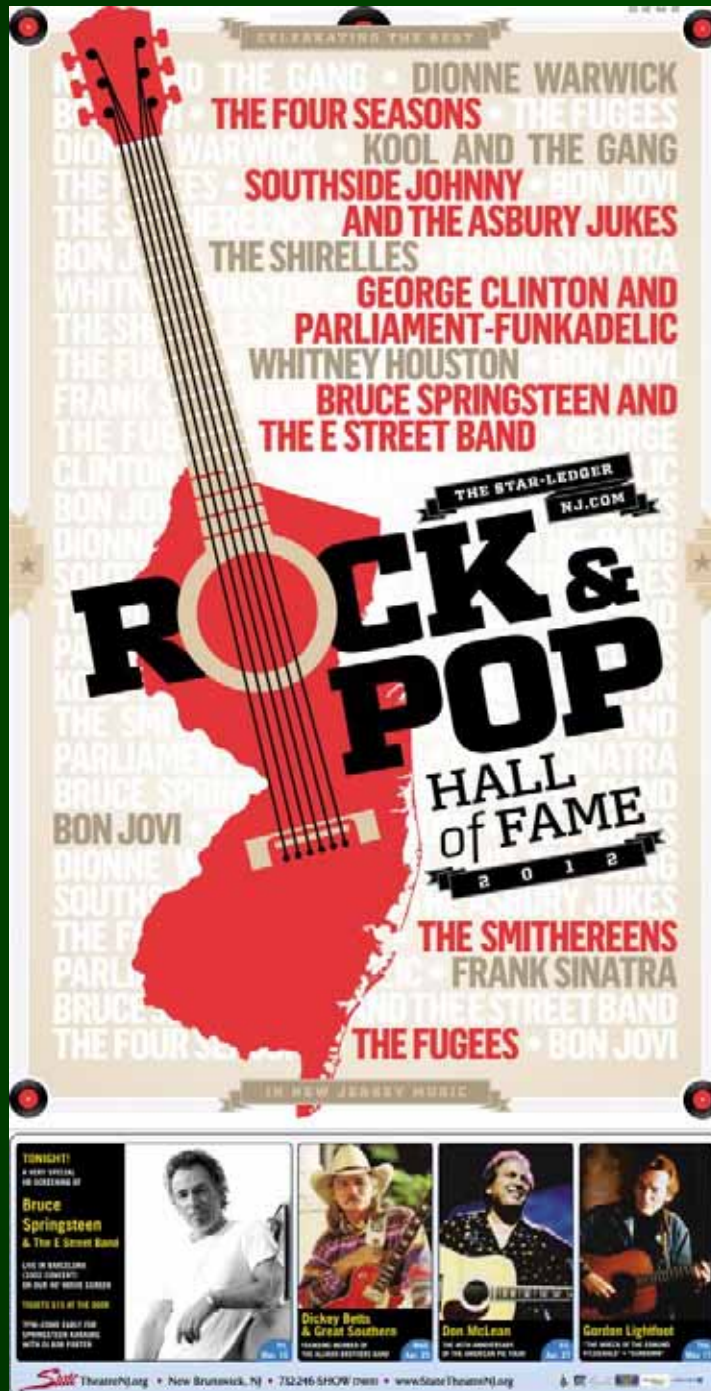
## 'Warhorse' is a rare breed of movie

**By Dan S. Damstra**  
SOUTH JERSEY

The world's most beautiful and most powerful animals provide a window into the past and the future of the world. "War Horse" and "The Horse" are the two most beautiful and most powerful animals in the world. They are the most beautiful and most powerful animals in the world. They are the most beautiful and most powerful animals in the world.

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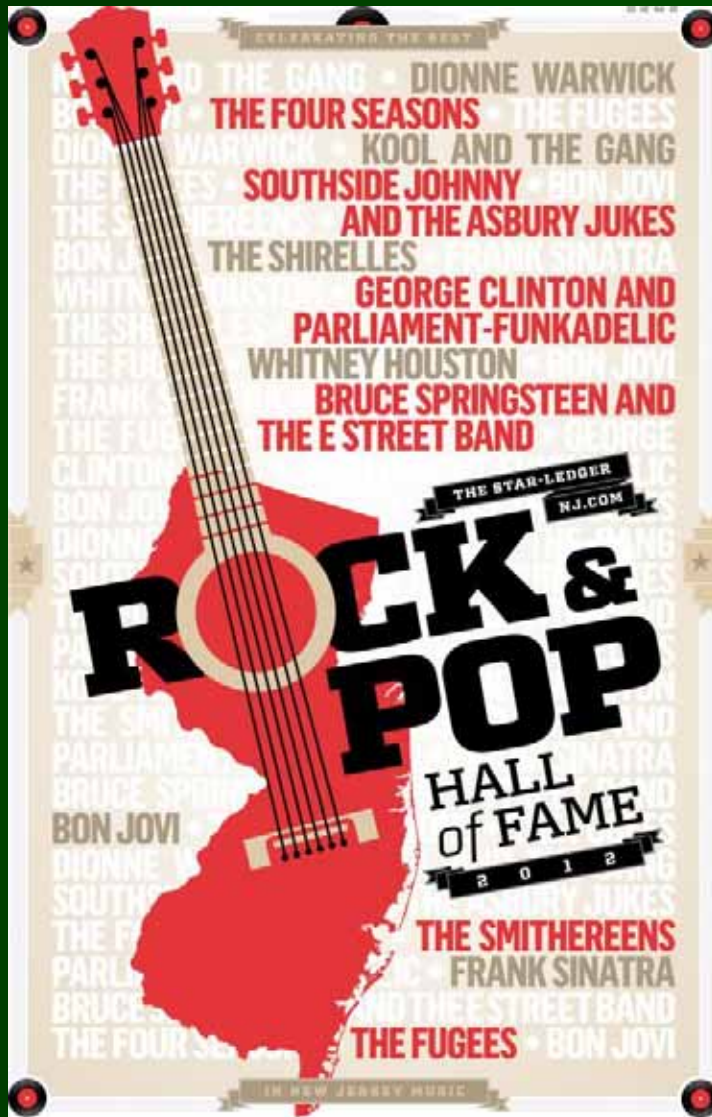
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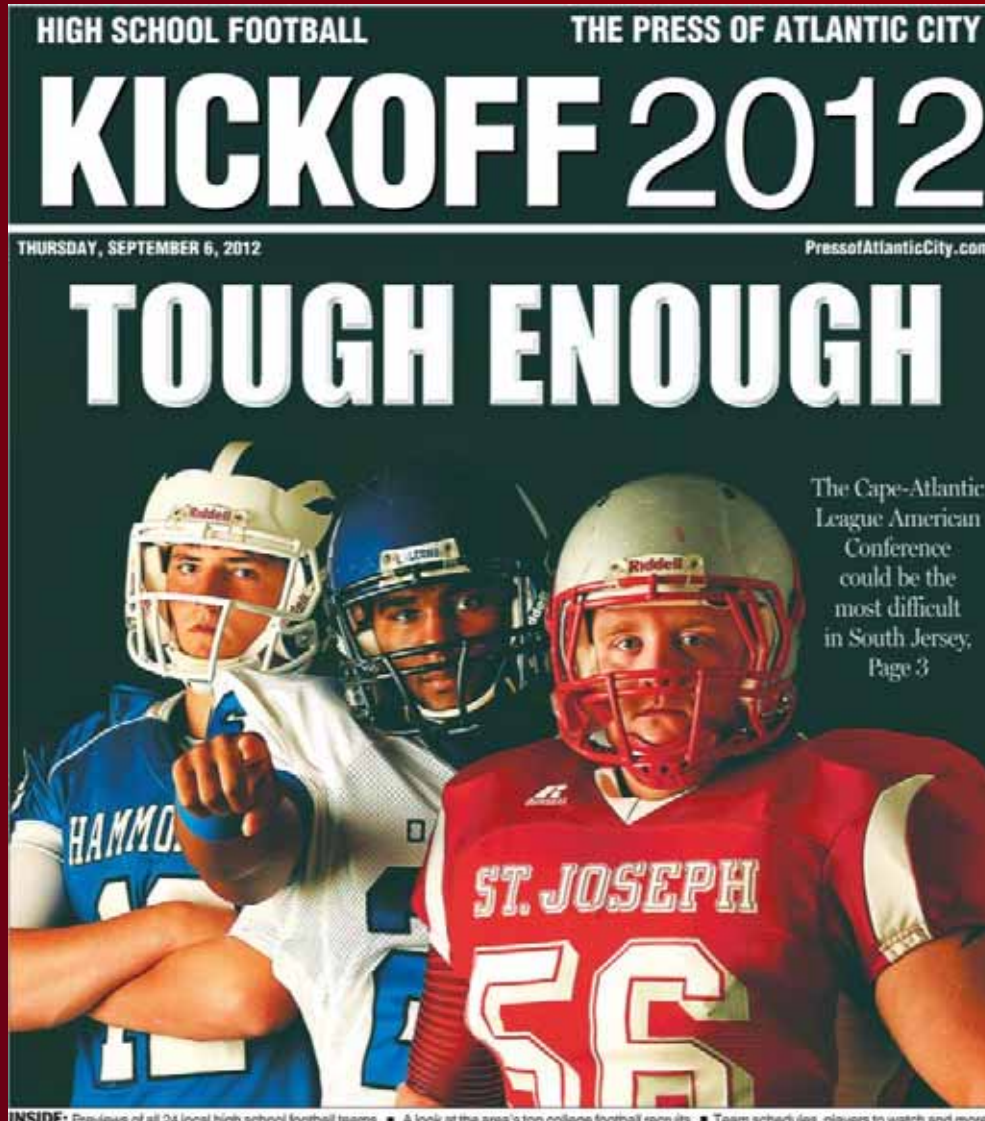
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**Mayor's economic development task force releases report**

■ Find past priority on enhancing the quality of life in the community by showing off its strengths, providing markets and visitors the best services

By Michelle Caffrey

The Mayor's Task Force on Business Growth and Economic Development released its report on Washington Township's economic state this week, mapping a comprehensive list of challenges, opportunities, suggestions and goals to revitalize the township's large and business community.

The Task Force was comprised of 12 residents and four business owners representing a range of industries and experiences, including real estate, retail, education, health services, financial services, public relations and more. The most recent meeting in August and met weekly from mid-February to April of this year.

Wallace gave their six-month writing session — "to enhance the quality of life for Washington Township residents through the creation of sustainable jobs and a more vibrant commercial district base," according to the report.

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**LET'S GET DIGITAL!** BOE: Plans to redo 'unsafe' sidewalk stall



Debra Rogers, of Gloucester, looks at one of the interactive displays inside The Digital Bookmobile, where users can digital eBooks and answer questions that users may have about using eBooks.

**Bookmobile offers e-reading experience**

■ This isn't just your grandparent's bookmobile. Instead of the traditional loaded library on wheels, with shelves packed with so many books no one fits to attempt to open. The new Digital Bookmobile also brings a little technology.

By Michelle Caffrey

Washington Township Margaret E. Huggar Library and Bookmobile, where users can digital eBooks and answer questions that users may have about using eBooks.

or workbooks are set up to work online through the process of downloading eBooks and eBooks to their personal e-reader device.

"People are greatly inspired with the idea when they come in," said Digital Librarian, Hara Wallace, who travels all over the county with just their library card, device and Internet connection.

Based with an array of

Despite complaints from parents about a space outside Hunter Hill Middle School, officials say that the walkway is up to code

By Michelle Caffrey

It's the sidewalk that never seems to end. The Washington Township Board of Education says the volume Hunter Hill sidewalk, and built one further back from the road, "lead to the water."

The expansion comes after the township council passed a resolution in that it, among the school board could reduce the sidewalk, which is an emergency second hand — as the sidewalk.

The school board would have to take the fall of the work Department of Transportation, which funded the sidewalk through a grant by the township, which the township would refer for the grant funds.

The township said it was unable to provide enough the sidewalk is already made.

"We're in the middle of it now, we're not going forward," said Board of Education Vice President Paul Malone. "It's

**Actress's next role will be eighth grade**

■ Gloria is up and coming character from Washington Township who will be in eighth grade in September, but has been staying close to home as a little girl and decided at age 5 that it would be "a fun thing to do" to begin trying her hand at acting.

"She started going to auditions for television spots and commercials."

her mother Jennifer Shiner said, "Not the last three years it's had to be her favorite thing to do."

Gloria has been a model in the school and community theater.

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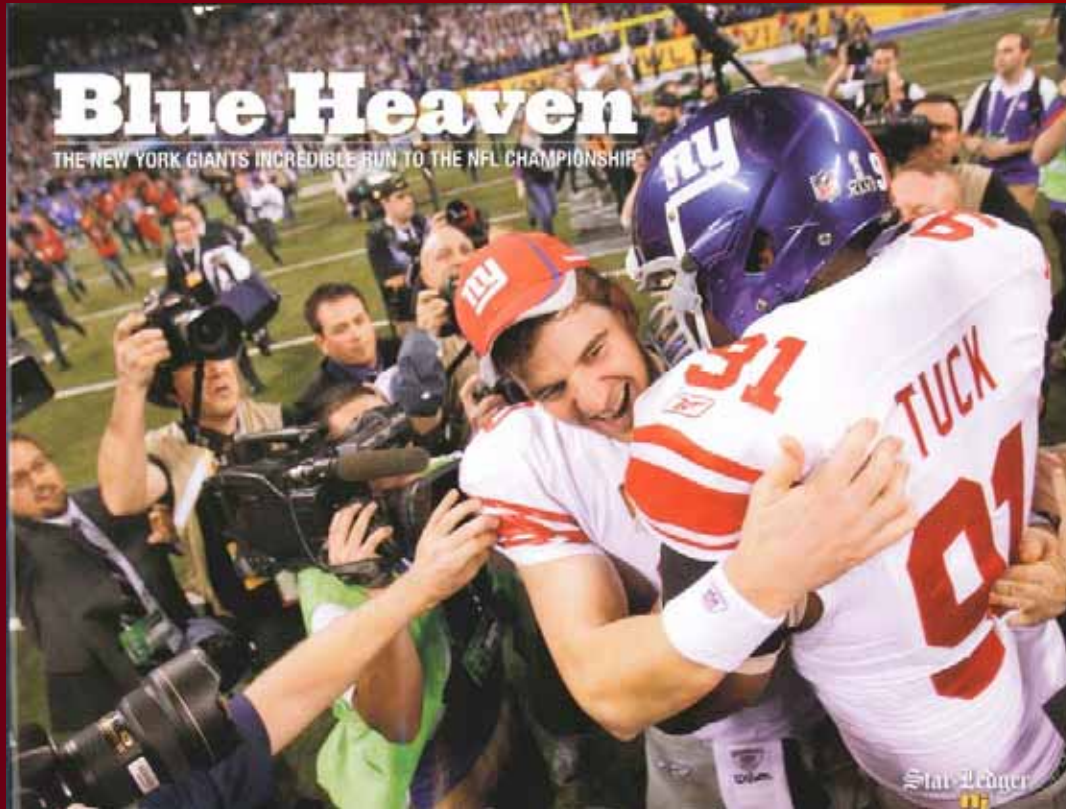
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**THINGS THAT WILL COST YOU MORE THIS YEAR**

**By Tom White**  
The new year brings a slew of other things for state lottery winners who have increased prizes for many of its promotions, including the new, generous, health insurance add-on.

**COMMUTER TOLLS**  
Up 10 percent on the Garden State Parkway and 25 percent on the New Jersey Turnpike.

**COLLEGE TUITION**  
\$12.7% in state tuition and fees at Rutgers, up 3.8 percent. Community college tuition rose an average of 3.4 percent to \$104.43 per credit.

**PROPERTY TAXES**  
Average of \$1,746, up 2.3 percent, the highest in the nation.

**INSURANCE**  
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**FOOD**  
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**ELECTION 2012 PROSPECTS**

## Is Christie angling for 2016?

**Poll: Most in NJ say he'll be VP nominee**

**By William Egan**

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## Social workers count homeless

**By Ben Barlow**

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Obama!

Four decades of failure

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Peyton says coach's decision to accept bad game plan was his own



**Communication breakdown?**  
Sole source says coach's decision was his own



**No guilt with these snacks**  
In L.A., BY

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Lows in the 40s, highs in the 60s, with morning showers on Friday

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**Paterson**  
**Show of faith**  
Muslims take atheist group's billboard in stride, but Christians criticize move

"My thing is, why are you trying to convince someone to not believe? If you want to be like that, be like that by yourself."  
Katherine Thomas

"You wanna say there's no God? I'll just say go over there and talk to the other guy — talk to Satan."  
Katherine Thomas

"It's promoting an agenda. Why is it necessary?"  
Scott Bristol

"Some people might see it as a bad thing. I think it's a good thing. I love that you have this freedom in this country."  
Ava Larkin



This billboard above a liquor store at Broadway and East 32nd Street led to a lively discussion between an atheist group's leader and an imam on Wednesday.

**By JOEL SCHOETMAN**  
A sign of progressive zeal all has unfolded what an atheist group put up a huge billboard block from the city's largest mosque, saying in Arabic as well as English that religion is based on making more than profit.

And progressive is not — but not so much by standards of the mosque as for the local Christian community that works and sings on the street in the neighborhood of Paterson.

"People often believe in God or not. Why are you trying to change that?" asked Bruce Thomas, a 26-year-old atheist manager from Elmwood Park. "It's promoting an agenda. Why is it necessary?"

The big green sign with white and gold lettering, mounted above a liquor store at Broadway

**Trenton**  
**Teachers union tops in lobbyist spending**

Union paid \$11.2M in year of overall record outlays

**By JOHN HEITHEIMER and LESLIE BRODY**  
Staff writers

Spending on lobbying hit a record \$11.2 million in Trenton last year, with the state's largest teachers union leading the way in the campaign against Governor Christie as he pursued his "year of education reform."

The New Jersey Education Association, which has long been noted as a critic of the Republican government, spent \$11.2 million on lobbying last year, with \$10.9 million going to a media campaign aimed at shaping public opinion, according to a report released on Wednesday by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission.

The NEA's spending in 2011 established a record for spending on lobbying by one group in New Jersey, according to the commission, which is in charge of administering the state's election and lobbying rules.

In dozens of the spending, some officials are afraid that they need to counter the governor's use of the "bully pulpit."

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**ANALYSIS**  
**GOP primary race takes toll on Romney**

**By DAN BALT**  
The Associated Press

Super Tuesday confirmed once that Mitt Romney remains the favorite to win the Republican presidential nomination, but his already steady march is coming at a steep price.

As he advances toward a second primary in the state, he is being ground in the general election.

Nonvoting ballots often outnumber the voters, but some take a toll. Romney is there a straight line between March and the general election. But Romney is in worse shape at this point in the campaign than virtually all recent general elections.

On Wednesday, Romney greatly edged his Republican opponents toward the address.

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**Ravi told police he violated roommate's privacy**

**CLEMENTI CASE**  
Thought might not be his. The boy heard their speak for the first time Wednesday when prosecutors played a tape recording of his conversation with his roommate from the Mahanoy County Prisoner's Office and transcript conducted on Sept. 25, 2010. The interview took place a day after

Clément of Ridgecrest, convicted last month for tampering with the Orange Washington Bridge.

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# Medicare debate all about baby boomers

By MICHAEL GOODMAN/STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON — Baby boomers still talk about Medicare as their parents have known it is needed for big changes to a major law that was the White House in 2010. The law and then, but you might have to accept it.

spending? It's to both approach, because there seems to be a growing concern about costs of the Medicare program. But the question is whether it is really a crisis, or if it is just a crisis in the making.

There are a lot of people who are worried about the future of Medicare. Some are worried about the future of Medicare. Some are worried about the future of Medicare.

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**Our holiday hours**

The morning office will be open Monday. They will report at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

**NEWSDESK**

Send us your news items to the news desk at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

I hope everyone had a fun New Year's Eve and a great New Year's Day. We take advantage of being up early on the beach and doing nothing — which is one of the best things about being up early on the beach.

And the only one who was most excited about the New Year's Eve was the actual New Year's Eve. We were all in the mood to celebrate and to have a great time.

Complete to help help for sending your photos to the news desk at 3 p.m. Tuesday. We'll be back to you on the news desk on the 31st.

**JOE HENRY**

## Candy land

The South Philadelphia Spring Band participates in the Mummers Parade in Philadelphia on Sunday. South Philadelphia, whose theme was "A Tune Full of Sugar" finished third in their division. Parade day was blessed with unusually balmy temperatures in the low 50s with light southerly winds. **Steve B.**

## Veteran's daughter brings WWII's legacy to light

**BY STEVE COPPOLA**  
PHILADELPHIA — Carol Schultz Stein approached her father with questions she wanted to ask him about his military service during World War II. She wanted to know what he was like, how he felt about his service, and what he thought about the war. Her father, who was a veteran of World War II, was a man of few words. He was a man of few words.



## Commissioner is honored for retiring hero's K-9 program

### Dogged determination

**BY MIKE D'AMICO**  
PHILADELPHIA — It was a little over a year ago that the Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police Department was honored for his service to the city. He was a man of few words. He was a man of few words.



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Colleen Prendergast



EDUCATION  
**Testing report attracts notice**

Central Jersey schools show discrepancies in standardized scores

By Mark Sperry

When the Edison Journal Chronicle in 2009 started investigating claims of widespread grade-fixing in the city's public school system, there was plenty of noise, but no fire. While various educational testing results were investigated, but nothing conclusive.

That changed in 2011, when a Rutgers investigator report commissioned by the Edison Journal's office revealed a 2008 test that had a real problem in the Rutgers, Atlantic City and other schools. The report revealed that the schools were not testing as well as they should be.

As more of the same investigator has revealed a report indicating that nearly 200 schools in Edison across the country recently showed significant variations in testing results similar to the ones in Edison. In Edison, four years ago — average scores in Central Jersey included — education officials from around the state to get and look out on.

A New Jersey Department of Education official Fisher credited to the Edison News, Steve News Tribune and the investigation that the Edison Journal will review the test and determine how to improve and to some concerning results into alleged grade fixing in the

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A kindergarten classroom at South of Edison J. Nathan School in North Amboy in 2011. The city's public schools were closed to the recent after more than 100 percent of classes achieved high degrees of variability in testing results from 2009 and 2010 to more than one

**Why you pay so much at the pump**

It's what has become an annual - yet budget-busting - springtime ritual. New Jersey motorists are watching gasoline prices climb higher. Prices are up more than 10 percent since the beginning of the year and are likely headed toward \$4 a gallon this summer. All this, even though the U.S. is producing more oil and Americans are consuming less gasoline.

Why is gasoline so expensive? Page A5



**WHAT'S BEHIND THE INCREASES**

There are at least three factors that are driving up the price of gas. Our A-1 gas cost graphic makes each of them and explains how they affect you and your company's profits.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE  
**University to host Rutgers Day on April 28**

**RUTGERS** — From rock climbing and yoga to the New Jersey Fair Festival to an art show and a display of 40 field titles, Rutgers University will host its annual Open House and give those a chance to explore the university and enjoy its many amenities during Rutgers Day.

The event will be conducted, with an option from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 28 on the New Brunswick and Piscataway campuses. Rutgers Day will feature nearly 100 events, including tours, performances, hands-on activities, demonstrations, exhibits and more. The program, parking and campus shuttle is free.

The College Avenue campus will celebrate the imaginative power of the arts and humanities, with musical shows, a rock climbing and art and craft's. Visitors can enjoy a glimpse to the world, outer space or an earth lesson by taking their photos online against a green screen.

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Rutgers Day celebration at the New Jersey Fair Festival, in Piscataway, N.J.

REVENUE PROJECTIONS LEADER  
**Tax-cut plans remain subject of debate**

By Michael Sperry, Staff Writer

**INDUSTRIES** — A new study shows that more than 100 million Americans are worried that their incomes might not meet the 2013 deadline for the expiration of the Bush tax cuts. The study also shows that more than 100 million Americans are worried that their incomes might not meet the 2013 deadline for the expiration of the Bush tax cuts.

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## State appeals sentence for Ravi

Decision delays report date for jail

By Ann Spence

The Hudson County prosecutor's office has appealed a sentence handed down last week, which means the former Rutgers student will begin serving his sentence at the end of the month — or at the start of a court-ordered hearing.

The former Rutgers student also requested a hearing and was scheduled to appear in the county jail on May 24. County Prosecutor Bruce Baratta declined to appeal the sentence until after the hearing.

First Assistant Prosecutor John MacGee presented a packet of papers to the clerk of the Superior Court, asking "there be complete reasons stated" that require the submission of a plea with legal arguments.

The clerk will now set a schedule for both sides to submit their arguments. William Conroy, a spokesman for the state administrative office of the courts, said he could not say how long the appeals process would take.

"There will be trials and there could be motions and representations," Conroy said. "The appellate division will set a schedule and the motions will be made then. The process can be lengthy."

After each side submits its...

## How pricey vehicles were swiped, sold abroad

By Ted Demme

The vehicle included high-end luxury cars from Porsche, Ferrari, Audi — stolen or carjacked. With support through FBI Newark, the vehicles were placed in a storage lot in Newark, where they were sold abroad.

According to state authorities...

They said they had the bodies of the cars in the storage lot and were being operated, changing to change from New Jersey, New York and Illinois to an enterprise to return that smuggled and resold but now with license plates to New Jersey.

In the course of the investigation, it was a 1996 Mercedes-Benz with a license plate from New Jersey that was the vehicle property known as "The Duke."

Methods of theft included carjacking and hijacking. From December 2009 to January 2011, the FBI received 12 reports of carjacking. "About 10 percent of the cars were stolen through carjacking," he said.

... (NJ STAR-LEDGER, MAY 24, 2011)

# 'JERK' 'NUMBNUTS' 'IDIOT' 'CAN YOU GUYS TAKE THE BAT OUT ON HER?' 'MAN UP AND SAY I'M FAT' 'DR. KEVORKIAN OF THE NUMBERS'



## CHRISTIE'S BUDGET BOMBHELLS

Gov. compares Legislature's finance guru to 'Dr. Death,' twitches gears on pledge not to borrow transit funds

By Stephen Delaney

David Rosen, who walked into an office club yesterday in a fiery 3D costume to side Gov. Chris Christie, stepped into Rosen, the chief budget officer for the Office of Legislative Services, calling him "Dr. Kevorkian of the numbers" and asking when he would "readily be destroyed."

Some power has come of Administration Board Chairman (Dr. Rosen), Superintendent of Public Safety (Dr. Rosen), and Chief of State (Dr. Rosen) and other officials, including Gov. Chris Christie, who said he would "readily be destroyed."

How to compare the Legislature's budget chief to Dr. Rosen, a local cartoonist known as Dr. Rosen, who was arrested at a recent dinner because he was wearing a costume that looked like Dr. Rosen's.

But the two were not just making fun of each other in the clubhouse. Christie's aide also announced that even though they are known to their common perception, he had had a good time. Now Americans will get a lot out of the governor's promise. He is going to be known as the...

## Borrowing for transportation keeps tax cuts in play

By Joseph R. ...

Established by the Legislature in 1992, Gov. Chris Christie declared yesterday that the state will allow the government to borrow money to pay for transportation.

But in order to give the state a lot of money for his transportation plan, the administration said it will borrow money from the state's transportation trust funds instead of relying on state bonds as previously planned. The borrowing would be a reversal...

increasing money from the trust funds to help fund the state's transportation trust funds. "This is a very important step that we do not make the transportation trust funds," said Governor Chris Christie.

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To bee or not to bee

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Features Paginator



indulging your passion for food

table

# THINK OUTSIDE THE LUNCH BOX

**Change the bread:** For a change from the everyday sandwich, use soft tortillas rolled up, bagels, English muffins, pizza pockets or rolls. Every year needs a change of pace.

**School lunches that are hip, healthy — and fun**

This week, Table goes back to school with some great ideas on easy-to-make lunches. Look inside on page B2 (and online at MyCentralJersey.com) for tips, special sandwiches and more. Also share in a story about what local personalities remember most about their school lunches.

### Reader reflections

I went to a Catholic parochial grade school in the early 1970s (before we were only found in the larger public schools, so our teachers were nuns or nuns-in-training). The most chaotic thing about school lunches was the lunch line with marching formations. My lunch consisted of a hotdog and cheese sandwich with an apple and a thermos full of milk. It was my lunch that I looked forward to all week each day, but my fellow second-grade friend, Jackie Rubin, thinks it seems ridiculous and got a good laugh today. I got grapes and packed them a "love" message — a message of love, Degr.

Oh, my days would begin and the month would be I was told that several times two chocolate cakes filled with vanilla cream. The worst part was that one week, Jack went to the store to buy ingredients for the whole thing and then pay the one-hundred-dollar price tag for the groceries. My mother obviously refused to pay such a bill for the one thing that was not even that included on TV watching. (I don't know if she ever bought anything else, but I know she was not alone.) I would have to give him a hand in the classroom when home. (I don't know if she was alone.)



Ruthie Reed, Saratoga

Read more reader memories inside on page B2.

**Star sandwich:** Use cookie cutters to fun shapes to make a simple sandwich into something special.

**The three-color rule:** Parents should eat at least three colors in their child's lunch every day. Try foods such as grapes, blueberries, apples, bananas, pears, carrots, etc.

**Beyond sandwiches:** If your child is tired of bread, try crackers or pizza. Pick a pizza with a fair amount of turkey pepperoni and a side of low-fat shredded cheese to make a meat pizza.

**Homemade "Happy Meal":** Create your own "Happy Meal" by hiding a small surprise at the bottom of your child's lunch bag. A sticker, a small chocolate or even a mini cupcake will make your child happy.

**Fruit and cheese bites:** Cheese cubes and grapes make a fun snack, or use pineapple slices or apples dipped in lemon juice to keep them from browning.

**Get crispy:** Freeze potato chips, switch to pita chips, plan tea time. You can chips or whole wheat pretzels.

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## Think Outside the Lunch Box

### Best of the 'Wurst'

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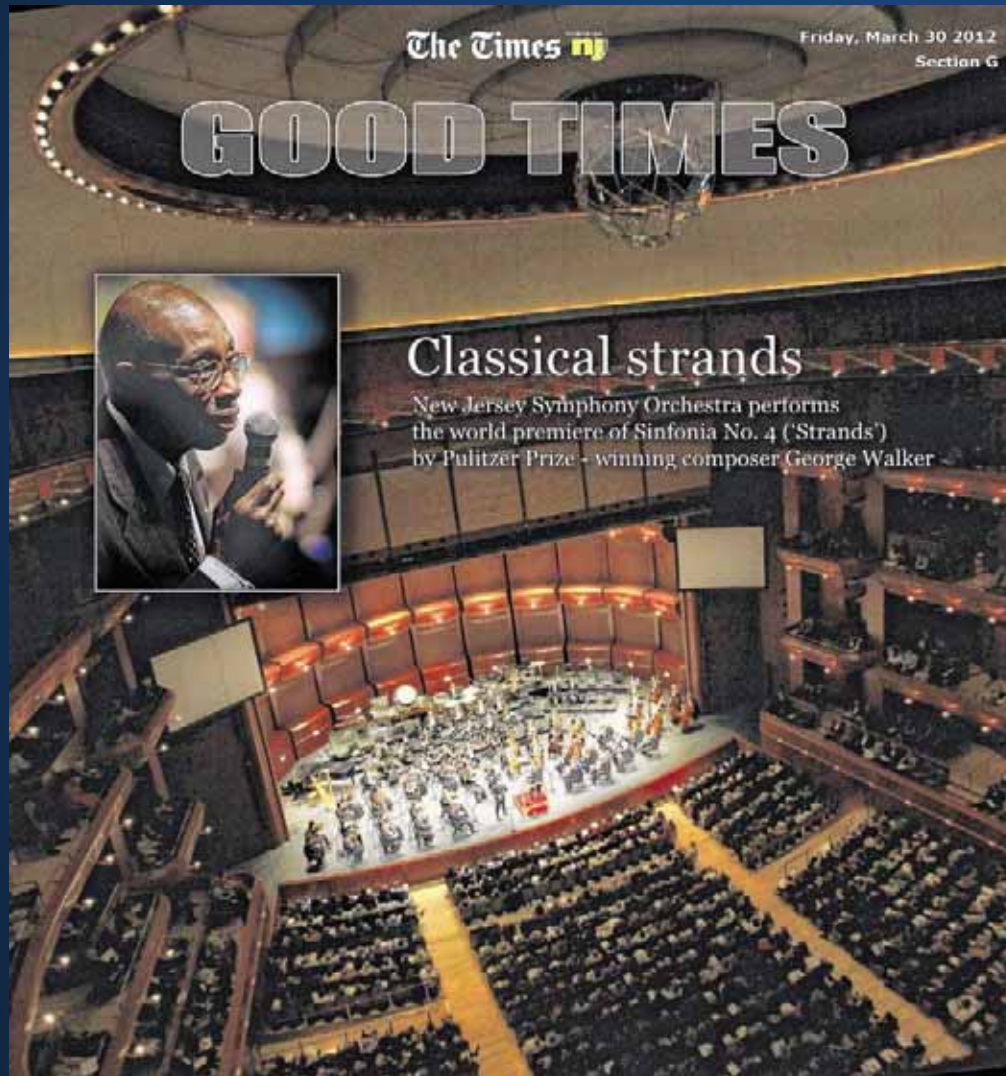
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### Jennifer Meyer



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## The Times

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**TRAVEL**  
 Touching Mexico, and catching falling stars, on a canoe trip down the Rio Grande

**INSIDE**  
 A lost Prokofiev score, unearthed by scholars, finally gets its premiere in Princeton

**Special Match to Watch**  
(Start: 10:30 p.m.)  
 Super Bowl XLV: Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2010's "The Blind Side") vs. New Orleans Saints (2010's "The Fighter") and 2010's "The Fighter")

The beauty who shattered Hollywood's mold tells how she stayed true to herself.

**REFLECTIONS**  
*of Raquel*

**S**he had a shelf full of beauty-contest prizes — Miss Florida, Miss La Jolla, Miss Cosmos. There had been modeling for Norman Mailer, extra work and even a stint as the “weather girl” on a local San Diego evening show. To a mid-’60s movie studio, she seemed like a great fit: slated for a low-budget contract and some beach-party movies. But 20th Century Fox had just one tiny concern: Her name. Perhaps her first name, which they said no one could pronounce.

Had she considered, maybe, “Delaine”?

“Delaine,” “Raquel Welch is very nice, beautiful, almost 60 years later,” I said. “I’m sorry, that is not me. I’m not a Delaine. I’m Raquel. I’ve always been Raquel. I think it’s a pretty name and you know what? If I do well, then people will remember it.”

And people did — along with her great look, startling smile and cosmopolitan drive. It’s earned her through a long career in Hollywood, the subject of a Film Society of Lincoln Center retrospective starting Friday. And it made her a genuine Latina Hollywood star — the first since Rita Hayworth, and a smoky explosion in a decade of pale blondes.

**BY STEVE WATSON**

**“I’m not a Delaine. I’m Raquel. I’ve always been Raquel. ... If I do well, then people will remember it.”**

Photo: Robert Schuchman/ABC/Outdoors; Photo: Robert Schuchman/ABC/Outdoors

**Whatever your Super Bowl fare, you're sure to have mixed nuts**

**Katherine**  
OSHEA

It's time to get a Super Bowl party going in your home. You'll be serving up a variety of different meats and cheeses. You'll be serving up a variety of different sides. You'll be serving up a variety of different drinks. You'll be serving up a variety of different desserts. You'll be serving up a variety of different games. You'll be serving up a variety of different prizes. You'll be serving up a variety of different fun. You'll be serving up a variety of different excitement. You'll be serving up a variety of different entertainment. You'll be serving up a variety of different fun. You'll be serving up a variety of different excitement. You'll be serving up a variety of different entertainment.

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# Sports GRAND CHANCE

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## SCHIANO LEAVES

### Going to NFL: Takes over as Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach

#### Unfulfilled promise: Scarlet Knights never won a national title

**By Greg Scharf**

Upon his firing as Rutgers University's head football coach 17 years ago, Tony Danza stood at a podium outside the Edsall Center, speaking in somewhat-impromptu English.

He asked high school seniors and the team to "have fun here, no matter what happens in the next 17 years, but what you can do for the state university's greatest strength."

As he walked away from the head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.



Tony Danza never won a national title as the Princeton head football coach.

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Mark Sanchez (17) has seen time at both guard positions and at center for the Giants this season.

## VERSATILE VETERAN

Boothe able to play multiple positions on offensive line

**By Jack Neumann**

**SUBSTITUTION** — Boothe Boothe can't be fairly said to have a "big part" of it to do in work the wide range of offensive line's athletic and work ethic.

There aren't too many offensive linemen in Super Bowl XLVI against the New England Patriots on Feb. 6, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, who had a positive work ethic to come along as Boothe Boothe. They likely would not be playing in the NFL.

Boothe has a record of injuries across his 10-year offensive line this season, but he did not get a variety of every-

## Thomas a big reason Giants headed to Indy

**Stephen Edelson**

**SAID IT THEMSELVES** — It was all an overabundance in the moments after Lawrence Trier: It used field and clipped inside the right yard and Dave Thomas kept to left through a pile of bodies.

He spent some time in the fourth quarter and another in the first quarter of the game to help the Giants to Super Bowl XLVI.

He thought back to the time a week earlier when he lay on the field. He had a neck injury that he had to have surgery on. There were a number of things that he had to do to get back to the field. He had to have surgery on his neck. He had to have surgery on his neck. He had to have surgery on his neck.



Dave Thomas is excited that he had a role in winning his first Super Bowl.

## South Plainfield is overwhelming favorite

**By Greg Scharf**

South Plainfield, trying for its fourth consecutive championship, was the top pick for the Governor's Invitational Conference Wrestling Tournament.

The rivalry went beyond tonight with a rivalry that goes back to the 1950s. The rivalry went beyond tonight with a rivalry that goes back to the 1950s. The rivalry went beyond tonight with a rivalry that goes back to the 1950s.

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Danger Ahead

Safety First

Walking the Walk

Conquering Hero

Eduardo Alvarez



## RESIDENT GENIUS



**REESE'S PICES:** A look at how the Giants' GM acquired some key players on 2013's Super Bowl team

<p><b>ANTREL ROLLE</b> SAFETY Signed as a free agent in 2013 off leader on defense, he has teamed with the Giants and has added depth to the middle of the defense.</p>	<p><b>JASON PIERRE-PAUL</b> LINEBACKER Signed as a free agent in 2013 off of the defense and has become a key player in the Giants' defense.</p>	<p><b>MICHAEL BOLEY</b> LINEBACKER Signed as a free agent in 2013 off of the defense and has become a key player in the Giants' defense.</p>
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## Rutgers boasts bragging rights

Ex-Scarlet Knights litter Patriots' roster

By Mark Bergman  
Rutgers

It's a little bit of a surprise that Rutgers' football players are so prominent on the Patriots' roster. The team has a lot of former Rutgers players on its roster, and it's not just the offensive players. The defensive line is also full of former Rutgers players. The team has a lot of former Rutgers players on its roster, and it's not just the offensive players. The defensive line is also full of former Rutgers players.

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## Grant is a calming influence

By Mike Dougherty  
The Star

**ROSELAND:** It's a quiet scene in the locker room before the game. The players are sitting on the bench, and the coaches are talking to them. The atmosphere is calm, and the players are focused. The game is about to start, and the players are ready to go.

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## Reese vindicated after taking heat before season

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## Pirates could be without Pope Saturday

**By Jerry Collins**  
The Pirates could be without their star pitcher, Jason Ligon, for Saturday's game against the Yankees. Ligon is recovering from an injury and is expected to miss the game. The Pirates will need to rely on their other pitchers to get the job done.

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Stephen Edson, Giants QB, during a game.

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**rangers triumph**  
Blueshirts knock off Capitals in Game 1 at MSG, page C2

**DANGER AHEAD**

Which H.S. sports are most dangerous? How to stay safe?  
By Ryan Burkholder and David Weiss

The injury-causing tackle was all news in the game and captured viewers all over the world. But it was a double-edged sword for the fans who watched the game. The tackle was brutal and violent, and it was a warning sign for the fans who watched the game. The tackle was brutal and violent, and it was a warning sign for the fans who watched the game.

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The percentage of high schools in New Jersey that have an athletic trainer.

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The percentage of high schools in New Jersey that have an athletic trainer.

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The number of students in public schools in New Jersey.

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The percentage of high schools in New Jersey that have an athletic trainer.

**Sports trainers are the first line of defense**  
By David Weiss

When it comes to the safety of athletes, sports trainers are the first line of defense. They are the ones who are responsible for preventing injuries and treating them when they do occur. They are the ones who are responsible for preventing injuries and treating them when they do occur.

**Giants, Jets address needs in draft**

David Bakula, the head coach of the New York Giants, said that the team's biggest need in the draft was a quarterback. The New York Jets, on the other hand, were looking for a wide receiver. Both teams had their own priorities when it came to the draft.

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## FDA: Beware of online pharmacies

By LINDA S. JOHNSON

The Food and Drug Administration is warning U.S. consumers that the use of many of America's pharmacies are fraudulent and they are selling counterfeit drugs that could harm them.

The agency on Friday launched a national awareness campaign to alert the public to the risks of using online pharmacies that sell counterfeit drugs for their medicine bottles, looking for savings and convenience. Instead, they're likely to get fake drugs that are ineffective, are pure drugs or contain dangerous active ingredients.

The FDA said counterfeit drugs are sold in many countries such as Mexico and Vietnam. They could be sold to U.S. patients, even those in driving a pharmacy to their local area, some even with official-looking packaging that could be hard to tell apart.

One goal is to increase awareness of the risks of using online pharmacies. FDA Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg said the agency plans to "take to more people away from online pharmacies. We have to do our job as a public health agency."

The FDA said that counterfeit drugs are sold in the U.S. and imported by the pharmacy.

board of the nation's state and local health departments is trying to answer questions. In addition, the pharmacy could suggest a visit to a doctor's prescription for the medicine. (The FDA says that it does not have a way to verify if the medicine is genuine.)

Some people are heading to the Internet to buy medicine. But the FDA says that many of these people are buying counterfeit drugs.

The FDA says that counterfeit drugs are sold in the U.S. and imported by the pharmacy.

Instead, patients that it has notified are required to follow the rules. Most consumers don't know that. An FDA survey, conducted by the FDA in May, questioned 1,000 adults. It found that nearly one in three Internet shoppers had bought prescription drugs online and nearly one in 10 said they weren't confident they could do so safely.

The campaign comes after some high-profile cases of counterfeit drugs making Americans seriously sick or die.

In February and again in April, the FDA warned doctors and consumers about the dangers that it had discovered they had bought fake brands, a price that could be as low as 10 percent of the real price. (See FDA, Page E3)

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Shoppers at a Target store in Chicago check the receipts of their purchases. Americans spend at the fastest pace in any country in August. But half of that increase went to pay for higher gas bills. By Catherine D'Amico for CNN.

## Spending escalates

By MORTY STRAUSS

WARNING: Americans boosted their spending in August even though their income barely grew. Much of the spending increase went to pay higher gas prices, which may have limited stimulus to the local economy.

The Commerce Department said Friday that consumer spending rose 0.7 percent in August from July. It was the highest jump since February.

Gas prices rose nearly 10 cents per gallon in July and August, but have since leveled off. Fueling the impact of higher gas prices and other price gains, spending spiked a whopping 4.4 percent last month.

Income grew only 0.1 percent, but after accounting for inflation and deflation, income actually fell 0.3 percent—the lowest performance since November.

The increase in price and income growth is not enough to cover the 0.7 percent rise in spending.

Spending for August was more than the headline figure suggests and indicates that without any growth in living income," said Paul D'Amico, senior U.S. The increase "was largely due to a surge in spending caused by the surge in gasoline prices."

High unemployment and weak wage growth have kept Americans from spending more freely, which has held back a growth. Consumer spending advanced nearly 10 percent in November.

See the November 5 page.

### MONEY WRAP

#### Kristen Bell hits Target in product-placement film

With almost product placement, Target is releasing an eye-catching commercial for its new clothing line. Kristen Bell and Tim Lincecum are starring in the commercial.



Kristen Bell

I do comedy writing for the show and I'm a big fan of "Falling for You" on Thursday. It's a perfect fit for the U.S. Bank in Los Angeles.

Bell stars in an advertising spot and Lincecum has been in "Falling for You." The two are also stars of "Falling for You" and "Falling for You" in the series, where the viewers can click on any item on-screen and watch it in their homes.

More than 100 products are featured in the three spots. "Falling for You" will begin airing Oct. 1 and the products featured will be available until Nov. 1.

#### Bank of America to pay \$2.43B in settlement

Bank of America says it has agreed to pay \$2.43 billion to settle a class-action lawsuit related to its acquisition of Merrill Lynch.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of investors who bought Bank of America stock when the company announced its plan to buy Merrill Lynch on the banking industry and the deal was completed in January 2009.

By announcing the proposed acquisition on Friday, Bank of America denied the allegations and says it agreed to the settlement to get rid of the uncertainty, burden and costs related to the lawsuit.

See the November 5 page.

## Apple apologizes for error-ridden app

By BARBARA D'AMICO

NEW YORK — Apple CEO Tim Cook apologized Friday for the company's latest mobile app, which has caused confusion and frustration among users. The app, called the "Apple Store" app, is available on the iPhone and iPad.

In a letter posted online Friday, Cook said Apple "is sorry" of its own experience. "Everything we do at Apple is aimed at making our products the best in the world. We know that you expect the best from us, and we will keep working to make sure our products live up to the same incredible high standards."

Apple released an update to its iPhone and iPad operating system last week that replaced the app with Apple's own mobile application. The new app was supposed to be a better, faster, and more reliable way to shop for products.

People have been backing up their data to computers and using that as the app's glue, which is a bad idea. The app is supposed to be a better, faster, and more reliable way to shop for products. The app is supposed to be a better, faster, and more reliable way to shop for products.

Apple recommended that people not compare app applications to get around — a new move for the world's most valuable company, which produces most of its products in the United States.

Apple has made changes to the app — even under the hood and the app is supposed to be a better, faster, and more reliable way to shop for products. The app is supposed to be a better, faster, and more reliable way to shop for products.



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## Lights out on incandescent bulbs



Energy-saving measures by government dim traditional 60-watt lamp's future

By Jesse J. Perin

That could dim glow from a long government past over your shoulder as you struggle through a magazine or work on home in fading light. Thanks to new energy-saving measures being implemented by the U.S. government.

For those who live in the past, the news is bad. On Dec. 31 and the last day, almost all incandescent light bulbs were allowed to be manufactured or imported. The rest of the world can be sold, but, what's that's great, it's already light out for the "consumer" or "seller" of their order before, ranging from daylight to traditional tungsten lighting.

From the shelves, manager of Lowe's Westchester stands in the dimmer lighting aisle with a CFL, compact fluorescent bulb. Incandescent bulbs are not sold to meet tightening federal guidelines for energy efficiency, CFL and LED light emitting diode bulbs are their replacements.



Customer Renee Kline of Westchester, with her husband, Steve, 5, left, and Mia, 4, gets assistance at Lowe's Westchester selecting a replacement bulb. On right is a selection of CFL, bulb at Lowe's. The packages are arranged in a color-coded fashion relating to the "consumer" or "seller" of their order before, ranging from daylight to traditional tungsten lighting.

How an energy-efficient light bulb is made. To purchase more on other photos, visit <http://www.nytimes.com>.

Under the law, which the national energy conservation administration (EPA) has approved, all light bulbs from now on must be energy-efficient. The transition from incandescent to fluorescent, halogen and LED lights will happen gradually, but most bulbs will be phased out by Feb. 1 of the year 2012. By January 2012, all 60-watt incandescent bulbs will be phased out. The transition will be complete by January 2015.

By Jesse J. Perin

## From Point A to Point B

United Continental hopes for a smooth transfer to its new computer system

By Gregory Katz

It's the transition at United Continental that's the real challenge. The airline's new computer system is a complex one, and the airline's staff is working hard to make sure it runs smoothly. The airline's CEO, James O'Leary, says the transition is a "major undertaking" and that the airline is "committed to making sure it goes as smoothly as possible."

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## Retailers opposed to sales-tax holiday for Amazon

By Steve Jones

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## The Times

Lights out on incandescent bulbs

Hospital move a flatline for business

Passive houses:

'It's all about the guts'

"They're tired of working for ... (peanuts)"

"These Joints are jumping"

Jeff Trently



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# The Record Business



Real estate may be bottoming out. What does that mean for buyers? Sellers?

Apps of the Week: Raising down the best apps and tablets so far in 2012.

## BIZBLOG NEWS AND NOTES ON NORTH JERSEY BUSINESSES

**STATE OF THE STATE**  
It seems like everyone has something to say about the newly signed state budget in NJ. "Nothing is too good to be true," says a former state legislator...

## New assault on drugstores



Luigi Giammarino, above, and his brother, Michael, are keeping their drugstores in business.

Independents that survived the big chains must now compete with benefits managers for prescriptions.

In Palisades Park, Michael and Luigi Giammarino are trying to keep their 13-year-old family-owned drugstore healthy with a surge their father taught them: investment and grit.



Share of prescriptions, 2011

### Four headaches for pharmacists

- North Jersey independent pharmacies are the following as the four biggest challenges in their survival.
- Pharmacy benefit managers: These large companies tend to reimburse pharmacies to process pharmacy benefit claims and the reimbursement a pharmacist can receive goes from generic to more specific drug classes.

### AUTO RENTALS

In a cross-country Tuesday, Hertz started off as the first major U.S. car rental company to offer sports.

### RETAIL

Amazon.com is the only national e-retailer company that has a direct shipping relationship to the U.S. with France.

### BANKS

Center Bancorp Inc., parent company of Union-Carroll National Bank, says that the U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency just approved its plan to acquire or build another branch.

## Beware of those advertising claims that say 'up to'

Consumers are constantly reminded to read the fine print, but that message is being bypassed with the words "up to."

It was based on ads for replacement windows that promised "up to 17% savings in energy costs." But that is just one of the many ways that "up to" is used in advertising.

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Ventures have another option to raise funds

Back to school outlook bright

Tax appeals are hard work

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Reverses losses for a budget deal in Washington sends stocks higher  
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**MAJOR BANK MERGER**

Milium-based Investors Bancorp has agreed to merge with Roma Financial, taking over 25 N.J. branches  
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NASDAQ	3,028.38	+0.12%
NYSE	1,448.00	+0.04%
RUSSELL 2000	2,781.00	+0.08%
NYSE ARCA	1,448.00	+0.04%

**As expected, Sandy hit N.J. economy hard**

Storm's effects being felt across all sectors

By Amanda Weiss

New Jersey lost thousands of jobs and other revenue shortly after the storm hit. Citizens' unemployment claims and other revenue generally increased by the first month following Hurricane Sandy's hit on the state economy. The two reports released yesterday showed Sandy's effects were indeed all the way across the state's labor market and not just in the most damaged areas, but in the most

productive areas as well. The state Labor Department's report on unemployment claims for the week ending Oct. 29, 2011, showed a 1.4% increase in claims, or 17,000 new claims, over the week ending Oct. 22, 2011. The report also showed a 1.4% increase in claims, or 17,000 new claims, over the week ending Oct. 22, 2011. The report also showed a 1.4% increase in claims, or 17,000 new claims, over the week ending Oct. 22, 2011.

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**ASK THE EXPERT**  
I've been asked if I know what the ratings on it and what some negative comments I received during the last year...

**More than batteries required**

Many toys come with digital strings attached

My companies want to grab and hold your kids' attention, even after the gifts are opened, and to do this they're enticing children with digital extras packaged with everything from Lego kits to the Game of Thrones.



It's almost like there's a new step to our time-tested gift-giving routines. Rip open wrapping. Howl with delight. Play. Until, that is, a 10-year-old spots a camera to download an app, watch an online video or join a chat room aimed with the toy, and then it's time to grab the tablet or smart phone and shift attention to a screen — and maybe spend more money. Are any of these digital add-ons worth it? I decided to investigate. I used a scientific process for this: I played with my kids' Christmas gifts. Let's start with the Beyblades. I had no idea these existed until a year ago, when my son, who is now 8, became obsessed with them. They're essentially spinning tops.



My company... I've been asked if I know what the ratings on it and what some negative comments I received during the last year...

**The iconic New York Stock Exchange is changing hands**



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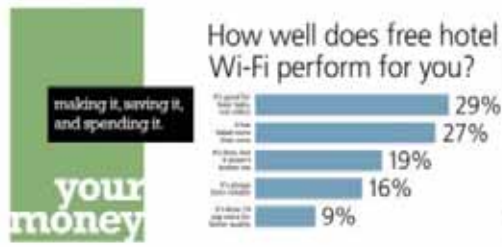
For Panasonic, Newark site is on the money

How to make a better television

Help Wanted: Company seeks corporate Rock STAR, office JEDI, cubicle NINJA

**Todd Ritter**  
Designer





Entrepreneurs



Karen Shalita is not a typical businesswoman. She's a former model and the author of a new book about how to succeed in the marketplace.

# LEARN BEST WAYS TO MARKET SKILLS

**By Michael J. Hammer**  
Illustration

Karen Shalita is not a typical businesswoman. She's a former model and the author of a new book about how to succeed in the marketplace. Her advice is to focus on your strengths and to use your marketing skills to help you succeed. She says that the most important thing is to know your audience and to speak to them in a way that they can relate to. She also emphasizes the importance of having a clear vision and a solid business plan. Shalita's book, "The Art of the Deal," provides readers with practical advice on how to negotiate and close deals. She shares her own experiences and offers insights into the mindset of successful entrepreneurs. The book is a valuable resource for anyone looking to improve their marketing and sales skills.

## Campbell Soup buys Bolthouse

\$1.55B deal will help Camden company get into fresher foods

**NEW YORK** — Campbell Soup Co., the world's top puree soup maker, is looking to enter a new segment of the market with fresh soups, greater price and nutritional value. The Camden-based company said Monday that it will buy Bolthouse Farms, a fresh soup maker, for \$1.55 billion. The deal will help Campbell get into fresher foods and expand its product line. Bolthouse Farms, which makes soups, dips, and other fresh food products, is based in San Francisco. The deal is expected to close in the second quarter of 2012.

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Campbell Soup Co. reported a 10% increase in earnings per share in the third quarter of 2011. The company's revenue increased by 5% over the same period. Bolthouse Farms reported a 15% increase in revenue in the third quarter of 2011. The company's net income increased by 20% over the same period.



BY THE NUMBERS  
Bolthouse Farms, based in San Francisco, Calif., reported a 15% increase in revenue in the third quarter of 2011. The company's net income increased by 20% over the same period.

## Stocks decline ahead of corporate earnings season

**NEW YORK** — Stocks declined as investors braced for a disappointing earnings season. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 100 points to 11,500. The S&P 500 index fell 1.5%. The Nasdaq Composite index fell 2.5%. The decline was driven by concerns over the economy and the possibility of a recession. Investors are looking for signs of a recovery in corporate earnings. The market is expected to be volatile in the coming weeks. Analysts are watching for any signs of a turnaround in the economy. The Federal Reserve is also expected to play a role in the market's performance.

Market	Change
Dow Jones	-100.00
S&P 500	-1.5%
Nasdaq	-2.5%
Russell 2000	-3.0%
FTSE 100	-0.5%
Nikkei 225	+0.2%

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# Pumpkins & Princesses



**By MORGAINA FORD-WORKMAN**  
**PHOTOGRAPHER**

Looking for a magical adventure? Bring your favorite little princess and princesses to the Garden State Exposition...  
 2000 Burlington Road, Cherry Hill, on Friday for the museum's annual Fall Ball. From 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., royal families will enjoy the creation of glowing pumpkins and lanterns, crafts and much to be had.



**BY MORGAINA FORD-WORKMAN**  
**PHOTOGRAPHER**

A line of interest at the 17 different varieties of sharks swimming around you at the Ripley Center at the Atlantic Aquarium...  
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## AS THE CROW FLIES, OR THE CARRIAGE ROLLS



**By MORGAINA FORD-WORKMAN**  
**PHOTOGRAPHER**

What is the year 1862 world of the north? The carriage museum here...  
 1000 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, N.J. 08402

## Focus is on photography



Participants will bring their own digital cameras...  
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## A PIECE OF HISTORY

50 years ago today:  
 McGuire Air Force Base is picketed by an NAACP group protesting segregation.

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# Burlington County Times

Pumpkins and princesses

Veggin' out

Hollystock

Black Friday game plan

Pie for dinner

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# Burlington County Times

Generation disconnect

Newtown massacre

Prom monster

School bus hell

Facebored

Tom Raski

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# Obamacare ruling: GOOD FOR THE NATION'S HEALTH?

America's top court was deeply divided on the question of whether the Affordable Care Act passed constitutional muster. In upholding the law, the debate continues to health care systems and our citizens. Is the decision's ramifications...

## Time to turn our attention to health care exchange here

By Mark Conaway Jr.  
By calling to uphold the federal health insurance and Affordable Care Act, the U.S. Supreme Court has done much to help millions of people. For the 1.2 million who cover their families, and the rest of citizens who depend on the safety net of Medicare or Medicaid, this is a momentous ruling.  
There is one area that we have not yet addressed in the state level to help provide access to affordable, quality health insurance.

## Decision bodes higher costs, longer wait times for docs

By Joe Pennington  
I think most citizens would agree that the government's role is to protect and promote the health and well-being of its citizens. The Supreme Court's ruling that Obamacare is constitutional and legal is a good thing. However, the ruling also means that the federal government has the power to force states to accept Obamacare. This is a double-edged sword.

## Disastrous legislation must be overturned

By Dr. Robert Kim  
As the Supreme Court ruled Obamacare unconstitutional, I am sure that many of us will be relieved. The law was a disaster for our health care system. It has caused a massive increase in costs and a decrease in the quality of care. We must overturn this law and return to a system that works for the people.

## Ruling major step forward in improving health care

By Betty Ryan  
The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that the Affordable Care Act is constitutional is a major step forward in improving health care. It means that the federal government can now force states to accept the law. This is a good thing because it will help to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, quality health care.

## One word inadequate to define Christie

Howard Condit, the late broadcaster who both delighted and infuriated his audience for decades, once sought to describe himself through the eyes of others. "Although numerous adjectives have been applied, perhaps a closer fit than those called out of them," Condit said, "is 'ambitious.'"



John Schoonejongen  
Columnist

When efforts were made to get Gov. Chris Christie "bills," "programs," "plans," "visions" and "goals" and the way. Let's face it, the governor continues to be a man of his word. He has a track record of getting things done. He is a man of his word. He is a man of his word. He is a man of his word.

Advertisement for Garden State Community Bank. Text: "THERE'S ONLY ONE BANK for all your business and personal banking needs." Includes phone number 877-786-6500 and website www.gscb.com.

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# Courier News

Good for the Nation's Health

Governor Christie

Core Controversy

Where Are the Doctors?

Hard Labor

Joseph Woods





### Christie comes back to Earth — or at least New Jersey

**A**fter a week in the Florida sun, Christie is back in New Jersey. The governor's return to the state is a quiet affair. A lot of people expect him to bring an executive order or some kind of speech to the Republican National Convention in Tampa next week. Christie is expected to be in Tampa for the convention, but he is not expected to be in Tampa for the convention.

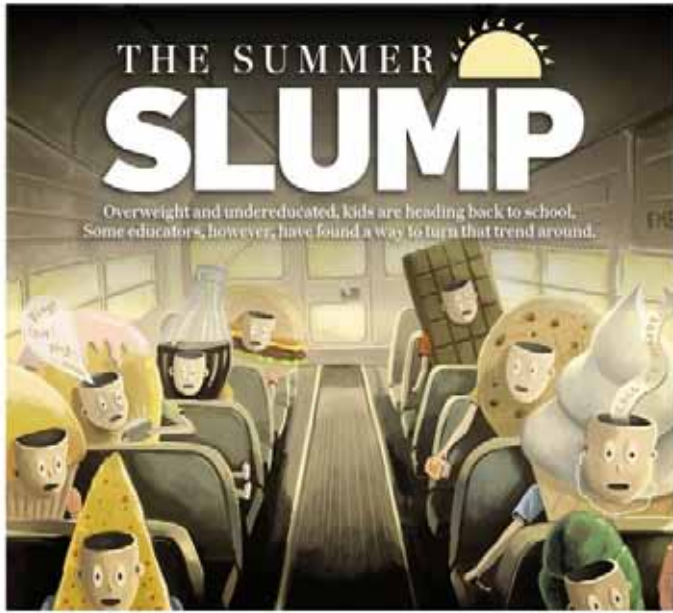


Paul Malachuk

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also Steve Hahn. The Florida governor is a great leader, I think, and young. He got very involved in the special election Tuesday night. And then there's Rand Paul. The Kentucky senator gave the type of speech that has been expanding from Christie, a good type of speech that has been expanding from Christie, a good type of speech that has been expanding from Christie.



## THE SUMMER SLUMP

Overweight and undereducated, kids are heading back to school. Some educators, however, have found a way to turn that trend around.

**Y**our kid can run the jungle of an 18-wheeler truck in perfect pitch and figure every word of the song. Call it Marley. But now that summer is ending, it's a time to evaluate the after-effects. According to national experts, the average American child has grown over the past three months — and not in a good way. What they mean is put it bluntly, is undernourished. Call it the summer slump. This is not the five-week summer of freedom you might recall from your youth or a Mark Twain novel. That's

not really for most kids. They're just bored. They haven't been climbing trees. They didn't have a ratty cowboy, or even a decent summer program to attend. So they're packed on the pounds and feel a little bit of what they learned the year before. It's a national average. Situations above kids return to school at least one month behind where they were when the previous school year ended, on average. And they put on weight in the summer two to three times faster than during the school year.

Why fight to raise test scores, only to see them crash? Why require high-value studies from school reading machines if kids gain them for three months straight? We've got to find ways to combat the brain drain and weight gain — as a top charter school in Newark already did. By the end of summer, the average kid has forgotten roughly the equivalent of a third of a school year's research shows. That's more than two weeks of math skills, grammar, and science. How many parents want to spend their summer teaching long divisions?

BY NEVILLE HARVEY

### iPhone, uCopy, iSue: Patents threatening innovation

**W**hen Steve Jobs unveiled the iPhone in 2007, he changed an industry. Apple's brilliant new device was a game-changer in the mobile phone market. It had a sleek design and a multi-touch interface. The iPhone revolutionized the way we use our phones. It was a game-changer in the mobile phone market. It had a sleek design and a multi-touch interface. The iPhone revolutionized the way we use our phones.

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PUNCHING HIS TICKET

Music Nation is not your everyday 12-year-old who spends the summer just hanging out. The young, hard-core Robert Johnson is a multi-talented musician and performer. He has a unique sound and a powerful stage presence. He is a multi-talented musician and performer. He has a unique sound and a powerful stage presence.

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The summer slump

What if the bird flu got away?

Are we headed for war with Iran?

Single parent, double trouble

Stories to tell

## Neville Harvey

Graphic Artist



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# Why are gasoline prices so high?

The economy is rebounding and oil-producing countries are in turmoil – just as refineries prepare for the summer-driving season.

**Reason 1: Economy**  
The price of oil is the most volatile of any commodity. It's a global market, and it's affected by a host of factors, including the global economy, the price of oil, and the price of oil. The price of oil is affected by a host of factors, including the global economy, the price of oil, and the price of oil.

**Reason 2: Iran**  
Iran is a major oil producer and exporter. It has a large oil reserve and is a major player in the global oil market. The U.S. is a major importer of oil from Iran, and the price of oil is affected by the price of oil from Iran.

**Reason 3: Turmoil**  
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**Reason 4: Refineries**  
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**Reason 5: Summer time**  
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**Reason 6: Distribution and marketing**  
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**Gasoline prices**  
Average price of unleaded gas a gallon

Year	U.S.	N.J.
2007	\$2.76	\$3.04
2008	\$3.06	\$3.34
2009	\$2.22	\$2.50
2010	\$2.86	\$3.14
2011	\$3.86	\$4.14
2012	\$3.86	\$4.14

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## A neighborhood photo store preserves the past and meets needs of the iPhone era

By JOAN VERBIS

The Picture Sign store on East Ridgewood Avenue in Paramus, in a strip mall across the street from The Republic Center, is almost busy in May, just before Mother's Day, and in June, at graduation time. It is a boutique in Manhattan, where customers stroll in, looking to have a favorite photograph sent to a growing and juggling list.

"The best thing is someone who wants to reach something different," said the digital artist, Davidowitz, a 35-year veteran of the photo business, starting when he was a 15-year-old helping out in his father's store in Saddlebrook.

There's the young mother who needs to get a print of her daughter off her iPhone and onto a CD-ROM. The man who needs to add a few of his old photographs for scans scanned into a CD or for a successful service. The woman who wants to add that special photo to a photo album.

### THE WAY WE LIVE

Scott Davidowitz, who in his lifetime has seen color film, black and white, and now digital photography, says that the iPhone has replaced the camera. He says that the iPhone has replaced the camera. He says that the iPhone has replaced the camera.

When digital cameras began rising out like you, says Davidowitz, then a owner of a Man's Day store in Paramus, bought computer kiosks at his each regular customer, where customers could insert their digital memory cards and select pictures for printing. He noticed that people were spending a lot of time standing at the kiosks, so he added staff.

Then, in 2006, as he worked that the hours of most shopping stores to longer by with people bringing off more of their but in helping people create with their digital images, he took over the adjacent location and built The Picture Sign, a "digital living room" with full service, complimentary coffee, comfortable chairs and a dozen computers where customers can view their photos and have them printed into beautiful prints of art.

"It changed and we have an order-taking business in a place people wanted to spend time in," he said.

Just look. Ms. of His His first came to the store get a Christmas card photograph taken of her 16-year-old daughter, Shadrach, dressed up as the Evergreen Beauty. "I love her," she said.

Scott and The Picture Sign's computer kiosks print photo books and make prints of digital images.

The only thing I haven't done here is work the cash register, she said. A few days before her phone meeting with Davidowitz, she was there, picking up a birthday gift, a vintage case combined with one of her photos. A week before that, she came in with a night job. She needed a photo taken of her phone and needed some an entrepreneur for her work in the store.

She knows she could get more of the same services online, or from a kiosk in a chain store, but she

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Davidowitz, the owner of The Picture Sign in Paramus, sees his store as "a digital living room" where customers can create a variety of products from cherished memories.



# EMPTY NEST



Lisa Swain and husband Ron Binstock of Far Lawn straggled off their youngest daughter at NYU this year. Now Swain is happy that when Binstock, who performs in seven at Birch, has a girl, she can stay until the end.

By KARA VERBIS

There's one hard practice that go all night. Dinner is whenever longer and later. Other people's schedules are unpredictable, the weekends.

College is definitely something — and we just for the business representing their first home of Tradition.

"You can do anything you want when you want to," says Lisa Binstock, a 37-year-old lawyer from Far Lawn who with her wife, Lisa Swain, bought their younger daughter at New York University to begin her business just a few months ago.

Former office approach, with regulations the moment when their youngest or only child begins home for college. They worry that a home long holiday with activity will miss strongly quiet, and that they might find themselves suddenly with a whole new life of being around the child, who doesn't need.

But many North Jersey parents have discovered this bit one of the unacknowledged secrets of family life: The step-up now can be coming. However, it can mean a new sense

of self, along with a more relaxed schedule and a lot less worry and stress.

Robert Everett of Ramsey sums up in a single word what his son has been like since he and his wife took their twins, Maxwell and Madison, to start their college careers at Ohio State University: "Silos."

Some parents, of course, find the transition challenging. At least initially, some experience a deep sense of loss. Everett's wife, Elaine Altman, says she had a rougher time than she thought she would. "I cried for 10 hours on the way home," Altman says.

Johna Kavayev of Ridgewood admits that she wasn't ready for her only child to head off to college. A day at home soon, she says her emotions and schedule revolved around the life of her son, Matt.

"In the beginning I felt very lonely," Kavayev says. "The whole empty nest thing is real. The things I missed my most in me no longer there. Lisa Swain started doing projects around the house, painting rooms after rooms on weekends. "We had never done that before," she says.

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- 1. NORTON**  
**Capital**, 10 a.m., local time. The Capital Center for the Performing Arts, 1000 Linden Blvd., Newark. Tickets: \$15-\$25. (973) 551-3300.
- 2. GREEN BROOK**  
**12th Annual Family Fun Walk & Run**, 9 a.m., local time. Green Brook Park, 1000 Linden Blvd., Newark. Tickets: \$5-\$10. (973) 551-3300.
- 3. PRINCETON**  
**Family Fun Day**, 10 a.m., local time. Princeton University, 300 GFD Center, Princeton. Tickets: \$5-\$10. (609) 924-2100.
- 4. SOUTH BRIDGE**  
**"Peanut Night"**, 7 p.m., local time. South Bridge Station, 1000 Linden Blvd., Newark. Tickets: \$5-\$10. (973) 551-3300.

**Get Mom some wine**

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**Let's introduce kids to the classics together**

**K**ids love just about everything. They love to play, to learn, to explore. They love to be with their family. They love to be with their family. They love to be with their family. They love to be with their family. They love to be with their family.

**poetry**

The Mountain Poets had their beginning in 2002 at Rutgers University at an open mic night called Great Poetry.



**glam rock**

They have every thing platinum looks, a killer live show, great hooks, it's all in high places and low places in their hearts.



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**ribs**

Which is better: firefighters (who show off a fire during natural disasters) or cops (who show off a fire during natural disasters)?

**for the kids**

Angela Ballarín, the dancing queen of children's book fairs, shows off her wares in a room full of children's books.

**circus**

From off a Brazilian tour, Cirque La Mancha is in Newark tonight.



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 Emmy Award-winning anchor Steve Aduhote and Rafael Pi Roman examine New Jersey's most pressing issues.



Time in to: **THIRTEEN**  
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Two Days

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### SBA OKs \$200M in Sandy loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved close to \$200 million in disaster loans to New Jersey homeowners and business owners, the bulk of whom are in Monmouth and Ocean counties, the agency said Tuesday.

Jan 9, 2013

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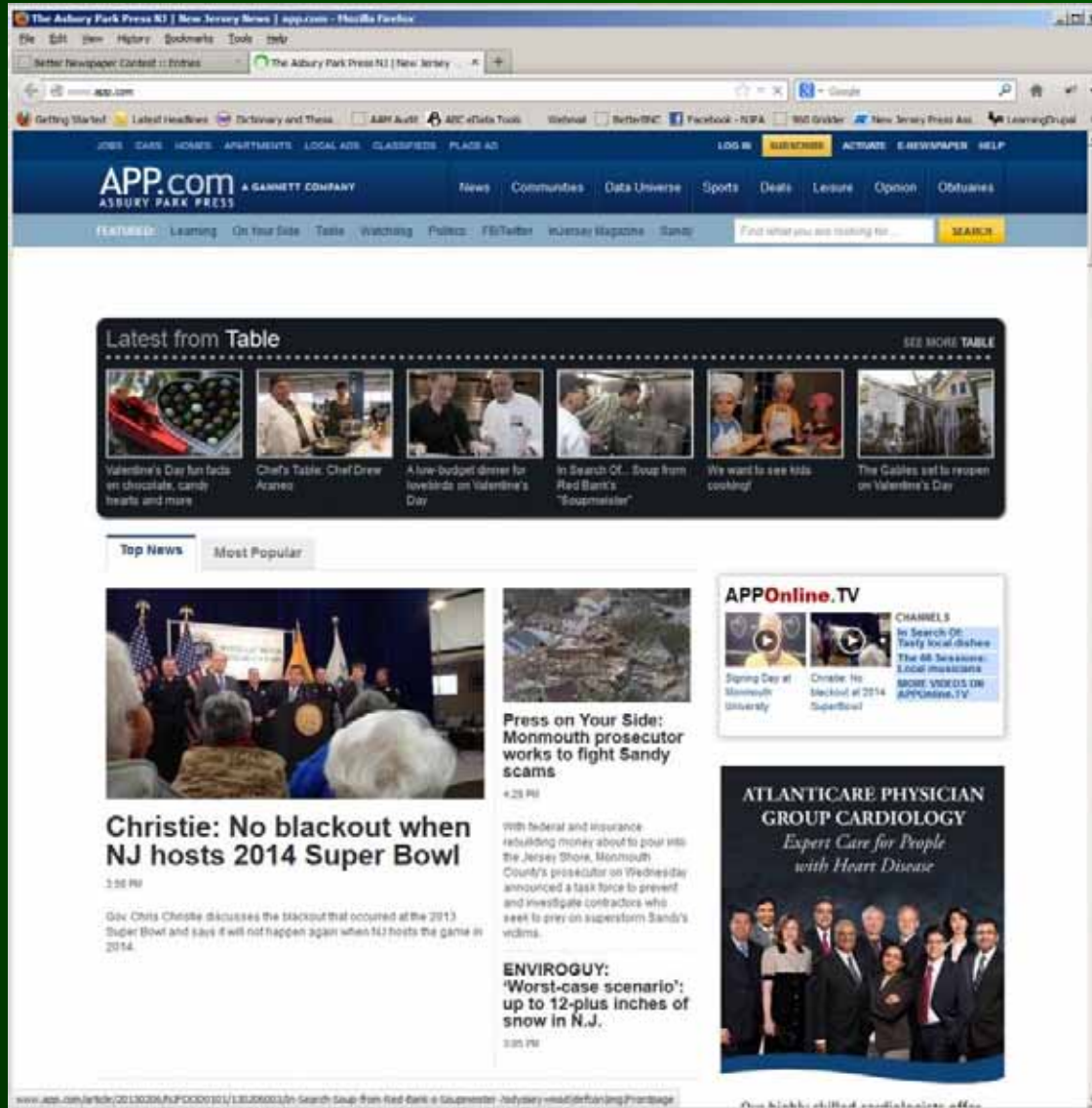
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# Best Overall Website

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# 01: Best Overall Website



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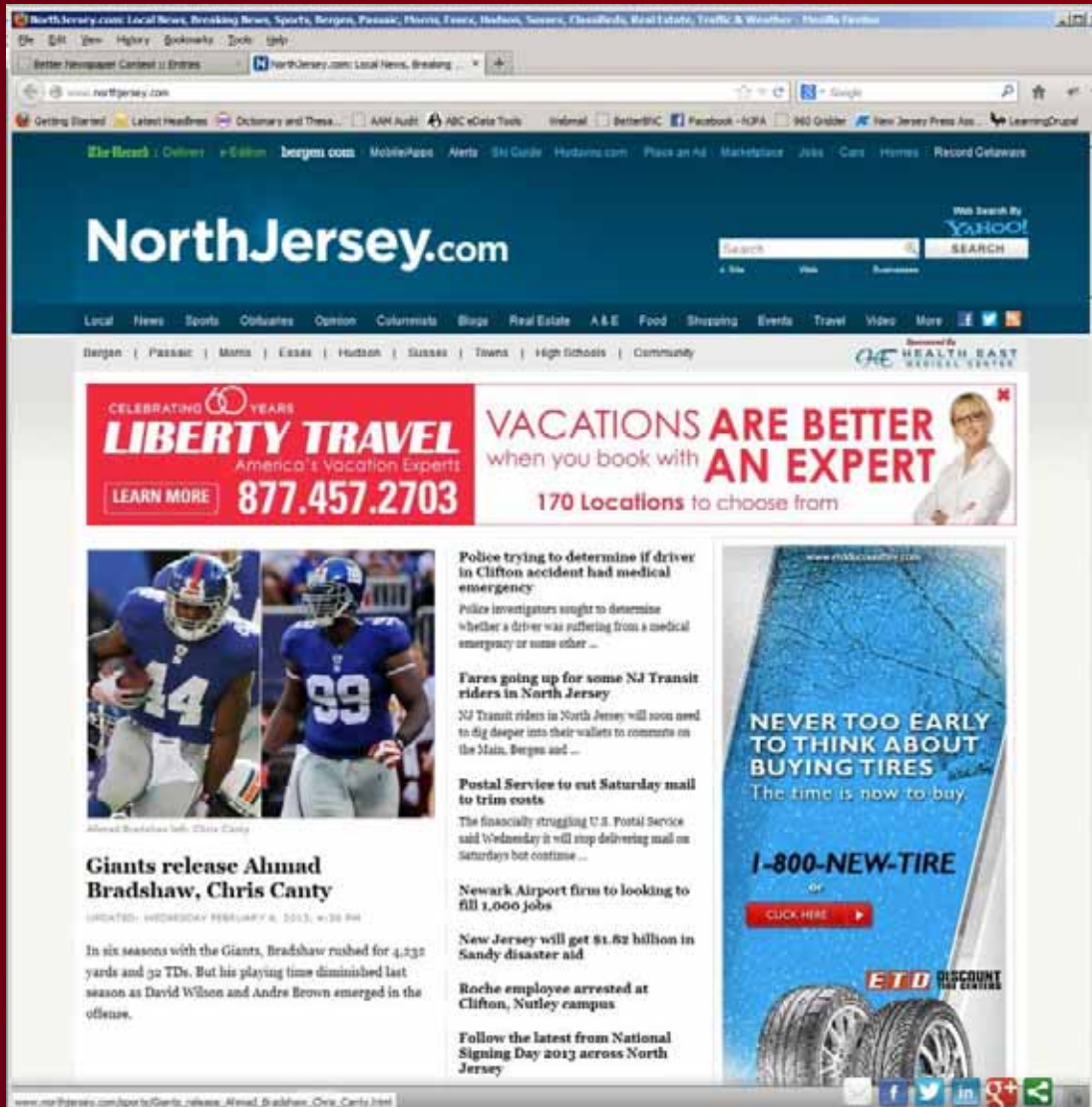
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# 01: Best Overall Website



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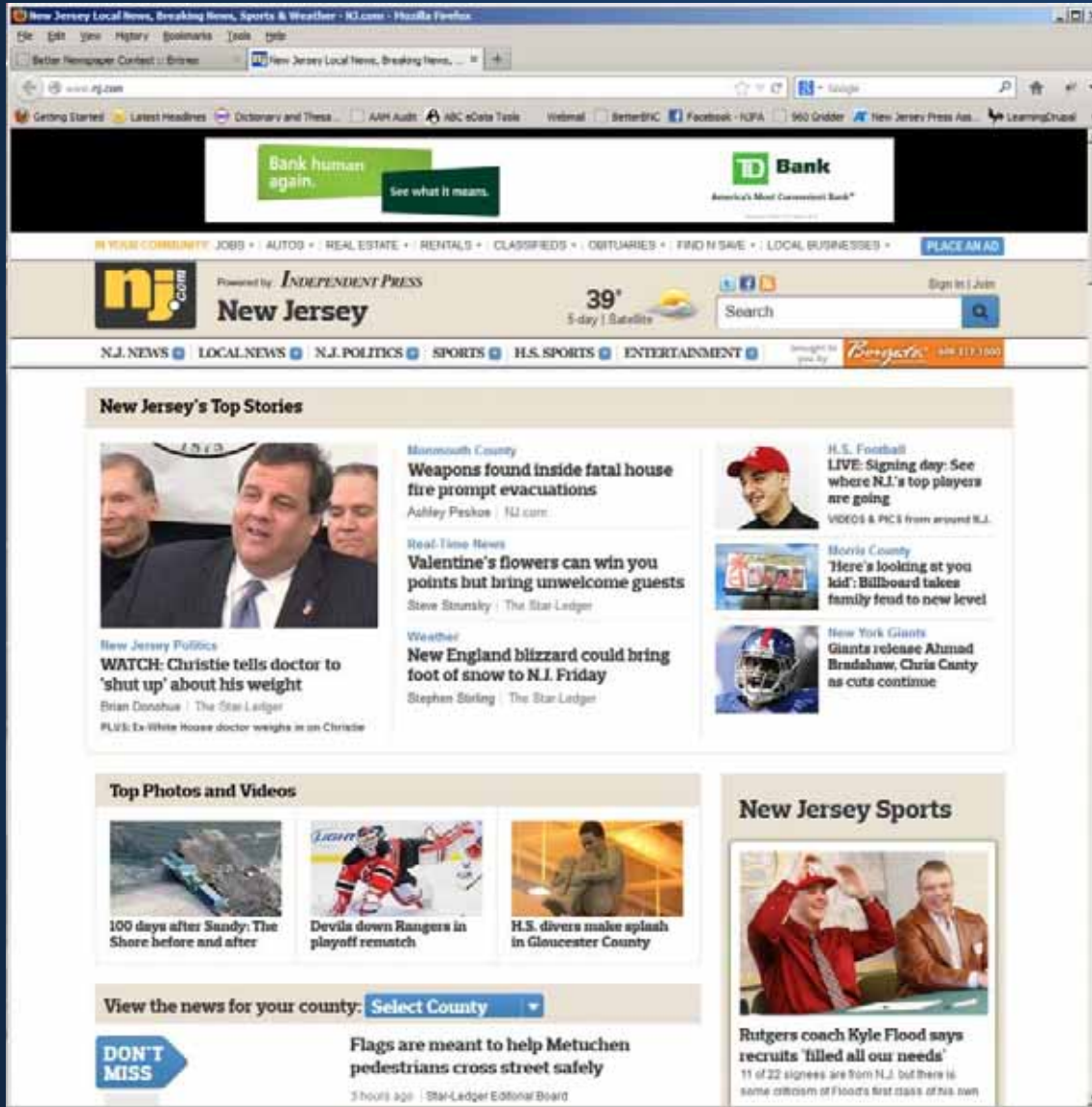
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Category 02

# Best Web Project

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# O2: Best Web Project

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the homepage of lehighvalleylive.com. The page features a navigation bar with categories like NEWS, BUSINESS, SPORTS, and LOCAL. A main article titled "Down on the Farm: An inside look at the staff of the Lehigh Valley IronPigs" is the central focus. The article is by Matt Smith and includes a large photo of two men in a broadcast booth overlooking a baseball field. To the right of the article is a sidebar with a "Find a house for you..." advertisement and a "Connect with lehighvalleylive.com" section with social media icons. Below the article is a "Recommendations" section with a "Sign Up" button and a list of related articles.

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## Down on the Farm: An inside look at the staff of the Lehigh Valley IronPigs

Published: Friday, August 31, 2012, 7:21 AM Updated: Saturday, September 01, 2012, 1:13 PM

By Matt Smith | The Express-Times  
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My intentions for the Down on the Farm photo essay on the staff of the **Lehigh Valley IronPigs** were to take the experience of a game at Coca-Cola Park and turn it inside out.

The fans who come out to support this club are there to be entertained by what the facility has to offer and watch the team play to win night after night.

But I was interested, as a fan of baseball myself, in seeing how things really worked behind the scenes.

I scaled 100 feet to the top of the scoreboard to see the fireworks being loaded, had an early morning meeting with the clubhouse staff as they unpacked the team equipment following a road trip and spent hours upon hours with the grounds crew as they painted designs on the field.

But after seeing **Coca-Cola Park** from every possible angle, it was the time I spent with so many members of the staff that will stay with me.

Find all of Down on the Farm  
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Third Place

# The Express-Times

Down on the farm

Matt Smith  
Photographer

Kelly Huth  
Features Editor



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## O2: Best Web Project

Second Place

# Asbury Park Press

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The Lakewood school district is in crisis, and has been for more than a decade. Our four-day series investigates the problems and offers solutions.

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Student transfer rates - public and private schools

Category	Nonpublic students	Public students
Number of students	11,960	17,342
Percentage	19.5%	28.5%

Nonpublic students: \$16.6 million of budget  
Public students: \$20 million of budget

Not all students are listed by the district: 18,527

**SAVE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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Lakewood's public schools have failed and what we can do to fix them

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### Heroes of 2012

The Record highlights those in North Jersey who went above and beyond for their neighbors this year.

## Julie Zeigler

Nov. 3, Rutherford: Officer gave utility lineman shock of his life, literally.

Nov. 3, Rutherford

Cops expect surprises when they come to work. When Rutherford Officer Julie Zeigler's came, she was ready.

Zeigler was the first officer on the scene on Nov. 3, after 20-year-old utility worker Imad Ghandour was hit with 13,000 volts of electricity at the intersection of Union and Raymond avenues.

Ghandour, one of thousands of linemen working to restore power after superstorm Sandy, was lying lifeless in the street. People were shouting his name.

"Everyone was saying, 'Hurry, hurry, he's down,'" recalled Zeigler, a 17-year veteran. She took charge, instructing Ghandour's colleagues to compress his chest, give him an oxygen mask and tear off his shirt.

By the time Officer Jeffrey Wilkinson arrived on the scene, Zeigler was ready with the defibrillator.

She administered an electric shock to Ghandour's chest. The lineman gagged, his arms jerked up and his eyes opened slightly. Zeigler was relieved at the sign of life. When he was lifted into an ambulance, he was breathing again.

Ghandour's family and co-workers have since tracked down Zeigler's personal cellphone number and address to thank her and update her on his recovery. She tries to pass the credit around.

"It was a team effort," she said. But she also admitted that she was proud.

"It's a terrific feeling to know you've saved somebody's life," she said. "Every day, you wake up and you don't know what you're going to face when you go to work."

- Stephanie Akin and Michael Copley.

Rutherford Police Officer Julie Zeigler takes pride in what she called "a team effort."

First Place

# The Record

(Bergen County)

Heroes 2012

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## Better Newspaper Contest 2012

Category 03

# Best Multimedia Element



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## 03: Best Multimedia Element



Third Place

# Burlington County Times

Holiday lighting displays in Burlington County

Audrey Harvin  
Web Editor

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# 03: Best Multimedia Element

The screenshot shows the NorthJersey.com website interface. The main article is titled "Superstorm Sandy: North Jersey then and now photos" and is dated Sunday, December 2, 2012. It is a staff report by Tariq Zehawi. The article includes a photo of Moonachie Road in Moonachie, N.J., showing flooded houses and a sign for "ENTERING MOONACHIE BERGEN COUNTY" and "THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)".

NorthJersey.com

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## Superstorm Sandy: North Jersey then and now photos

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2012 LAST UPDATED: MONDAY DECEMBER 3, 2012, 2:36 PM  
STAFF REPORT  
THE RECORD

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Comparing some of North Jersey's hardest areas during the flooding and destruction of Superstorm Sandy with the state of things one month later.

Moonachie Road in Moonachie, N.J. (Photos by Tariq Zehawi / Staff Photographers)

Show only then Show only now

Second Place

## The Record

(Bergen County)

Sandy: Then and now

Tariq Zehawi

Michael Karas

Thomas E. Franklin

Sean Oates





# Better Newspaper Contest 2012

Category 04

# Best Blog

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## O4: Best Blog

Third Place

# The Star-Ledger

Munchmobile

Peter Genovese

Blogger

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the NJ.com website. The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.nj.com/news/food/dining/story/pocketful-of-surprises-munchmobile-searches-for-jerseys-best-empanadas.html>. The page header includes the NJ.com logo, the text "Powered by The Star-Ledger", the "New Jersey" logo, a weather widget showing "42°", and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "N.J. NEWS", "LOCAL NEWS", "N.J. POLITICS", "SPORTS", "U.S. SPORTS", and "ENTERTAINMENT". A banner for "JerseyArts.com PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS 2012" is visible. The main content area features a "Top Stories" section with three articles: "Christie dodges gun control, reveals Time cover", "Bus driver in tidal bridge crash hospitalized", and "Police find body in chemical-laced car". Below this is the article "Pocketful of surprises: Munchmobile searches for Jersey's best empanadas" by Peter Genovese/The Star-Ledger, published on Friday, August 10, 2012. The article includes a photo of a man holding a tray of empanadas and a quote from Carlos Serrano. To the right of the article is a "MILLION DOLLAR REPLAY" advertisement and a "The New Standard in Patient Care" advertisement. The page footer shows the NJPA logo and the text "NEW JERSEY PRESS ASSOCIATION".

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# O4: Best Blog



Second Place

# Burlington County Times

Joe Mason

Joe Mason



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## O4: Best Blog

First Place

# Asbury Park Press

Home & School

**Alesha Williams Boyd**  
Education Reporter

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Asbury Park Press website with links for Jobs, Cars, Homes, Apartments, Local Ads, Classifieds, and Place Ad. Below this is the APP.com logo and a search bar. The main content area features the 'Home & School' logo, a search bar, and a featured article titled 'Court upholds NJ teacher firing over Facebook post' by Alesha Williams Boyd, dated January 11, 2013. The article text discusses a New Jersey appellate panel's decision to fire a tenured first-grade teacher. To the right, there is an 'About this Blog' section and an 'About the author' section featuring a photo of Alesha Williams Boyd and her bio as a New Jersey correspondent for USA TODAY.



# Better Newspaper Contest 2012

Category 05

# Best Video

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## 05: Best Video

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### In a Saddle River hospice, four lives draw to a close with resolve and candor [video]

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2012 LAST UPDATED: SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2013, 12:44 PM

BY JAY LEVIN  
STAFF WRITER

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#### Final Words

At a North Jersey hospice, reflections on living and dying

Play video

Terry Dobussynski, Laverne Gennarelli, Mary Gilbride and Wesley Grove all came to a lovely Saddle River estate to spend their final days of life in comfort and quiet.

Villa Marie Claire, once a retirement

Third Place

# The Record

(Bergen County)

Final Words – Reflections on living and dying

Carmine Galasso  
Thomas E. Franklin  
Jon Naso

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# 05: Best Video

Second Place

# The Star-Ledger

10-year-old champion weightlifter keeps on breaking records

**Adya Beasley**  
Video Journalist



## 05: Best Video

First Place

# Asbury Park Press

Superstorm Sandy  
Retrospective

**Thomas P. Costello**  
Chief Photographer/Video



### A Retrospective: Sandy Slams The Jersey Shore (11/18/12)

From the preparation to the recovery, Superstorm Sandy has changed the face of the Jersey Shore. STAFF VIDEO EDITED BY THOMAS P. COSTELLO

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Category 06

# Innovation Award



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## O6: Innovation Award



Third Place

# Asbury Park Press

The 66 sessions

**Alex Biese**

Music Writer

**Tom Spader**

Videographer

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# O6: Innovation Award

Second Place

# The Star-Ledger

Hurricane Sandy live chats

Staff



## O6: Innovation Award

First Place

# Asbury Park Press

### Chef's Table: Langosta Lounge's Marilyn Schlossbach cooking thai spring rolls and more

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See Marilyn Schlossbach of Langosta Lounge in Asbury Park make thai spring rolls and chicken with pomegranate drizzle and gooseberry salsa during this week's episode of Chef's Table.



Chef's Table (10/24/2012)

Wednesday October 24, 2012

11:56 Welcome to Chef's Table! Please send us your comments and questions!

Chef's Table

**Bill Canacci**

Editor

**Nina Rizzo**

Reporter

**Multimedia Staff**



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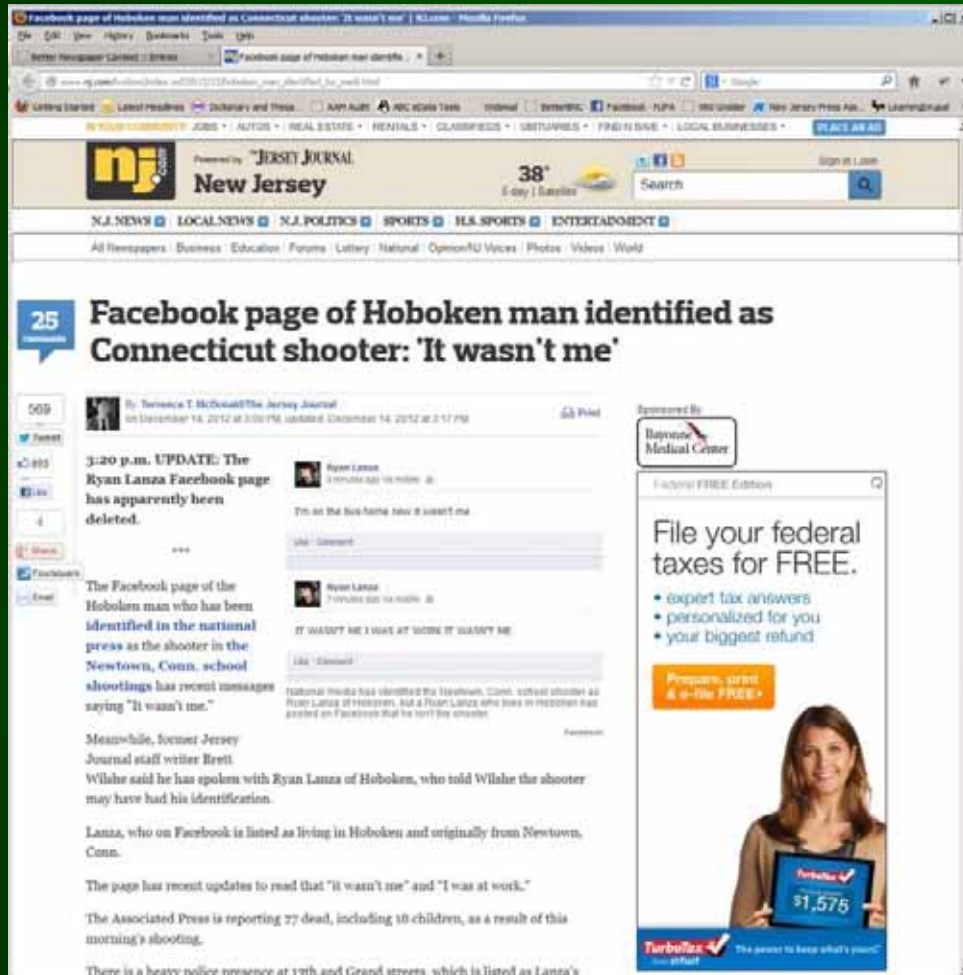
Category 07

# Online Breaking News



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# 07: Online Breaking News



Third Place

## The Jersey Journal

Facebook page of Hoboken man identified as Connecticut shooter: 'It wasn't me'

Hoboken Police bring in two roommates of man falsely identified as Connecticut school shooter

Jersey City Mayor Healy: Not time to talk about gun control

and several more articles

Terrence T. McDonald  
Reporter

Michaelangelo Conte  
Reporter

Anthony J. Machcinski  
Reporter

Editorial Staff



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## 07: Online Breaking News

Second Place

# Asbury Park Press

Superstorm Sandy hits the Jersey Shore

Staff



# 07: Online Breaking News

First Place

# The Star-Ledger

Hurricane Sandy

Staff





# Better Newspaper Contest 2012

Category 08

# Best Web Event

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## O8: Best Web Event

Third Place

# New Jersey Herald

The screenshot shows the New Jersey Herald website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, News, Classifieds, Obituaries, Weather, Sports, Lifestyle, Photo/Video, Entertainment, Shop Local, Contact Us, and Your Life. The main headline is "Live Video: Tedesco takes the stand in his own defense" with a sub-headline "Live Video of the murder trial of Hopatcong resident Giuseppe Tedesco, 26, who is accused of killing Alyssa Ruggieri, 22, of Hopatcong on March 27, 2010. Live video will stop during court breaks." Below the headline is a "MORE" link and a small image of Tedesco. To the right, there is a "Latest Edition" section with a "CLICK HERE" link. Below the main headline, there is a "Latest Headlines" section with several news items, a weather forecast for Newton (37°), and a "Blogs" section with links for Photos, Weight Loss, Food, Politics, and Weddings. A "Viewfinders" section is also visible at the bottom right.

Tedesco Trial

Steven Reilly

Reporter

Amy Paterson

Internet Director

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# O8: Best Web Event

Second Place

# The Star-Ledger

Hurricane Sandy

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## O8: Best Web Event

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# Asbury Park Press

Sandy leaves trail of destruction at Jersey Shore

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