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SCHOOLS

BOE member follows up on resignation plan

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

Paula Zaccone on Tuesday, Jan. 28, followed up with her plans to resign from the Bloomfield Board of Education.

She said her decision was based on her removal as chairwoman of the Curriculum Committee, The Senior High University education professor said she lives and teaches curriculum. No longer



Zaccone

serving on that committee "no longer makes sense to have my seat on the board," she said.

Board member Jill Eschman now leads the Curriculum Committee. Zaccone was moved to the Finance and Facilities Committee.

"I always felt when I did was good for Bloomfield. I don't do it for myself," Zaccone said.

Zaccone previously told Bloomfield Life that she often disagreed with Superintendent Sai Goncalves and Board President Shane Harper but did not discuss that in the public session.

After announcing her resignation, Zaccone collected her belongings and left the meeting handing your resignation letter to

Business Administration Director Elias Wilson outside the room.

"I wanted to keep it clean," she told Bloomfield Life regarding not mentioning Goncalves and Harper. "They should consider themselves lucky."

Harper and Goncalves declined comment.

The board later accepted Zaccone's resignation. Emily Smith and Kim Wilson voted against the resignation and thanked Zaccone for her service. "I think you've been nothing but an asset in this board," said Smith.

Board member Carlos Oetlin was absent.

Zaccone's term expires at the end of the year. The board of education will have to post the opening. Interested candidates and seek a replacement.

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LIBRARY

Document released without name of fined board trustee

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

After its unsuccessful efforts to stay a trial court's order, the Bloomfield Public Library released a document showing one of its board trustees had outstanding fines. However, the name of the trustee was redacted.

The documents indicated \$66.30 in fines owed against one of the 11 members. The fine broke down into \$60 for "replacement cost" and \$6.30 for two overdue items. It is unclear if the fines have been paid.



FILE PHOTO

Bloomfield Life's parent company, North Jersey Media Group, filed a motion to compel the library to release the documents with the trustee's name disclosed.

The Bloomfield Public Library violates New Jersey's Open Public Records Act when it failed to produce documents pertaining to overdue materials, Superior Court Judge Edith K. Payne ruled on Jan. 13.

However, Payne ruled the newspaper's request was narrow, as it did not seek records for all library patrons, and Board of Trustees members occupy a position different from other patrons because they have a fiduciary duty to the library to manage and utilize its assets.

After the ruling, library attorneys filed a motion to block the records' release, stating "the library would suffer irreparable harm if a stay is not granted, because there is no recourse once the documents are released to the public," they claimed the motion.

The library's attorneys also filed an emergency application with the Appellate Division to prevent Payne from knowing that application was also denied.

In July 2013, Bloomfield Life requested documents specifically regarding the library board's 11 trustees at the time. They included Board President Sharon McVey, Jeremiah Larkin Jr., Louis Accorcia, Mary Todaro, Susan Camar, Kathleen Hughes, Rosemary Vesnary, Patricia Pelican, Raymond McCarty, Ted Ehrenburg and Nicholas Donati. Pelican, McCarty and Donati are no longer on the board.

The disclosure of such information would clearly be in the public interest since it could disclose any misuse by the trustee of library materials or any accommodations made by the library to its trustees when fines were incurred," Payne wrote in her opinion.

The judge gave the library 10 days to produce records identifying the fines and also fees owed by

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UPCOMING IRISH NIGHT

St. Thomas the Apostle Holy Name Society will host its 22nd Annual Irish Night from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, in the parish's Holy Name Hall. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes traditional Irish music, at-top dancing, a sing-along led by Scott Sim, corned beef and cabbage dinner, Irish soda bread, beer, wine and soda. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For tickets, call Frank at 973-328-5872 or Rich at 973-328-6444. St. Thomas the Apostle Holy Name Society members are from left, Chairman Frank Mossel, Frank Heintzelberg, Paul Akopy, Gerald Pavlick, all of Bloomfield, and Don Powers of Nutley.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Newspaper questions secret ballot

BY JEFF FRANKEL
Staff Writer

Bloomfield Board of Education attorney Nicholas Donati stands by the board's secret ballot vote for his leadership.

In a letter to the board, attorneys for Bloomfield Life alleged the secret ballot is every January violated New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act and requested a public vote.

The Kinnelon Board of Education recently faces an open vote for its accountability after it determined its previous secret ballot violated OPMA, according to a report in Suburban Trends newspaper OPMA overrides Robert's Rules regarding public bodies, the Kinnelon board decided.

As in Jan. 8 reorganization meeting, the Bloomfield board voted 5-4 in favor of Stano

over Emily Smith as president. Nominations were made and discussed publicly, but board members voted on the nominees by secret ballot. Carol Burrows was appointed board vice president unanimously.

It was the second time within a year that the board voted via secret ballot. Smith replaced Mary Staughton as president in 2013.

"OPMA declares it is the right of the public to be present at all meetings of public bodies, and to witness in full detail all phases of the deliberation, policy formulation, and decision-making of public bodies," Hobbs Thompson, corporate attorney for North Jersey Media Group, Bloomfield Life's parent company, stated in a letter to the board. "While OPMA does not mandate a secret ballot in which the public may be excluded from the deliberative

process, selection of the board leadership is not listed among them."

Board bylaws discuss protocol for the annual reorganization meeting, and current policy is silent on the reorganization process and selection of board officers, board attorney Nicholas Donati wrote in response. As long as the board's bylaws do not conflict with state law or regulations, the board is guided by Robert's Rules of Order, Donati stated.

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Hoboken's legacy of vote-by-mail schemes

Rent control referendum results stand, and shed light on dubious election pastime

by Dean DeChiaro

Reporter staff writer

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RENT CONTROL SETTLED – Some Hoboken voters traveled to the polls in November to weigh in on the future of the city's rent control laws. Hundreds of others voted by mail, and a court case over the legitimacy over their ballots helped to shed light on the longstanding practice of "vote harvesting" in Hoboken.

citizen and low-income housing buildings to encourage residents to fill out absentee ballots. Seven years ago, the state made it easier for people to fill out ballots by mail by allowing people to do so without having to give a reason.

Over the past 20 years, several allegations of vote-by-mail-related fraud in Hoboken have been referred to law enforcement. Thus far, no charges have come as a result of those investigations, except for one indictment of a councilman in 1997 – allowing the practice that Mayor Dawn Zimmer called "vote harvesting" to continue largely unobstructed.

However, last week, a lawyer representing the Hoboken Fair Housing Association (HFHA) cross examined, in court, two campaign workers for Let the People Decide, a pro-MSTA political action committee which submitted several hundred vote-by-mail ballots in the November election. The line of questioning focused

When the Mile Square Taxpayers Association, a group of developers and landlords long opposed to Hoboken's tenant-friendly rent control codes, withdrew a legal challenge to the results of a November referendum last week, they conceded a victory to tenants who want to keep rent control in place. But it had another effect – it shined a light on a dubious election practice that has plagued Hoboken politics for years.

The court proceedings, in which MSTTA attempted to argue that the Hudson County Board of Elections should not have invalidated around 300 vote-by-mail ballots, placed a microscope on those types of ballots, which have long been a source of controversy here.

For years, political organizations have influenced elections in advance by sending workers into senior

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Balancing act needed for board's decision

BY DAVID A. MUELLER
Staff Writer

With several budgeting options before it, the Ridgewood Planning Board will have to balance the budget while making the best of a projected budget deficit of \$100,000 to \$150,000, according to a report released last week.

The board will have to make a decision on whether to raise rates, cut services, or a combination of the two. The board will also have to decide on whether to raise rates, cut services, or a combination of the two.

VILLAGE FINANCES

Manager to increase supervision

Former employee stole \$460K in coins

BY DAVID A. MUELLER
Staff Writer

When Manager Joseph D'Amico was asked for the money, he said it was his responsibility to ensure the safety of the coins. He said he was not responsible for the loss of the coins.

RHS CELEBRATES ASIAN TRADITIONS

BY DAVID A. MUELLER
Staff Writer

The Ridgewood High School (RHS) celebrated Asian traditions with a performance by the school's Asian dance team. The performance was held at the school's gymnasium.

HOUSING PROPOSALS

Debate continues for developers, planners, CBR

BY DAVID A. MUELLER
Staff Writer

The debate over housing proposals continues as developers, planners, and the Community Board (CBR) discuss the merits of the proposals. The proposals include a mix of residential and commercial units.

VILLAGE BUDGET

Departments stress staffing needs

BY DAVID A. MUELLER
Staff Writer

Several village departments are stressing their staffing needs as they prepare for the upcoming fiscal year. The departments include the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department.

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Differing views on estimate offered

Frustration builds as questioning continues

Developer hosts meeting on proposal

Questioning of village planner coming to a close

Laura Herzog
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COMMISSION

Behind the scenes on Roche

BY HASIME KUKAJ
Staff Writer

The Sun obtained 2013 executive meeting minutes, which the Nutley Board of Commissioners recently released.

The following was discussed regarding the Roche/Citron/Nutley campus, which is set to be vacated by 2015. Most of the discussions led to public actions in later dates.

Vision List
During an April 25, 2013, executive session, Assistant Township Attorney Alan Centuripe said that he had discussed with Roche Vice President and Site Head Tom Lyons that no residential homes be developed on the Nutley side. "Citron has all of the vacant property, Nutley has all the buildings," Centuripe said.

The matter also surfaced on May 7, 2013, when the commissioners discussed a deed of the unimproved vacant lot for the property.

According to minutes, Tucci asked Centuripe if the township was "looking single family use." Centuripe responded that Roche had made it clear "that they would not sell for the use of single family residential."

Tucci said that the environmental assessment would determine what can actually go on the property.

The board also spoke about various options and scenarios for the Roche site. Options included attracting homeowners interested in Nutley workers, a "red brick" park and playground, re-utilizing current buildings on the site, valuing quality of life, revenue-sharing agreements with Citron, preserving access to House 3, and preserving Nutley's marble base.

Three redevelopment schemes released to the public in early January, propose at least 530 residential units in Nutley, while Citron's only residential plans are outlined in Scheme 2, titled "Hybrid." The scheme consists of light industrial in both Nutley and Citron, along with Community Care Equipment Center in Citron with 332 units.

All three schemes also propose a hotel on the Citron side.

Tax Relief Act
The board discussed concerns over re-introducing the Corporate/Industrial/Property Tax Relief Act during a July 2, 2013, executive session. It was hoped the legislation would aid Nutley with Roche's closure. Gov. Chris Christie vetoed the bill on June 28, 2013. The board said making a resolution that would allow Gov. Christie to "keep an open mind, and work with the legislature to resolve his objections" in order to support the act.

Assemblyman Ralph Caputo (D-28th) said the board during the executive session that, just because the governor vetoed the bill, didn't mean Nutley was "going to give up.... The fact is, if we don't fight for ourselves, no one else will. This can be diplomatically handled," he said.

Best 4, 6, 8
During a Nov. 7, 2013, executive session, the commissioners spoke about an individual's YouTube video regarding the commission's handling of the Roche matter.

Erns said that the video was "beyond brooms of speech," the minutes state. The board also discussed environmental testing methods as the site and state testing requirements.

Legal counsel Inglesino and Pasternak presented a Roche timeline to the board.

Erns said during an Oct. 15, 2013, meeting, that Roche building demolitions could potentially cause a loss of revenue of \$1 million for the year 2014, \$2.2 million for 2015 and \$4.5 million for 2016.

On Oct. 3, 2013, it was expressed that Nutley's potential use would be a pharmaceutical company similar to Roche, which would potentially use five of the buildings. Erns said at the time that the timeline of Roche's planned demolitions versus proposed cash state concerned that.

John Inglesino of Inglesino and Pasternak stated that Nutley had the option to start the re-development process, as it could possibly give the township authority especially by uniform demolition.

Upcoming events
At 7 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Roche will host a Town hall meeting to discuss environmental findings regarding its property.

The Nutley Planning Board is slated to review potential plans in connection for a Roche Redevelopment Study during closed sessions at 7 p.m. on June 11, 12 and 19 at 7 p.m.

Find more of this story at nutley.com/nutley. Email: Autaj@sunjournal.com.

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Heroin use hits epidemic rates in your town

Police ready for battle

BY JACQUELINE COUGHLIN
 Staff Writer

There is a heroin epidemic in South Bergen County, and it's spreading. Along with other counties in the region, South Bergen is seeing a sharp increase in heroin use. In 2013, the county reported a 15 percent increase in heroin-related deaths, according to the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office. So far this year 15 more lives have been lost to the drug.

Police, prosecutors and other law enforcement agencies are working to combat the problem. They say they will continue to work with the state and federal agencies to combat the problem.

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Town nixes \$95 Adopt-A-Tree

BY JACQUELINE COUGHLIN
 Staff Writer

The town of Lyndhurst has decided to nix its Adopt-A-Tree program, which cost \$95 per tree. The town board voted to discontinue the program because of the high cost. The town board also decided to nix the program because of the high cost.

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Property owners petition to disband special improvement district

BY JACQUELINE COUGHLIN
 Staff Writer

Property owners in the special improvement district in Lyndhurst are petitioning to disband the district. The district is a special improvement district that was created in 1992. The district is a special improvement district that was created in 1992.

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HOMICIDE

Victim was repeatedly robbed by 'street hustlers'

By Penny Ray
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TRENTON • Rodney Burke lived in housing provided by Greater Trenton Behavioral Healthcare and he was moved to South Broad Street about a month before he was murdered.

Burke, 48, used to live on Hamilton Avenue, where store owners and a small community of street hustlers did their best to protect him from harm. But when he moved to South Broad Street, Burke was no longer protected by people who understood his mental state. That left Burke vulnerable to gang members, drug dealers and other street hustlers who saw an opportunity to take advantage of him, according to family and friends.

Burke was shot and killed

on Nov. 4. He was found inside his home, but police believe he was shot elsewhere. Prosecutors have charged Kenneth Hines and Alexandria Gomez with murder and conspiracy in connection with Burke's death. Prosecutors say the pair conspired to commit a robbery, which resulted in the killing.

Sadly, that wasn't the first time Burke had been robbed. Family and friends say he was repeatedly beaten and robbed for at least the past three years.

"Around the first of the month when he got his disability check, they would take his money from him," his mother Gloria Burke said. "He never told me who was doing it; he was scared. They took his money all of the time."

According to his mother, at the age of 18, Rodney

Burke was diagnosed with schizophrenia. His mother also said Rodney had a "lower than average" IQ, but she could not remember the score of his latest intelligence test. Store owners and street hustlers on Hamilton Avenue described Burke as having the personality of a young child who would never harm anyone.

Burke was originally from New Brunswick. He graduated from Bonnie Brae, which is a school for eight to 18-year-old boys in crisis. His family and friends in New Brunswick called him "Flow Leg," but his friends in Trenton knew him as "Bubba." Business owners on Hamilton Avenue said Burke was unlike others who walked the block looking for money: Instead of asking for a free handout, he asked for work.

"He was a childlike, innocent guy," James Williams, who works at a liquor store on Hamilton Avenue, said. "The (street hustlers) around here are like predators and they took advantage of Bubba whenever he received his (disability) check. It's like they killed a kid. Bubba was good-natured and didn't bother anyone."

"He would actually come in here and ask me for work," owner of Mama's Pizzeria Alex Rabino said. "I let him sweep floors or clean windows so he could feel like he earned that slice of pizza. He was the only person on this street who wouldn't bother anyone. It breaks my heart that he's gone."

Gloria Burke said her son was beaten and robbed repeatedly over the course of a year while living in New Brunswick. Rodney was then readmitted into Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, Gloria said, where he re-



Kevin Smith stands near a makeshift memorial he built for Rodney Burke, Nov. 4, 2014.

ceived treatment for about seven months before entering a transitional housing program. Gloria said she wanted Rodney to move back to New Brunswick, but he refused. So, about a year and a half ago, Burke moved into an apartment building on Hamilton Avenue occupied by at least seven other people who are in transitional housing programs.

"They were robbing him for about a year before he moved to Trenton," Gloria Burke said. "Then he would stay in the house for about four or five days before going back outside. He always refused to come back (home) because of what happened to him in the past. Greater Trenton (Behavioral Healthcare) promised me they were going to provide security in the building where he lived, but they never did."

John Monahan, CEO of Greater Trenton Behavioral Healthcare (GTBHC), declined to comment on several questions, but he said, "We have security staff that work with us whenever there's a client that needs any kind of support." Monahan would not disclose the name of the agency that provides security for GTBHC clients. The organization's tax forms, which are very detailed and seemingly transparent, do not list an itemized expense for security services.

Burke's family and friends say security was not provided for any of the occupants of the apartment buildings on Hamilton Avenue and South Broad Street. They also say Burke was repeatedly robbed each month. Rodney's family said they never notified police about the robberies, but "the counselor was aware of what was going on at that house," his sister Crystal Burke said.

"My brother never bothered anyone, but people took advantage of him because he was mentally challenged," Crystal said. "The house was taken over by drug addicts. They'd play cards, bring in different women and have sex all night, sell drugs out of the house and dare (my brother) to say anything."

Several people interviewed for this story said street hustlers with guns used to wait outside of the Hamilton Avenue building and force Rodney to let them inside. Once inside, the gunmen would kick in all of the apartment doors and rob the tenants. Crystal said she has chased several "young guys" who she knew did not reside in the building off of the porch. In fact, several people said Rodney was often afraid to walk home, which was about two blocks from the businesses

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The tragic death of Rodney Burke

Penny Ray



Rodney Burke

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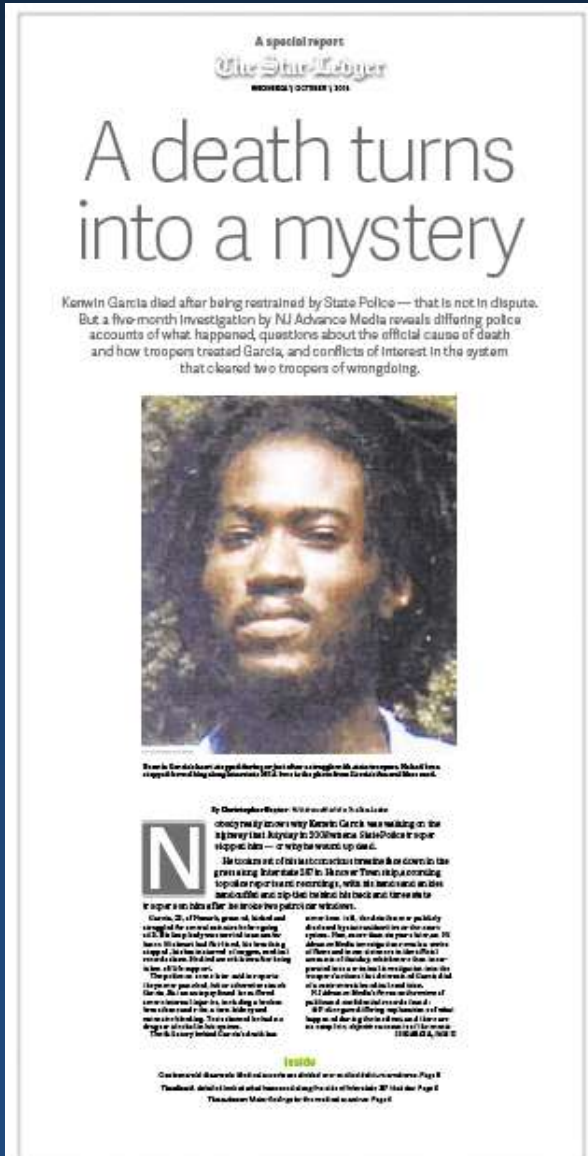
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A death turns into a mystery

Few details when suspects die

Independent reviews of officer-involved deaths sought

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Time to break out the peanuts and the popcorn

Where are the clowns? Send in the clowns, as the old song goes.
The most recent meeting of the Belleville Township Council certainly qualified as a clown, as more than 100 people packed the council chambers at Belleville Town Hall on Washington Avenue to hear accusations leveled, answers insisted on, and resignations demanded. The only things missing were peanuts, popcorn, a ring and a big-top tent. The public portion of the meeting, which lasted just over an hour, was like watching schoolchildren run rampant with no supervision.

with all the yelling, pointing and back-talking. And these were adults.
Election time is always a "ridly" season, especially in Belleville - but the March 25 meeting pretty much downgraded silly into ridiculous. Members of the public yelled at the council, council members exchanged unpleasantness with the public, and few people managed to talk in a calm voice while a lot of dirty laundry got aired, and loudly.
An outsider might have wondered if every Belleville municipal meeting was like last week's.

It was like a bad reality TV show, except you couldn't turn it off.
It's okay for the public to disagree with the governing body, and vice-versa. It's embarrassing when grown people can't disagree with one another without repeatedly raising their voices, or talking over one another. And with more than a month-and-a-half to go before the council ballots are cast, it's probably going to get even worse.
Send in the clowns? Don't bother, they're already here.

School No. 4 tricky tray a success; Clara Maass Auxiliary meets

My grammar school, James G. Swager - School No. 4 in Silver Lake passed a tricky tray on Sunday, March 23 at the Senior Center on Mill Street. It always goes to go to a fundraiser that will benefit the children and the school and make it possible to give them equipment.
The Home and School Association president, Sandra Martinez, and his wife, assistant president, Mary Jane, along with treasurer, Jessica Lahee, did a tremendous job along with the help of friends in school; numerous donors who provide items with funds available for the function. Many parents and friends also donated goods and money to make the event possible.
We were entertained by Sun-



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During other years, the association has given a refrigerator, a computer and books, plus other items that were needed. We are proud our "School in the Lake".
The first meeting of the year for the Clara Maass Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, March 25, in the Kiddie Hall. The auxiliary meets the fourth Tuesday of the month - March, May, June, September and October. In December we have a special tree lighting ceremony where you can purchase a light and give one in memory or in honor of a friend or family member. We give two scholar-ship out for a senior volunteer-ship at the hospital, and a senior who has patches working there. This scholarship is given in May.

We have a baby shower in June to help out families who need extra clothing for their child. It is a great organization to belong in. If interested, call Carmen at 973-743-7307 or Angela at 973-750-2721. We would love to have you join us and learn more about our hospital and what we do as an organization.
I met a wonderful woman from Canzoni Street, Jean Ischler, who will turn 100 on Nov. 12. She was delighted to know that my maiden name was Canzoni and asked if I loved them. I told her a bit of the story and she will write about it again in a later column. She certainly did not look her age and told her eye could pass for that good age of 39. So hello, Jean - hope you are doing

well.
Condolences to the family of Joan Nicastro Joan, who passed on March 20 at her home, was a member of the Golden Cross of Silver Lake Civic Association. Every meeting, and I mean every meeting, Joan along with her friends, Ida, Mary, Madeline and Dolly would come and sit together or to discuss what was going on around town. I was able to measure to see them show and get a big hug and hello from all of them. They ranged in age from 87 to 103, but sadly I must report that now they are all meeting in heaven and having their own meetings there. Joan was the last Golden Cross to leave us, and they

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LETTERS

Editor's note: Random who seeks to endorse or criticize candidates, or to comment on political positions or issues on the ballot, must submit their letters for publication prior to or in the Times' May 1 edition. Only substantive comments or materials previously published in the Times will be published on May 1, the final issue before the November general election. The Times urges citizens to vote in the May 13 election and on all ballotes.

Burke letter
to the Editor,
Hi, Les, Lisa, Lisa:
Recently you ran an article in the Belleville Times stating that a member of Mrs. Marie Lusk's family visited the home of a DPW employee. Let me advise you that I am the family member mentioned in this letter. Please note that I did not go into his home, rather we sat in my car. This employee alleges that I made statements that, if true, would constitute work place bel-

ittling, harassment and/or intimidation.
The DPW employee and I have been friends for many years and had a father/son relationship. He helped me restore the stadium bleachers, and was my contracting assistant in the Lakes Football Program. The reason that I originally went to see him was that he told me about a personal connection he was experiencing. The main discussion centered on his girlfriend.

Let me say that at no time did I ask him to sign my cousin's position because I feared that some type of political repercussion would happen to him at work. He said me that he would and I gave him for her secrecy but was told by the address director of public works that if he supported the Mayor and his decision, a promotion would be in line for him and a few others at public works.
Hiring a man in my kids and a longtime business owner, I have never in my life ever harassed, intimidated anyone or work or support a candidate against their

will.
Unlike the cowards in Town Hall who seek in a letter to the Belleville Times, which was curious and anonymous, I am hereby stating my name for the record that I, Vincent Stuenkel Sr., is the owner of this letter which I swear is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God.
Vincent Stuenkel Sr.
Belleville

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Communication too important for this kind of show

Roman J. Uschak
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• COMMENTARY •

Don't be a snowy-road worrier

Perhaps these remarks would have been more appropriate last week, but with our holiday deadline and all, we obviously had no idea that a winter storm would hit us.

Nonetheless, a few comments in this regard are not overly inappropriate, for it's a good bet that, before spring arrives, there will be more time with which to cope.

Having had to drive in the immediate aftermath of last week's storm, a couple things continue to irritate us.

One is the impatience of drivers who take to the roads with nothing more than a peephole through a snow-covered windshield, clearing only what their wipers could reach.

Then, there are those who, while clearing their sidewalks and driveways, use snow blows on a roadway that was recently plowed. It is not a safe thing to do. Moreover, it is often prohibited by ordinance. In fact, the Borough of Hopewell, for example, sent out an email advisory in that regard just as last week's snowfall was ending.

And, although many of us already abide by the following, these tips for driving in the snow, provided by AAA, could bear reading:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly

to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And, take time to slow down for a traffic signal. Remember, it takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – reacting happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.

- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to 10 seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the distance needed if you have to stop.

- Know your brakes. Whether you have anti-lock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold braking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floorplate and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure to the brake pedal.

- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving, while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic signal changes, do it.

- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just makes your



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wheel spin. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill, and let that momentum carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed, and proceed as slowly as possible.

- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Use some inertia going on a flat, roadway before you take on the hill.

- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate. If you don't have someone you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

Visit AAA's YouTube page for more on winter driving tips.

Frozen long johns: A red-ily visible sign of winter

Editor's note: Ed Pflum is still under the weather a bit. In the absence of a new submission for this week, we posted a winter how-come of his from several years ago.

Whenever there's a bone-chilling day in the winter air, I think of grandpa's red flannel long johns and how they used to hang on the clothesline in our back yard in Hopewell where I grew up.



After Thoughts

ED PFLUM



THEEBOOK

They were frozen like cardboard, and danced stiffly in the wind like some grotesque figure dangling from a scaffold.

Sometimes, I always felt some what embarrassed at the sight. In those days in the early 1930s, there was no such thing as a dryer or an automatic washing machine, and men had a clothesline strung on pulleys from the back porch to the corner of the garage.

She would bring the wet laundry up from the basement in a basket, attach it piece by piece to the line with wooden clothespins, and roll it out like a sailor hoisting signal flags.

On a cold winter's day, everything would freeze – shirts and socks, shoes and fur coats. Like men's hosiery, that I felt shouldn't be displayed in public. But, for some reason, grandpa's red flannels always seemed the most conspicuous.

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All the signs, then the giveaway

Bill Slossar Editor



PBA toy drive was a 'huge success'

ONE CAROL

The members of Dumont PBA Local 377 would like to thank our gratitude to those who helped make this year's toy drive another huge success. Through the generosity and support of the many individuals this year, we were able to put a smile on both the children's and their parents' faces during this difficult time.

Those who donated a toy should know that your thoughtfulness was well appreciated, not only by the PBA's involved but certainly also by each child who benefited from

your kindness.

Thank you.

Luke Wilton,

Member PBA Local 377

Dumont

Value of immigrants are not recognized

DEAN COFFE

I think conservative Republicans just don't recognize the benefits, including employment

benefits, that immigrants bring. The continuing arrival of immigrants to America brings more job creation because, if American companies can find

cheap immigrant labor as there, they don't need to move their plants – and the high wage managerial and technical jobs associated with them – elsewhere.

It was reported in The Wall Street Journal recently that the most important reason we should support immigration reform is the critical role it plays in helping end America's job crisis. "Research has repeatedly shown that more open immigration policies would create more jobs for Americans."

It is unfortunate that congressional Republicans with their knowledge that immigration

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Less politics, more progress needed

Often times politics seems to overshadow the importance of certain events.

Eight months ago the governor and numerous other officials were in town to announce the first ever "senior" housing complex to be built in Belleville. Dozens of residents, mostly senior citizens, attended the press conference to hear the announcement, with remarks made by the governor, county executive, Belleville mayor, and representatives from companies involved in the building process.

Many residents were overjoyed to hear about the project; some were skeptical of it and the housing application process.

Nevertheless, it was something that officials touted as difference levels of government working together to get something done that would benefit taxpayers.

Now, this project is back in the news – not for the progress that's being made on it, but for revelations that Superstorm Sandy aid money was supposedly used for the project.

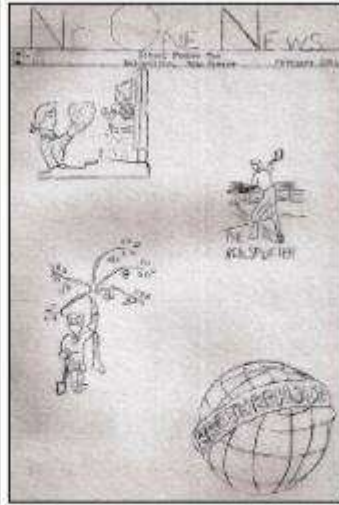
When the announcement was made about the project last May, there was very little, if any mention of Sandy. In a press release published on the Essex County website, there's this one phrase: "Since the project is located in one of the nine counties most impacted by Sandy, the project may assist senior citizens affected by the storm" – but the quote is not attributed to a single person.

Some Belleville officials who are registered Democrats made their endorsement of Christie for reelection last year public knowledge. And Christie used the endorsements of public officials from all over the state, particularly Democrats, to boost his case for the governorship, campaigning on a platform that he can work with all levels of government, and all political parties, to get things done. There's nothing wrong with that – we're happy to see that our government is working together. But when you come to a town to make this huge announcement, with great expectations from not only the residents, but local government as well, don't let us down. Residents who sat along Mill Street and Franklin Avenue last May, hearing officials after officials tell them they would be able to stay in the town they have grown up in, deserve better than this. They deserve to see some actual shovels in the ground – not the ceremonial ones used at the groundbreaking last spring.

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A LOOK BACK



This photo of the School No. 1 addition was taken in 1923, shortly after it was built. Not used for classrooms since 1980, the building was recently demolished to make way for apartment. Also pictured is the cover of the school newsletter from 50 years ago. Marlene Buglio and Chris Perillo were responsible for a throwback. The posters were Mabel Jackson, Caroline Hatal and Ellen LaRita.

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Body cameras could improve police accountability

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OUR VIEW

Dissociate Disorder in the voting public

Voters hate Congress but keep electing same reps

It was no secret last Tuesday when the United States College of New Jersey released a poll showing confidence in Congress. Even confidence in the House of Representatives, which polls of the public consistently show are lowest. Yet, last week's election results show that voters are likely to reelect many of the same representatives to the 103rd Congress. The House of Representatives is the only branch of the federal government that is elected by the voters. Yet, voters consistently elect representatives who they hate.

The results of the poll show that voters are likely to reelect representatives who they hate. This is a clear indication that voters are not dissociating from the representatives who they hate. This is a clear indication that voters are not dissociating from the representatives who they hate.

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> WAVES ...
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YOUR VIEWS

Historic districts have value for communities

The historic district of Ocean City has a great deal of value for the community. It provides a unique glimpse into the past and helps to preserve the city's heritage.

White Trash in Historic District

White trash is a problem in the historic district of Ocean City. It is a problem that has caused many people to leave the district and has caused many people to be evicted from their homes.

Over the Back Fence

Over the back fence, I see a lot of things that I don't see from the front of the house. I see a lot of things that I don't see from the front of the house.

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Looking back on the events of the past few months, it is clear that we have made some progress. We have made some progress in addressing the issues that we are facing.

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Eliminate the Historic District

David Nahan
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Most of the public has considered the TMB
South Change Avenue projects settled issue.
It is not:

Leonard Robb
EDITORIAL COMMENT
COLUMNIST

The local angle

While a local paper and we like it, it is not local. We like the local public, local business, working with a local angle. The particularity of people organizations that make sense to us.

When there is an agency named by someone who knows the people they are asking things get done quickly and effectively. People are reasonable and respectful. They go their own way.

That's why we are a little concerned to see that our local United Way is more merging with the (North) Jersey regional organization. We're not big fans of regionalization.

Our United Way began as the Millburn-South Hills Community Fund. It was founded in 1964.

Over the years, excellence in the national organization of United Way has been recognized by the highest level of financial and management in the highest level.

However, we were always confident in our own United Way of Millburn-South Hills because it was founded on a rock of local America. This is something we were always proud of.

Some questions to the United Way – United Way of Northern New Jersey – will be shared and expanded and comments throughout the region. We are sure that the message will be an opportunity to develop more resources and opportunities for growth and opportunities to be a larger organization.

We hope that you:

We have to sound skeptical, but we've seen this before. When someone comes from the region during the past several years, someone would be the Chief, Chief, which had been organized, and discovered the common values were in another town. The fact and evidence that local had been used to provide has been scaled back. Many of the local resources and smaller have are no longer needed.

The local angle is a success.



Letters to the Editor

Battle over TMB construction not over yet

By Leonard Robb
The Millburn Township Board of Education has a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, June 14, to discuss the proposed TMB construction project. The board will be asked to approve the project, which is a \$10 million project. The project is a controversial one, and the board will be asked to make a decision on whether to approve it. The project is a controversial one, and the board will be asked to make a decision on whether to approve it.

Remembering when a music master came to Millburn

By Leonard Robb
I remember when a music master came to Millburn. It was a long time ago, and it was a special time. The music master was a great teacher, and he made a big difference in the lives of the students. He was a great teacher, and he made a big difference in the lives of the students.

Why not the whole town?

By Leonard Robb
Why not the whole town? It's a question that has been asked many times. The answer is simple: because it's not possible. The whole town is too big, and it's too diverse. It's not possible to have a single voice for the whole town.

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Less bickering, more governing

Mid-Chief Justice, a moderate view about how to run the court, and as a former chief justice he can give us the best advice on the court's future. His views are being reported with respect during the past few weeks.

It is also time for those who were running in crowded races to re-evaluate their own conduct. It is time to be humble to the people. It is time to be grateful for the jobs. Things that may or may not have been mentioned during the course of the general campaign with a handshake after the election. Such ideas can build the leadership that they need in the field and also some of the work during the coming year.

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The last Thursday evening of the Caldwell Mayor and Council, newly re-elected Mayor Ann Thawley, and Council members gathered to discuss the city's future. The mayor and council members were in a room that was not a formal meeting room. The mayor and council members were in a room that was not a formal meeting room.

The particular election was a little rougher on the Caldwell government. It has been in more years. Back to 1988, Ann Thawley made it clear to Mayor Ann Thawley that she was not going to be a mayor without any opposition. She was not going to be a mayor without any opposition.

There was no doubt that Mayor Thawley's Republican ticket retained the voting major and Council members. Mayor Thawley and Council members were in a room that was not a formal meeting room.

The race, as it was, was fairly tight. During the past few weeks, a number of candidates for Mayor Thawley and Council members were in a room that was not a formal meeting room.

The issue is not just the election. It is the issue of the city's future. It is the issue of the city's future. It is the issue of the city's future.

Powerful women bullish on prospects for women

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Vulgarity in the eye of the beholder

Russ Crespolini

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Freeholder thanks supporters

Dear Friends and Supporters,
I am writing to you to thank you for your support of my campaign for the office of Freeholder. I am writing to you to thank you for your support of my campaign for the office of Freeholder.

Tempesta Team thanks supporters and voters of West Caldwell

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Resident thanks Calandra for coffee

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In light of drivers' right to flash

Gentle, take the wrong way. New Jersey's new "flasher" law, "flasher" law, is not a new law. It's a law that has been around for a long time. It's a law that says that if you're driving on a highway and you see a car with its headlights flashing, you should pull over and let them pass. It's a law that says that if you're driving on a highway and you see a car with its headlights flashing, you should pull over and let them pass.

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OUR READERS WRITE

Greenwich workers deserve more respect

The Greenwich workers deserve more respect. They are the backbone of the community and without them, the economy would collapse. They deserve the same respect and recognition that all workers deserve. It's time to stop looking down on them and start treating them as the professionals they are.

At the end of the day, the workers are the ones who are making the community what it is. They are the ones who are providing the goods and services that we need to live. They deserve the same respect and recognition that all workers deserve. It's time to stop looking down on them and start treating them as the professionals they are.

Lanon's voting record is far from conservative

The author writes, "Congressman Lanan is far from conservative or pro-life." This is a statement that is based on a very narrow view of what it means to be conservative. A conservative is someone who believes in the principles of limited government, individual liberty, and the rule of law. Congressman Lanan's voting record is far from conservative.



ONLINE POLL

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So-called 'What's a little coin to avoid losing pigs?'

The author writes, "What's a little coin to avoid losing pigs?" This is a question that is asking for a solution to a problem. The answer is that there is no solution to the problem of losing pigs. The only way to avoid losing pigs is to not have any pigs in the first place.

It's time for people to wake up, see the danger we're in

The author writes, "It's time for people to wake up, see the danger we're in." This is a statement that is calling for action. The danger we're in is that we are not paying attention to the problems that are facing our country. We need to wake up and see the danger we're in.

Lehigh flunks simple test of politeness

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OPINION **Truth about Temple cuts**

By **James Maloney**

Temple's decision to cut several education programs has provoked a storm of criticism, and rightly so. The cuts are not only of substance, but also of spirit. They are a slap in the face to the thousands of students who have spent their money on Temple education, and to the thousands of parents who have spent their money on Temple education. The cuts are a slap in the face to the thousands of students who have spent their money on Temple education, and to the thousands of parents who have spent their money on Temple education.

YOUR LETTERS

For Sale for less

With interest rates at 10 percent, it's not surprising that many people are looking for ways to reduce their debt. One way is to refinance their mortgages at a lower interest rate. Another way is to refinance their credit cards at a lower interest rate. Both of these options can save you a lot of money over the long run.

Body for Northeast

It was with deep sorrow that I read of the death of William Penn Shipley, a man who had spent his life in service to the Northeast. He was a man of great integrity and a man of great courage. He was a man who had spent his life in service to the Northeast, and he was a man who had spent his life in service to the Northeast.

No drone center

Legislators are being asked to fund a new drone center in the state. This is a very expensive project, and it is not clear that it is necessary. The state already has a number of drone centers, and it is not clear that a new one is needed. The state should focus on other areas that need funding, such as education and healthcare.

Slackers can quit

Many people are complaining about the state's budget. They are saying that the state is spending too much money on unnecessary programs. They are saying that the state is spending too much money on unnecessary programs. They are saying that the state is spending too much money on unnecessary programs.

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Don't be too happy about murder lull

Eleven weeks without a murder is not something to celebrate. Sure, making it through August and September without a homicide in Trenton is an accomplishment, but before we celebrate, let's admit that one murder in this city is too many.

But now looking at two murders in as many weeks, we as a city begin to grieve again. We begin to deal with loss again.

Rather than celebrate the lull, we need to learn from it and figure out what went right for those two quiet months.

Some deep introspection is called for as a city and especially as components that make up the city of Trenton.

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Medical response is clearly a part of the reason there were no homicides for 11 weeks.

What changed this August as opposed to last for EMS and hospital workers? Shootings happened in that time, but all of those victims survived.

Were community groups more vigilant during that time? Some community leaders have talked

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about recognizing the milestone of even going through August without a murder. August is usually the month when the most murders happen in a lot of cities. Maybe it is the heat or that gang tensions have been rising through the early summer months, which often culminates in a bloody end to the summer. August 2014 saw zero fatal shootings.

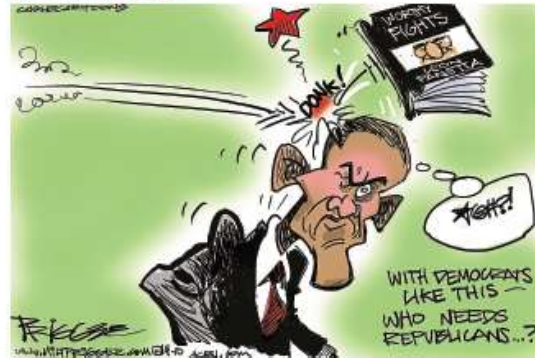
One theory offered was that most of the killers in Trenton are gone. That there is only a finite amount of thugs willing to take a life and a lot of them have been put in jail or killed in retaliation already. That theory is unlikely, but maybe it contributed to the quiet time. The cycle of violence in cities around the U.S. means we are seeing disenfranchised youth coming up and constantly feeding into the gangs, fearing that there is no other choice for them. No escape.

Most likely is that all of these factors and more helped keep the murder rate down recently. Now isn't the time to be happy about it, but rather to learn from it so that we can do it again.

Next time for longer.

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Back Talk

Pension bill is a good start

I see that Shirley Turner's bill to protect public pension has passed the Senate. I think this is a good bill. Her main purpose is because she claims that a lot of the state employee's funds were going to help the Republican party. However, she fails to tell us that even her time in running for office, and she was a Democrat, her party constantly have the State of NJ public employees pushing for the state employees to vote Democrat.

As a state employee I vividly recall telephone calls pushing Democrat public official to be elected by the state

employee and state union. She should look at both sides of the coin before she passes something like this. She is just as bad. She benefited from this now she does not want anybody else benefiting from this. Although I do agree it should be eliminated.

— State worker

Any time we can keep a political bias out of the day-to-day workings of the government, I'm all for it. That being said, there is a difference between unions and workers being robo-called from outside the office and pension money getting funneled to cronies.

— Ed Note

Good customer service

This is meant for the awesome worker at Auto Zone. I would just like to thank him so much for helping my daughter with her head light on Friday, Aug. 24. We definitely need more people in the world like him.

— Grateful Dad

Good customer service goes a long way in this day and age. We should celebrate it, even though it used to be the norm, not the exception.

— Ed Note

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NFL failed on Rice, so did N.J. justice

When powerful organizations want to increase their political voice, they often turn to the state courts. Various political groups have done this in the case of the football star Ray Rice. And that has points to impressing cases for reform.

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Pay hike for Jersey City council members a sound idea

Last week, Jersey City Councilman Michael Yun proposed as much as doubling the pay of each council member who now receives \$35,000 annually. Yun said he was seeking the point of view of his colleagues on the local governing body.

He said council aides would see their salaries nearly triple, from \$15,000 to \$40,000. And to make it worth having the title, the council president's pay would increase from \$36,000 to \$80,000.

In an article by Journal reporter Terrence McDonald, the Heights councilman said the current pay for members of the legislative panel and their aides does little to attract qualified candidates who can provide "checks and balances" to the mayor's well-compensated staff.

"We're short on manpower,"

Yun said. "We can't do true research, analysis."

It is the state Legislature that limits the maximum salary for council aides to \$15,000—in any city with a population more than 200,000 and under 270,000, which fits Jersey City. Council members are traditionally considered by many as part-timers. Several of the council people say that the salaries they receive don't come close to compensating them for the work they do for the community. Yet, while they quietly agree with Yun, they call raising their salaries political suicide. There's a tendency by the public to demean elected officials seeking additional benefits that are seen as unwarranted.

Mayor Steve Fulop, who spent two terms as a Downtown councilman, agrees with this perception.

"I think the proposal is

shameful," Fulop, who earns \$113,419 annually, told The Jersey Journal. "I will veto it." He also sarcastically noted: "It's public service, not self-service."

McDonald's research revealed that in 2013, Jersey City, with a population of 254,441, spent \$584,200 on council pay. Newark, which has 272,727 residents, budgeted \$3.2 million last year for council wages. Also, Paterson, where the population is 145,219, spent \$693,340 in 2013 on council salaries. Jersey City, which Fulop claims will become the biggest city in New Jersey by 2016, has bargain basement legislators.

In the mid-1980s, Jersey City council members made only \$10,000 each. The panel raised that to \$15,000 in the later part of the decade, and then again to \$22,500 in the mid-1990s. With the last increase, the council added a provision allowing for automatic but slight pay hikes.

The Jersey Journal agrees with Yun that a pay increase would bolster "checks and balances" between the executive and legislative branches of local government. Even though the mayor controls the majority of votes on the council, it would allow opposing points of view to better attract quality staffers who would help bolster any constructive arguments.

John Weingart, associate director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers Univer-



JERSEY CITY Ward 8 Councilman Khemraj "Chico" Hamchal, left, Council President Rolando Lavano and Councilwoman at Large Joyce Watterman listen during a City Council meeting.

sity, said the low salaries are a genuine roadblock to recruiting legislative candidates who might want to serve but can't afford to put in full-time work for a part-time salary.

One can argue that politicians should be working for the greater good, rather than a salary, but there are others who cynically counter that underpaid government officials are a boon to the influential or wealthy.

Consider that a City Council that approves pay hikes will shed its "part-time" image and can expect to be held even more accountable for its actions, or lack of them. There should be no more silence or uninformed comments from officials at City Council meetings. Also, any pay increases should not trigger wholesale raises in salaries

elsewhere in government.

It will be easy for the administration-backed majority on the council to vote no. In the face of any populist ire, council members will have to exhibit courage to vote for a pay increase. To make the measure's approval more palpable, The Journal agrees with Yun's suggestion that the legislation should bar council members from taking a second job in government. Also, the measure should take effect after the next municipal election or phase in pay-increase increments over several years.

In this soon-to-be most populated city in the state, a salary increase could provide incentives for more talented people to run for what should be a high-value government position.



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Obama, heed Panetta's message

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Let me be clear: I am not an Obama hater. I am not a fan of the president's policies. I am not a fan of the White House. But I am a fan of the man. I am a fan of the man who has shown us that a president can be a leader. I am a fan of the man who has shown us that a president can be a man of integrity. I am a fan of the man who has shown us that a president can be a man who is not afraid to stand up to the powerful. I am a fan of the man who has shown us that a president can be a man who is not afraid to stand up to the media. I am a fan of the man who has shown us that a president can be a man who is not afraid to stand up to the people.

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Josh Gohlke
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For Lincoln University, another great debate

By Glenn St. Clair Fendley

There is a great debate in the air over Lincoln University. The debate is about the future of the university. The debate is about the role of the university in the community. The debate is about the role of the university in the state. The debate is about the role of the university in the world.



Lincoln University is a great university. It is a university that has a long and proud history. It is a university that has produced many great leaders. It is a university that has made a great contribution to the world.



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Officials fear diversion of Sandy funds

By KEITH HUMMELER
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New Jersey's federal and state officials fear the state may lose out on much-needed Sandy recovery funds as other states compete for a share of the \$1.6 billion congressional aid package passed in early 2013.

More than three-quarters of the funding, which was cut to \$127.2 billion as a result of federal sequestration, has already been awarded to New Jersey, New York and disaster-impacted states across the country.

Officials with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which is disbursing the funds in the form of Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grants (DCDBG), said the fate of the remaining \$1.5 billion remains undecided. They said the top priority is to work with state and local officials to address the remaining unmet needs of those affected by natural disasters, officials said.

However, no decisions have been made regarding programming or allocations of disaster funding.

Reporting to media reports that the remaining funds could be divided among states not impacted by Sandy as part of a nationally competitive grant program, U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ) said he will fight to ensure the money stays in New Jersey.

"It is shocking that members of Congress from other areas of the country who represent New Jerseyans wanted to diminish the recovery aid funding to which Sandy aid funding is their region," he said in a statement.

"Sandy funds must be used for Sandy recovery, and not one penny of those funds should be diverted."

The grant funds were authorized as part of the storm aid package and a federal supplemental appropriations bill designed to "improve and streamline disaster assistance for Superstorm Sandy and for other disasters."

The grants may be used for disaster relief, long-term recovery, rebuilding and

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Members of the Marlboro Department of Public Works make repairs to Robertellis Road on April 22. Local towns prioritize different uses of tax money, including enhanced road programs and water service spending, to fit the needs of the individual communities.

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Taxpayers share burden, reap benefits

By KENNY WALTER
Reporter

As taxpayers in central New Jersey fund essential services such as police and fire protection, pay the salaries of individual town, water treatment services, so vital improvements to public developments.

Monroe and Jackson, which both have significant senior populations, emphasize senior services, while South Brunswick has bolstered its parks based on demographics, and Long Branch has developed an entire office to cater to its elderly population.

Approximately 7 percent of Monroe's annual spending is allocated to emergency medical workers (EMTs) to meet the needs of the township's 70 active adult concentration and nearly 20,000 senior residents, according to Business Administrator Wayne Hamilton.

"Probably the biggest thing that prevents municipalities in town from is the size of our EMS department. ... Because of our demographics, we run over 9,300 EMT calls a year," Hamilton said. "It is pretty significant when you compare it to other municipalities."

In addition to the approximately \$2.5 million that it spends annually on EMS, Monroe allocated \$325,000 for transportation, much of which is associated with daily shuttle runs from the senior communities to shopping centers and other locations, he said. "The township occupies more than \$2 million from insurance companies to defray some of the EMS costs."

The Jackson Township Division of Senior Services operated with a \$207,000 budget in 2013, with \$207,000 going on salaries and wages. Approximately 1,000 of the township's 19,000 seniors are registered with the division, which runs activities ranging from Zumba and yoga to bingo and other games, according to Program Administrator Sheri Silverstein.

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In search of a 'death with dignity'

Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer



In search of a 'death with dignity'

A terminally ill woman 'would sacrifice anything' to leave her kids with positive memories

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

A 31-year-old terminally ill Union County young wife and mother made firmly behind proposed legislation that would allow her to take her own life with the assistance of her family doctor. Unfortunately, it will more than likely be too late to help her, even if a proposed bill making its way through the state legislature manages to hit the governor's desk.

Jenny is just one of many in New Jersey who, along with the physicians who treat them, strongly believe an assisted suicide should be an option for the terminally ill.

The question of death with dignity is a hot one in New Jersey as throughout the country by any means. The issue has been debated heavily, but so far only three states as of yet passed laws allowing the terminally ill to have a choice in how they die.

As far back as 1906 an assisted suicide movement was taking place in Iowa and Ohio. Prior to that, in the 1900s, this controversial issue resurfaced when Dr. Jack Kevorkian helped over 40 Michigan residents end their life.

In recent weeks, when 30-year-old Brittany Meynard left her California home in order to take advantage of Oregon's Death With Dignity law, it brought the issue to the national forefront once again.

Oregon, along with Vermont and Washington state, are the only states who have adopted laws allowing physician assisted suicide. Then, just several weeks ago, the New Jersey Assembly has newly passed a bill that would allow physicians to prescribe life-ending medication to terminally ill patients. However, even if this proposed measure passes the same vote in the coming months, it probably will be too late for this once vibrant young woman whose smile lights up the room.

By then, this Union County resident will either be in the end stages of a cancer that will leave her comatose, or have died without the dignity she wanted so badly.

Parents of three children under the age of five, Jenny, 31, and Jeff, 34, are more than aware that even if the senate approves this measure, it may not go any further because Gov. Chris Christie has publicly come out against doctor assisted suicide.

Jenny, however, felt it was important that her story and wishes be heard so the issue is brought to the forefront.

"I want everyone who reads our story to understand I love my husband and children more than life itself. But, I would sacrifice anything just to know that when they think of me in the years to come it is with a smile, a giggle or laughter," Jenny told Local Source in a interview recently, adding this was the way their life was before and after she was diagnosed with an inoperable tumor.

Life before this devastating news impacted their life is evident throughout the sprawling, Victorian home the couple painstakingly renovated over the last six years. One only has to look at the pictures that line the walls and tables in every room to see a slightly younger and carefree couple living life to the fullest.

Whether it was summer spent at the Jersey Shore while they were dating, the surprised look on Jenny's face the day Jeff proposed, their wedding day as they embraced on the beach at sunset, the delivery room right after their first child was born four short years before, or as they chopped

See **THIS IS THE WAY**, Page 8

The view from under the table

Kean's \$219,000 conference table is only the tip of the iceberg for university president

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

After years of controversy that proved a financial threat to Kean University, its spokesmen of New Jersey, its school's teachers and its alumni, it would appear that finally someone is paying attention.

When the state university was handed crippling sanctions by the NCAA, no one seemed to care but the school. When the president of the school admitted to lie on his academic resume, no one seemed to care but the teachers. When the school was placed on academic probation by the national accrediting agency, no one seemed to care but the teachers.

The list goes on to include a teacher-tensured raise to its lowest since the 1980s, rising tuition, improperly dispersed school awards, rising student debt, an on-campus

five-star restaurant, and a complete failure to provide ample parking for the commuter-heavy institution, among more controversies. And all the while, no one seemed to care but the teachers and a small handful of its alumni protesting online.

And now, finally, thanks to an article first published by The Record about a \$219,024 conference table, its speakers are finally starting to pay attention. And James Carrigione, president of the Kean Federation of Teachers, is relieved to hear the public is finally listening.

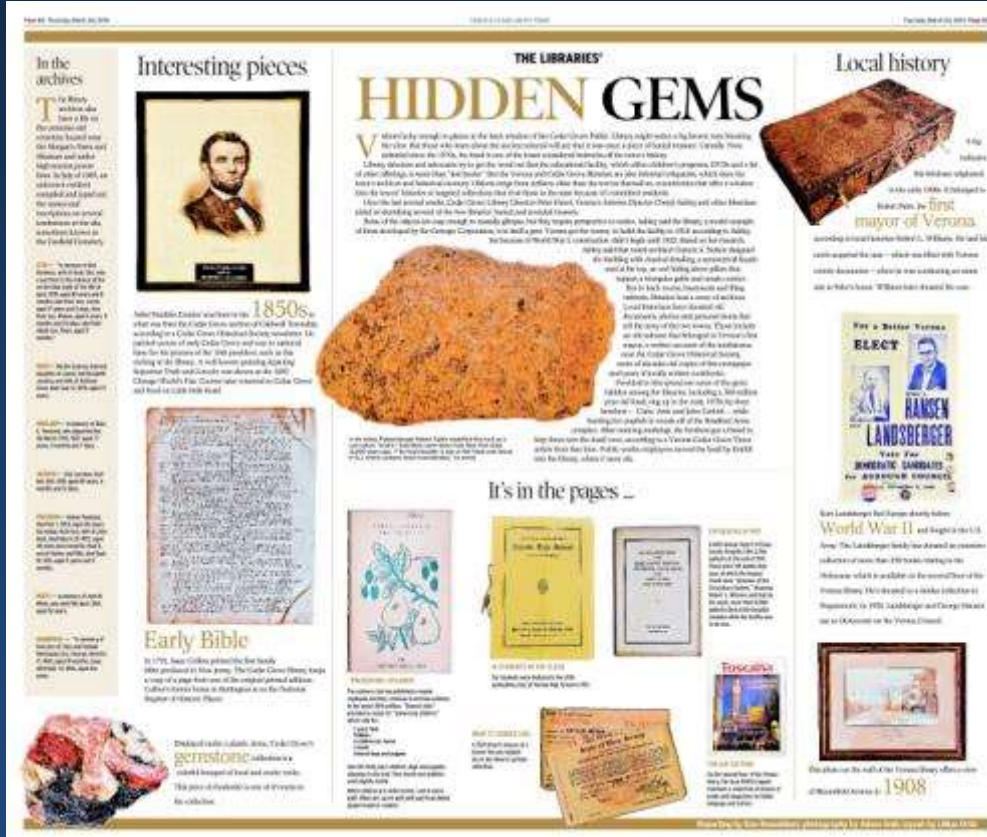
"We are a public university," said Carrigione. "And, ultimately, the leadership of the university should be responsive to the public. But for the public to try and hold the university accountable, it has to know what's going on at the university." See **FARAH**, Page 4



Local officials were recently gathered around Kean's new and controversial conference table purchased for \$219,024 for a "roundtable" discussion on AARP. Included in this purchase that has misled the ire of some public officials was electrical equipment.

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Board seeks state aid for construction

The Freehold Borough K-8 School District Board of Education is expected to submit two options to the state as it seeks to determine how much New Jersey will contribute to a million-dollar construction plan.

The architectural firm of Fraytak, Venz, Hopkins, Durbin developed multiple construction options that board members discussed earlier this month.

The board will meet on March 24 and may narrow the construction options to two plans, both of which will be submitted to state educational officials, according to district administration.

Freehold Borough administrators will then seek to hear how much of the tab the state will pick up for renovations, expansion and additions to the Freehold Learning Center elementary school, the Park Avenue Elementary School and the Freehold Intermediate School.

A referendum could be placed before voters on Sept. 30. The two options under various construction checks in at a cost of \$21.79 million and \$12.72 million.

District administrators said the work is needed to accommodate an increasing enrollment.

Superintendent of Schoolsocco Tomark said the district's enrollment is ahead of projections from a demographics. Tomark said the enrollment was 1,526 pupils on Sept. 21, 2012, 1,547 pupils on July 31, 2013, and 1,568 pupils on Oct. 12, 2014.

To compensate for a lack of space, district administrators have been renting four classrooms at the West Freehold Elementary School, Freehold Township, for several years and leasing Freehold Borough kindergarten children to that facility.

Tomark said plans for the 2014-15 school year call for Freehold Borough to also rent two classrooms at the Marshall W. Erickson School, Freehold Township, and to bus kindergarten pupils to that building as well.

—Claire Marie Celano



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Jeremy Myrta, a 21-year-old with autism, holds folders on March 19 at his home in Brick Township. His family hopes that he will overcome institutional hurdles to find a job that is on par with those of typically developing young adults.

Jeremy's journey to independence

By JACK MURTHA
Reporter

This year is one of monumental change for Jeremy Myrta, who turned 21 this month. After he graduates from Brick Township High School in June, he will embark on a journey to build a life without the care-free entitlements of his youth and the power to fight on his own behalf.

"My dream is for him to be independent ... or as independent as he can be ... in his own community. To be safe, to have the opportunities, and to not hope that I'm going

to have to cross my fingers for funding," said Carol Myrta, the young man's mother and fervent advocate.

But the future is uncertain for Jeremy. Doctors diagnosed him with autism months after his second birthday. The startling verdict established a safety net of federally mandated services that would only expire now, 19 years later, at the end of his high school career.

About one in every 49 children in New Jersey falls somewhere on the autism spectrum. One advocacy group expects 500,000 Americans with autism to age into adult services over the next decade.

People with developmental disabilities like autism must go through Medicaid and the state to receive assistance, according to Jan Shea, who oversees the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).

When an individual clears the eligibility hurdles and turns 21, division services — ranging from job coaches to bus to day programs — should become immediately accessible, she said. As of January, nearly 13,000 individuals were receiving some type of support through the DDD, according to the state.

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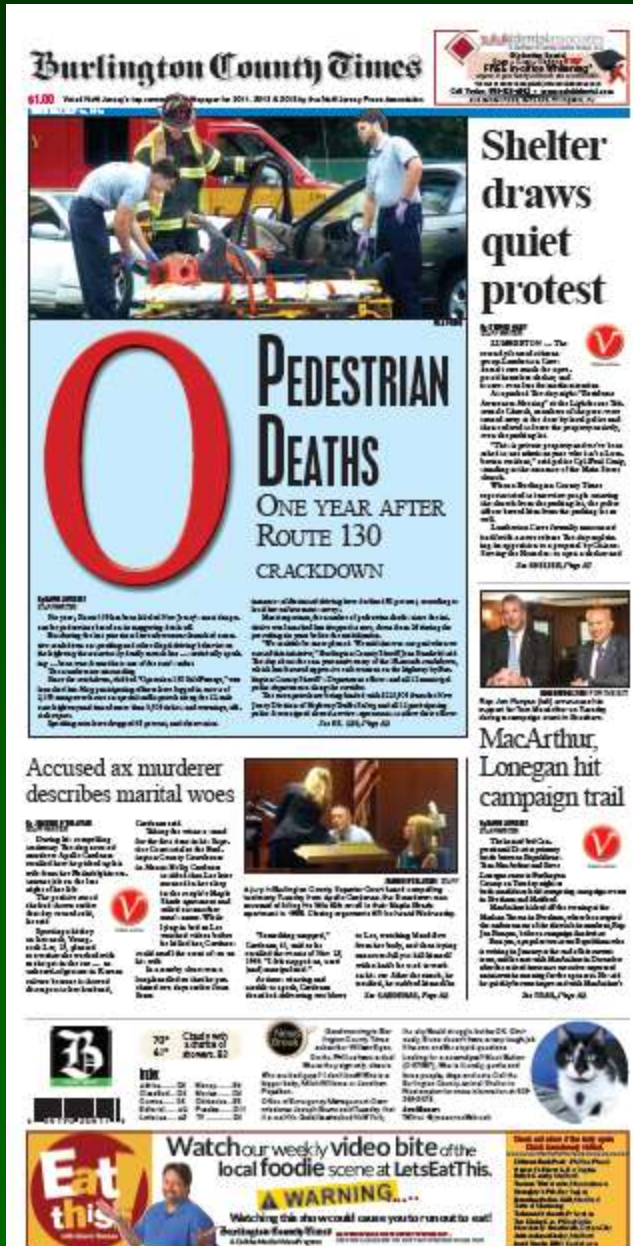
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KING DRIVE: The Battle for Resurrection

SIGNS OF DESPAIR — AND HOPE ON MLK DRIVE

By Ken Thorbourne
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It's about a 12-minute commute on the Hudson Bergen Light Rail from Exchange Place on the Jersey City waterfront to the Martin Luther King Drive station in Bergen-Lafayette. But the difference in neighborhood light years apart.

The commute began in the mid-Cold War years. The first building built along the 1.1-mile-long 181 Madison St. in Jersey City was a 36-unit apartment building — Bank America, AIG Companies, and Verizon, included. Around 1960, the Windsor at Liberty house apartment complex in Jersey City had been built for 6,000 sq ft.

Then, as if to signal the end of everything, the 1970s came along. The light rail came to a halt, the house was a 17-acre site now being redeveloped — when the city's first historic

Special a manufacturing of signs that reflected the area's shift with former-casting landscape character.

A few minutes later, the train pulls into the Martin Luther King Drive station, the heart of the black community in Jersey City. There are no signs in sight, and certainly no MLK in a flash.

There's nothing off-parking about the immediate physical surroundings of the station. There's a vacant lot across the street on King Drive, and the block just to the north of the station has several abandoned storefronts.

But just south of the station, at what's called the block, there's a McDonald's restaurant, a large pizza Supermarket, a Dunkin' Donut and a few other businesses. Across the street, there's a Dunkin' Donut. And across the street from the Dunkin' Donut, a restaurant is being built — a 17-acre site now being redeveloped — when the city's first historic

Series examines different sides of Jersey City neighborhood

This is the first of a series, 11 articles series about Martin Luther King Drive in Jersey City and the neighborhood around it. It is the result of dozens of interviews with community leaders, local residents, clergy, politicians, local business owners, nonprofit leaders, and city and school officials.

The series, which will unfold over the next few days, is mostly about the people who are working to revitalize the once-thriving community, a neighborhood many grew up in and call a home.



STREET CORNER who works for Comcast's Direct Service claims like off the street in front of U.S. Marine Corps Post in Jersey City.



POLICE CLOSED off a section of Forest Street after a man was shot in the chest as he runs near Martin Luther King Drive at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital shortly afterward.



THE MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE, Hudson Bergen Light Rail station.



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A BRANDED-UP building on Martin Luther King Drive and Fulton Avenue.

on 22 affordable single family homes.

It's where the history of the 20-block Drive — which runs through St. Jerome's Lafayette and Clifton's divisions of the city — and the surrounding neighborhood are intertwined, that a street wider and wider through Jersey City.

The site was also a mix of events of well-attended, some low-key and somewhat by surprise.

Then Communist Avenue resident, who has done her best to maintain her home, has lived here for more than eight years. She called the experience a "nightmare."

"People do drugs, drinking, they blow up the building," she said. "One day they were even having sex in the hallway."

There were several other side the two biggest issues for locals. Of the 17 houses constructed in the city last year, 14 occurred in the South and West practices, which cover the Martin Luther King Drive area.

"I don't go to King Drive," she said. "They don't even have a sign."

There is what one public official called "a sense of chaos" about the city. Young people are leaving the city at

various street corners at the end of the day — a mix of drug dealers, addicts and the jobless, residents say.

While the unemployment rate in Jersey City hovers around 18 percent, the unemployment rate for the South and West practices is the highest in the city, according to 2013 Census data.

Donald Malcolm, an assistant professor of sociology at New Jersey City University, argues that the fact of the city does not mean it's a hopeless situation.

"Over 20,000 jobs came to Jersey City over a 10-year period beginning in the mid-'80s. That was with Downtown redevelopment jobs," Malcolm said. "I think that had cut off the jobs that were left behind."

But there are signs of hope for this community. Even though the city remains a financially precarious position for its future, the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency, it does have a role of jobs who are starting, according to officials.

"Several affordable housing developments have been completed in the past few years, including the 23-story First/Martin Division off Market Parkway, the former Williams houses, which now has more than 1,000 units, and the historic Apartments, a 60-unit "green" affordable housing development at Oak Street and the Drive. And Jersey City Mayor Steve Soto is looking to do things on large city office in the area. This includes the city's employment and training programs headed by former Gov. Chris Christie and the office of Public Safety Director James S. Gannon, which is the city. And the mayor himself is looking for a reinvest in Jersey City.

"New Jersey City is the city of opportunity, opportunity and while I don't enjoy living in Jersey City, it's not in the same way as Jersey City, where there is a sense of hope and culture across as well as the city's history." Soto said. "However, the best way to live in Jersey City is to actually live. That's what we as I go away from there, I will continue to be property search in Jersey City."

"Think of it, who runs Public Construction, a candy store located on the Drive near Robert Avenue for more than 50 years. You know just facts that the city and the surrounding area will move in the future. They give us the possibility to and that's what we need to do."

"I just wonder though it would be a good idea to see."

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Horrific conditions described in homeless man's death at Burlington County Jail

By PENNY RAY
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MOUNT HOLLY — In December, a 35-year-old man who was believed to be homeless died in Burlington County Jail while strapped in a "turtle suit" and lying in a pool of urine and feces, according to a supervisor inside the facility.

The man's name was Robert Taylor. And according to this inmate account, which has more than 10 years of employment at the jail, Taylor was a recurring inmate; he was also an alcoholic.

"I was there when Taylor came in," the source said. "And he looked really bad. A couple of us told the medical staff that he needed to go to the hospital because he was delirious."

But according to the source, Taylor was not taken to the hospital because two officers were required to escort him there, which would have weakened the manpower inside the jail. Moreover, the source said, sending corrections officers to watch an inmate at the hospital costs more money. There is a clinic inside Burlington County Jail, the source said, but an officer is required to watch inmates in there as well.

"We try not to put out to put anyone in the clinic if we don't have to because it takes a C.O. off the floor," the source said.

So Taylor was placed in segregation, where he laid on the floor for five days without ever eating a single bite of food or taking a single shower according to two different sources who were there at various times.

The *Trentonian* obtained an email dated March 3 that was sent from Burlington County Prosecutor Robert D. Barnard to Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party Jay Edge.

The email states that "this office" has "determined that no criminal wrongdoing occurred in the care of Mr. Taylor while he was incarcerated. The medical examiner determined that death was due to natural causes. Additionally, Mr. Turzanski was interviewed by detectives from our office as part of our investigation. This office considers the matter closed as it pertains to any potential criminal violations."

The source said Taylor was stripped out of his clothes, strapped in an anti-scratch medical suit, which he sometimes called a "turtle suit," and then placed on outside watch to a single-person cell with no natural or blanket.

At the time that Taylor was thrown into segregation, another inmate named Sean Turzanski was sleeping two cells away from him. And the sights and sounds that Turzanski describes are horrific.

Turzanski was originally arrested and charged with one count of robbery and two counts of shoplifting, but the robbery charge was later downgraded. He was thrown into segregation after fighting with two other inmates. Turzanski's parents visited him out of jail last week after he wrote a letter describing the things he witnessed. The letter went viral on the Internet after another inmate walked it out of jail upon his release. But the happens later in the story.

According to the source, Turzanski continuously told the corrections officers that Taylor needed to go to the hospital.

"So, I took it upon myself to question every C.O., Sergeant, Lieutenant or Captain that entered segregation just to try and get some facts on who this guy



Burlington County Jail

was," Turzanski said last week. "I had a feeling from the start that something bad was going to happen. Mr. Taylor was very, very weak. He could barely stand. The C.O.'s kinda guided him in, one on each side. Upon seeing him, I knew there was no way that he committed an act that deemed him worthy of being in segregation."

Turzanski could not remember exactly into Taylor's cell at all times, he said. But he was able to discern each time that Taylor's food tray sat untouched, which was 15 times in total, he said. And, over those five days as Taylor deliriated and urinated on himself on that cold jail floor, officers made degrading comments, but never offered any help, Turzanski said.

"I relied on two inmates hearing and smell," Turzanski said. "I could smell Mr. Taylor rotting. I could smell the floor, and the urination.

It was unbearable."

Turzanski said that officers who were walking on the wing outside of segregation complained about the disgusting smell. But instead of assisting and cleaning Taylor, officers merely sprayed air freshener, Turzanski said. One officer even rolled up a blanket or towel and placed it under Taylor's cell door so the stench would remain inside the cell, Turzanski said.

Turzanski walked by Taylor's cell every day to administer medication, Turzanski said, but Taylor couldn't speak or move. And the nurse never walked into Taylor's cell to physically assist him with taking the medication, Turzanski said.

Turzanski says that he once volunteered to help Taylor eat and take his medication, but the officers told him that was forbidden.

"I said, 'Put me in his cell. I'll feed the guy. I'll try and spoon feed him

or something,'" Turzanski said.

So, according to Turzanski, he started yelling at the officers in charge, questioning them about aides and inmates. Turzanski even dubbed the facility the "Burlington County House of Horrors," which made some of the officers angry, he said. Then, some officers started threatening Turzanski for speaking out about their treatment towards Taylor, and the source corroborates Turzanski's account.

"They'd say, 'You better shut up, if you know what's best for you.' And, 'We've gotta come in there and break your jaw,'" Turzanski said.

Finally, on his fifth day of segregation — Dec. 30 — Taylor died.

According to Turzanski, after a supervising officer discovered Taylor was dead, a nurse allegedly said, "I'm not giving him CPR."

So, the officer then ordered someone to grab the death blanket on Taylor, they told them to stop because it was apparent that rigor mortis had already begun.

After Taylor's death, Turzanski was removed from segregation for a few days. But when he returned, Turzanski was assigned to Taylor's old cell, he says. Turzanski says that he was told that the toilet in his previous cell was broken, therefore he had to sleep in Taylor's cell. And although he was given a proper mattress and blanket, Turzanski said the stench in the cell was "unbearable."

"I was told to clean it up," Turzanski said, noting that he did not visually see someone in the cell. "The smell bothered me."

Eventually, Turzanski was released from segregation and there when he began writing letters documenting the sights and sounds he heard in regards to Taylor's death. At first he wrote short letters in fellow inmates. But one day he met Ed Forchione, also known as Ed Woodman, and the two of them then worked together to send additional letters to various contacts in the jail. There, in late January, an Forchione was about to be released from jail, Turzanski wrote a detailed six-page letter outlining the circumstances surrounding Taylor's deterioration and ultimate demise. And Forchione posted that letter on the Internet. He also gave a copy of the letter to the FBI.

"I wasn't motivated by hatred toward the guards," Forchione said in a recent

interview. "I was motivated by a desire to see justice done for Robert Taylor."

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Sources allege corruption at Elizabeth PD

In the state's fourth largest city, sources say no-show jobs in the police dept. could be the tip of the iceberg

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — For years a clique called “the family” ruled within the city police department, opening doors for advancement, no-show overtime jobs and other perks to members.

And although this group supposedly lost power, members of the police force claim corruption still runs rampant throughout the department.

Last fall when reports surfaced that more than 20 city police officers were being investigated for no-show overtime jobs within the housing authority, it should have opened the door to how things operate in this department. But it never did.

In fact, other than a brief mention on a television news program on the NJ12 network and an article in the statewide paper, The Star-Ledger, nothing more has been



heard about this practice. Or, for that matter, what else might be going on within this department led by Police Director James Cogrovo and Police Chief Patrick Shannon.

Cogrovo, retired from the Newark Police Department, has overseen the Elizabeth Police Department for more than 14 years. Shannon, chief for three years, has been a member of the force for 38 years. Both have been cited by members of the Elizabeth police department as “turning the other cheek” when it came to the no-show job practice.

According to two members of the city

police force, the officers involved in the scheme signed up for extra duty overtime hours at one of four senior housing complexes but either came late, stayed only a brief portion of the assigned 8-eight hour shift or never showed up at all.

Rogardise, each was paid \$27.50 per hour for “working” the off duty jobs. Surveillance cameras verified the police officers in question were not working when they were supposed to be, according to a police investigator’s report provided to LocalSource.

Six of the officers involved, five detectives and one sergeant from the narcotics division, are currently being investigated by the Union County Prosecutor’s Office, according to the report. Several of the detectives are also being accused of using other police officers to sign false time sheets, and according to two sources, have

been demoted.

The other 17 to 20 police officers are reportedly being disciplined internally by the department in order to avoid criminal charges.

An internal police department memo from Shannon dated Jan. 24 listed the names of the 21 police officers and detectives involved in the no-show job scheme. All were denied recent provisional work permits pending further investigation by the Union County Prosecutor’s Office. These work permits are required for any police officer requesting to work off duty hours outside the department.

Although the prosecutor’s office has been looking into how narcotics division detectives and other Elizabeth police officers managed for so many years to get away with being paid for work never performed, See SOURCES, Page 14

Weather finally permits Steinman to deliver state of the city address

Speech discusses Rahway’s progress as a leading arts district

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — It seems the third time was a charm for Mayor Samson Steinman who had to battle one snowstorm after another before the state of the city address could finally go on as planned last week.

As the weeks wore on, snowstorms seemed to descend on the area constantly, forcing the mayor to cancel the event multiple times. However, last week, when it appeared there would be a break in the weather, Steinman decided to schedule the event for Feb. 18 and hope for the best. This time he was lucky.

At 7:15 p.m. at the new Hamilton Stageco Hamilton Street, Council President and Mayor of Cranford David Brown kicked off the program that included the Rahway High School Jazz Band, Rahway High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC, a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King by the NAACP Rahway Branch Community Youth Choir and a musical introduction by the Rahway High School Musical Theater Class.

When Steinman stepped to the podium he confessed that nothing brought him more pleasure than to stand there that night as Rahway’s mayor.

“Although Rahway has quite literally navigated through rough waters, through our country’s national recession, and some difficult weather events in recent years, I truly believe our city’s best days are a head of us,” said the mayor, noting “we have a long way to go, but I am confident that we are moving in the right direction.”

Steinman then brought up the fact that on this evening, the state of the city address was taking place on the site of the old Hamilton Laundry.

“Continued hard work, dedication and strategic partnerships has been instrumental in a premier theater, concert and teaching facility with hundreds of performance spaces a year,” he said. “That is what Rahway is all about. Respecting its rich history and shaping the future. That is what Rahway has always been about.”

Steinman pointed out that in the pursuit of technological advancement the city will be

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ODYSSEY OF THE MIND — Ainsley Golin, Amanda Federick, Daniel Gomez, and Preston Andrews pose with a balsa wood structure as it supports a significant amount of weight. Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational competition that encourages students to solve problems creatively and to collaborate with team members. One of the problems is to create a structure made entirely of balsa wood and glue. This structure will be tested by balancing and supporting weights and a full size model will eventually be put to the test as the students move forward in the program.



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Rob Jennings

The image shows a newspaper page with various sections. At the top, there's a 'FIVE-DAY FORECAST' and 'REGIONAL CITIES' section. Below that is 'SUSSEX COUNTY WEATHER' with a map. The main headline is 'State gives new details on Highlands chief's pension'. To the right, there's a 'Sparta' section. Below the main article, there are several advertisements, including one for 'Dominick's' and another for 'SUSSEX Audiology Services'.



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Willingboro man shot outside home

BY ROSE KREBS
STAFF WRITER

A 23-year-old Willingboro man was shot early Saturday evening outside his home on the 100 block of East Street. The by-lawyer who he had met on an old street.

Robert Taylor, 23, was shot in the chest, in the right arm, and twice in the abdomen. He was taken to a hospital in Camden. Lawrence Douglas in Willingboro, then later, police in Camden County, tracked in Camden and returned later this day.

"I hope the doctor was a childhood friend, and that he doesn't know why he was targeted."

"I just don't know the reason why he shot me, or why he was targeted as well," Taylor said.

Douglas was called to the scene at 10:45 a.m., and when he arrived, he had already left for the hospital, said Lt. Chris Taylor of the Willingboro Police. He did not see the man who he had seen a couple of weeks ago and did not know him.

"I don't know if he had a grudge against me, or if he was just looking for a fight," Douglas said.

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No leads in missing iPads

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Teacher charged with luring

BY ROSE KREBS
STAFF WRITER

WILLINGBORO — A former teacher has been charged with luring a child into a car on Thursday with using social media to try to lure a child into a car on Thursday.

The district has no leads on the missing iPads, which were reported to be missing from the school district's inventory.

\$64K in iPads gone from W'boro school warehouse

BY ROSE KREBS
STAFF WRITER

WILLINGBORO — About \$64,000 worth of iPads that were thought to help students' education are missing, school and police officials are saying.

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Police: Heroin disguised as pill

BY ROSE KREBS
STAFF WRITER

It's common for criminals to disguise their drugs, but police say they have discovered a new way to disguise a pill.

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The Port Authority engineer was certain he knew what type of material should be used to build the George Washington Bridge.

New Jersey's iron-willed governor thought otherwise.

The governor won. The year: 1927.

Gov. A. Harry Moore pushed for the bridge to be built with steel wire, not metal bars, and that the wire come from the Roebling Co. in Trenton, ensuring new jobs and business for the state capital.




Along the way, Moore convinced the Legislature to give him and future governors veto power so Trenton and Albany would have the final say over jobs, contracts and the direction of what would become a behemoth transportation agency, according to documents cited by James W. Doig in his book "Empire on the Hudson," a history of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Now, 87 years after that first test of political will upon the autonomous agency, the George Washington Bridge is once again at the [center of controversy](#) — one that threatens to unravel Gov. Chris Christie's political future and dismantle the Port Authority itself.

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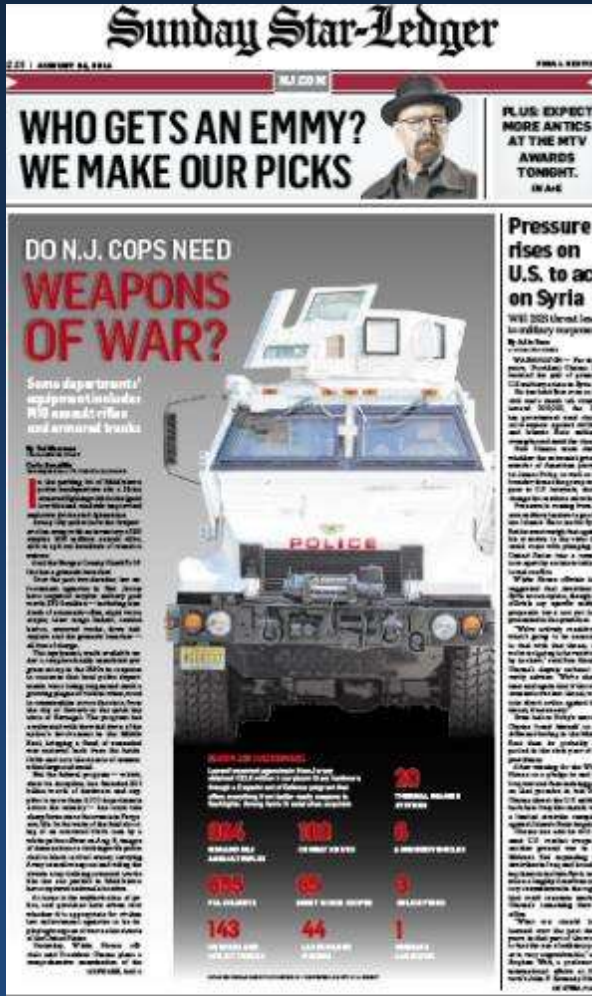
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Roukema grew her roots in village

BY JODI WEINBERGER
Staff Writer

When she was a young girl, Margie Roukema thought she was going to live in the village of Ridgewood. She was wrong. She was only 17 when she married Anthony Roukema, and she moved to the village of Ridgewood with him. She lived there for 45 years, and she died on Nov. 10 at the age of 92. She was born in the village of Ridgewood, and she was a member of the village council for 10 years. She was a devoted mother and a devoted citizen. She was a member of the village council for 10 years. She was a devoted mother and a devoted citizen. She was a member of the village council for 10 years. She was a devoted mother and a devoted citizen.

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Differing views on estimate offered

BY LISA DE WEESE
Staff Writer

The issue of how to estimate the cost of a new bridge over the Passaic River has been a topic of discussion for several weeks. The village council has received a proposal from the state for a new bridge, and the cost of the bridge is estimated to be \$300 million. However, some members of the council believe that the cost is too high, and they are looking for ways to reduce the cost. The council is expected to make a decision on the bridge in the next few weeks.

MULTIFAMILY HOUSING

Library gets 21st century update

BY JODI WEINBERGER
Staff Writer

The village library has been updated with new books, computers, and other resources. The library is now a more modern and functional space, and it is a great place for the community to gather and learn. The village council is proud of the update, and they are looking for ways to continue to improve the library in the future.

BUSINESS

Pharmacy's closing a bittersweet pill

BY LISA DE WEESE
Staff Writer

A local pharmacy is closing its doors, and the village council is looking for ways to support the community during this difficult time. The pharmacy has been a part of the village for many years, and it has been a great place for the community to get their prescriptions filled. The council is looking for ways to help the community during this difficult time, and they are looking for ways to support the pharmacy's employees and customers.



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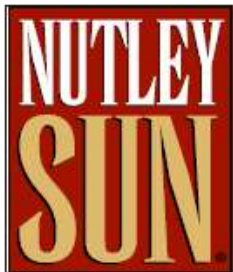
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Nutleyite is accused of attempted murder of Fairfield cop from Belleville

BY HASIME KUKAJ
Staff Writer

Essex County Superior Court Judge Ronald D. Wojcik ruled last Thursday that Peyle L. Roberts, 28, of Nutley, is competent to stand trial. He is accused of the attempted murder of Fairfield police officer Glenn Veneziano.

Roberts' five-degree attempted murder and various weapons charges date back to the shooting on Jan. 30, 2010. He was indicted on Sept. 27, 2010.

Belleville native, Veneziano was off duty at the time of the incident. According to authorities, he was shot multiple times in a parking lot near Fairfield police headquarters.

In plain clothes, Veneziano was exiting his personal vehicle when he identified himself as a police officer to a motorcycle who had already been following him. Police allege the motorist was Roberts, who subsequently fired at Veneziano.

Veneziano strag back before collapsing. The officer was taken to University Hospital in Newark with a shattered jaw, two collapsed lungs, a broken femur, a severed femoral artery, and miscellaneous gunshot wounds to his chest and left arm. He was



Peyle L. Roberts, 28, of Nutley, appears last Thursday in Essex County Superior Court, where he was ruled competent to stand trial.

assessed two strokes, laser, and began physical therapy and rehabilitation.

On Feb. 15, 2010, Union Township police arrested

Roberts on Hours 22 for allegedly firing a weapon. He was also in possession of seven unregistered firearms, according to the Essex County Prosecutor's Office.

Veneziano identified Roberts from the shooting incident. Authorities also learned that

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Hit-and-run driver kills woman

BY HASIME KUKAJ
Staff Writer

The Essex County Prosecutor's Office has identified Ernesta Roman, 77, of Nutley, as the woman killed by a hit-and-run driver on Saturday in the town-ship.

According to authorities, she was crossing at the intersection of Centre Street and Harton Avenue at 11:40 a.m. when she was struck by an older model license-plate van, possibly blue or black.

As of Tuesday afternoon, neither an arrest nor charge had been made.

"We're still following up on all leads to identify the driver and [are] actively investigating the accident," Nutley Police Chief Thomas Santoro told the Sun.

Roman sustained fatal injuries and was found in the street, an Essex County Prosecutor's Office release stated. A witness stated that the van left the scene, heading west on Centre Street, then making a right onto Franklin Avenue towards Clinton.

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More local snow woes on the way

By Alice C. Berman

An early snow forecast for the week ended earlier on Tuesday, Jan. 28, indicates more snow for the week on Monday through Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service. The forecast calls for up to 2 inches of snow on Monday, up to 3 inches on Tuesday, and up to 4 inches on Wednesday. The forecast also calls for a mix of rain and snow on Thursday and Friday.

ROCK 'N' ROLL ALL NIGHT!

Students from Bernards High School dressed up as rock stars for the annual "Rock 'n' Roll" event Friday, Jan. 30, at the Old Mill Inn in Building Edge. From left are Elizabeth Marino, Sydney Orler, Laura Gallo and Casey Barlin.

'Step out of bubble'

Arrest of teen spurs talk about substance abuse in community

By Alice C. Berman

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

The underlying problem of substance abuse comes to the fore in a case reported by the Bernards community. The case involves the arrest of a 17-year-old student from Bernards High School on charges of possession of a controlled substance. The student, identified as Charlie Zavalick, was arrested by police officers on Jan. 28, 2020, at his home in Bernards Township. The police officers were responding to a report of a suspicious package. Upon arrival, they discovered a small amount of marijuana in the student's possession. The student was taken to the police station and later released to his parents.

Assistant leader to leave district

By Alice C. Berman

BERNARDSVILLE

Josephine M. Curren, assistant superintendent of Bernards Township Schools, will leave her position at the end of the school year. Curren has worked for the district for over 20 years and has held several key positions. She is being replaced by John J. Smith, who will be assuming the role of assistant superintendent in the summer of 2020. Curren will be moving to another district to continue her work in education.

SUPER DAY FOR DAD, DAUGHTER

B'ville man won right to purchase tickets for NFL title game

By Alice C. Berman

BERNARDSVILLE

Through a court decision, David L. Zavalick, a Bernardsville resident, has won the right to purchase tickets for the NFL Super Bowl. The case arose from a dispute over the distribution of tickets to the game. The court ruled in favor of Zavalick, allowing him to purchase the tickets. This decision is significant for fans who struggle to obtain tickets to major sporting events.

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Thomas Wood's sculpture, "The Boy," is on display at the Bernardsville Art Association. The sculpture is a bronze bust of a young boy, created in 1985. It is now on display at the Bernardsville Art Association's gallery. The sculpture is a tribute to the artist's father, who was a local resident and a member of the Bernardsville Art Association.

Josephine M. Curren and John J. Smith, assistant superintendent of Bernards Township Schools, standing together in front of the school building.

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Governor Chris Christie briefly speaks with local residents after arriving from Fort Lee Borough Hall on Jan. 9, 2014 following an almost hour-long meeting with the municipality's mayor Mark Sokolich. Though Sokolich said during the Jan. 16 that he would no longer comment on the incident, residents and other municipal officials have voiced their opinion on the lingering controversy – including how the publicity is a positive thing for the borough.

CONTROVERSY

Is publicity from 'Bridgegate' a good thing?

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

For a town used to living in the shadow of the George Washington Bridge and New York City, the revelations surrounding last fall's lane closures on the bridge came as a shock out of the ordinary.

Not since a former mayor blew the whistle on a bribery attempt in the 1970s has Fort Lee sported much the kind of attention that comes with being caught up in a national political scandal.

So far, residents and officials say the publicity appears to be a good thing.

"It's putting us right on the map," resident Jeffrey Valacer said. "Would I rather see it be a bad message about someone saving a baby from a falling building? Yeah, but I think it's still good for the town in the sense that we're getting attention."

Heldreth Mike Gasser agreed, despite having to rearrange his morning schedule during the four days of gridlock in September. "We're on the map," he said.

From newspaper headlines, to television debates to late night comedy fodder, the words "Fort Lee" have quickly become synonymous with "Bridgegate" and soon the governor himself.

"Someday, Governor, I don't know when, one will all end. We'll then you're killing the working man. Who's stuck. In Gov. Chris Christie's Fort Lee, New Jersey, traffic jams," sang Jimmy Fallon and House Streptococcus to the tune of "Born to Run" for one comedy sketch.

"We have instant worldwide name recognition now," Councilwoman Ina Kasprzyk said.

"They're talking about Fort Lee all over the world."

Though some officials described the experience as "very scary" in the few days of the scandal, they believe the town is making a positive overall impression on the outside world.

"From my perspective, we've shown that the municipal government is very responsible, that the mayor puts the people of Fort Lee first and takes their quality of life very seriously," Councilman



The George Washington Bridge as seen from Ross' Dock in Fort Lee.

Joseph Corvetti said.

The spotlights has also allowed Fort Lee to show off its starring role in other headline-making events, including the news of George Washington's bicentennial a local military encampment during a pivotal moment in the Revolutionary War, a brief turn as the filmmaking capital of the world and, of course, the opening of the world's busiest bridge in 1931.

Tom Meyers of the Fort Lee Film Commission and the Historical Society said he's noticed a spike in activity on the commission's Facebook page and more hits on the society's website since the scandal broke.

"This is the type of interest that's coming from the outside in," he said.

One outsider, Murray Hedin, was so interested in the town that he made the trek from Harrodsburg, NY to the latest major and annual meeting.

"It's a nice, warm community," he said after perceiving the governing body to explore the idea of

TECHNOLOGY Bandwidth increase to assist upgrades

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

POINT LEE – The high school's bandwidth capacity will increase from 30 megabits per second to 50 megabits per second by Feb. 7 and double to 100 megabits per second by July 1 to accommodate future technology upgrades, including the upcoming purchase of new laptops, the Internet superintendent said Jan. 13.

The district is using approximately \$410,000 in No Child Left Behind Title I grant money to buy 124 Samsung Chromebooks, the accompanying software licenses and four charging carts this year. The purchases are part of the district's long-term effort to outfit each school with the latest computers and devices and teach staff how to use them.

At the high school, electrical work is underway to make way for the improvements, a process that is taking longer than expected but will lay the groundwork for grid use upgrades in bandwidth for years to come.

"We will certainly have no difficulty in carrying all the additional computers," said Internet Superintendent Paul Szymon of the impending upgrades, which will cost the district \$470,000 over the next few years.

Many of the district's 1,128 student computers are at least 10 years old, according to the Board of Education's technology committee.

After approving another round of purchases to replace them, the board on Jan. 13 also amended Szymon's contract to allow for more staff support.

County officials indicated last summer that they would not allow the expense, which would superintendence for meeting certain performance goals, but have now reversed that decision, said Board Assessor Dennis McCoover.

The state rejected the most costly goal of more than a dozen North Jersey superintendents last year, saying their goals had to be more "measurable" or "ambitious" to warrant bonuses worth up to 15 percent of their salaries.

State reviews began after Governor Christie imposed caps on superintendents' pay in 2011 that did compensation to districts since. For most superintendents, this meant a base pay limit of \$175,000 per year.

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Tales of escape, survival as embers rained down

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A massive fire at a Point Pleasant Beach motel on Friday night killed four people and injured eight others. The blaze, which started in the early morning hours, quickly spread to the main building, which was a three-story structure. Firefighters arrived on the scene around 6:30 a.m. and worked for hours to contain the fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

- Say killer lured cops to pharmacy
- Shot cop at point-blank range

By MICHAELANGELO CONTE
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

A rookie 23-year-old Jersey City police officer who had served less than a year on the force was shot and killed early yesterday by a felon who appears to have fashioned a suicide-by-cop ending for himself, authorities said yesterday.

Moments before he shot Officer Melvin Santiago in the head, the shooter — Lawrence Campbell, 27, of Grant Avenue in Jersey City — told a witness to “watch the news” because he was going to be “famous.” Mayor Steve Fulop said at the second of two press conferences he held yesterday morning.

“This has been beyond a difficult morning not only for the police department but for the city,” Fulop said on the steps of City Hall.

According to Fulop and law enforcement officials, Campbell entered the Walgreens at Communipaw Avenue and Kennedy Boulevard around 4 a.m. and asked a security guard where he could find greeting cards.

Campbell walked toward the cards and then left the store, but circled back. He returned armed with a knife and repeatedly punched the security guard and took his handgun, Fulop said, adding Campbell never attempted to rob the store.

Surveillance cameras show Campbell walking outside the store and speaking to a witness. Campbell, officials said, apologized to the witness for his earlier behavior and told the

witness to watch the news later.

Responding to a report of an armed robbery, Santiago and his partner, Ismael Martinez, arrived at the scene in a marked police vehicle at 4:09 a.m., Fulop said.

Campbell approached the police car and the second Santiago, who was in the passenger seat, cracked open his door, Campbell fired at close range, striking Santiago in the head, Fulop said.

Campbell fired three more rounds at a second police car, “striking its windshield in an attempt to kill two more officers,” the mayor said, adding those officers were not injured.

Officers in both cars opened fire on Campbell, who was pronounced dead at the scene, Fulop said. Santiago was taken to the Jersey City Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. Santiago’s body was identified at the Jersey City Medical Center by his grieving mother who kept repeating, “That’s not possible,” Fulop said. She was accompanied by Santiago’s stepfather and his 13-year-old brother.

The mayor said that during the investigation Campbell was identified as one of three suspects wanted in



LAWRENCE CAMPBELL, inset, was shot and killed by police after he shot at Officer Melvin Santiago, killing him, and fired at other officers outside this Walgreens on Communipaw Avenue, authorities said.

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SUICIDAL EX-CON KILLS COP

connection to a prior murder, although he did not provide details about that crime. Police also identified Daniel Wilson as another person of interest in the prior murder.

“The Jersey City Police Department has been applying high pressure and aggressively searching for Daniel Wilson for the past three days,” Fulop said.

Campbell has three prior

drug convictions and was last released from prison in January, according to corrections records.

He was in prison Feb. 10, 2011, to June 25, 2013, and from Aug. 17, 2013, to Jan. 21, 2014.

Fulop described Santiago as an “enthusiastic and motivated” officer whose commander joked recently that he should smile more.

Santiago was hired last July

and he graduated from the police academy in December.

The security guard was taken to the Medical Center for treatment and he received stitches. His niece told The Jersey Journal that he was severely beaten by Campbell.

Santiago graduated from CREATE Charter High School and studied criminal justice at Hudson County Community College.

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GWB BOMBSHELL DENTS CHRISTIE'S 2016 HOPES

Key aide exchanges e-mails before lane closures, predicts gridlock



Gov. Chris Christie yesterday dismisses critics and said his "commitment to transparency and accountability" is his children.

How a local squabble could derail a national campaign

By Mark Shields
 There are about 100,000 people living through the national Republican Party's general election, and Gov. Chris Christie is one of them. He is the only Republican in the country who has been elected to the office of governor in a state where the Democratic Party has a strong chance of winning in 2016. Christie's political future is in jeopardy because of a local squabble in New Jersey. The state's Republican Party is split over whether to support Christie for re-election in 2014. The split is a result of a local squabble in Fort Lee, N.J., where a local Republican Party chapter is split over whether to support Christie for re-election in 2014. The split is a result of a local squabble in Fort Lee, N.J., where a local Republican Party chapter is split over whether to support Christie for re-election in 2014.

By The Associated Press
 The possibility of a scandal involving a state legislator's relationship with a lobbyist has dented Gov. Chris Christie's hopes of re-election in 2016. The scandal involves a lobbyist who worked for Christie's campaign and is now a lobbyist for a company that has a contract with the state. The scandal is a result of a local squabble in Fort Lee, N.J., where a local Republican Party chapter is split over whether to support Christie for re-election in 2014.



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"What I've seen today for the first time IS UNACCEPTABLE."
 — Statement from Gov. Christie

Virtual shopping looks to be the new reality as nation's retailers go 3-D

By Michael Sautter
 As retailers across the nation go 3-D, virtual shopping is becoming a reality. Retailers are using virtual reality to create a more immersive shopping experience. This is a result of a local squabble in Fort Lee, N.J., where a local Republican Party chapter is split over whether to support Christie for re-election in 2014.

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TUESDAY TANGO
 Mary and Arthur Cantoso dance at the Belleville Senior Citizens Tuesday Club Italian Party at the Belleville Senior Center on Tuesday, April 29. The Senior Center recently received upgrades to its foyer, carpeting as well as all new plastic chairs to replace its old metal folding chairs.

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Voice likely councilwoman, says expert

BY ROMAN J. USCHAK
 Staff Writer

A recording that has had many people in Belleville calling for the resignation of a state council member and mayoral candidate over the last several weeks has been examined by an independent party.

Michigan-based audio forensic expert Edward Pitegusa, who analyzed a 911 call in the shocking death of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin two years ago, has stated he is 85 percent certain that the woman who uttered a racial slur against African-Americans on the Belleville recording was indeed First Ward Councilwoman Marie Saramito Burke.

Saramito Burke has repeatedly denied it was her saying she didn't want Burke to run into a "f---ing f---er."

The consensus was made following remarks by an unidentified person about a possible tax increase in town.

That person may be former Belleville Planning Board Chairman Sam Papa, Jr. At a council meeting last week, Township

Audrey Thomas Murphy explained that Papa's voice could be heard on the tape, that Papa had mimicked by "Mark's" brother, and that the recording was left on Councilman Kevin Kennedy's answering machine.

Kennedy is running on a ticket with Mayor Raymond Kimble, who is being challenged by Burke in the May council election.

DPW workers and others credited Saramito Burke as a recent council meetings. They asked her to resign from the mayoral race and her council seat — but she indeed multiple times that the racial slur against African-Americans on the recording was not her.

"I have no common wisdom," said Saramito Burke by phone on Tuesday, when asked about Pitegusa's analysis. "I stand by my story."

According to a letter from Pitegusa dated April 28, the Uniden-brand answering machine was shipped to his office in Rochester Hills, Mich., by Thomas Girdlewood, a former township employee. Pitegusa located the message in question on the machine, and then recorded it onto his own forensic computer equipment.

He then faxed a letter on April 22 to the Belleville Municipal Clerk's office requesting audio tapes of the last two Belleville Township Council meetings, and received the recordings of the March 24 and April 8 meetings on April 24. After locating Saramito Burke's voice on the recordings, which he said was 100 percent positive and authentic, he took portions of it for comparison.

After editing and enhancing the recording to better hear the woman in question, he compared it to Saramito Burke's voice from the meeting tapes.

"I conclude beyond a reasonable degree of scientific certainty that the voice of the female caller that can be heard in the background of the voicemail is that of Marie Burke," he stated.

Comparisons made by Pitegusa included voice tone and accent. In both recordings, along with common word pronunciation including the words "balking" and "sick," all of which Pitegusa said were identical in both recordings that he secured a 100 percent positive

identification, Pitegusa stated that he would need a exact example of Saramito Burke reading the remarks made in the message.

"I was appalled that a sitting council member would say that," said Girdlewood of the recording.

Papa and Kennedy could not be reached for comments by press time.

Girdlewood said he decided to get the recording authenticated after Saramito Burke's fire department and added that people in town clipped it to help cover the cost of the analysis.

The cost of the forensic analysis was roughly \$1,320, although Girdlewood admitted that there could be an additional surcharge for mail hours incurred.

A copy of the recording has been posted at YouTube.com since March, and has garnered over 2,000 unique page.

A resolution requesting the censure of Saramito Burke was drafted by her fellow council members last week.

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Constitutional Fix Is Proposed for Judge Reappointment Stalemates

By Mary Pat Gallagher

A former New Jersey Supreme Court justice thinks he has the right medicine for the paralysis now afflicting judicial reappointments in the state.

The state constitution is silent on the standards judges must meet during their first seven years on the bench in order to be granted tenure.

Gary Stein is calling for an amendment to require that all state judges be reappointed unless they are asked.

Stein, who served on the state's high court for almost two decades until 2002, floated the idea in the Westmont Lecture given Thursday night at Rutgers Law School in Newark.

He said "New Jersey's unusually renowned state judiciary... has been repeatedly stunted and demoralized by the Governor's arbitrary refusal—for the first time since the 1947 Constitution—to reappoint two distinguished and highly qualified New Jersey Supreme Court Justices, John Wallace and Helen Howe."

In 2010, Gov. Chris Christie declined to reappoint Wallace for tenure, saying he wanted a more conservative court, particularly with regard to the *Miscuit* lawsuit over school funding cases.

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GARY STEIN

Bar Task Force on Independence of Judiciary Begins Public Hearings

By Mary Pat Gallagher

The Task Force on Judicial Independence—formed last year by the State Bar Association to address perceived threats to the autonomy of New Jersey's judges during Gov. Chris Christie's administration—is kicking into high gear.

The panel of retired judges, practicing attorneys, legal academics and lay people is holding four public hearings, after which it will issue a report with its recommendations.

The panel says the purpose of the hearings—the first held last Tuesday at the Law Center in New Brunswick—is "to seek responsible recommendations as to whether our current system of judicial

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Trial Ahead for \$15M Suit Over County's Alleged Bad Lawyering

By David Grezslak

A long-running suit by Camden County Mayor's office to recover a \$15 million personal injury judgment is headed to trial, thanks to a New Jersey federal judge's ruling.

Note National Insurance Co. has been withholding payment of insurance funds, alleging the county's lawyers rendered deficient defense of the underlying suit.

In December 2004, Nicholas Anderson, then 18, hit a guardrail on Racine Avenue in Waterford Township while trying to avoid an oncoming car he

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GERALD CHIRBA

Calling Court Workers Names Gets New Jersey Judge in Ethics Trouble

By Mary Pat Gallagher

A high-level New Jersey trial judge is facing ethics charges for determining behavior towards court workers, such as calling a female prosecutor officer for "bitchy" and another employee, who had undergone hip replacement surgery, "hip-a-long."

The Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct, in a complaint returned Monday to Essex County Superior Court Judge Gerald Chirba, cited the judicial Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 3(D) by discrimination and unfair behavior and Canons 1 and 2A by failure to preserve the judiciary's integrity and the public perception of the judiciary.

The A.J.C. alleges five instances when Chirba exhibited instances of the Drug Court team—comprised of attorneys, probation officers, substance abuse practitioners, treatment professionals and staff. He heads the Drug Court in the 150-megajoule penalty criminal judge.

Those alleged instances involved an employee identified as A.J., who was Mancro's Drug Court coordinator between December 2008 and May 2012.

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March vote is a go

BY JEROME ROSENBLUM
Morgantown

While many residents in the community are excited about the upcoming March 17 election, the Board of Education is still working on the details of the election. The Board is currently reviewing the election process and will make a final decision by the end of the month. The election will be held at the Verona-Cedar Grove High School.



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Man sat outside for hours, sent to hospital

BY JEROME ROSENBLUM
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While temperatures in the early days of the week were in the single digits, the cold weather turned into a winter wonderland. The cold weather caused a man to sit outside for hours, leading to a hospital stay. The man was found by a passerby and taken to the hospital. He is currently recovering from frostbite and hypothermia.



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Snow comes to visit, cold sticks around

BY JEROME ROSENBLUM
Morgantown

The snow piled up on the streets and sidewalks, making it difficult to get around. The cold weather is expected to continue for several days. Residents are advised to take precautions against the cold.



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Expansion concerns continue for residents

BY JEROME ROSENBLUM
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The church is planning to expand its facilities, but residents are concerned about the impact on the neighborhood. The church is currently in discussions with the local government regarding the expansion.



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HOUSING

Foreclosures up locally

BY JEROME ROSENBLUM
Morgantown

The number of foreclosures in the area has increased significantly. This is due to rising interest rates and economic challenges. Homeowners are struggling to keep up with their mortgage payments.

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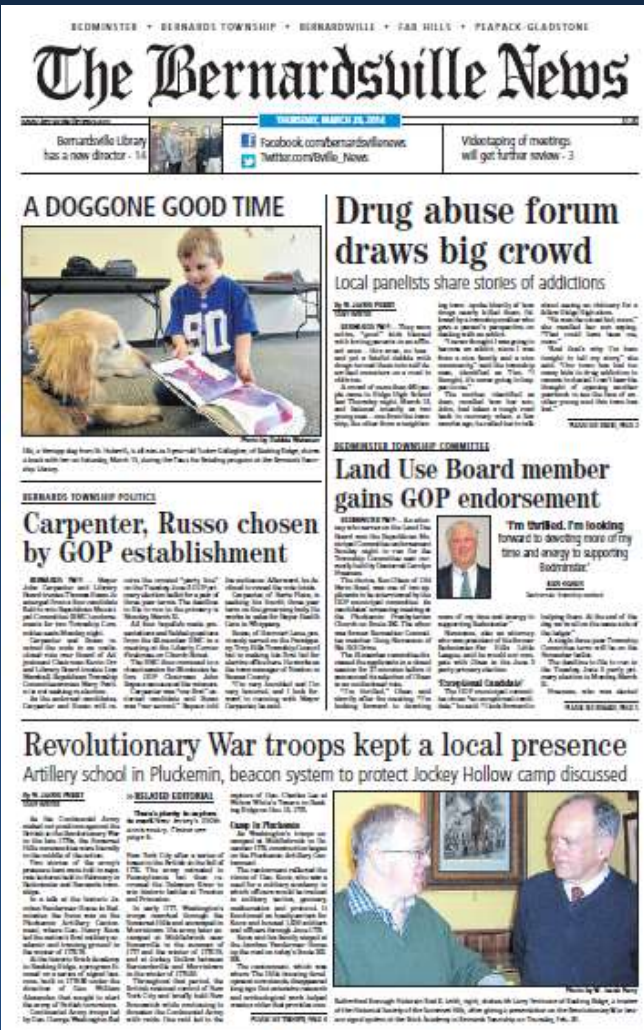
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In Nominating Rabner For Tenure, Christie Had Little Choice

By Michael Booth

When New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie decided in May to nominate state Supreme Court Chief Justice Stuart Rabner for tenure, it was a decision he was forced to make if he had any hope of getting at least one more Republican on the court before the end of his last term in office.

According to lawmakers familiar with the nomination process, Christie held out as long as he could until it became clear to him that Senate Democrats would reject any nominee for chief justice other than Rabner.

Christie, the lawmakers said, reached out to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, who, along



N.J. CHIEF JUSTICE STUART RABNER

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Christie Hires Gibbons Lawyer To Defend Against Whistleblower Suit

By Mary Pat Gallagher

The Christie administration has brought in a private attorney from one of New Jersey's most prominent law firms to take over the defense of a two-year-old whistleblower suit that accuses it of taking over a county prosecution and having the charges dropped in order to protect political cronies.

Peter Trivette of Gibbons substituted into *Stetler v. Dow* on Tuesday, replacing Deputy Attorney General Jane Greenfield and other government lawyers who have been representing the state and other defendants since the case was filed in 2012.

Gibbons, based in Newark, is New Jersey's fourth-largest law firm, with

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Adoptees' Access To Birth Records Signed into Law

By Michael Booth

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Tuesday signed into law legislation that will allow adoptees in the state, for the first time since 1940, access to their long-form birth certificates.

Christie's move marks the end of a process that began in 1980 to give adoptees access to their birth certificates, primarily in order to understand their family background and to give them more information about their biological family's medical history.

New Jersey now joins eight other states that allow such disclosure: Alabama, Alaska, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire,

Firm Admits Signing Ex-Associate's Name on Complaint

By Mary Pat Gallagher



JUDGE JOSEPH R. BOCCIA

Accord with an ultimatum to explain to a federal judge why it filed a complaint purporting to be signed by a lawyer who no longer worked there, the Philadelphia firm of Richman Rosenbaum & Associates has admitted that it signed the complaint in the name of former associate Justin Cohen. The firm said that Cohen, who left five months before the complaint was filed, never came back to the office to sign it but was advised after the fact that his name was used.

The firm blamed the problem on a new paralegal. The May 22 filing in New-Bell v. Walgreen—a defamation suit by Tron for false statements who were falsely accused of stealing from a store collection bin—also claimed that Cohen originated the case and worked on it for more than a year before he left, and it referred to an agreement between Cohen and senior partner Wake Rosenbaum that allowed use of Cohen's name.

These assertions were made in response to a May 6

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Reporter



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Skeletal remains found in yard

BY STEPHEN BURNETT
BURLINGTON COUNTY, N.J. — Authorities are searching for the identity of a skeleton found in the yard of a home in Burlington County, New Jersey, after it was discovered by a local resident. The discovery is part of an ongoing investigation into a possible homicide case. The remains were found in a wooded area behind the property, which is currently under construction. The county prosecutor's office is leading the investigation, and the police are working to identify the victim. The remains were found in a yard behind a home in Burlington County, N.J. The discovery is part of an ongoing investigation into a possible homicide case. The remains were found in a wooded area behind the property, which is currently under construction. The county prosecutor's office is leading the investigation, and the police are working to identify the victim.

State looks into shelter

BY STEPHEN BURNETT
BURLINGTON COUNTY, N.J. — State officials are looking into the possibility of building a new shelter for the homeless in Burlington County. The current shelter is overcrowded and in need of renovation. The state is considering several sites for a new facility, and the county is working to secure funding for the project. The new shelter would provide a safe and stable living environment for the homeless population in the county. The project is a top priority for the county and the state, and it is hoped that a new shelter will be built in the near future.

Ebola nurse on defensive gets call from Obama

BY STEPHEN BURNETT
BURLINGTON COUNTY, N.J. — A nurse who was on the defensive after being accused of spreading Ebola virus has received a call from President Obama. The nurse, who works at a hospital in Burlington County, was accused of spreading the virus to a patient. The nurse denied the accusation and stated that she followed all safety protocols. President Obama called the nurse to offer his support and to encourage her to continue her work. The nurse is grateful for the president's support and is committed to providing the best care for her patients.

Keeping an eye on next storm

BY STEPHEN BURNETT
BURLINGTON COUNTY, N.J. — Meteorologists are keeping a close eye on a storm system that is expected to hit the Burlington County area in the next few days. The storm is expected to bring heavy rain and strong winds, which could cause flooding and power outages. The county is preparing for the storm by sandbagging vulnerable areas and ensuring that emergency services are ready to respond. Residents are advised to stay indoors and avoid driving on flooded roads. The county is monitoring the storm's progress and will provide updates as more information becomes available.

PSE&G works to stop illegal ATV riding

BY STEPHEN BURNETT
BURLINGTON COUNTY, N.J. — Public Safety and Emergency Management (PSE&G) is working to stop illegal ATV riding in the Burlington County area. The agency has been receiving reports of illegal ATVs being used on public roads and in residential areas. PSE&G is conducting patrols and issuing citations to anyone caught riding an illegal ATV. The agency is also working to educate the public about the dangers of illegal ATV riding and the importance of using ATVs only on designated trails. PSE&G is committed to keeping the Burlington County roads safe for everyone.

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MAYOR'S MYSTERY MEETINGS

Redactions worry some, but officials say privacy of citizens a concern



REDACTED: The schedule of Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop included many blacked-out items.

By **TERRENCE T. McDONALD**
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop is a man on the go. Since Fulop assumed the city's top job last July, he's appeared in Trenton to argue for a state tax break for filmmakers; in Atlantic City last November to schmooze with casino pals; and even at The White House, where he and other big-city mayors met with President Obama on Dec. 13.

Where else has Fulop been? Well, you can get a glimpse from looking at the mayor's daily schedule, but you won't get the whole story. That's because, after The Jersey Journal requested copies of his schedule on the day he took office, city officials released dozens of heavily redacted documents that leave almost half of the mayor's schedule a total mystery.

Overall, there are 1,465 total entries on the mayor's schedule, and 605 of them, or 41 percent, are redacted.

The Jersey Journal requested the documents on Jan. 10. Seven days later the city asked for a 21-day extension, citing the "voluminous" request. After 21 days, they asked for another extension. City officials delivered the documents on Feb. 19.

Fulop declined to sit down with a reporter from The Jersey Journal to discuss his schedule. City spokeswoman Jennifer Morrill said the redactions are to protect private citizens who have met with the mayor.

"The administration can only provide information for people who are elected officials, government employees or for public events — all of which we provided," she said in an email. "The state law is written this way to protect the privacy of private residents."

In 2005, a New Jersey Superior Court appellate panel ruled a Middlesex County attorney's appointment book was exempt from the Open Public Records Act because it reveals the identity of private citizens who, unlike public officials, have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Fulop, 37, has long advocated for governmental transparency, and pledged when he was elected mayor that his would be an open, transparent administration.

BLACKED OUT
The mayor's schedule for July 2, 2013 — his second day in office — shows Fulop was set to meet with Jersey City Incineration Authority Chief Oren Dabney at City Hall at 11:30 a.m.; head to a retirement lunch for former Councilman Bill Gaughan; hit the Beechwood Café to meet with Brian Platt, who would later become one of his aides; and then sit down at City Hall with Stacey Lea Flanagan, who would become the city's health director.

His meetings at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. are all redacted.

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, Fulop was scheduled to appear at a Sussex County Democratic Committee golf outing in Gladstone, 20 miles southwest of Morristown, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; a meeting with building trades on Newark Avenue at 9:30 a.m.; a ribbon cutting on Jersey Avenue at 11 a.m.; and a local library event at 6 p.m.

His meetings at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. are redacted.

It goes on like this. For every handful of unredacted items — ribbon cuttings, meetings with City Council members, media appearances (123 of those total) — a few more are withheld from public view.

City attorneys charged with redacting the schedule were particularly busy with their black markers for Fulop's three-day stint at the League of Municipalities convention in Atlantic City. From Nov. 19 through Nov. 21, he had 39 items on his schedule. All but four are blacked out.

The hundreds of redactions shock Aaron Morrill, an attorney and co-founder of good-government group Civic NJ. The group worked with Fulop when he was a councilman to pass the city's first pay-to-play restrictions.

Morrill argues that Jersey City is within its rights to redact meetings that helped shape public policy, but not meetings with, say, private citizens seeking to do business with Jersey City.

"Jersey City residents should have some idea of what their mayor does during the day, what issues he is working on and who he is meeting with," he said. "We expected more transparency from the mayor."

After The Jersey Journal pressed Corporation Counsel Jeremy Farrell on the number of redactions, the city released four pages of the mayor's schedule with seven fewer items blacked out. Among the entries that they had previously redacted include a lunch date with state Sen. Ray Lesnau, whose law firm has won two no-bid contracts with Jersey City; Hudson County Sheriff Frank X. Schillari's "summer luau" at La Reggia in Secaucus; and a number of meetings at the League of Municipalities convention, including one with state Sen. Stephen Sweeney, who along with Fulop is eyeing the governor's mansion.

Jennifer Morrill said those redactions had been "inadvertent."

"We have been extremely thorough in this request, while ensuring that the law is followed as pertains to the release of information of private citizens," she said.

The new, unredacted items concern Aaron Morrill.

"This points to the fundamental problem of allowing the official in question to make the redactions. It's the fox guarding the henhouse," he said. "I think their 'un-redacting' the League appointments suggests that there are more improper redactions."

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The collage shows several pages from the Asbury Park Press. At the top, there's a coupon for \$1575 in savings. Below that, a sports section titled 'STATE CHAMPS!' features a football player. A large article is titled 'Let's talk' with a sub-headline 'Discussion the best way to improve relationships'. Another article is titled 'THE LUCKY LOTTERY CLUB' with a sub-headline 'STATE HANDS OUT MEAGER FINES FOR TICKET DISCOUNTING. MEANWHILE, SOME LOTTERY AGENTS AND RELATIVES CLAIM HUNDREDS OF PRIZES IN ...'. There are also smaller articles like 'COOKIES BREAK THE MOLD' and 'PEARL HARBOR REMEMBERED'. At the bottom, there are advertisements for 'BUBBAKOO'S 2 FOR BURRITOS' and 'USA TODAY HOSTAGE DIES IN RESCUE TRY'.



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Council candidates debate the issues

BY RICHARD DESANTA
Staff Writer

Ideological and policy differences between the Democratic and Republican candidates for Borough Council were in plain view on Tuesday, as candidates debated the issues at the Glen Rock League of Women Voters (LWV) Candidates Night program.

On the firing line were Incumbent Councilman Arthur Pizan and GOP running mate Robert Bourne, and Democrat Amy Martin, who is making a second bid for a council seat. The three are vying for two seats, currently held by Pizan, now seeking his fourth term, and Councilwoman Pamela Sigafoos, who declined to pursue re-election.

Glen Rock LWV member Eileen Gallagher opened the program, then turned it over to moderator Anne Wolfe, from the League's Mattwell Chapter. As always, the forum provided beginning and closing statements, with the speakers stating their qualifications and reasons for running for council. The opening remarks were followed by a general kickoff question from the League, and then questions of candidates, submitted to LWV offices on Indian Creek and addressed to the candidates by Wolfe.

The program was recorded by Glen Rock Television (GRTV) and will be available for viewing through Election Day. It is also available via computer through the link in Vimeo on the GRTV website.



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Borough Council candidates, from left, Amy Martin, Robert Bourne and Art Pizan discussed the issues during Candidates Night hosted by the Glen Rock League of Women Voters on Tuesday. The three candidates are running for two open seats on the governing body.

Who voters backing to immediate leave along with the council race on Nov. 4, the Faber field staff issue was again the elephant in the room based on the questions, with four of the overnight 10 queries hitting aspects of that issue. Strategies to control property taxes, financial management and senior citizen issues – including the program of additional senior housing plans – were also major topics.

While the atmosphere remained courteous, there were several heated debates, over elements of the Faber issue, the relevancy of potential new business developments as a matter of neces-

sity tax relief, and the borough's efforts on behalf of its senior citizens.

Faber referendum

Asked how next year's council would control the overall cost of the Faber project if approved in November, Pizan and Bourne noted that significantly higher construction bids – based on detailed project specifications to be drawn up after public approval of the \$3 million bond proposal – would at least temporarily stop the project pending further council discussion and evaluation conducted at public work sessions.

"This project is not going to

cost \$3 million," Bourne said, "and the mayor and council said that in public up here 10 days ago."

Martin then questioned the sequence of the process, saying, "Since the go-go, I've always wondered why we do it this way. Why don't we get the bids first, and get a sense of the (actual cost)? It throws a wrench into everything – because it is about money, and it's a shame because we really don't have a sense of the scope of the project until we get the real bids in. So I think it's a very legitimate question, and it's one that I will (later scrutinize) on the council, in terms of how the

Faber forum

Glen Rock Television (GRTV) aired a forum on the Faber field referendum on Oct. 18, featuring three panelists for and three panelists against the proposal. For a report from the forum, see page 2.

money is appropriated."

Bourne rejected the contention, saying that for financial reasons, the present sequence is the only way such a project can run.

"I am projects like this (approximately) for 25 to 30 years," he said. "You don't invest in the professional fees to do a full-blown design job, only to find out that the project won't work. You have to do it in the steps that have been taken. Very good, smart people have worked on this so far."

"Now, because of the referendum, it's become focused as if this is the final design out there. It's not. It's the referendum phase, we have to go through a solid design phase, a solid bidding phase, and then look at the numbers. As the mayor said, if the numbers don't come in right, we will have to re-think the whole project."

Pizan added, "The project as Faber field, for me, is all about safety. The money will be appropriated depending on what we need, and depending on the bid-

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Filling Big Shoes: GOP Battle Looms To Replace Runyan

Numerous Candidates for Congressional Seat

By RICK MELLERUP
When Congressman Jim Runyan announced last fall that he wouldn't seek re-election it became clear that this November's race for New Jersey's 1st District would probably be a three-way contest, but more attention than it would have had the popular two-term incumbent was paid. Hence, there probably has been more Democratic activity.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Co. Committee announced on March 3 that Hartington Democrat Alvin Hagard was one of 16 Democratic Congressional candidates nationwide that would be included in its "Road to Hill" program designed to win back the majority in the House of Representatives. That means she can expect to receive "financial, communications, grassroots and strategic support" from the committee. If Runyan had stood for re-election in the district that encompasses much of Ocean and most of Hartington counties it is a safe bet to say the national Democratic Party would have had its resources elsewhere.

Therefore, whatever Republican candidate carries the right to face off with Hagard in the general election can expect a hard fight. That hasn't scared Republicans off of Ocean County since they have expressed an interest in running for Runyan's seat. There have emerged at least two candidates. They each bring something very different to the race.

The man to beat when the Ocean County GOP meets this Wednesday evening at the Tom's River Hotel to nominate its candidate for November elections is Tom MacArthur. He earned the nod earlier this month from the Republican nominating committee in both Hartington and Ocean counties and indeed was the pick of the entire Hartington Ocean Republican Committee on Saturday. MacArthur is the former mayor of Beachleigh and former executive vice president of MacArthur and MacArthur Inc. A candidate who can reach into his or her own pocket to an important asset in any primary to be an expensive contest.

Another candidate, Steve Lougier, can boast name recognition having run in several statewide elections. The former mayor of Bogota lost to Democrat Cherry Hooker in a special election to fill the seat of the late U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg last summer. Lougier, 46, ran, and lost, in the 2009 Republican primary for governor against Chris Christie. That was Lougier's second run for governor. He ran, and lost, in the GOP primary in 2005 as well. So his name has been before the public before, and some recognize it a definite plus. It definitely helped Runyan, a former Philadelphia Eagle, beat the Democratic Ted Thayer's incumbent, the late John Adler, in 2010. Lougier is also

associated with another name that has made a big splash in politics the past few years, the Tea Party. The third man who has seemingly broken away from the pack so it remained the final item and backed into the news is a former Ocean County Councilman "Mo" McArthur. He's a dentist and a retired Navy rear admiral. Having a military affiliation can be a big help in the 1st District considering it contains Joint Base McGuire-Dow-Dickinson and is home to thousands of veterans. It is no accident that Runyan serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

No, money, name recognition and a military career... If the GOP could put them all together in one candidate for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee would probably lack the bid because it is likely that the Ocean County Republican are going to have to make a choice.

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March Madness Risks Addiction, Association Says

The Super Bowl attracts more viewers in the United States than any other one-day sporting event. So much so that January - the month leading up to the big game, which usually takes place early in February - would be the national pick for National Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

That's a bit, however, that you would know. According to the American Gaming Association, more money is infused into the Super Bowl than any other single game in the U.S. However, more is wagered during the first four days of the March Madness Tournament.

So, thanks in large part to the NCAA men's basketball tournament, March has been designated National Problem Gambling Awareness Month. The Ocean County Health Department stressed that gambling can create a number of problems.

"Problem gambling has recently been classified as an addiction," said Ocean County Probationer Cherry F. Little, liaison to the Ocean County Health Department. "Based upon scientific research that shows stimulation to the cortex and consequent use of alcohol and drug products. Addiction is a better understood condition and many persons and families suffering from it gambling disorder will be closer to recovery, help and relief. However, it is 12 million people each enters for gambling problems only a few percent are helped. Many who suffer in silence do so because they don't



CHRON CAP: 13th-grader Jacob Harrod, 19, sits on the dais between Commissioner John Kelen (right) and Councilman Ray Gierulka during the March 17 Little Egg Harbor municipal meeting. Harrod is chairman of his school's "We Can Help Our Community" project to donate food to area food pantries.

Little Egg Harbor Introduces Budget With a 1-Cent Increase on Tax Rate

Students from the fourth through sixth-grade civics classes in the Little Egg Harbor School District attended the March 17 Little Egg Harbor municipal meeting and got a warm welcome from Mayor Art Midgley, but the proceedings were a bit on the dull side for the 9- to 11-year-olds. Not so for the group of adults who regularly attend the meetings. They heard the committee introduce the 2014 municipal budget, one that held few surprises and raised the tax rate 1 cent.

The 2014 budget of \$22,330,347 is lower than the 2013 budget of \$23,832. However, because the town's estimated work continues to slip because of Superstorm Sandy and lower property values, the increase to that rate was necessary, said Division Administrator and Chief Financial Officer Gerald Loech.

The amount for the next fiscal year in 2014 is \$13,294,081, \$1,244 less than last year, and the net value of the town is \$2,740,714, \$1,423 less than last year (that 2013), so the tax rate is .5518, or \$53.94 per \$1,000 of value.

The municipal tax increase on a home valued at \$200,000 in Little Egg Harbor for 2014 is \$1,110, 80, or \$21 more than 2013. The municipal tax rate does not include school taxes, regional school taxes, county taxes, open space tax or fire district tax.

The committee also passed a resolution lowering the town's open space tax to a quarter of a cent from a cent. The move lowered taxes to residents but would still allow the township to participate in Ocean County Natural Lands Trust projects. The move was drafted months ago, but the resolution was to allow

Municipal Clerk Diane McCracken chaired the committee by naming her the administrator of the funds. "It was an honor," she said.

During the committee meeting, 13th-grader Jacob Harrod was invited to sit on the dais with the committee, and they will also provide maintenance and janitorial elementary school project. "We Can Help Our Community" is a school food for area food banks was being at the elementary schools. People who do not have a kitchen at home the district can also donate by dropping nonperishable foods at the main office in the schools.

Mayor Midgley said he had attended a meeting with the 10th District legislators last week and who has questions and go over it time by time," said Loech. Copies of the budget are available at the municipal clerk's office, 11 Chamber Street, Little Egg Harbor, N.J. 08023. A second meeting on the budget ordinance and public hearing is scheduled for April 10.

During committee meetings, Loech was thanked for his hard work on the budget. "We put the right person in for the job," said Commissioner Ray Gierulka.

Loech in turn thanked his township-department heads for their cooperation in budgeting the budget. Commissioner Glenn Kelen thanked the students in the audience for making their parents responsible. "It's like in commitment to all the citizens, and you are state from the Ocean County Newspaper, is \$15,499."

Commissioner John Kelen gave a wrap-up of how many households impacted by Superstorm Sandy were helped by the 108th Flood Mitigation \$400,000 went to 405 households.

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PRIMARY 2014: IS PUBLIC NATURAL BORN?

Decision looms in Bernardsville

Rossi points to years of community service

By DAVID POLAKIEWICZ
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BERNARDSVILLE - Joseph Rossi has steadfastly argued for years that transportation and public safety issues during the Bernardsville Council are resolved through consensus and not by the vote. The council's agenda, however, is a collection of items to be presented to the council. Rossi, who has served on the council for 10 years, said he is not a politician and is not interested in the political process. He said he is interested in the community and in the people who live in Bernardsville.

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Sooy: Transparency, integrity key for mayor

By DAVID POLAKIEWICZ
PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY HENNING

BERNARDSVILLE - Having been sworn in as the Bernardsville Mayor, Sooy said he is committed to transparency and integrity in his role as mayor. He said he is committed to the community and to the people who live in Bernardsville.

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BERNARDS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD

School breathalyzers eyed at games, prom

By DAVID POLAKIEWICZ
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BERNARDSVILLE - The Bernards Township School Board is considering the use of breathalyzers at school games and proms. The board is concerned about the safety of students and is looking for ways to prevent accidents.

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CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION

Children in Bernardsville, NJ, and other children of the Bernardsville Community Center are celebrating Charter Day at the Bernardsville Community Center. The children are wearing blue and white shirts and are holding flags. The celebration is taking place on the lawn of the center.

'Remember moments'

First Wall of Honor group inducted at high school

By DAVID POLAKIEWICZ
PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY HENNING

BERNARDSVILLE - The Bernardsville First Wall of Honor group was inducted at the Bernardsville High School. The group is made up of students who have achieved notable accomplishments in their lives. The induction ceremony was held on the school's lawn.

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Judge dismisses election challenge

Election case ruling likely heading to appeals process

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Lauren Hersh, New York director of the Equality Now Global Trafficking Program, speaks to students on Jan. 16 at Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood about human trafficking during a symposium.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Addressing Human Trafficking

Heightened awareness as Super Bowl nears

BY STEPHANIE SIMONE
Staff Writer

ENGLEWOOD - Danielle Douglas is like any other college student. After knocking on the door of an apartment to attend a party 10 years ago, the 17-year-old treated men a man in his 40s who claimed the gathering was canceled and offered to buy her dinner to make up for the waste of time.

She would have never imagined this same man would two weeks later stand her in Englewood without money on a phone, telling her "make some money."

Douglas, like many other women, men and children across the country, was a victim of human trafficking – threatened and forced into prostitution.

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Human trafficking by the numbers

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The estimated yearly profits generated in the human trafficking industry.

5,000
The number of visas the U.S. Department of Homeland Security can issue per year to human trafficking survivors.

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Two file suit to challenge votes in 2013 election

Allege people received 'unspecified assistance'

BY STEPHANIE SIMONE
Staff Writer

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS - After a very close election in November, two ousted Democrats are suing the Bergen County Board of Elections contending it should not have counted the votes of 112 people who received "unspecified assistance" in submitting mail-in ballots.

The suit – filed Dec. 23 in Bergen County Superior Court by former Democratic council members Michele Simon and Nora Sosasa Jobson – alleges the results should not have included nine people whose sample ballots the Postal Service returned as undeliverable. Five was been people who were not residents of the borough, two people who did not sign their mail-in ballots, one woman whose ballot was signed by another person, one woman whose mail-in ballot was created even though she died before the Nov. 5 election and one woman whose vote was wrongfully rejected.

The suit alleges, the "because the number of legal votes rejected and illegal votes accepted exceeds the number of votes separating the candidates, those votes are sufficient to change the result of the election."

After receiving the mail in provisional ballots, election officials declared Republicans ZH "Philipp" Liang and Norberto Corrao the winners of the election.

According to the official results certified by the Board of Elections, Liang led with 817, followed by Corrao with 809. Simon trailed with 772 votes and Jobson trailed her with 725.

The Democrats demanded a recount, but that did not change the results of the election.

The results split the council with three Republicans and three Democrats on the date, leaving Democratic Mayor Joseph Parisi to break any ties on resolutions and ordinances.

Though Corrao can't comment on the pending litigation, he said he has faith in the Bergen County Board of Elections.

"The election board approved it and now Simon and Jobson are saying to overturn it," Corrao said. "Other questions will come out later when it goes to trial."

Anthony Suarez, the attorney representing Simon and Jobson, is not authorized to comment on the pending litigation.

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Eight candidates participate in the North East Teaneck Block Association's candidate forum. Shown, from left to right, are Emil Yibir Stern, Alan Sohn, Adam Gussner, Loretta Parker, Elin Y. Katz, Alexander Reshin, Jason Castle and Eric Brauer.

FORUM
Candidates talk taxes, diversity

BY MEGAN BURROW
Managing Editor

Eight candidates running for Teaneck Council met last week for the first of several forums to discuss the most pressing issues facing Teaneck.

On May 13, residents will have the opportunity to cast their vote for the four open seats on council from incumbents Adam Gussner, Elin Y. Katz, Loretta Parker and Yitz Stern, and challengers Eric Brauer, Jason Castle, Alexander Reshin and Alan Sohn.

Nearly 200 people attended the candidate forum, held at the Richard Rodica Community Center April 8 and sponsored by the North East Teaneck Block Association.

Attendees were given 10-minute cards and asked to write questions for the candidates, which were read by moderator Clancy Lacey, a former Teaneck resident and current commissioner of parks and recreation in New York City. The questions addressed high taxes, public education, diversity, and the responsiveness of council members to the community's concerns.

Before the forum began, resident Lillian Lewis read a letter on behalf of a group of residents, asking the candidates to refrain from negative campaigning over the next month. "A group of us got together and composed this letter to express our disappointments about the negative campaigns and character attacks that have become the norm in Teaneck elections. We're asking candidates to run a fair and civil campaign," she said.

The candidates were asked how they would, or in the incumbents' cases, have reached out to different ethnic groups in town to ensure that they represent the needs of all residents.

Sohn said he has attended dinner, sports events, and other events to interact with various groups. "I believe I've reached out over the years to meet with, speak with, and listen to the community. I'm here as your representative. I have done my best to reach out to everyone in town," he said.

Sohn called the town's diversity its "biggest challenge" and "one of the greatest opportunities facing Teaneck. The amazing diversity of our backgrounds and talents, and the knowledge we have to offer each other," he said. "Our issues we face are in common with each other. If we focus on those issues and work together we can make changes for a better Teaneck."

Gussner, who is Jewish, recalled when he was first appointed deputy mayor and Mohammed Hameduddin, a Muslim, was appointed mayor four years ago. "We did interviews for cops all over the world," he said. "The thing is while it was a story all over the world, it wasn't that big a deal in Teaneck, because we have diligently grown to expect those types of relationships and people with different backgrounds, experiences, working together. We expect it and I think that's what's great about Teaneck."

Parker said diversity is valuable, but people have to interact with each other and try to understand different perspectives. She pointed to her work with the Youth Advisory Board, with bringing together students from all over Teaneck and other ways she has reached out to

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A group of residents meet weekly for breakfast since the 1990s. PAGE 2

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Film screening
The community celebrates the screening of the television movie about Angela Logan's Mortgage Apple Cakes. PAGE 3

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Perth Amboy celebrates rebuilding of marina

PERTH AMBOY — Perth Amboy Mayor Joseph D. Morone Jr. on Saturday celebrated the rebuilding of the city's marina, a project that cost \$1.5 million and took 18 months to complete. The new marina, located on the city's waterfront, features a new dock system, a new boat launch, and a new parking lot. Morone said the new marina is a testament to the city's commitment to improving its waterfront and providing a better experience for residents and visitors alike.



Mayor Joseph D. Morone Jr. (left) with city officials at the new marina.

"It's hard to believe this is only two years since the destruction of our marina. Many have warned it was impossible to rebuild," Morone said. "This is a testament to the city's resilience and the hard work of our community."

Rutgers program puts college in reach for low-income families

NEW BRUNSWICK — Rutgers University is offering a new program to help low-income families pay for college. The program, called the Rutgers College Access Fund, provides grants to students from low-income households. The program is designed to help students cover the cost of tuition, books, and other expenses. Rutgers officials said the program is a key part of the university's commitment to providing access to higher education for all students.



Students and staff members at Rutgers University.



News anchor speaking on a television set.

Rutgers stands by Hermann

'Offhand remark' about Santusky case surfaces

PRINCETON — Rutgers University stands by its support of a faculty member who made an offhand remark about a colleague's case. The remark, which was made during a meeting, was reported to the university's diversity office. Rutgers officials said the remark was an isolated incident and did not reflect the university's stance on diversity or inclusion.

Red-light cams may end in Dec.

Christie says on enforcement varies, data 'disturbing'

PRINCETON — Gov. Chris Christie says the state's red-light camera program may end in December. Christie said the program's enforcement varies significantly, and the data is "disturbing." He said the program is not cost-effective and that the state should focus on other ways to improve road safety.

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By JAMES STEWART

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After being found in possession of a Burlington County murder weapon and accessories at a dining facility, husband and son-in-law were sentenced to life in prison for the murder of a woman in their home.

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Shamong man, 19, arrested trying to enter White House

There were no signs that Saturday's arrest was related to the security breach the night before.

By JAMES STEWART

WASHINGTON — A man who drove up a White House gate and refused to leave was arrested on Saturday, the Secret Service said. The man, 19, was arrested for an attempted breach of the White House security perimeter. The man was arrested for an attempted breach of the White House security perimeter.

3rd District candidates focus on jobs, college affordability

By JAMES STEWART

Candidates for the 3rd District of Burlington County are focusing on jobs and college affordability. The candidates are focusing on jobs and college affordability. The candidates are focusing on jobs and college affordability.

Law's loophole allowed suspect to get job in W'boro schools

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Trial begins for man accused of 2009 murder

BY JACQUES BOBBIEN

Verona Superior Court Monday morning.

Three days, Tuesday through Thursday, of testimony about the 2009 murder of Joseph Rossi, a 29-year-old Verona resident, began Monday morning in the courtroom of the Verona Superior Court. The trial is expected to last several weeks.

The case involves the murder of Joseph Rossi, a 29-year-old Verona resident, who was shot and killed on the night of Aug. 11, 2009. Rossi was the son of Joseph Rossi Sr., a prominent Verona resident.

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A brush of light



Cedar Grove artist Isaac Gergen, shown working through his position, paints murals through food and drink; whether on walls, food or drink on page 16.

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Family working with police, community to find missing Ventnor man

By NANETTE LOBIONDO
GALLOWAY
Staff Writer

VENTNOR – Troopers from the New Jersey State Police Motor Services Division conducted a search of the waters off the beach Tuesday, Jan. 14, but found no signs of Kennedy Rios, 23, of South Troy Avenue, who has been missing since the foggy early morning hours of Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Rios attended a party at Victoria Avenue in Ventnor Tuesday night, but left shortly after midnight after an argument with his friends. He left the party without his coat, bag, gloves and cell phone. The temperature at 12:30 a.m. Jan. 8 was 33 degrees, with a wind chill factor of about 4 degrees.

"We did a search of the beach and had no findings," Ventnor Police Lt. Steven Terzano said Jan. 14. "We have an affidavit made or submitted about what led to his disappearance. The family is actively looking, and we are offering a reward to the public."

Rios' last seen at 12:30 a.m. of South Troy Avenue, and it is hoped that his brother would be the last to see his brother about 4

p.m. Jan. 7.

"He was eating in the dining room and left my room to look some things because he was something well. Then he found some in with a coat of hair and they went to play poker with a few friends," the dad said.

Family members reported Rios missing about 5 p.m. on Wednesday after he did not report for work as he usually would be doing until at least 10 p.m.

"We called the work and they said he was present, no show, which is unlike him," Last Rios said.

Rios had been recently reported about any disturbance at the party Wednesday, Last Rios believed all the partygoers were intoxicated on beer and vodka.

"They kept drinking and saying, and then Kennedy just left. They're good kids, but I guess because they were all drunk, they just didn't think anything about it. How can you let your brother leave like that without his coat when it's so cold outside?" the dad said.

Rios was last seen on a video recording captured by a security camera at Ventnor's beach at the corner of Victoria and Ventnor avenues, about 10 blocks from his home.



Kennedy Rios has been missing since Wednesday, Jan. 8, and his family is actively looking for him. He was last seen wearing a dark red jacket and blue jeans.

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CRIME Mercedes is carjacked mid-day downtown



A silver vehicle, left, parked in the parking lot of the Japanese restaurant and bar owner. The theft was a mere 10 minutes after the car was parked in the lot at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 5.

Incident is the third in month and a half

By Harry Trumbore
 Staff Writer

Police are looking for a suspect in the carjacking of a silver Mercedes sedan in downtown Millburn on Feb. 5. The incident is the third in a half-month period.

According to police, the car was parked in the parking lot of the Japanese restaurant and bar owner at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 5. The car was stolen within 10 minutes of being parked.

The carjacking occurred at the intersection of Millburn Avenue and Hillborn Avenue. The car was seen driving away from the scene at 1:15 p.m. on Feb. 5. The car was last seen on Hillborn Avenue near the intersection of Hillborn Avenue and Hillborn Avenue.

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EDUCATION New state reports measure progress, arts participation

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has released its annual report on the state's progress in education. The report shows that the state has made significant progress in several areas, including arts participation and graduation rates.

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ESSEX COUNTY Residents question hunting effectiveness

By Lisa Kelly
 Staff Writer

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A MEMORABLE DAY IN THE POOL



Millburn High School swimmer Chris Balle is seen here in the pool at the Millburn High School swimming pool. Balle is a member of the Millburn High School swim team and is a member of the Millburn High School swim team.

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Andy Daneshko takes on the role of Mr. Suedahh in one of the six Edgar Allan Poe vignettes that were part of "Stoampark Poe" at Sayreville War Memorial High School on Oct. 31. For more photos, see page 14.

Finding jobs a battle for many returning vets

By KENNY WALTER

After returning from Iraq in 2009, U.S. Army veteran James Namamura knew he had to make a big move to secure a career.

Met with a poor economy at home after several years away, he decided to take advantage of the G.I. Bill and attend Brookdale Community College in the Lincolnton section of Middletown, a move that would lead to a career as a sheriff's officer.

"With that opportunity, I didn't want it to go to waste. I didn't just want to sit around and waste time," he said. "I was put-

ting out [job] applications and no one was getting back to me, so I just went straight to college."

Namamura is among thousands of veterans who have returned from overseas in recent years to face a struggling job market and a host of issues transitioning to civilian life.

"Every issue I deal with — whether it be homelessness, health care, any kind of financial crisis — they are solved with the job," said Jack Farnous, executive director of the G.I. Go Fund. "At the end of the day, every problem that exists in the veterans' world is actually solved with a job."

Farnous co-founded the G.I. Go Fund in 2006 with the intent of helping veterans in

all walks of life after his friend, Army Lt. Seth Dvoicic, was killed in Iraq.

After a modest start, the Newark-based nonprofit has become a \$1 million-plus national organization and will soon expand with JobPath, a web portal designed to help veterans find employment.

"It's a job board — very similar to a Monster.com or a CareerBuilder, but specifically for veterans — where companies can post jobs," he said. "The difference is trying to end the disconnect between the veterans' community and the H.R. [human resources] community."

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Community in distress after home invasions

By ADAM C. UZIALKO

Members of the Indian-American community in Middlesex County say they are frustrated that law enforcement officials have not reached out to them about a series of four home invasions targeting families of Indian descent across these townships.

Peter Kothari, president and founder of the Indo-American Cultural Society, which is based in Edison, said he believes his track record as a critic of law enforcement has contributed to authorities' reluctance to reach out to him about the incidents in Old Bridge, Edison and South Plainfield.

"Nobody has contacted us except for the media," Kothari said. "[We've heard] nothing from law enforcement officials, and we are very upset about this."

The home invasions have created a climate of fear among Middlesex County's stable Indian-American community, Kothari said, adding that he believes law enforcement should be more proactive in keeping residents informed and reassured.

"It's very difficult because we are thinking, 'Who will be next?'" Kothari said. "We need to see the [law enforcement officials] are taking to protect us."

A spokesman for the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office did not return a call seeking comment regarding Kothari's statements.

The prosecutor's office has determined that the home invasions have been directed at Indian-American families because of their ethnic background, according to a press release.

Four home invasions took place between Oct. 20 and 30. In each case, two or more masked gunmen forced entry into homes and restrained the residents — including children — and stole cash, electronics and jewelry, according to the prosecutor's office. The armed men entered the homes through rear entrances each time.

The initial armed robberies took place in Old Bridge on Oct. 20 and 26. Similar

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ELECTION

Officials, cands react to results

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

Election Day's results mean that a synthetic turf vote has gone down at the Glen Ridge polls three times over the past seven years.

And the following day, Mayor Peter Hughes said that this year's turf vote may have been the last one for the foreseeable future.

"I think, at least for now, the issue's dead," Hughes said by phone Wednesday.

The final count on the Essex County Clerk's Office website showed that 78% voted for turf outdoors, the "yes" vote, 1,100 to 312, or 78 percent to 22 percent.

Last year's turf referendum also failed to pass by a margin of 10 percentage points.

Suzana Chandrasekhar, one of the two co-chairs of the Turf Field Advisory Group, released this statement Wednesday morning: "Obviously, we were somewhat disappointed in the turf vote result. Our committee represented many points of

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view on the issue and we all put in a lot of time and effort trying to discuss out the topic well. We think we came up with reasonable compromise options which would help maximize all ball use in Glen Ridge in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. But we are satisfied that the citizens of Glen Ridge went to the ballot with a lot of information, and that will should be respected."

Alex Santusich, a spokesperson for the Glen Ridge Athletic Association, declined comment. Parks and Recreation Director Jim Cowan only said that he was "disappointed" in the vote.

When asked if he had any thoughts on the outcome, Chairman Jeff Theodorou said, "I see that I am a little disappointed in the outcome, but very respectful of the vote. Moving forward, we will continue to do everything possible to keep all of our fields in the best possible condition."

The turf referendum went to voters in 2007. At that time, the council had been considering a \$6.8 million municipal bond referendum for various capital projects around the bor-



PHOTO COURTESY OF LEO HOWEY

Griffin, a 13-year-old husky mix, was injured in a fight with two other dogs last month.

DOG FIGHT

Fundraiser started for injured K-9

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

Fundraising efforts are under way for a Bloomfield man whose dog was injured in a fight with two other dogs in Glen Ridge last month.

Jennifer Giuliano-Dahm, a dog-sitter with regular calls for help, recently started a fundraising page on the website youcaring.com to help pay for

medical expenses. Police were summoned to the area of Canover Street and Hawthorne Avenue on the evening of Oct. 20, on a report that two off-leash dogs were attacking a caged dog that was out walking with its owner.

None of the dogs or their owners were identified in the police's summons about the incident, said Bloomfield resident Leo Howey later contacted the Glen Ridge Voice and said that it was his dog, a 13-year-old husky mix named Griffin, that had been attacked.

A Glen Ridge police officer was injured while trying to separate the dogs, according to police. The two attacking dogs, described as pit bulls, were impounded by animal control, and Griffin was taken to an animal hospital for emergency treatment.

Griffin was found to have sustained several deep lacerations to his head, hind legs and front leg, and Howey said that it was initially thought that one of Griffin's

ears might have to be removed. "I've got the horror of watching what was going on with my dog," Howey said.

The owners of the pit bulls could not be reached for comment by phone.

Glen Ridge Police Chief Sherita Byrum-Lagunas said Friday that a summons had been issued against the dog owners for allowing a dog to run at large.

However, she said the police and the Bloomfield Animal Control authorities were requesting a hearing for a potentially dangerous dog, to be heard in the Glen Ridge Municipal Court later this month.

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Lauren Hecht, New York director of the Equality Now Global Trafficking Program, speaks to students on July 16 at Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood about human trafficking during a symposium.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Addressing Human Trafficking Heightened awareness as Super Bowl nears

BY STEPHANIE NODA
Staff Writer

ENGLEWOOD — Danielle Douglas was like any other college student. After knocking on the door of an apartment to attend a party 10 years ago, the 17-year-old innocent met a man in his 40s who claimed the gathering was canceled and offered to buy her drinks to make up for the waste of time.

She would have never imagined this same man would two weeks later strand her in Chinatown without money or a phone, taking her "huso some money." "I was completely shocked," said Douglas, who spent two years under control of the pimp. "I had no idea what to do. He had me very badly, threatened my life and said if I didn't give in to sex and make money now, he would kill me."

Douglas, like many other women, men and children across the country, was a victim of human trafficking — thousands and forced into prostitution. Experts believe that with the Super Bowl coming to East Rutherford, N.J. next month, instances of human trafficking will rise in New Jersey. Two community events, along with a newly

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Human trafficking by the numbers

\$32,000,000,000
The estimated yearly profits generated in the human trafficking industry.

5,000
The number of visas the U.S. Department of Homeland Security can issue per year to human trafficking survivors.

27,000,000
The number of people in modern-day slavery worldwide.

14,500 - 17,500
The reported number of foreign nationals who are trafficked into the United States each year.

2,400,000
An estimate of the number of people who were victims of human trafficking from 1995-2005, according to the International Labor Organization.

1,000,000
The number of children who are exploited by the worldwide commercial sex trade each year.

800,000
The number of people trafficked over international borders each year.



Sources: Free the Slaves, U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Justice

LITIGATION

Two file suit to challenge votes in 2013 election Allege people received 'unspecified assistance'

BY STEPHANIE NODA
Staff Writer

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS — After a very close election in November, two seated Democrats are suing the Bergen County Board of Elections contending it should not have counted the votes of 112 people who received "unspecified assistance" in submitting mail-in ballots.

The suit — filed Dec. 23 in Bergen County Superior Court by former Democratic council members Melanie Simon and Nora Simone Johnson — alleges the election should not have included nine people whose sample ballots the Postal Service returned as undeliverable, five from people who were not residents of the borough, two people who did not sign their mail-in ballots, one woman whose ballot was signed by another person, one woman whose mail-in ballot was counted even though she died before the Nov. 5 election and one woman whose vote was wrongfully rejected.

The suit alleges, in part, "because the number of legal votes rejected and illegal votes accepted exceeds the number of votes separating the candidates, those votes are sufficient to change the result of the election."

The suit did not specify what it means by votes receiving "unspecified assistance" with filing suit and returning their mail-in ballots, except to say it was "to be determined during the investigation process."

After receiving the mail-in provisional ballots, election officials declared Republicans Zhi-Feng Liang and Nando Corsalvo the winners of the election.

According to the official results certified by the Board of Elections, Liang led with 817, followed by Corsalvo with 809. Simon trailed with 772 votes and Johnson trailed far with 755.

The Democrats denounced a recount, but that did not change the result of the election.

The results split the council with three Republicans and three Democrats on the date, leaving Democratic Mayor Joseph Parisi to break any ties on resolutions and ordinances.

Though Corsalvo can't comment on the pending litigation, he said he has faith in the Bergen County Board of Elections.

"The election board approved it and now [Simon and Johnson] are trying to overturn it," Corsalvo said. "Other lawsuits will come out later when it goes to trial."

Anthony Sumner, the attorney representing Simon and Johnson, is not authorized to comment on the pending litigation.

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Researchers are studying the effect of turbines in taking the sting out of storms.

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Restoring damaged N.J. marshes

Sandy Bauers
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STAFF REPORTS | IMMIGRATION

Supreme Court refuses to hear Hazleton's appeal

The federal government's attempt to sue the town of Hazleton, Pa., to stop its anti-immigrant laws was rejected by the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday refused to hear the federal government's appeal of a lower court ruling that blocked the town of Hazleton, Pa., from enforcing its anti-immigrant laws. The ruling, which was issued by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, found that the town's laws violated the federal government's obligation to protect the rights of immigrants.

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BOARDS OF EDITORSHIP COMMITTEE

Polling projects winners in local races

By Matthew Kadosh and Henry Tuzov

A special election held for the seats on the Millburn Board of Education last week resulted in a record for two consecutive and successful elections.

With 11 out of 12 of the voters who voted in the election on Wednesday, the two candidates, Matthew Kadosh and Henry Tuzov, were elected to the Board of Education for the next two years.

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How much does a BOE seat cost these days?

By Matthew Kadosh

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ON HER WAY TO A MILESTONE VICTORY

Millburn High School sophomore Katie Dedlow leads down the home stretch Oct. 11 on her way to claiming the varsity girls individual title at the Essex County cross country championships at Thruvalle Park in Millwood. Dedlow, the first girl in school history to win the race, helped the Millers capture a record 10th consecutive team crown. See Page B1 for more additional photos.



TRAFFIC

Reservation work will affect motorists

By Matthew Kadosh

Construction work on the Garden State Parkway will affect motorists for several weeks, according to the Essex County Transportation Authority.

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MFC fighters extend charity streak. **Page B1**



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Silence broken

After Rt. 3 suicide, other families affected reflect

BY JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS
Editor

The July 6, 2013 suicide of a 21-year-old man on Rt. 3 in Carlstadt has revealed behind the scenes how many other families are affected by a suicide which caused a wave of silence broken by other families.

A year ago on July 10, 2013, a 21-year-old man jumped to his death from a highway overpass in Carlstadt. The man was identified as a 21-year-old man who had been living in Carlstadt for several years. He was a member of the Carlstadt High School football team and was a member of the Carlstadt High School band. He was a member of the Carlstadt High School band and was a member of the Carlstadt High School band.

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Next stop for casinos the Meadowlands?

BY JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS
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Mental illness stigma and its effects on suicide

BY JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS
Editor

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Foundation draws up 'fun'draiser

Jake Mullerburg watches as Jamie, 9, draws her comic book character during an event held to support the Christopher Barin Law Life Foundation. For more information on the foundation, visit chrislawlife.org.



MATT WILSON FOR NJPA

Glen Rock High School freshman Ryan Barton and his cousin Jake Mullerburg, a sophomore at Mountain Lakes High School, taught a workshop on "How to Create Your Own Comic Book Character" for children ages 5-11 on July 13 at the Well Read Bookstore in Hawthorne. Children learned how to create their own original character along with some important industry tips and terms.

The event supported the Christopher Barin Law Life Foundation, whose mission is to honor the life of Christopher Barin, who died in 2007 at the age of 9 from leukemia, and to invest his compassion and zest for life by offering underserved children unique opportunities to live life and pursue dreams about which Christopher was most passionate.

The Foundation's flagship program, "Christopher's Comic Book Inspirations," was inspired by Christopher and his own love of comics, and is now in its fifth year at School 21 in Hawthorne. To date, 378 students have participated. The Foundation is in the process of publishing a comic book library called Christopher's Comic Corner at School 21.



Stefania, 9, shows her drawing to Bradley, 9, and Emma, 9.

SAFETY

Jr. football group tackles concussions

BY RICHARD DE SANTA
Staff Writer

Despite a comparatively low incidence of concussions in the past two years, the Glen Rock Junior Football Association has taken additional steps to prevent them, and augmented post-injury procedures in the event they occur.

New GJFA president Colin Stephenson said the Glen Rock Gazette has potential concerns over the issue — albeit heightened awareness of concussions and their effects in the higher echelons of contact and other sports — are undeniably there. This despite what he called their minimal likelihood in programs like Glen Rock's, given the age groups involved and the weight limits in each division.

"Experience has shown that, at our level, especially, the safety record in terms of head injuries has been excellent," Stephenson said. "But, obviously, you'd like to see it never happen. We respect the concerns, and have continued to take safety-minded steps."

They include the adoption of new blocking and tackling techniques that lessen the impact on players' heads and necks, and the significant reduction of contact drills during practice sessions.

Now the recreation group is initiating the replacement of current helmets — even though all are highly rated for protection and have at least two more years of wear remaining — with some of the art's latest: Riddell's NRG Quantum Youth helmets.

The Quantum units were among three makes awarded top ratings by the Virginia Tech-Wake Forest University School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences. Its study team recently issued 18 helmets for injury protection, comparing their

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Laura Stetser
Staff Writer



Ted Elias, 86, hugs his mother Helen, 100, during the surprise party Monday, Feb. 3.

EHT neighborhood celebrates its first 100-year-old resident

By LAURA STETSER
Staff Writer

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP

The residents of the active adult community at Village Grande at Little Mill celebrated its first centennial Monday, Feb. 3 with a surprise party at the clubhouse.

Sister Helen, who officially marked her milestone birthday on Sunday, Feb. 2, shared the crowd of neighbors who had gathered to honor her.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have no idea what it feels like when you sit down and you realize you're 100 years old. I always thought it was just a number and here it hit me right square in the behind on Monday," she said. "I realized I am 100 years old and I almost cry like an old dog bawling."

Richard Slaybaugh has thanked her because he has shared her with all of the wonderful people in the town and to show me that you love me as I love you. That's what life is

all about, to love one another." Helen lives in the community with her son Ted, 86, who said his mother is in great health for her age.

"She used to walk all around the house, but that's about it," he said proudly.

Helen used to be a great golfer and to still just a "regular golfer," he said.

Another big family celebration is planned at Little Mill, but without Helen's other son, 76, will spend up from North Carolina.



Neighbors at Village Grande at Little Mill sing Helen Elias's birthday card.

Egg Harbor Township experiencing startling increase in heroin use

By LAURA STETSER
Staff Writer

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP – The high-profile death of actor Philip Seymour Hoffman this week from a suspected heroin overdose placed a spotlight on a dangerous problem that Egg Harbor Township residents have not been talking with great ease.

There are reports and reports of addiction in the township's police department's precincts along the coast. Last summer 2013, and Egg Harbor Township's incident place a focus on the danger to New Jersey's already beleaguered shores.

In 2011 and 2012, police have seized a total of 395 packets of heroin. Then in 2013, that number jumped up to 1,815 bags of heroin.

The increase in smuggling, and Egg Harbor Township Police Department Captain Chris Bluff. At a recent, the department has been prosecuting, and deterring the bulk of the department's investigative resources toward controlling the growing heroin trade which affects the quality of life for its residents.

There is a difference between drug use and street crime, he explained.

"I treated addiction as a burglary and theft often very closely with levels of police cooperation and an impetus

is committed by law enforcement to deal with heroin drug habits."

It's not only a crime issue, it's a social issue, he said. Citizens are spread through hypodermic needle usage and the constant need for a fix affects nearly every citizen connected to the addict.

"It usually takes a couple to Egg Harbor Township's who to not be harmed."

Cheap and easy

The heroin spike in usage is attributed to how little it costs for a one-time product that cost \$20 but 15 years ago, one can cost \$4 to \$5, he said.

"And very little of it also the trend," he said. Each packet weighs only 30 of a gram in average.

Heroin addiction was passed (in) packets, started with a couple of the dealer's friends. The product is never packaged in plastic like other drugs, he said.

Packets are sold in "bundles" of 100 packets or "bags" of 100 packets. Each bag also often special "baker's dozen" and include 10 packets.

The product is imported from the major cities of Philadelphia, Camden, New York and Baltimore, with Atlantic City becoming a major site in the heroin trade.

Egg Harbor Township's proximity to

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Nash Slaybaugh, left, and Aaron's Slaybaugh pose with their granddaddy's cupcakes.

Slaybaugh activity foreshadows results of Groundhog Day

The students in Slaybaugh Primary School teacher Candice Goodman's all-remote kindergarten class must have had some inside information on Pennsylvania's 19th year in announcing six more weeks of winter. The students' activity reveal that the furry weatherer would call out on Groundhog Day on Sunday, Feb. 2, during a themed activity on Friday, Jan. 31. After watching a short video on the tradition, the kids voted on the results and then made ladybugs to enjoy.

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RECREATION

'Play ball!'

In some towns, fewer kids heed call

BY REBECCA GREENE
Staff Writer

With reporting by Catherine Carrera, Matthew Birchenough and Lynn Bruggemann

Baseball is all about practice. As any better leaver, there can be no downtime in the game. But over the past several years, it seems some kids' practice for America's pastime has been waning. Franklin Lakes, Mahwah, Midland Park and Ramsey have seen a decrease in participation in their baseball and softball recreation programs over the past five years, mirroring a national trend. But

Opening day events

Town-by-town rundown of activities celebrating the spring season on the field.

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that trend does not extend across the board – activities celebrating the spring season on the field. For example, say their progress actually isn't seeing an uptick in popularity. The important thing is to keep your eye on the ball.

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SCHOOL BUDGET

A first? Tax rate to drop

BY LYNN BRUGGEMANN
Correspondent

MIDLAND PARK – The Board of Education approved a \$21.17 million 2014-15 school budget, including \$434,250 in direct service, at its March 25 meeting. Voters will decide if they want to go to the polls Wednesday, April 23. The proposed \$20.7 million general fund is up 2.25 percent from \$20.2 million. However, the portion to be raised by local taxes is \$18,520,004, down \$69,642, or 3.15 percent, from last year. If approved, taxes would drop .057 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The owner of a house assessed at the borough average of \$302,040 would see a \$23.94 decrease, or \$18.56 per month.

"This is probably the first time I have ever had an aid and we have a decrease," said trustee Robert Schiller, who heads the finance committee, during the March 25 budget hearing.

The decrease is due in part to the absence of a second question

MALTBIE AVENUE

Ridgewood's aid sought to rectify parking issue

BY LYNN BRUGGEMANN
Correspondent

MIDLAND PARK – The Borough Council will be reaching out to Ridgewood officials to rectify unsafe parking conditions along Maltbie Avenue when parents pick up their children at nearby Ridge Elementary School.

Residents of Maltbie, many living north of Franklin Avenue, attended the March 27 council meeting to share their experiences

and frustrations with blocked driveways, illegal parking near stop signs and unsafe road conditions that are occurring on a regular basis.

"I have lived here for 30 years and the last five years have been unbearable," said Lucia DiLallo. "I avoid West Ridgewood Avenue from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. It is dangerous."

Maltbie begins at Godwin Avenue and continues south, crossing Franklin Avenue,

which becomes West Ridgewood Avenue, before ending at Burnside Drive. Ridge Elementary School is at 325 W. Ridgewood Ave.

Resident Arthur "Bibi" Marchioni then brought the matter to the attention of Mayor Patrick "Bud" O'Hagan during a monthly "Coffee With the Mayor."

"Maltbie Avenue is a danger zone," said Marchion.

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Voters will have a choice of eight candidates for four open seats on the Teaneck Township Council. Residents will have an opportunity to vote for incumbents Adam Gusman, Eli F. Katz, Lizette Parker and Yitz Stern, and challengers Erik Straus, Jason Castro, Alexander Rubin and Alan Sohn.

Polls will be open Tuesday, May 13 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

HUNGER DRIVE

School feeds the needy

Students and parents at the Academy for Excellence and Greatness make sandwiches and sticks to give to people in need. **PAGE 2**

HIGH SCHOOL VANDALISM

'Deeply hurt and disappointed'

63 seniors arrested for class prank

BY MEGAN BURROW
Managing Editor



APRIL 19, 2014 (PHOTO BY MEGAN BURROW)

Teaneck High School students entered Municipal Court May 1. They were arrested early that morning after breaking into the high school for a senior class prank.

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More than 60 Teaneck High School seniors, about a fifth of the graduating class, were arrested last week after the students gained entry to the high school in the early morning hours to participate in what has been described as a senior class prank.

On May 1, just after 2 a.m., members of the Teaneck Police Department responded to the high school with the help of more than a dozen other local agencies on an activated burglar alarm. When officers arrived they saw numerous people in the building. Some flat, box 39 juveniles and 24 18-year-olds were arrested, and charged with burglary and criminal mischief.

The high school was quickly cleaned up and opened in time for classes by 7:30 that morning. According to police officials, the incident involved graffiti, damage to school property, students urinating in the hallway, scattered balloons and other debris and participants jolly smeared on doorframes.

But in a statement from Barbara Plesat, the Teaneck schools superintendent said that the damage was not as extensive as earlier reports had indicated.

After police officers had finished taking photographs of the hallway and multipurpose rooms in the high school, seven members of the district's custodial department began cleaning up the mess.

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QUEEN ANNE ROAD

Apartment developers install sidewalk

BY MEGAN BURROW
Managing Editor

Students from Benjamin Franklin Middle School, McJannet Yeshiva High School, Teaneck High School and Teaneck Academy now have a safe route to walk to and from school. A temporary sidewalk was recently installed along a stretch

of Queen Anne Road between Scott Street and Asseneland Avenue, where previously students would walk along the side of the oncoming traffic lane. Although there has been no accidents involving pedestrians along this stretch of Queen Anne Road, Township Manager William Houghton said he was aware of the situation and had been an ongoing

concern for officials. The township council had been lobbying for years to get a sidewalk placed at this location, but because the property is located at the rear of 1475 Palisade Ave., a parcel that had been vacant for decades and had changed hands between several different developers over the years, it was difficult to reach an agreement with the

owner of the property to install a sidewalk.

An old company was located there years ago, but Houghton said the parcel has been vacant for some time before the firm parceled the area as a Teaneck police officer in 1983.

In December 2013, the Teaneck Zoning Board of Adjustment

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ACLU threatens to sue 10 county school districts
 By DAVID GREENE
 The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has threatened to sue 10 school districts in Burlington County if they don't change their policy on allowing transgender students to use restrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity.

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Cops: Pursue snatchings may be connected
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 WELLINGTON CITY ... A police officer arrested a suspect in a case that may be connected to the murder of a woman in the city.

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MILES OF FRIENDS



When Mr. Maloney, the senior vice president of the Maloney Medical and Dental Center for the last 20 years, died, some hundreds of people gathered to honor him in the town square on Sunday. Maloney was a well-known figure in the community, and his passing was a significant loss. The gathering was a testament to his impact on the town and the care he provided to his patients.



Photo by Debbie Williams

Sooy wins GOP race

May run unopposed in the fall for mayor after defeating Rossi

By W. JAMES PERRY

BERNARDSVILLE — Bernards Township Supervisor Joseph Sooy has won the GOP primary for mayor, defeating incumbent Tom Rossi. Sooy, 52, is a former state legislator and has served in various roles within the township. Rossi, 61, has served as mayor for several years. The race was closely contested, but Sooy emerged as the victor. He is expected to run unopposed in the general election in the fall.



Photo by Debbie Williams

Legendary Ridge baseball coach Pete Hall remembered

By W. JAMES PERRY

BERNARDSVILLE — Pete Hall, the legendary Bernards High baseball coach, died on Tuesday. Hall coached the team for over 30 years and was a beloved figure in the community. He was remembered for his dedication to his players and his commitment to the sport. His passing is a significant loss to the Bernardsville community.



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3-DAY INVASION REAR: TTTT

'Almost anybody you knew got either killed or wounded'

By W. JAMES PERRY

BERNARDSVILLE — When the 3-day invasion reared its ugly head on June 2, 2014, it was the single most chaotic and terrifying event in the town's history. The invasion was a series of coordinated attacks that targeted the community. The aftermath was devastating, with many lives lost and property damaged. The event has left a lasting impact on the town and its residents.



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Women build hope one house at a time

By TAYLOR M. LIER
Staff Writer

Female volunteers hammered nails into pieces of wood, climbed ladders to build a roof and even reconstructed hope — all for a Sea Bright woman who lost her home to superstorm Sandy.

Homeowner Leslie Morris was devastated after the 2012 storm, but she now has a chance to start a new chapter in her life, thanks to the Women Build project in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Monmouth County.

From July 15-19, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. daily, volunteers worked on the home that Morris had lived in for 17 years.

"The volunteers at Women Build and Habitat for Humanity have been so helpful in helping me get my life back in order. And for that, I am forever grateful," Morris said. Among the unique aspects of the Morris home construction was its inception in Times Square in New York City.

As part of Lowe's affiliation with Women Build and Habitat for Humanity, volunteers participated in constructing the floors, walls and windows of the home over a span of three days in the spring, according to Habitat for Humanity of Monmouth County Executive Director Ray Gabler.

"The event in Times Square was sponsored by Lowe's, and they are committed to donating to the project for the next five years, with their donations equalling approximately \$23.5 million," he said.

Throughout the Times Square event, light from the billboards illuminated the construction of the home and made the efforts of the volunteers truly outside the bustling atmosphere of New York City.

"When the last window was put into what will be the kitchen of Leslie's home, I sent her a picture of her home and told her to look at the view, which happened to be Times Square," Gabler said. "The whole experience was just awesome."

Morris said the framing of her home being done in the middle of Times Square was an experience unlike any other.

"To this day, it is hard to process, and feels surreal. And when I went down to see it, I almost burst into tears," she said.

Women Build began in 1991 and, over time, was extended to last one week each year, according to Gabler.

The week celebrates the ability women have to recruit and train other women to build decent and affordable homes for others. So far, Women Build has helped to construct 1,900 homes.

"Everyone deserves the right to live affordably and not suffer, so Habitat for Humanity and Women Build helps homeowners do just that," Gabler said.

Monmouth County's Habitat for Humanity Board President Nancy Doran said there is more to be done with the construction of these homes devastated by the storm.

"There has been a list of rebuilding tak-



Volunteers work on the rebuilding of a Sea Bright home damaged by superstorm Sandy on July 17 as part of Habitat for Humanity of Monmouth County's Women Build Week. For more photos, see page 22.

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ing place in our Shore communities since Sandy and we are not done yet, so our Women Build event highlights the efforts that women in particular are making to meet the many housing needs in our county," Doran said.

Women Build receives assistance and funding from several partnerships with major corporations and businesses.

In addition, other sponsors such as Wells Fargo, whose female employees assisted on the Morris construction site, volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and provide additional funding for the project, according to Gabler.

At every project site, the female volunteers get on-site training on how to use construction equipment such as a nail gun or a hammer, according to Volunteer Coordinator Kale Nelson.

"All the volunteers either have very little experience, some experience or none at all. So we are grateful to have with us Sandra Larson, who is a professional contractor, to teach the women how to build the home efficiently," Nelson said.

In addition, each site has different workers in various leadership levels, including an on-site manager, on-site instructor and contractor, and lead volunteers, according to Gabler.

Getting involved with Women Build is a

rather simple process, and the outpouring of support Habitat for Humanity receives is tremendous, according to Nelson.

"There are so many people who call us or contact us through our website and want to help, so the amount of support we receive from surrounding communities is overwhelming," Nelson said.

To date, Habitat for Humanity of Monmouth has completed about 83 homes, according to Gabler. Those projects involved both constructing brand-new homes and repairing homes in critical need.

When Habitat for Humanity and Women Build volunteers first came to the site of the Morris family home, they were shocked at what they saw.

"I have been volunteering for about 15 years, so we see a lot of different sites. And with this one, it is just hard to see a homeowner who, after two years, still can't go inside her home due to the debris and damage," said Wanda Saez, Women Build volunteer and vice president of government and community relations for Wells Fargo of Princeton.

Morris remembers like it was yesterday the experience she endured when Sandy hit her residence.

"It was truly a frightening experience," Morris said.

When the storm hit, the water came over

the seawall and onto the property, caving into the back walls of the house.

"It is hard to be out of my home, and I have been living in temporary housing in Fort Monmouth since the storm," Morris said.

Morris expressed her feelings of relief and gratitude when she discovered that Habitat for Humanity could help to rebuild her home.

Women Build received international assistance on the construction of the Morris family's new home, with help from members of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"The help from UAE was incredible, and there were so gracious and kind to help build the foundation of this home. So their experience with us served as a great cultural exchange," Nelson said.

"I love volunteering for Women Build because every time I go to a different site, I learn something new and feel absolutely elated when I get home at the end of the day," Saez said.

Construction on the new home for Morris and her son is expected to be completed by late August, according to Gabler.

"Everyone has been so wonderful, and when I look at my new home as it is coming together, I see the beginning of my new life, and I can turn to my joy and say, 'Welcome home,'" Morris said.

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Wives for Military, the annual walk-run and attraction for the Military Medical and Family Support Center for the disabled, drew hundreds of supporters to Millers Cove in the park during a beautiful morning sky on Sunday. Hundreds of volunteers and thousands of onlookers, some wearing red shirts, carried light pink T-shirts for the occasion. Serving alongside the parade, the members of the volunteer Corps marched their way through the town, carrying the American flag. The parade was led by the 101st Airborne Division, all of whom were in uniform.

Photos by Debbie Williams

Sooy wins GOP race

May run unopposed in the fall for mayor after defeating Rossi

By DEBBIE WILLIAMS

BERNARDSVILLE — Bernards Township Supervisor Joseph Sooy has won the GOP primary for mayor in the fall. Sooy defeated the incumbent, Tom Rossi, in a runoff election on Tuesday. Sooy, 52, is a former state legislator and has served in various roles in the township, including as a member of the Board of Education and as a member of the Board of Health. He has also served as a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Sooy is a member of the Republican Party and has been a member of the township since 2008. He is currently serving as the supervisor of the township. Sooy is a member of the township since 2008. He is currently serving as the supervisor of the township. Sooy is a member of the township since 2008. He is currently serving as the supervisor of the township.

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3-DAY INVASION TALK: 'Almost anybody you knew got either killed or wounded'

By W. JAMES HENRY

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Veterans march during a World War II era Memorial Day parade in Fort Lee. The borough will bring back the parade this May after discontinuing it 20 years ago due to a budget crisis.

COMMUNITY

Memorial Day Parade returns to borough

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

FORT LEE – Twenty years ago, a budget crisis in Fort Lee forced the borough council to suspend the annual Memorial Day parade. The annual tradition, dating back to 1914, was no longer funding the crowds it needed to justify the expense.

"People just look at Memorial Day as a day to get away," said Vietnam veteran Anthony Jones, then the vice commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2542, in 1994. "When I was a kid, the parades were tremendous and would take place on the day the actual holiday fell."

For at least the last ten years they haven't taken place at all, save for a solemn service and wreath laying hosted by the VFW.

But this year, resident Council

man, vice president of the Fort Lee Homeowners Association, and the rest of the parade committee, consisting of the mayor and council, Board of Education and a group of other residents, are changing that.

On May 26 at 10 a.m., they will bring a Memorial Day parade back to Fort Lee's streets, leading a march of veterans, four bands, the New Jersey National Guard, the Fort Lee Color Guard, members of the borough's emergency services, the Fort Lee Historical Society, Athletic Club, American and National Little League, Chamber of Commerce and many more from the local Alton Community Center, the VFW, St. Mark's School and finally, to Christmastown, where they will visit the high school's alumni and cheer for a service.

"It's really just a community effort," Piro, who decided to revive the tradition after attending last year's VFW ceremony, said. "All I had to do was mention the event and people kind of melted, hopefully they'll show up because the goal is to make this a fitting memory for these heroes."

A group of about 30 Vietnam, World War II, Korean War, Civil War and Afghanistan War veterans will collectively serve as the parade's grand marshal.

"It's been an eye-opening experience," he said. "A lot of the veterans, they never really speak about the war, the difficult times they went through and 45 years

later they still have scars from it. This [parade] is like therapy for them."

The borough's first Memorial Day parade was held nearly 100 years ago to honor Sgt. Raymond J. Casella, a founding member of the Fort Lee Athletic Club who died of wounds sustained during World War I, and the many others who served and sacrificed their lives for the country.

It quickly grew and became so ingrained in the borough's culture that club members caught skipping the festivities were fined 50 cents.

There will be no throngs of fans this year but organizers are hoping simple gestures toward veterans will get residents, even those from neighboring towns, so come out.

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SCHOOL NO. 2

District hires firm to conduct site study

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

FORT LEE – The district may move forward with plans to install 12 modular classrooms at School No. 2 despite previous fears parents, but it is taking care of their child concerns so heart and addressing the impact of the closures on the playground area.

For a cost of approximately \$15,000, the Board of Education hired park and recreation consulting firm Kinsey Associates on May 5 to conduct a site study, produce a preliminary plan, cost estimate as well as drawings and specifications for a new play area and landscaping plan design that would revamp the school's remaining recreation space.

The studies, which will be put in place temporarily until the district can fully design support for a more permanent solution to overcrowding, will occupy most of a school field at the end of its run to the current play equipment zone.

When the district announced in March that it would need to bring in trailers to hold an unexpected enrollment of 13 preschoolers this fall, parents and community members raised against the proposal for overcrowding traffic, threatening the health and safety of students and staff and taking away the little playground area the school has left.

"While I fully support better classrooms for our preschoolers, I feel School No. 2's backyard should not be there," said one parent at a March Board of Education meeting, noting that the school's current play space is limited to "damaged blacktop."

"Play is important for kids," she continued. "Kids who have 15 minutes of play are remembered that those that don't."

"Preserve our playgrounds," added parent Erin Mocking.

To do that, Kinsey Associates is recommending removing the existing play area and building a new one with new equipment that would be "better integrated" into the existing school building as well as the modular classrooms.

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EIGHTH GRADER HARD AT WORK BRIGHTENING EVERYBODY'S DAY

By Jim Lent

NEWS Julia Rubin is a young girl who is making a difference in the lives of others. She is an eighth grader at Morris Middle School in Morris Plains, New Jersey. She is a member of the school's cheerleading team and is also a member of the school's dance team. She is a very talented and hardworking student. She is also a very kind and caring person. She is always willing to help others and to make a difference in their lives. She is a true role model for all of us.

Ridgedale housing units OK'd

'Ridgedale Commons' designed to revitalize housing near I-287

NEWS The Jersey State Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has approved a plan to build 100 new housing units in the Ridgedale Commons area near Interstate 287. The plan is designed to revitalize the area and provide affordable housing for the community. The units will be built on a 10-acre site and will include a mix of single-family homes and townhomes. The project is being developed by a local developer and is expected to be completed in the next few years.

Ambulance crashes during patient transit

NEWS An ambulance carrying a patient crashed during transit on a road in Morris Plains, New Jersey. The ambulance was carrying a patient who was being transported to a hospital. The crash occurred on a busy road and resulted in the ambulance being damaged and the patient being injured. The incident is being investigated by the local police department.

Farmers Market opens June 14

NEWS The Morris Plains Farmers Market will be opening on Thursday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market will feature a variety of fresh produce, including fruits, vegetables, and flowers. There will also be a selection of artisanal products, such as bread, cheese, and honey. The market is a great place to support local farmers and to enjoy fresh, seasonal produce.

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Boy Scout Troop 86 makes its way to North-Bor-Sco - the North Bergen Boy Scouts - summer camp in Borahdown in 1954.

100 YEARS

A badge of longevity

Boy Scout Troop 86 has survived the test of time

BY MIKE CURLEY
News Editor

TENNALLY – Climbing over rocky paths, up and down mountain trails with 50 pounds of equipment on their backs. Making camp after miles of hikes in sweltering heat and blistering cold. Building campfires and cooking under the stars. Venturing into the wilderness, and then finding their way home.

It's a boy's life with Tennally's Boy Scouts Troop 86, which for 100 years has hiked all across the county to teach young boys to be men, and young men to be leaders.

"Scouting, for me, was about character building, and about building good citizens," Michael Cavilla, former scoutmaster for Troop 86, said. "Because you based on responsibility, self-sufficiency. Who's going to take care of you when you're in the woods? Yourself. You've got to get to the end of the trail... We can help you with your pack, but we can't help you with the walk. You've got to walk it."

Since its inception on July 7, 1914, boys and young men of Tennally have joined Troop 86 to learn those life lessons while following in the footsteps of their scoutmasters – literally, and in some cases for thousands of miles, as the Troop became the first Boy Scout troop in the county to hike the full length Appalachian Trail, in sections, over the course of 20 years.

Charles Sisk, a scoutmaster from 1969 to 1974, said the troop has had ups and downs. Michael Cavilla, a scoutmaster from 1985 to 1992, said at times there were as few as five boys interested – usually lading competition from other activities, such as sports – though now the troop has more than 30 members. The secret, under the leadership of David Cavilla, Michael's son, is now one of two operating in Tennally, the other being Troop 25, though there used to be seven.

Following their feet
Richard White, who was a scoutmaster in the 1980s, said the scouts would

get teacher patches to sew into their uniforms to commemorate every 50-mile hike.

"It's about character building, and about creating good citizens, the way I looked at it anyway," Michael said. "The whole point of the 50 miles is to be out in the wilderness, away from everything, self-sufficient."

Sisk credited the troop's resurgence with Norman Gierlin, the scoutmaster from whom he took over the troop in 1984.

"The troop was kind of dying when he took over, and he brought it back with the outside camping," Sisk said.

After Gierlin left, Lou Bismol joined the troop as an assistant scoutmaster and brought hiking on the footprints of the troop's activities, kicking off the trips along the Appalachian Trail – Bismol eventually becoming the whole district himself, a feat he and scout John Raff achieved – and going on monthly overnight hikes, including to a

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ON STAGE

JOSEPH CERVELLI

Performers are exemplary in 'The Realistic Joneses'

Absurdist playwright Eugene Ionesco once said that "Death is our main problem and all others are less important. It gives us our sense of our limits." Imaginative writer Will Eno's deftly delectable new play "The Realistic Joneses" at the Lyceum Theatre deals the aspect of death in his own offbeat way. Eno is a master of word play, which can be quite funny, sad and inspiring at the same time. While I may have preferred his last work "The Open House," which just closed off Broadway more than this current one, there is still enough here to whet one's appetite for trying to figure out exactly where this gifted playwright is going.

Under a less capable director, the production I mentioned could not be recommended, but with the equally smart Sam Gold as the helm it provides the audience about 90 minutes of mental acrobatics not as in a Tom Stoppard play, but in Eno's world.

The play deals with two married couples who exist for the first time outside one of their homes. Jonathan (Tom Collette) and Rob Jones (Tracy Letey) are sitting out in their backyard when they hear a loud sound. Suddenly appearing are John (Michael C. Hall) and Patsy (Marilyn Teetsel) Jones who are their neighbors. The title of the play is actually quite humorous because there is nothing realistic about either of the couples and even the common name Jones is funny because both are far from ordinary couples. Their conversations can be in full sentences following a logical sequence and then suddenly can break into non sequiturs which they all seem to understand or pretend so. There is a common bond between the two men, which eventually is revealed and that is they suffer from a rare degenerative disease and the physician who treats their illness lives in their small town.

As in "The Open House" communication or lack of it is in the center of Eno's writing. Rob is equally upstated with his wife and can become quite volatile in speaking to her while John feels his slightly crazy wife cannot handle his debilitating disease. There is one very undercurrent where Jonathan comforts John without any kind of sexual overtones involved. Eno seems to be indicating that we can deal with someone else's illness much easier than a loved one and that the person suffering can relate better to a stranger's touch.

The four performers are exemplary in the way they just fall into Eno's language pattern and style of acting. The always fine Collette has a unique way of so easily bringing a tortured sadness to her face as she did in the film. I saw her in, the unforgettable "Murder's Whodunnit" Less again, however, how attentive an actor she can be as was displayed in his Tony winning performance in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Hall who was

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Chanelle No. 1
World track champ returns to Easton High

A triumphant Chanelle Price returns to cheer from Easton Area High school athletes Thursday after her arrival at her alma mater five years at Lehigh Valley University.

BY NICK BROWN

PIAA-AAA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS | FRIDAY 14

Chanelle Price, a world champion swimmer, returned to her alma mater, Easton Area High School, Thursday after competing in the 2013 PIAA-AAA Swimming Championships in Allentown.

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Staffing levels halt admissions at Haven

PROFESSIONALS STRIKE AGAIN CALLS FOR MORE STAFFING

BY NICK BROWN

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Admissions at Haven University have been halted due to staffing shortages, according to university officials. The shortage is attributed to a strike by healthcare professionals.

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Couple have TV audience to dinner

DISCOVER HOW A FEW COOKING SHOWS ARE BEING A HIT AS THE SEASON

BY NICK BROWN

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Mental health unit at St. Luke's nears end

BY NICK BROWN

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The mental health unit at St. Luke's Hospital is set to close. This decision is part of a restructuring plan for the hospital's psychiatric services.

St. Luke's officials say that the closure is necessary to streamline operations and improve the quality of care. Patients currently in the unit will be transferred to other mental health facilities in the region.

Sarah Peters

BY NICK BROWN

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Sarah Peters is a prominent figure in the medical community. Her work focuses on improving patient care and advancing medical research.

Peters has been instrumental in the development of several innovative treatments. Her dedication to the field has earned her numerous accolades and recognition from her peers.

EDITOR PENS DEAR JOHN LETTER

MANAGING EDITOR NICK FALZONE IS READY TO BREAK UP WITH THE POLITICIANS REPRESENTING HIM, BUT HIS OPTIONS ARE FEW.

BY NICK BROWN

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Managing Editor Nick Falzone is ready to break up with the politicians representing him, but his options are few. He is currently seeking a more transparent and accountable political process.

Falzone has expressed his frustration with the current state of politics. He believes that there is a need for reform to ensure that elected officials are held accountable for their actions.

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10 Years Ago

November 19, 2004
It looked like Hudson Heights High basketball coach Ken Henshaw may have won a borough council seat in the borough. A Camden County Board of Education ruling seemed that way but the

Republican attorney, Albert Chitt, filed for a recount if the judge upheld the Henshaw vs. Democrats would hold a 5-1 plurality on council. The Audubon High school Band took first place for music, percussion, guard, drum and woodwind playing Group III bands at the Year's End of

Bands Atlantic Coast Championships held at Scotran, VA. Calypso Court's failed action on its controversial trailer ordinance and failed. Forwarded it to the planning/zoning board for possible redrafting. Controversy developed about the plan that sides and RPA as well as controversial vehicles, must be parked "behind the front building line of the principal structure of the property." Like a chartered tree mascot headed out of the area

Yesteryear - RETROSPECT

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for the holidays, the RPA. The state would present "Sonnet, the Mission" from Dec. 2-10. Meanwhile, the RPA Company's International Children's Theatre troupe would perform "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" from Dec. 18-20. Robin Stamp and her family of Hudson Heights was assisting Golden Bellows because he, not outside from a "puppy mill" and save them in a living atmosphere.

20 Years Ago

Lions International presented a prestigious Helen Jewell Award to Howard C. Knouff for 50 years of service to the Hudson County Club (now Hudson County College). He was the only living charter member of the Hudson Club and was also the founder of the Hudson Hardware & Appliances Co.

The Hudson Business Music Theatre would present the Delaware Valley premiere of the Broadway musical "The Secret Garden." The show would star Amanda Chabing, a seventh grade honor student at Hudson Heights Junior-Senior in the role of Mary Lennox.

The Science School of Hudson Township dedicated a new outdoor basketball court lately funded by the township commission, the board of education, the public works department and the Van Science PTA.

Outstanding senior girls representing 17 high schools would compete for the Camden County Junior Miss title on Saturday night. It would be the 10th annual program sponsored by the Collingswood-Haddon Township Children's Museum. Representing local schools would be: Imogene Gehring, Audubon; Ashley Smith, Camden; Anthony Hernandez, Hudson Heights; Kristy Shado, Hudson; "Sonny" Amy Anichini, Haddon; Elizabeth Crutcher, Dennis; Candice Colloff; and Suzanne Chin, Paul VI.

The Hudson Heights High School Marching Band captured first place placement of Bands Atlantic Coast Championships. The 60-member unit because Jerry's first-time winner in over ten years. Hudson Heights also wins the awards for best music, visual presentation and woodwind section.

The Woodstone Historical Society was established by the Neighborhood Preservation Program in order to present their education program. We would work with anticipation the community. Participating at the first meeting were 1077 members with 1000 members and charter members Margaret Leno, Ed Stalder and Paul Kelly.

50 Years Ago

Earlbin, Gary made a check for \$100 for her contribution to the "Ladies From United States" buses for Democrats. Dennis Manning, acting postmaster for the office that served Collingswood, gave help to her Christmas mailing. He said, "Whenever possible, give the local ZIP code for an address."

William Jones, a Collingswood businessman and Grand College graduate, offered to

Memory Lane

Remembering Edmund Scientific and Pop

by Ed Zeigler



When I was a kid growing up in the 1970s, my pop, Walter Zeigler, was the operator who in the world. To me, anyway, he was the manager in charge of production at Edmund Scientific in Haddonheights. At least, I think that was his title, my mom can't be sure as to that. Each morning, before he left, he would wave from the car to us at the door and head off to the office. As kids, we really didn't know what his job entailed, we just knew the cool things he would bring home from work.

Edmund Scientific was founded by the man Edmund in the early 1940s and the landmark store at Collingswood Blvd opened about two years later. It was an era of the world retail store for the do-it-yourself science enthusiast. The "Big Bang" television channels would have increased over that plan. It didn't in the factory store. It allowed a popular mail-order catalog and served science geeks around the globe.

The Edmund family sold the consumer division of ED in 2001, including the famous choice to focus on the business-to-business division under the name of Edmund Optics; www.edmundoptics.com. The catalog is now offered online by Scientific Direct, Inc. at www.scientificdirect.com. Today, Anchor Optics occupies the old retail building.

Would You Believe...?

Pop's office had the parking lot, down the hall to the right from the store. The hallway floor had yellow lines drawn for the middle for the 28 cars to follow that brought to mind the "Control" hallway on "Cat in the Hat". I remember seeing his design his new office with graph paper on a magnetic sheet with magnetic hardware when "Edmund" expanded in the '70s. I also remember looking in on the technicians making the mirrors and various lens for telescopes.

It was always a thrill going to pop's workplace. After each trip to the desk, pop would take my sister, Dore, and I to Edmund's to pick out "hardware" because the technicians in the desert house had new poppy items. My mother (she didn't have work at that time, but would frequent till in later years, and once or twice one took his future wife, Cindy, who actually in a sentence, to visit "Remember the model education" it would run by the time in the pool, beyond the nation and go back down again, he recalled with a tooth-filled smile. "I loved that thing."

"My favorite thing was waiting, the workbench operation work their rugged Texas state that was the same for me, they all worked with this of those (pop) and wire systems when we first started visiting," recalls Dore, who now teaches second grade and now once operated a workbench.

One of my favorite features of the store was at the entrance, the 30-foot Japanese submarine periscope in the workbench. The view was kind of scary, but you could look out over Haddonheights just as Japanese sailors used to have done during WWII. Today, the periscope is part of the Haddonheights New Jersey Museum, donated by the Edmund family. Along with the periscope, there was a tank sight, through which you could look in the parking lot.

The store, staffed by kids in white lab coats, was filled with all kinds of fun scientific stuff for kids and adults... telescopes, microscopes, Green's frog kits, dinosaur models, pyramids, volcano kits, solar powered, static, and magnetic motor. Chickadee mouse with and magnets, magnets, sea monsters (which turned out to be something more than blue slugs), insects, sticky flies, model rockets, mechanical waves, weather balloons, kites, balloons, and other things. Magic Rods, after that, and anything else someone could think of. You could possibly think of. Oh, and remember how Dale and I and my grand parents used to borrow the kits. Each kit included one cloud chart, one balloon, one wooden straw, one rubber band, one small gold cardboard band, thermometers and instructions on how to make a thermometer out of a coffee can. I kept



Edmund Classics: Among the thousands of unique products offered at Edmund Scientific, items were the Antares telescope, a 200X microscope and the Spitzkoppe Space Club.

my hamster on my desk. Cindy Tyson would have been impressed.

In the left of the store, down a dark hallway with glowing the dark footprints, was the planetarium, the hall of mirrors and the "Light Show" where you could watch lasers and holograms. And the mystery room full of things not allowed in the catalog, but toys, lenses, optics, radio kits, Army dish-plate kits, clocks, watches, buttons, gun metal. Our house was filled with the colorful stuff (the pop wanted), when I would visit the store as an adult. I'd walk into the mystery room and think to myself, "oh, that's where that thing came from."

Send Your Memories Dear Old Captain Noah

Robert Edmund, Norman's son, was a recovering guest on Channel 6's "Captain Noah and His Magical Ark" children's television program. We would watch with anticipation in the morning before going to school on days that he was to be on. If, for some reason, he, Edmund couldn't make it, my pop was supposed to be on his. Edmund always said it, but my pop did manage to get an autographed photo of Captain and Mrs. Noah, Miss Helene, and Larry Forest.

Sunday, November 21, in my pop's birthday. Walt gave up in the West Collingswood Heights section of Hudson Township and attended Haddonheights High (Haddonheights Elementary School). He went on to Grace Catholic, where he played basketball under Hank Douglas and ultimately graduated from Pleasantville High. He served his country in the U.S. Army and later worked in the Hudson Township after marrying Paul Altman, when he cast at a water cooler at the Haddon Heights Company in Philadelphia. They raised two very accomplished, mature children, and also me. Although pop is no longer with us physically, the occurrence of his life did his spirit continues to radiate through our lives, much the same as the name of the Cookies and cream that continues to exist on my refrigerator.

For instructions to make a coffee and hamster, see page 11.

Do you have an old photo or special local memory that you would like to share with our readers? Contact us at graphics@theretrospect.com or call 854-1400.

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Remembering Edmund Scientific and Pop

Decoration Day: Edwin J. Klenk

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Up for bids: the American Dream

Storage auction draws crowd in Montclair

BY BOB KORNBLAU
PHOTO BY BOB KORNBLAU



The American Dream goes for sale in a new Montclair townhouse. In an early April 12 noon, Saturday sale, the 1,100-sq-ft, two-story townhouse at 223 E. 22nd St. drew a crowd of potential buyers. The house is being sold by the owner, who is moving out of state. The house is being sold by the owner, who is moving out of state. The house is being sold by the owner, who is moving out of state.

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The Montclair Times

Kelly Caffean: "Fresh Coffee," "Goodbye to a Good Home"

Kelly Ebbels
Community Editor



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Fresh coffee

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The sixth council member

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Editorial

Passover and pluralism

Rabbi Douglas Segal is religious leader of Temple Emanuel-El of Westfield. The comments below are excerpted from *SpeakEZ*, the e-newsletter of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ.

IT IS THE custom of many who observe the Pesach seder to place three matzot on the table, with the middle one becoming the afikoman.

There are many explanations for the presence of three matzot, but my favorite is that it represents the diversity of the Jewish people. According to this teaching, the three matzot represent the three categories of Jews: Kohen, Levi, and Yisrael. It is only when the three different "types" of Jews are nestled together that we can truly celebrate the

joys and burdens of serving the Jewish community.

I was privileged in February to join a number of rabbinic colleagues on a brief visit to Israel sponsored by the World Zionist Organization, the Israel Foreign Ministry, and our own Jewish Federation. On this trip, Orthodox, Reform, and Conservative clergy traveled together, ate meals together (strictly kosher of course!), and shared in learning.

The most profound learning came from within the group itself. The Jewish clergy on the trip shared not only in the learning, but shared professional experiences and know-how with one another. Some of the most interesting exchanges took place on the bus or over meals, as Jewish clergy from all our diverse streams told stories of how we deal with the

joys and burdens of serving the Jewish community. At a time when there is rising tension in Israel among the variety of Jewish streams, it was wonderful to be able to model for ourselves cooperation and collegiality. I learned an enormous amount from my colleagues, older and younger, whose experiences of Jewish communal life provided a wonderful opportunity for us to share and grow together.

On Passover, we celebrate the diversity of Jewish life and recognize that all "streams" of Judaism must be present in order to enjoy the Pesach. May we continue to embrace diversity in our Jewish community and recognize that only when we embrace and support one another are we truly a *keleifa kedosha*, a holy community.

Editor's Column

Passoverkill?

When I was growing up, there were five foods on our seder plate: egg (beitz), shank bone (zroa), bitter herbs (maror), vegetable (karpas), and hametz (chametz). At some point we began adding bazeret, another form of the bitter herbs, on the theory that a Jewish family gathering could always use a little more bitterness.

In recent years, the symbols on the seder plate have tended to proliferate. To honor the contributions of Jewish women, some people add an orange. Rubis for Human Rights suggests a tomato to show that you support exploited farmworkers. And still others add olives as a symbol of peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

All of these are worthy reminders, but how many symbols do we need during a ritual event already bursting with symbolism? Lots, that's how many. If you really want to cover your bases this year, check out my suggestions for the 21st-century seder plate:

Apple: Celebrates how technology has changed Jewish life, like on-line Torah learning and the ability to play Candy Crush while sitting in the carpool lane at Sunday school.

Brown paper: Symbolizes our need to heal the planet, which you promise to do

right after using up all the Styrofoam cups and plastic utensils that you bought for Passover.

Grape: A reminder that if you really drink all four cups of wine, you can put up with your cousin's boyfriend for one night.

Scallions: Persian and Kurdish Jews have a Passover custom of striking one another with scallions to symbolize the burdens of the Israelites. I live to put scallions on the seder plate to mock what sounds like a ridiculous and even dangerous custom.



them in greater and greater numbers. Jews, not lewis. Marrying a kivi would be weird.

Celery: Sounds like "salary," and expresses the hope that your children will get jobs after graduation.

Pebrata: Placed on the plate piping hot, it reminds you not to bring up certain topics with your in-laws, especially but not limited to the high cost of prescription drugs and the traffic since they built the new development.

Risbarba: Uh-oh, you brought up the cost of drugs when I told you not to, and now Uncle Harry is going on and on about Obamacare. Nice job.

Broccoli: The surprising fact that broccoli is a member of the cabbage species helps us understand how some of our family members can actually be related to us.

Prusa: Doesn't symbolize anything, but believe me, you'll want one in the next few days.

Pineapple: Just as a pineapple starts out sweet and ends up causing cold sores, something something something about your cousin's boyfriend.

Banana: Reminds us that a man, too, can wash the damn dishes after the seder.

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



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Epic fail: The year in verse

Andrew Silow-Carroll

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Freedom is always and exclusively freedom for the one who thinks differently.
— Karl Popper (1902-1994)

EDITORIAL

Time is now to weigh in on budget

Council meeting next Monday a chance to influence decisions

While this winter has been a quiet one in the Madison Office, in contrast to the busy year of the Madison Office in passing together a new budget that will determine the next municipal year, the city council members will be in a position to influence decisions for the next municipal year.

When the Borough Council holds a "open hall" meeting this coming Monday, Feb. 10, the program is to discuss a new municipal budget and the various ideas regarding it. Everyone is invited to come to the meeting and voice your opinion.

It's a chance to see how the council holds another budget discussion. It is an opportunity to see the council members in action. The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building on Kings Road.

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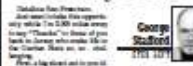


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Unforgettable days in a lifetime

On war, doll carriages and butter

Carolyn Molyneaux
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Now is a
good time
to call

October, just days away, is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is an effort to increase awareness of this disease and, while most are aware of breast cancer and the basic messages, many still forget to take the appropriate steps to detect the disease in the early stages.

Even though it's still the month of September, it is the perfect time for women to make an appointment for a mammogram and time for men to remind the women in their lives to make the appointment.

In 2013, an estimated 232,340 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed among U.S. women, as well as an estimated 64,450 additional non-invasive cases, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS).

Breast cancer, according to the ACS, typically produces no symptoms when the tumor is small and more easily cured, and that's why it's important to follow the recommended screening guidelines to detect the cancer in the early stages when it's most treatable.

When breast cancer has grown to a size that can be felt, the most common physical sign is a painless lump. Sometimes breast cancer can spread to underarm lymph nodes. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) is recommending routine screening of average-risk women should begin at age 50 and continue every two years until the age of 74.

Women must take matters into their own hands and discuss their health, including mammograms, with their physicians regardless of recommendations, while keeping in mind that early detection saves lives.

Unforgettable days in a lifetime

The last couple of years I find that as Sept. 11 approaches, my mind pictures men going through my mind. I dread the day and should realize how it has changed in all that time. I also feel a disturbance in emotion. I actually cannot imagine maintaining your life year after year at the level of anguish initially felt. It is a protective mechanism, I think, that the effects of the losses in our lives decrease. If not, we would be rendered useless as a ridiculously young age.

When Sept. 11 arrives, however, something unexpected happens to me. There are just under the surface no matter what I am doing. I remember in unbelievable detail what I saw, what I felt, what I did that morning. My friend Kazis is very much a part of my remembrance, my having arrived at work that morning to an empty office, except for her.

We saw, immediately, something in the radio. When the commentary begins to suggest that acts of terrorism were involved, I can remember feeling as though my instincts were caught up in some convoluted logic, twisting and spinning. It was one of those moments that is frozen in memory, never to be forgotten. A long time never – but never to be forgotten.

As for the 13th anniversary of the event that has changed our collective mentality so much, it all comes back with unusual clarity. Why I don't

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remember that this happens in my next year, I don't know. I think about my brother-in-law passing away of natural causes at the age of 81. And I know what kind of sadness and sense of loss I, and a number of others, feel about that loss.

Then I try to imagine what the loved ones of those lost that day must feel. They were not 81 and they were not sick. A loss so sudden, so monumental, so senseless how can loved ones ever come to terms with it?

A day that will live in infamy. "I am sure President Franklin Roosevelt would agree. And the attack on Pearl Harbor was certainly that. People who were in it ago December of 1941 have a detailed memory of what they went, what they were doing, how they reacted to the news of the raid on our naval base in Hawaii."

For each of us, there are probably three or four such historic incidents over the course of our life. That is plenty as the nature of these events are almost always catastrophic. They don't necessarily have to be. I guess, if a case for all forms of cancer was discovered or announced of all kinds were set aside one day, we would remember hearing the news.

Neither is bloody likely any time soon, but still... The chief indelible incident: On Jan. 28, 1986, a shorn wilder yellow soccer, I had just opened the kitchen cabinet that held the coffee beans. I heard something in the radio that made me stop. I wasn't sure, but I thought it was something about the Challenger. Then, my slide door opened and Linda, my friend and neighbor, walked in. I said her I had no idea what they were talking about on the radio.

We stood there, indecisive, hardly breathing, to learn that the Challenger had exploded within seconds of launch. My best coach was of Christa McAuliffe, the teacher who was on board.

I got worse as it was discovered that explosion had advanced for a delay in lift off because cooling rings were vulnerable to the cold.

They were overruled. Even worse, it was found that the contrary that made them know that the rings could fail in extreme weather. It did nothing to address the shortcoming.

The moment those pictures came into my memory, however, is not the explosion but, opening the cabinet, hearing something on the radio, and Linda walking into the house.

Thirty-two, on Nov. 22, 1963, I was driving to Ridgewood to pick up my mother from the golf course. I was visiting, being in New York City at the time. My mother had in me

use the car that morning. Had to be on, of course. When the first announcement was made, I didn't get it. I caught a few words, but not all of it.

Then I saw a trucker who had pulled off to the side of the road. He was outside the truck weeping.

Somewhat, that sight had meaning into the words I had partially heard on the radio. I pulled over behind him.

Overwhelming emotion swept over me, the same emotion that was felt by millions of people all over the world.

The next few days were spent mostly watching TV. On the subway, the ambulance, if you can call it that, the atmosphere was utterly different from what it usually was.

If you caught someone's eye, you shared a moment of recognition. You know where the trucker guy was coming from: for a brief instant, we understood each other.

My membership of the BTK association met with the trucker on the side of the road, but there are many, many more, all unforgettable.

However deficient my memory becomes, I cannot imagine anything less than my millions of people who were in that room that Oct. 28, 1986 and Sept. 11, 2001.

I have no personal recollection of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Nevertheless, I've sat at that road that my lifetime quota. I don't know if that is good or bad.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Officials should be accountable

TO THE EDITOR:

Our elected officials and the people they appoint to staff positions are supposed to be the stewards of the taxpayer's money. We expect them to do the right thing. In Hillside, that trust has been betrayed. The borough council displayed inordinate in how it approached the burning explanation of the Hillside Community Benefit Agreement with Waste Management Inc. Then it inexplicably failed to report in its budget the actual terms of the expiration of the agreement, which about \$365,000 annually to Hillside.

Now, in the aftermath of the recent September bankruptcy of the borough's recycling vendor, another example of managerial incompetence that in my opinion borders on incompetence, and failed leadership on the part of our council and borough administration has emerged. Green Sky Industries was the company that bought our community's recycling and paper products and sold them on the open mar-

ket. Each month, Green Sky provided Hillside with a statement showing the amount handled and what they owed the borough. It averaged about \$4,200 a month. In July and August, and around only \$4,800. Now that Green Sky has gone out of business, it is going to be difficult to impossible for the borough to collect the remaining amount owed, which is almost \$30,000. Why did some lower-level Math-wah detect a problem with this

vendor, collect almost all the money due to them, and conceal their contacts with the Hillside majority council and their appointees since by and in this respect? It is my opinion that we supposed to fund the legitimate expenses of the borough, but will now have to be found elsewhere.

We residents need to ask some important questions. Why did the council's financial position allow the situation to persist month after month? Were they, or Council President

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Printing movement turning science fiction into science fact

By GREG WATRY

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BOYS INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
Maroons break Bergen 4-x-800 record

BY ERIC COMPAGNON

A podium ceremony on the Ridgewood High School stage on Friday afternoon gave the opportunity of a lifetime to the four boys who broke the Bergen 4-x-800 record.

The first runner across the start line was senior Matt King (1:58.50). He was followed by junior Matt King (1:59.50), senior Matt King (2:00.50) and senior Matt King (2:01.50).

The boys were joined by their coaches and family members for the ceremony. The boys were congratulated by their coaches and family members.

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Host Ridgewood advances to BIT title game

Ridgewood rowers bound for Division 1 waters

Grade 'A' finish for RHS girls

Greg Tartaglia
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BOYS BASKETBALL
Host Ridgewood advances to BIT title game

BY ERIC COMPAGNON
Associated Press Staff


Ridgewood's boys' basketball team advanced to the BIT title game after a 37-26 victory over Bergen in the quarterfinals on Friday night.

The Maroons' offense was led by senior Matt King, who scored 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Junior Matt King also had a strong performance, contributing 15 points and 8 rebounds.

The team's defense was anchored by senior Matt King, who recorded 12 rebounds and 5 blocks. Junior Matt King also had 5 rebounds and 3 blocks.

The Maroons' victory was a testament to their hard work and teamwork throughout the season.

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After a long season with Pant HAVS volleyball, Cristina Nicastro (right).
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PLAYING WITH EMOTION

Depth from bottom to top

Panthers come from behind in win

BY CHRIS LEYDEN
Sports Editor

After a long season with Pant HAVS volleyball, Cristina Nicastro (right) has won a lot of games for the Panthers. She was named MVP of the team.

Verona-Cedar Grove's softball team, the Panthers, won a hard-fought victory over the Hillbillies in the sectional semifinals on Tuesday night. The Panthers, who were down 1-0 in the bottom half of the inning, came back to win 3-1. The Panthers' offense was led by Cristina Nicastro, who hit a home run in the bottom half of the inning. The Panthers' defense was led by pitcher Sarah Smith, who pitched a complete game. The Panthers' victory was a testament to their depth and resilience.

At the Race Hillbillies show strength at meet

BY CHRIS LEYDEN
Sports Editor

The Verona Hillbillies had a strong showing at the North Jersey State Track and Field meet on Tuesday night. The Hillbillies won several events, including the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, and the 400-meter dash. The Hillbillies' success was due to their depth and strong performances in several events.

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Local goes 'all in' at triathlon

BY CHRIS LEYDEN
Sports Editor

Local triathlete Cristina Nicastro went "all in" at the triathlon on Tuesday. She competed in the triathlon and won the event. Nicastro's performance was a testament to her dedication and hard work.

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NJSIAA TRACK & FIELD MEET OF CHAMPIONS

McDonald, Ross-Trevor, relay place in top four

10 Mounties to compete in Nationals

BY KEVIN TORRES
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

The Montclair High School track and field team spent an afternoon in the NJSIAA Meet of Champions at Montclair State University on Wednesday, June 11, at South Mountain High School and placed second in the relay events. The top team was from the Big Red of the Big Ten.

McDonald, who placed fourth overall in the 200-meter with a time of 28.87 seconds.

McDonald, Ross and Trevor, who placed second in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 1:11.44.

With the relay results coming from the Meet of Champions, the top 10 teams in the relay event are looking for more to improve on at the national meet in July.

"We're going to do our best at nationals," McDonald said. "We probably come out a better team."

Only the eight best 100-meter times were needed to determine the relay team. The top 10 teams were: Montclair State, Montclair State, Montclair State, Montclair State, Montclair State, Montclair State, Montclair State, Montclair State, Montclair State, Montclair State.



Montclair High School track and field team members. From left to right: Coach, McDonald, Ross, Trevor, and another team member.

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Senior send-off at Robeson

Teams in limbo as decision nears

Group IV championship worth the wait

Kevin Meacham
Sports editor



MHS FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Senior send-off at Robeson

Mounties lead rout for East All-Stars

BY KEVIN MEACHAM
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

The top five boys' basketball teams in the state met for the first time at the Robeson High School gymnasium on Wednesday, June 11, for the East All-Stars game.

Montclair High School led the way with a 45-15 victory over the other four teams combined.



Montclair High School's senior players were honored at a send-off ceremony at Robeson High School on Wednesday, June 11.

The players were honored by their teammates and coaches.

BY KEVIN TORRES
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

SOCCER

From 'club and country' to Montclair United

Coaches bring international experience to local players

BY KEVIN MEACHAM
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

The Montclair United Soccer Club is looking to bring a new level of international experience to its players.

The club has hired two coaches with international backgrounds.



BY KEVIN TORRES
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MKA FOOTBALL

Rea takes charge

Former OC back as Cougs' new head man

BY KEVIN TORRES
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

Assistant coach turned head coach, Rea is looking to lead the Cougars to a successful season.



Rea, who played at Montclair, has coached at the college level and has extensive experience in the sport.

Rea, 27, played at Montclair and coached at the college level. He has coached at the college level for 10 years.

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Cougars provide a tough test

Lumpkin's kick return TD makes a difference

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CHASING THEIR GOAL



Montclair lacrosse players chase a goal during a game with North Jersey on Tuesday at the Montclair High School. From left to right, Montclair's Matt Gagliardi, North Jersey's Matt Gagliardi, and Montclair's Matt Gagliardi are seen in action during the game. [Photo by Kevin Meacham](#)

BOYS LACROSSE

A good day in Cougarville

MKA battles back late to earn first-ever win over MHS

BY KEVIN MEACHAM
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

A program with almost no fan base in a morning conference, the Montclair lacrosse team battled back late to earn its first-ever win over Montclair High on Thursday at the Montclair High School.



Montclair lacrosse players chase a goal during a game with Montclair High School on Thursday at the Montclair High School. From left to right, Montclair's Matt Gagliardi, Montclair's Matt Gagliardi, and Montclair's Matt Gagliardi are seen in action during the game. [Photo by Kevin Meacham](#)

'A man of wisdom'

Quarto remembered as brilliant coach, teacher

BY KEVIN MEACHAM
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

Quarto died in 2011. Remembered as a brilliant coach and teacher, he was remembered as a man of wisdom.



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They shared a common goal: to be the best. They shared a common goal: to be the best.

MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

AD decision to come 'before summer'

BY KEVIN MEACHAM
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

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MHS CREW

Six boats claim Garden State championships

BY MARISSA COHEN
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

Montclair High School's crew team won the Garden State championship in the boys' Varsity 8+ category.

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Big Game memories

Area athletes recall playing in the Super Bowl

By Robert Edwards
NJ.com/southjerseytimes

Zack Valentine retired from coaching football at Woodbury High School in 2012. He retired from the NFL more than 30 years ago.

Valentine still has memories of both careers, but nothing trumps the Super Bowl victory he shared with the 1979-80 Pittsburgh Steelers.

"Pittsburgh had just come off a Super Bowl and went into the season expecting to win again," Valentine said. "Coach Chuck Knoll had mentioned after winning last year that the team hadn't reached its pinnacle and the expectation was to repeat and go to Super Bowl XIV. It was already in the cards and that was the objective at the end of the season."

Valentine is a member of an exclusive list of Super Bowl participants with Gloucester County ties, a list that includes former Woodbury standout Bryant McKinnie, Paulsboro High School products Isaac Rodman and Alex Silvestro, and Gloucester graduate Gary Brackett.

Valentine was a rookie in '79 when he joined a Steelers team that had just won their third title in five years. He was picked in the second round of the NFL Draft that year. No. 96 overall, and joined a defense that headed Jack Lambert, Jack Ham and "Mean" Joe Greene. "The Steelers in the '70s dominated," Valentine

said. "You look at the guys they had at every position and it was packed with Hall of Famers. The makeup of the team, the way the organization was, the attitude that was set in place was to win another Super Bowl."

Knoll built his team through the draft by taking the best available players, rather than by position need. It was the beginning of a trend in the NFL that is still used today.

"His thing was finding those players that would mix with what they had," Valentine said. "They drafted the best available athlete and were one of the first to do that and other teams followed. There was so much depth on those championship teams that it didn't make any difference (who stepped in), the level of competition did not change."

The circus that is Super Bowl Media Day held the Tuesday before the game, didn't exist when Valentine played, at least not in its current form. It was a different time for a still growing league.

"It was nothing similar to what it is like now," he said. "We did have a situation where the press was on the field with us and asking us questions, but just like a reporter would normally do for a regular game. No Media Day like it is today."

"It's grown in popularity since I got there because of television. ESPN wasn't televising the draft back then, there weren't commercial spots for millions



Staff Photo by Tim Hawk

of dollars that were being sold. Now you can watch the game anywhere. Television has tremendously changed how a person can watch the game and the advertising involved and the salaries (of the players)."

Brackett was born just a few months after Valentine won Super Bowl XIV. A consistent All-Star at the high school level for Gloucester, Brackett earned his spot on the Rutgers University football team as a walk-on.

He went undrafted in 2003 before signing with Indianapolis and within two years became a starter on the Peyton Manning-led Colts.

"We had a lot of success during my tenure (even before the Super Bowl win



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at the end of the 2006 season)," Brackett said. "We had some wild media days before that because of our 13-0 starts in some seasons. You can't anticipate everything that is involved with (the hype surrounding the Super Bowl), but it's something you kind

of expect with the biggest game on Earth."

Brackett was named the defensive captain of the Colts before the start of their Super Bowl season, recording 120 tackles that year. Playing on the same team with Manning, (See LOCALS, Page 7)

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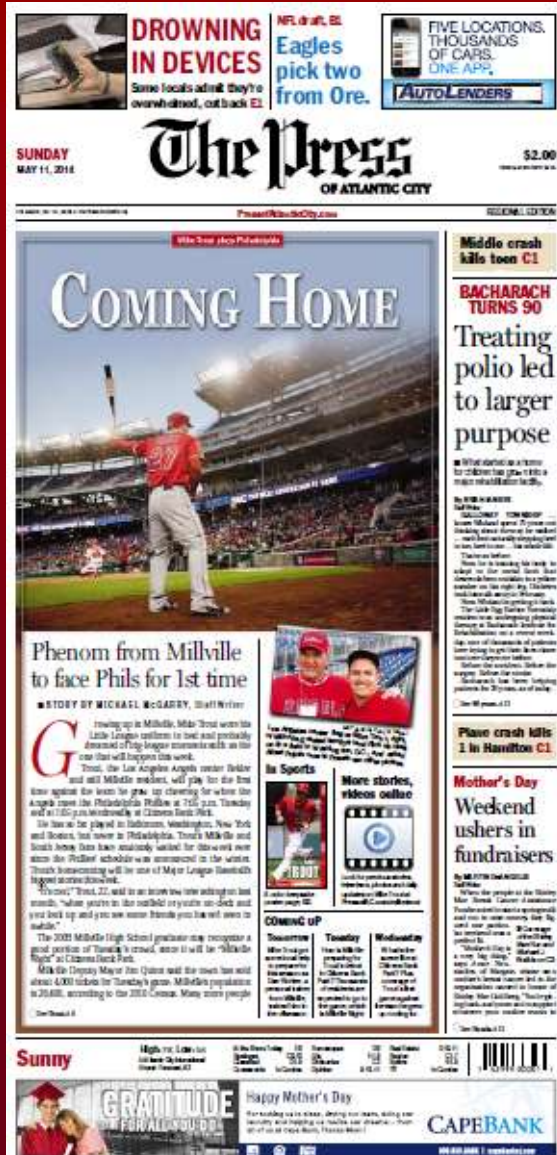
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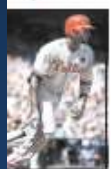


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Ex-Camden star again aims at NBA
After nightmare, a dream season*

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The Texas Dragons will be back here in the batting cage as their preparation for their national game in the postseason.

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Turning back the tide

Chabad Rabbi opens first new Jewish temple in Hoboken in 100 years

by Carlo Davis

Reporter staff writer

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The room was already crackling with excitement when the scribe dipped his quill in the ink for the final time. Fathers and sons toasted shots of whiskey, women embraced, and children ran up to touch the ornate engraved case. But only when the last letter was written did the celebration truly begin.

This past Sunday, the Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Center of Hoboken marked two equally important milestones. The first was the opening of its permanent home at 80 Park Ave., the first new Jewish temple in Hoboken in over 100 years. The second was the completion of a Sefer Torah, a fully handwritten scroll containing the first five books of the Hebrew Bible.

Torah transcription is not taken lightly, especially among orthodox Jews like the Chabad Lubavitchers. To compose their new Torah, the center hired Shaul Baruch, a scribe and rabbi in Jerusalem, and flew him to Hoboken to write the final 25 letters on Sunday. The torah contains 304,805 Hebrew letters, but only with the last one does it become a sacred object.

“The work has just begun until every single Jew has a place to feel at home, to study, to pray.”—Moshe Schapiro

Once the ink was dry, at least 300 people marched the scroll up First Street to Washington Street and back to the center. Children held torches and flags and upbeat music boomed from the Kom's Hachnosas Sefer Torah Truck leading the processions, drawing confused smiles and waves from the tourists lined up outside Carlo's Bake Shop.

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Thanksgiving is food, love fest for all at Presbyterian Church

BY JAMES JULIA WINTER

They were far from the food, but they got food for the day at the Presbyterian Church of South Bergen on Thursday, Nov. 27. The church's Thanksgiving dinner was a love fest for all. The church's Thanksgiving dinner was a love fest for all. The church's Thanksgiving dinner was a love fest for all.

Town missing \$1M in grants

BY FRANK DE LUCA

It appeared to be the night of celebrating the great collection of grants that were awarded to the town. The grants were for the town's participation in the 2014-2015 grant cycle. The grants were for the town's participation in the 2014-2015 grant cycle.

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Debate over home birth continues, minus midwife involved in tragic delivery

by Carlo Davis

Reporter staff writer

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The midwife charged with practicing medicine illegally after a baby died in a 2012 Hoboken home birth has completed a pretrial intervention program designed for first time offenders, according to Hudson County Prosecutor's Office spokesman Gene Rubino.

On Sept. 18, 2012, Olivia Kimball, a 31-year-old resident of Great Meadows in Warren County, assisted in the delivery of a baby in a home on Garden Street. At 6:30 p.m. that day, the baby was pronounced dead at Hoboken University Medical Center, Hudson County Assistant Prosecutor Michael D'Andrea told the media at

the time.

The state medical examiner later determined that the baby had been stillborn due to an infection, according to Rubino. He declined to specify whether or not Kimball was at fault for the death.

Kimball was arrested on Sept. 21 and charged in a Hudson County court with unlicensed practice of medicine. The crime is a 3rd degree indictable offense, the state equivalent of a felony.

According to Rubino, the maximum penalty for this crime is five years in state prison.

Pretrial intervention in New Jersey operates in a similar fashion to probation. Inductees must report to a probation officer, and may be subject to house visits. They have to obey all laws and answer any question posed to them by their officer, and they may be required to perform community service.

After a year-long postponement of proceedings, Kimball entered the pretrial intervention program on Sept 16, 2013 and successfully completed it on May 21, 2014. As a result, no conviction will appear on her criminal record.

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Sparta lashes out

After a season-opening loss, Spartans back in business

By [Name]

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100 goals for Newton's Cronin

She wastes no time, netting two in first 1:16 of latest victory

By [Name]

NEWTON — Cronin wasted no time in netting two goals in the first 1:16 of Newton's latest victory over the Spartans in a season-opening loss.




Newton knocked off

Newton's season ends in a 1-0 loss to the Spartans

By [Name]

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PRO FOOTBALL
Eagles' Top 5 receivers all-time
Who are the top five receivers in the history of the NFL? Here are the top five receivers in the history of the NFL.

1. Mike Ditka: The "Sweet Charity" wide receiver is best remembered for his time with the Chicago Bears. He was a three-time Pro Football Hall of Famer.

2. Donnell Carroll: Carroll was a wide receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles and the Dallas Cowboys. He was a two-time Pro Football Hall of Famer.

3. Fred Biletnikoff: Biletnikoff was a wide receiver for the Cleveland Browns and the Cincinnati Bengals. He was a two-time Pro Football Hall of Famer.

4. Calvin Johnson: Johnson was a wide receiver for the Detroit Lions. He was a two-time Pro Football Hall of Famer.

5. Jerry Rice: Rice was a wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers. He was a five-time Pro Football Hall of Famer.

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Burlington's Aaron Rogers (right) passes the ball to a teammate during the game.

Riverside savors taste of victory

Chorus M passes at half time, the Blues trailed to a 25-game losing streak.

BY JIM LEE
REPORTER

Riverside High School's football team will be looking for a win in the first game of the season on Saturday.

The team won 12 games in the 2013 season, but the coach said the team was not ready to play on Saturday.

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Special delivery

First-year Burlington Township quarterback Aaron Rogers played like a seasoned vet while directing the Falcons' winning drive.



Aaron Rogers (right) passes the ball to a teammate during the game.

BY JIM LEE
REPORTER

SPECIAL DELIVERY ... It was the first time Rogers was being quarterback.

With his team down, Rogers called the team's offense and led the team to a 28-25 victory over Moorestown on Saturday.

Rogers' performance was a surprise to many, as he is a first-year player.

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Jackson deserves a Philly welcome

It's not often that a player from one team is traded to another team. But in the case of Jackson, it's a move that has caught the attention of many fans.

Jackson's move to Philadelphia is a significant one, as it represents a major change in the team's strategy.

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HOLLIS FOOTBALL: RUTGERS 31, BURLINGTON 21

Goodwin does job in Rutgers win

More college football '08

The Knights' ground attack was the key to their victory over the Bulldogs.

Goodwin's performance was a key factor in the team's success.

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ECONOMY
State of business remains complex

By DANIEL PITCHARD

Verona often exhibits a small-town feel in its surrounding areas, but the economic and operating conditions, both the regional and local, are becoming more and more complex.

After a long summer and a very quiet start to the new year, the local economy is still in a state of flux. The local economy is still in a state of flux. The local economy is still in a state of flux.

COUNTY POLITICS
A decade later
Talk of county secession has lost momentum since early-2000 vote

By DANIEL PITCHARD

In western Essex County, where numerous of roads, parks and facilities nearly merge between a town and the county, it can be hard to distinguish where one begins and the other ends.

That almost 23 years ago, Verona and Cedar Grove seceded — early signs of preparation of their tax burden to county workers — most overwhelmingly in order to officials to leave Essex County.

When the momentum didn't reach Verona, where the highest tax burden needed to approve the move, some issues of the county's budget have been improved with other tax-related issues.

With the new fiscal year on Nov. 3, 2008, Cedar Grove voted 2,313 for secession and 607 against; Verona voted 7,072 for and 791 against, according to a 2008 New York Times article.

So what happened?

FINANCES
Cedar Grove plans to bond \$1.23M for improvements

By DANIEL PITCHARD

Cedar Grove is expected to bond \$1.23 million for a variety of improvements in the town, including a new library, a new fire station, and a new police station.

REMEDATION COMING
Work on health care facility receives approval

By DANIEL PITCHARD

Work on health care facility receives approval from the state health department.

SETURDAY THRILLER
Cedar Grove baseball team down, undefeated

By DANIEL PITCHARD

The Cedar Grove baseball team was defeated in a game against the Verona team.

DEFENSE DUBS KEY WITNESS A MURDERER

By DANIEL PITCHARD

A witness in a murder case has been identified as a murderer.

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Community News

School employees disciplined after meal plan investigation

Garfield meal probe, few admit mistakes

**Kristie Cattafi
Reporter**

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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ELECTION DAY



Sarah Kopick slips in to vote at Garfield's Firehouse 5 on Election Day on Nov. 4.



Shari Damico exits the booth after casting her vote.

GARFIELD

School employees disciplined after meal plan investigation

BY KRISTIE CATTAFI
Staff Writer

Thirteen Garfield School District employees were disciplined after internal and state investigators uncovered their household income to obtain free or low cost meals for their children. Two employees resigned and some have already made restitution payments, while a husband and wife departed the accusations, according to documents obtained by

Commonwealth News. The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally subsidized meal program designed to assist low income families by providing low cost or free meals at public schools.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture income eligibility guidelines for the 2014 to 2015 school year, the annual income for a family of four is qualified for a free meal is \$23,850, and to qualify for low cost meals the income is \$44,123.

In 2013, a team comprised of district administrators, school board committee members and a state appointed auditor began a review of applications submitted by employees of the district seeking eligibility for the meal program for their children in the Garfield schools.

The initial review showed there were 17 employees that misrepresented their household income on the applications. Four employees overstated their household income while 13 understated their

household income. All of the employees who understated their income were support staff employees and were not teachers.

Based on the findings, the district contacted the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) at the New Jersey Department of Education as well as State Police and the Attorney General's Office. The OFAC report of consultation outlining the findings of the investigation was issued on Sept. 25.

The investigation reviewed SE EMPLOYEES PAGE14

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VITAL STATISTICS

Report reveals findings of theft investigation

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

A case against Glen Ridge's former borough manager may be going to trial next month, depending on a judge's ruling.

Taisei Gopaul, a Municipal politician, is accused of stealing more than \$82,000 in cash fees during the time as the borough's register.

A hearing on whether his guilty plea will be withdrawn is currently scheduled for Sept. 15 in Essex County Superior Court.

The plea had centered with the possibility of five years in prison. On the day of the scheduled sentencing, court administrators said that Gopaul's attorney entered a motion to have the plea withdrawn.

Gopaul's attorney, Thomas Ashby, could not be reached for comment Monday.

The borough has maintained that prior to August 2013, when the thefts were discovered, the staff and auditors did not notice any red flags to indicate that theft might be taking place.

However, two municipal audit reports from the past three years did mention that the vital statistics officer had some bookkeeping issues that needed to be addressed.

Discrepancy

The Glen Ridge Voice obtained a copy of the Glen Ridge Police Department's report on the investigation into the thefts, via an Open Public Records Act request, prior to the announcement about the reversal of the guilty plea.

The report mentions several items, from receipts issued that didn't align with the borough's revenue totals, to transaction spreadsheets that were allegedly filed in with prior years' notebooks.

According to the police report, the investigation began on Aug. 1, 2013 when Tam Yencola, the deputy register, was filling in for Gopaul while he was sick on a day off. That day, the report said, Yencola received a cash transaction from a customer. But when she mentioned it to the cashier, the cashier remarked that Gopaul had never turned in cash transactions – only checks or money orders.

Yencola spoke to Police Chief



Sheila Ryan-Lagassa, who told her to speak to Borough Administrator Michael Hohn, Hohn told police that he wanted to speak to the council first before the police started an investigation.

Gopaul

When asked about this, Hohn said that the council wanted to make sure there was enough proof of suspicious activity before the police were brought in. He also said that the council's finance committee was concerned about whether the borough would be able to receive full restitution for the losses; he said that the concerns stemmed from a prior legal matter involving an administrator at the Glen Ridge Community Trust several years before.

The investigation found that there were discrepancies between the amounts of revenue reported on the vital statistics records, and the amounts that the borough actually deposited in the bank.

The report also alleged that the spreadsheets that listed the vital statistics revenues for the year, listing in numbers from prior years. "For example, in 2013, the title list indicated that it was from 2012. The investigating officer checked all of 2013 and discovered that the months after his suspension had information in them from a previous year."

Gopaul was removed from his position on Aug. 23 of that year, and arrested in January. The report says that he gave a voluntary statement, admitting to taking cash from the cash box, to police at headquarters. "He said he intended to pay the money back, but the officers began to get so large he could not keep it."

The losses from the thefts were initially calculated at about \$93,000, but that figure was later revised to \$82,081.

An analysis of receipts by police indicated that the amount of cash transactions being submitted from vital statistics to the borough

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RIDGE REMINISCENCES



Mount Inside Hospital, now the Nassack MC Mountain side, in its original building. The first patient was admitted in 1891. If you have historical photos you'd like published, email them to glenridgevoice@gmail.com. Call 973-233-5007 for more information.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Burglary/theft

Officers were dispatched to Hillside Avenue at 6:21 p.m. on Aug. 10 on a report of a burglary.

The victim reported that sometime during the day, unknown suspect(s) entered the house through a window and removed personal items. Officers checked the residence with negative results. Anyone with information can contact Detective Michael Medico at 973-748-5400, ext. 120.

Burglary to auto

Officers were dispatched to the 500 Block of Hillside Avenue at 1:53 a.m. on Aug. 14 to take a report of a burglary to auto in progress. The complainant said that they observed a person in their vehicle. The suspect, who was described as wearing a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt, ran east on Yamacraw Avenue. It is unknown if anything is missing from the vehicle at this time.

DWI

Officer Matthew Vergo arrested Marcos Rodriguez, 37, of West Orange at 2:26 a.m. on Aug. 15 for driving while intoxicated on

Bloomfield Avenue. He was taken to police headquarters for processing and later released.

Suspicious person/near hit escape

Officers were dispatched to Midland Avenue at 2:51 p.m. on Aug. 15 on a report of a suspicious person standing near a garage. Officers arrived on scene and the suspect had already fled the area. A witness told police that they had observed a black male, with thin build, dark complexion and wearing a white T-shirt, standing near the home-owner's garage. When confronted, the man ran toward Macleod Avenue. No injury was gained to the garage, and nothing was taken.

Hit and run

A search warrant/arrest. Officer Ivan Schwartz arrested Demos Furr, 43, of Montclair at 7:54 p.m. on Aug. 9 for providing a false name to police, knowing he had a warrant, on Bloomfield Avenue. He was taken to police headquarters for processing, charged and released.



ALL PHOTO

Motor vehicle accidents

During this week, the Glen Ridge Police Department investigated three motor vehicle accidents, none of which resulted in injuries.

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Report details vital stats theft investigation

Erin Roll
Staff writer



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Hoboken's legacy of vote-by-mail schemes

Rent control referendum results stand, and shed light on dubious election pastime

by Dean DeChiaro

Reporter staff writer

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RENT CONTROL SETTLED – Some Hoboken voters traveled to the polls in November to weigh in on the future of the city's rent control laws. Hundreds of others voted by mail, and a court case over the legitimacy over their ballots helped to shed light on the longstanding practice of "vote harvesting" in Hoboken.

citizen and low-income housing buildings to encourage residents to fill out absentee ballots. Seven years ago, the state made it easier for people to fill out ballots by mail by allowing people to do so without having to give a reason.

Over the past 20 years, several allegations of vote-by-mail-related fraud in Hoboken have been referred to law enforcement. Thus far, no charges have come as a result of those investigations, except for one indictment of a councilman in 1997 – allowing the practice that Mayor Dawn Zimmer called "vote harvesting" to continue largely unobstructed.

When the Mile Square Taxpayers Association, a group of developers and landlords long opposed to Hoboken's tenant-friendly rent control codes, withdrew a legal challenge to the results of a November referendum last week, they conceded a victory to tenants who want to keep rent control in place. But it had another effect – it shined a light on a dubious election practice that has plagued Hoboken politics for years.

The court proceedings, in which MSTA attempted to argue that the Hudson County Board of Elections should not have invalidated around 300 vote-by-mail ballots, placed a microscope on those types of ballots, which have long been a source of controversy here.

For years, political organizations have influenced elections in advance by sending workers into senior

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Glen Ridge residents Amelia Milero, 4, Katalyn Milero, 7, Emma Milero, 7, Chloe Milero, 4, and Michael Molinaro, 4, raised money with a bake sale for a Savings for Saddle fundraiser at the Glen Ridge Train Station.

PUNISH AUSER

Glen Ridge second-grader holds bake sale to help cousin

Forest Avenue School second-grader Emma Milero and her family held a bake sale to raise money to offset the considerable cost of her 8-year-old cousin Sash's treatment for a serious

brain condition called an Aneurysm. Emma raised \$144 for her cousin as the main reason, on top

of the \$2,500 she has already raised through various fundraising efforts including lemonade stands and a fundraising dance party at DanceWorks in Moersdale.

INVESTIGATION

Changes made in registrar's office following arrest

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

The arrest of Glen Ridge's former borough registrar and the investigation that led to it, have resulted in some changes in the vital statistics office.

These changes have been in effect since the arrest of the registrar, who had been collecting for couples of birth, death and marriage certificates.

The borough has installed a new video camera in the office, to cover the section of the office where money is handled, floor cash.

Administrative Michael Linhart said on Friday. Birth certificates are issued in a specific order, with each certificate having its own serial number. The borough now provides the registrar with only a limited number of blank certificates at a time, Linhart said. If others are needed, the registrar has to go get them from the borough administrator.

Auditors say that the borough staff found evidence that

Copani had not been following the correct procedures for handling money collected from the public for birth certificate fees. It has not been specified what exactly the evidence was.

The municipal staff did its own administrative investigation before going to the police, Linhart said. Copani was arrested on Jan. 24, the county prosecutor's office announced this month.

Copani's information for Copani and his attorney could not be obtained by the Glen Ridge Voice.

Copani had worked for the borough on a seasonal, part-time basis, working for a couple of summers with the public works department. He was hired as a full-time employee after graduating from Haverford College, going to work as the assistant to the administrator. Linhart also noted that Copani had received a good recommendation from his supervisors in public works.

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Erin Roll
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TV

Borough broadcasts community news

The Glen Ridge municipal TV station is now available on both Comcast Channel 36 and Verizon FiOS Channel 38.

Subscribers to either service can now access programming. Council meetings are broadcast live on the station.

In addition to rebroadcasts of the council meetings, the station also rebroadcasts board of education meetings and other municipal committee meetings. Bulletin board announcements continue to be shared for issues of interest or impact to residents.

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GUT PUNCHED
Stomach bug hits MHS
 BY ERIC KIEFER
 MONTCLAIR



The Montclair High School is a very busy place, and it's not just because of the academic demands. A food poisoning outbreak has hit the school, and it's not just a minor inconvenience. The outbreak, which began in late March, has affected several students and staff members. The school is currently closed to the public, and the health department is investigating the cause of the outbreak. The outbreak is believed to be caused by a contaminated food item, and the school is working to identify the source of the contamination. The health department is also working to identify other schools in the area that may be affected by the outbreak.

Towing monopoly endures

After six years of what the Board of School Estimate (BSE) has called a "toxic" towing monopoly, the Board of School Estimate (BSE) has voted to end the monopoly. The BSE has approved a new contract with a new towing company, which will allow for more competition in the market. The new contract is expected to be signed in the next few weeks. The BSE has also approved a new set of rules for towing companies, which will help to ensure that the market is fair and competitive. The BSE has also approved a new set of rules for the towing industry, which will help to ensure that the market is fair and competitive. The BSE has also approved a new set of rules for the towing industry, which will help to ensure that the market is fair and competitive.



Down to the wire

Vote nears on a 4.4 percent tax increase
 BY ERIC KIEFER
 MONTCLAIR

The Montclair Board of School Estimate (BSE) is set to vote on a 4.4 percent tax increase. The increase is necessary to cover the cost of a new school building. The BSE has also approved a new set of rules for the towing industry, which will help to ensure that the market is fair and competitive. The BSE has also approved a new set of rules for the towing industry, which will help to ensure that the market is fair and competitive.

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Thomas key for Broncos' offense

By Ben Matlock

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Garden Statement

WT native turning heads in return to Jersey wrestling

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Colts rally past Bulldogs to snap four-game skid

By Ben Matlock

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — The Indianapolis Colts rallied to beat the Atlanta Falcons 27-20 on Sunday, snapping a four-game losing streak.

The Colts scored 17 points in the second half, led by quarterback Andrew Luck, to overcome a 10-0 deficit.

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Green lifts Phoenix to rout over Sixers

By Ben Matlock

PHOENIX (UPI) — Phoenix Suns coach Steve Nash said Sunday that the team's victory over the Philadelphia 76ers was a result of their improved defense.

Nash said the team's defense was the key to their victory, as they held the 76ers to 84 points.

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U.S. FOOTBALL PLAYERS
Manalapan just fine with its role as underdogs

BY STEPHEN EDELSON

It is in a 1976 photo that the Manalapan football team is captured in a moment of triumph. The team, which has just won the state championship, is shown in a group hug. The photo is a black and white photograph, and it is a classic shot of a sports team celebrating. The players are wearing their team uniforms, and they are all smiling and embracing each other. The photo is a testament to the team's hard work and dedication.

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Football, life intertwine for 1976 Red Bank Catholic champions

Stephen Edelson, a former football player, is shown holding a framed photograph of a football player. The photograph is a black and white portrait of a player in a football uniform. Edelson is smiling and looking at the camera. The framed photo is a tribute to the player's career and achievements.

TIES THAT BIND

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MEMPHIS FOOTBALL

Ball protection is Martin's priority

BY STEPHEN EDELSON

Memphis football player is shown in action on the field. The player is wearing a white jersey with red accents and is running with the ball. The background shows a football field with other players and spectators.

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WILD Time to move Revere down in lineup, or out

BY JEFFREY M. HAYES
DAILY NEWS

PITTSBURGH — They're going for the home run, but they're also going for the home run. The Pittsburgh Pirates are looking for a way to move Andrew Revere down in the lineup, or out of it altogether.

Revere, who has hit .288 with 10 home runs and 23 RBIs in 110 games, is a power hitter who can also play the outfield. But he's not a regular, and the Pirates are looking for a way to move him down in the lineup, or out of it altogether.

"We would like to get some more production from a leadoff hitter," said general manager Neal Huntington. "I think it's a good idea to move Revere down in the lineup, or out of it altogether."

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In fact, this will be the Pirates' second year of moving Revere down in the lineup, or out of it altogether. In 2010, the Pirates moved Revere down in the lineup, or out of it altogether.

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BY JEFFREY M. HAYES
DAILY NEWS

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BAY AVENUE

Woman's death investigated

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

Authorities say a woman found dead in a Bay Avenue home on Saturday likely died of natural causes.

An ambulance was called to the house early Saturday afternoon on a report that there was an unresponsive woman in the house, Glen Ridge Police Chief Stella Rayon-Lagattina said on Monday.

When the Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad arrived, the woman was found to be deceased.

The cause of death has been undetermined at this time, and the Essex County Prosecutor's Office is investigating. However, prosecutor's office spokeswoman Katherine Carter said Monday afternoon that a preliminary examination had ruled out homicide, and was indicating that the death was due to natural causes. Other tests, including toxicology reports, were pending at this time, she said.

The Glen Ridge Police Department, Monclair Fire Department and prosecutor's office all responded to the scene. Animal control authorities from Bloomfield were also asked to respond, Rayon-Lagattina said, since there were six dogs present in the house; the dogs needed to be secured so police and emergency crews could remove the woman's body.

Authorities have not released the woman's name, pending a determination of the exact cause of death, but police indicated that she was in her early to mid-40s and that she lived at the house. Rayon-Lagattina said that other circumstances, including the care of the dogs, were being investigated.

She also indicated that the house was the same residence where, in 2010, a pit bull was reported to have attacked a Glen Ridge police officer who was responding to a report of a dog fight.

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CONTEST

The future – the way they see it

Local residents awarded grand prize for short film project

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

There are two up-and-coming actress- filmmakers who are making a splash on the local scene.

Grace Hayes, 11, of Glen Ridge, and Milena Tosta, 13, of Ridgewood Avenue School Festival's Klub Show competition, a contest designed especially for young filmmakers. The girls' winning entry was a

short film called "The Playdate." It took the grand prize in the "Small group" category in the "Children's" (jurors don't grade four to six) section of the competition.

The theme for the competition was "The Future The Way I See It." The contest asked, "What could happen to you, your family, New Jersey, the world, the environment tomorrow, a week from now, 100 years from now?"

"The Playdate" shows Grace sending a love message to Milena, asking her if she wants to come over. During the entire film, the girls only talk to each other by

Milena Tosta (left) of Bloomfield and Grace Hayes of Glen Ridge show off the trophy they won in the Most Likely Film Festival's "Klub Show" competition. The girls' short film, "The Playdate," was one of the grand prize winners in the contest. With them is the festival's dog, Slava, who had a cameo in the film.

ERIN ROLL
A TOP PHOTO GRAPHER

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COMMUNITY

'Glen Ridge's Got Talent' seeks acts

Glen Ridge has planned its own talent show on Thursday, March 20 to benefit Project Graduation.

Auditions will be March 18, rehearsal is March 19.

The show will be held at the Ridgewood Avenue School Auditorium. Doors open at 7 o'clock. For more information, email: PG2014@GRCAS.net.

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Teaneck Suburbanite Cellist performs underground with band

Jodi Weinberger Reporter

YOUR NEIGHBORS

Cellist performs underground with band

BY JODI WEINBERGER
Staff Writer

Every Tuesday Bryan Wilson masks from his home in Teaneck to New York City, down into a subway terminal, puts on a theatrical mask, and picks up his cello to play to the mass hair commuters for three hours in a band called You Feel Happier?

If it sounds super outside the box, that's okay. The uniqueness of the gig is what drew Wilson to the band — whose name comes directly from "Funsize Punk" — and is described on their website as having a "heavy, post-rock, experimental, film score sound."

Whatever concept that falls in its a sample of their music and an ad on Craigslist for a cello crew Wilson to join three years ago.

"It wasn't the first thing I saw but it was one of the few things where I said, 'This is kind of cool,'" Wilson said. "The reason I went to (California Institute of the Arts) is because you don't have to play in an orchestra. I get to write my own music, do my own thing... I like to play in a group where you could bring your own voice to it."

Wilson is joined by the band's founder, Pete Rialto, who plays an 8-string bass, and Derek Franklin, who plays the drums. The members also occasionally make use of two glockenspiels.

The underground gigs are part of the Music Under New York program, which auditions and assigns musical acts to allocated time slots in New York's Union Square, Grand Central and Herald Square subways.

Wilson admits it's one of the more unusual career moves he's made since graduating from Teaneck High School in 2007 and then California Institute of the Arts where he studied the cello performance and music composition three years ago.

The band has several different personas they put on when their music — ranging from vintage style covers to swing jazz, music or Mexican wrestler music — is going especially in the summer," Wilson said of playing with a mask covering his face.

In the winter "it's even more brutal because it's so cold. You'll play in Herald Square and it's absolutely freezing."

Like most musicians, Wilson has a number of different jobs to make ends meet. During the day he's an administrative assistant for an architectural firm. At night he plays gigs with his band — at annual venues, not just in the subway — and also will play at weddings and in people's homes when asked. The band is also one of the musical acts in residence at the Simon M. Stone, an interactive theater in New York.

Larry Martino, a music teacher in the Teaneck School District, and the person Wilson credits for giving him the call, said he noticed immediately that the Teaneck student had a "musical aptitude."

"He signed up for cello in the fourth grade in the school program and he had cello lessons for about a year," Martino said. "After two years, in a minute and in a certain point my abilities on the cello only go so far — and if there



Teaneck resident Bryan Wilson, a celloist in the band, You Feel Happier?, talks about the uniqueness of his band and where they perform. The band is releasing its third CD, "Grant" on Nov. 16.

is anyone who I see has something special going on we try and get them cello lessons from a real cello, and that was my situation."

Martino and Wilson have kept in touch through the years and even play together now at weddings and perform chamber music in people's homes.

"It's sad but because the area doesn't necessarily have a great reputation for producing careers," Martino said. "It's nice to see somebody who went through the public school's program that has made a successful career out of being a musician."

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really, really shoddy bar in the

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North Street is only five blocks from the southern border of Teaneck, and South Street in Bogota is only four blocks from Bogota's northern border. This is because, in the 1990s, before Teaneck and Bogota gained their present borders, Harry Gowen turned his large fruit orchards into housing under the name of the Hackensack Land Development Co.

These particular streets were just the northern and southern boards of his land.

ARREST

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police said: "Often, when we experience these types of calls from our hospital, our dispatches network with the Teaneck and Hackensack detective squads and, more times than not, we discover that similar incidents occurred in both Hackensack and HULMC during the same time period," Tardi said.

"That's exactly what happened here, and we all know that we were trying to identify the same suspect through the images captured on various video surveillance cameras. The apprehension in Teaneck and Hackensack was the break we needed."

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Focusing their lens on everything but 'ordinary'

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

ON THE BOOKSHELF

Focusing their lens on everything but 'ordinary'

BY LYNN BRUGGEMANN
Contributor

FRANKLIN LAKES — Amateur photographers Amy and Richard Lyons have a love affair with animals that has inspired them to trek around the world taking pictures of wildlife in their natural habitats, the subject of their book, "The Sarcasm Lens: An Ordinary Couple's Photographic Journey Through the Animal Kingdom."

Thirty years in the making, the book is a collection of more than 700 wildlife photographs the couple took on seven continents in 41 countries. It includes their personal stories on where and how the photographs were taken, accompanied by Richard's humorous observations.

"We decided to take a African safari to Kenya in 1983 before anyone was really taking expedition trips," he said. "We photographed a hippopotamus and we haven't stopped taking pictures."

The couple captured the images of animals using film and, more recently, digital cameras. Many were taken in the last 10 years, after Richard exited from a career in television law.

"We never use a tripod. We find the animals with our naked eye and reaching has been a huge strength," said Richard. "It is part of the thrill to have your camera ready and to be able to spontaneously photograph the animals." The couple agrees that timing is everything.

"A good photograph is a real art," said Amy. "It is being in the moment. The leopard is there and a minute later it is gone."

The couple recalls searching for a plastic only to look up and see it scurrying into their jeep.

"You wouldn't believe that something so big could be so quiet," said Amy.

Richard calls the journeys around the world a "hansoo man."

"Nothing in wildlife is a guarantee," he said. "You spend a lot of money and time. It is a pain." The Lyons have never added up the costs of their trips.

"We are just an old-time beach people," said Amy. "We like to immerse ourselves in the place and culture."

Aftered for 39 years, the couple decided to retire to Florida, sometimes sleeping in makeshift tents in order to be on the scene when the wild things roam.

"We have slept in the open air of a cardboard box without indoor plumbing at the San of



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RICHARD AND AMY LYONS

Above, the Franklin Lakes couple. Left and below, pictures of a Komodo dragon and a South African leopard and they look and included in their colorful book.



wild because the dim alters the bee's color."

The couple's love affair with wildlife was not shared by their son and daughter when they were growing up.

"We would put them in the car and not tell where they were going and when they figured out it was the zoo they would yell, 'Not the zoo!'" Amy said.

Though the Lyons don't collect exotic pets, they have a rescue dog, a pit bull mix named Block-It.

"We also have a black bear that regularly visits our lawn," said Amy. "We included a photo of it on the back cover of the book."

The Lyons spent five years selecting photographs and writing the prose to include in their book that features a photo of Richard with a Mountain lion in his hand.

"Richard is known for his sense of humor and is pretty sarcastic; hence, the title of the book," said Amy. "I would have to edit and tone down some of descriptions."

"Amy is the creative one," adds Richard.

With 1,500 copies of the book in print, the duo is ready for their next adventure and next book.

"We are going to Spain in September and begin photographing the 'Wonders of the World,'" said Richard.

"I hope this book inspires people to not be afraid to travel and try new things," said Amy. "We are just two ordinary people who got out of the couch."

The 258-page book is published by Picture It Press. For more information, visit the sarcasmnews.com.

AUDITIONS

PERFORMING HEARTS THEATRE COMPANY

The Performing Hearts Theatre Company announces auditions for "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare as Adapted" on 7:30 pm, Sept. 22 at the First Presbyterian Church of Ramsey, 10 Stuart Lane. Performers are asked to prepare a 10-minute monologue in Shakespearean monologue for the audition.

Performance dates are Nov. 7-9.

For more information, email performingheartstheatre.com. See performingheartstheatrecompany.com.

REDWOOD SINGERS WILL HOLD OPEN REHEARSALS

The Redwood Singers is holding open rehearsal sets at 7:30 pm, Sept. 15 and Sept. 22. It is held by auditions. All voice parts are encouraged to audition. Songs and tenors are especially needed. Auditions are casual with no need for prepared music.

Regular rehearsals are held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays at the Lybman Society. The Redwood Singers perform winter and spring concert in each calendar year. The 2014 Winter Concert will be 3 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Redwood United Methodist Church and will include holiday music with the theme "Peace."

The Redwood Singers, established in 1953, is a community chorus of about 150 singers from many local towns performing in Redwood. Its repertoire ranges from classical to popular show tunes.

For more information, call Cynthia at 201-207-3125, email redwood-singers@yahoo.com or visit redwood-singers.com.

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Local duo takes a shot in tequila company contest

Sarah Nolan
Managing Editor

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009 TOWN JOURNAL

ALLENDALE

Local duo takes a shot in tequila company contest

BY SARAH NOLAN
MANAGING EDITOR

A pair of Allendale natives, actor Phillip Chorbá and director Eileen Houlihan, merged their talents on a recent project and the result is comedy gold – or silver, as the case may be.

The pair created an advertisement for Tequila Avión Silver, directed by Houlihan and starring Chorbá, for a contest held by the company. They're hoping to beat out the competition in with for top viral video and a grand prize of \$10,000 – plus immeasurable notoriety.

The coupley asked film students at Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif., where Houlihan is a graduate student, to come up with an idea to promote the beverage that would catch on. Houlihan, ever a baby of the 80s, said she immediately thought of Pee-wee Herman's famous bar top dance to "Tequila" in "The Wee'ly Advertiser," and wanted to play off the idea with a modern edge. After presenting her idea to the Avión, she was chosen as the finalist and given a stipend to shoot the commercial.

"I'm impressed in performance and dialogue-based directing, and I like working with really funny actors and having a funny concept and script," she said. The tes per-

son she thought of to fill the role was Chorbá. Family friends, they grew up together in Allendale. Houlihan graduated from Northern Highlands in 2001 and Chorbá from St. Joseph's Regional High School in Montvale that same year. She said Chorbá has always been the funniest person she knows.

The concept of the commercial features Chorbá as the self-described "a little less than every man" entering a bar full of models and having trouble getting the attention of the bartender, not to mention the ladies. Chorbá's character gets up on the bar top, swilling Avión's tequila silver, and tipping off his grey 'fro with a sequin suit to reveal a tight silver onyx, a la David Bowie, and some unrecognizable dance moves, in white platform shoes (another Pee-wee reference) to boot. He commands the crowd's attention and adoration.

Chorbá said when Houlihan approached him about the idea, he thought it was great and was willing to take direction and do whatever was asked of him. He even improvised the line, "I'm not gay, I'm just a little less than every man," which he said was "outstanding and just weird enough that it perks people's ears."

For the project, Houlihan also



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Tony Gicas



Metal band returns love



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RON CLARK
Clifton resident Ron Clark, has attended about 225 Metallica concerts since becoming a fan at the age of 13. He is pictured in center at photo on the right surrounded by members of the heavy metal band. Above he is pictured at center, in the front row, during one of the many concerts.



Super fan front and center at Metallica shows

By Tony Gicas
Staff Writer

CLIFTON – Hardly any fans afforded the opportunity to become friends with those they idolize, but one Clifton fanatic not only had his dreams come true but ultimately received recognition and traveled the world with the band he loves.

By day, Ron Clark is your average Joe. A resident of the Ashland section of Clifton, he owns a custom carpentry company in Nuddy and also runs an ATM business in the area.

A devoted Christian, one would never imagine upon passing him on the street, seeing him in church or working with him on a construction project in Paterson that he was a globe-trotting heavy

metal band enthusiast. And, he may never have traveled such a path if it wasn't for a million, yet important, musical influences which paved the way for his unexpected journey.

Two decades ago, as an impressionable 13-year-old, Clark said his musical knowledge was limited to "whatever you could listen to with your mother or father" in the car, adding with a laugh that "it was primarily ghetto music."

One day, however, a good friend passed a CD into his hands and pressed play. The song was Metallica's "One" an epic 7-and-a-half minute track released in 1988 which weaves between clean and heavily distorted metal riffs.

"He put the disc on repeat, left

and took a 35-minute shower," Clark remembers. "At first I was annoyed and hated it but, by the third time, it was alright and, by the fifth time, I was like 'well, I'm a Metallica fan!'"

His first time seeing the band perform live came during the "Load" tour in 1996 at Madison Square Garden. Then, he came into contact for the following night at the Meadowlands.

"We were like 'oh [expletive], you've got us. I don't do drugs or anything but, for me, seeing them live was a drug," Clark said. "It's one of the things you have in your pocket list."

From that day forward he slowly embarked on a mission. Throughout high school and up until his college graduation, he worked and saved his money.

"I use pasta every single night as 75 cent a pop and didn't even have tomato sauce on it," Clark smiled.

In 2003, after receiving his degree in Criminal Justice from CUNY John Jay in Manhattan, he bought a truck van, took out the rear seat and installed a bed. The plan was simple: drive to each and every of Metallica's shows during that year's North American tour.

"It was crazy," Clark said. During one tour date, Limp Bizkit, the opening act of the tour, stopped in the middle of the show and staged out the dedication list.

"Dude, how many shows are you going to?" Clark recalled the lead singer, Fred Durst, asking.

"All of them," he responded.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF JPD

Jason Horton, of Paterson, has been charged with breaking into a four Lake Avenue home dating back to Oct. 11, 2013.

City police charge man with four Lake Ave. burglaries

By Nikita Sportelli
Staff Writer

CLIFTON – A Paterson man who was arrested on Tuesday and charged with burglarizing a Lake Avenue apartment on Oct. 11, 2013, was charged with three additional counts of burglaries as of Wednesday.

Jason Horton, 30, was arrested at his Paterson home and charged with a total of four counts of burglary and four counts of theft, said detective Sgt. Robert Smolken, police spokesman. The three additional burglaries

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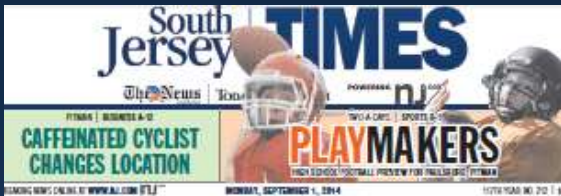
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A last rush as casinos clear the tables
By Greg Adomaitis
ATLANTIC CITY — If Labor Day weekend was especially the death knell for one of the state's casinos, it wasn't that fall. Instead, it was the last day of the year. The Atlantic City Board of Freeport Macau Entertainment, which has been in charge of the city's casinos since last year, will meet on Monday to vote on whether to allow the city to take over the casinos. The board will also vote on whether to allow the city to take over the casinos. The board will also vote on whether to allow the city to take over the casinos.

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By Philip Tomlinson
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Pair paying for incorrect house appraisal

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TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Homeowners still rebuilding from Sandy's damage



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Gov. Christie spends the second anniversary of superstorm Sandy by visiting homes that were severely damaged by the storm. In Little Ferry, he visited the home of Deborah and Frank Smith whose basement and garage are being built by volunteers. Here with their sons Frankie, 10, Mikey, 3, and Joey, 2, the family meets Christie.

BY MARK KRULISH
Staff Writer

When superstorm Sandy hit the region two years ago, Northern New Jersey residents took a variety of paths. Some sought in their homes and simply hunkered down, waiting for the storm to pass, some fled for higher ground and others waded out into flood waters to help their fellow citizens.

Frank Smith, a Little Ferry resident and a volunteer on the Moonachie Fire Aid and Rescue Squad and the fire department, was a person that fell into the latter group. There was little time to process the situation and certainly no time to panic as he got his wife and three kids, one of whom was just eight months old at the time, sealed at his parents' home and went out to rescue residents trapped by the massive flooding.

"We grabbed whatever we could — formula, diapers, anything," said Debi Smith, Frank's wife, "like you as stressed and then he was out."

It was only after the water subsided that the true gravity of the situation began to sink in for Smith and his family. His whole life was literally on display for the world to see as precious items such as the photos from his wedding were drying on the items. Even after several feet of water destroyed the lower level of his Sublimo Street home.

"I didn't think we were ever going to recover," Smith said, standing in his driveway on Oct.

29, the second anniversary of superstorm Sandy with his home now nearly reformed.

The next few months following the storm were incredibly rough on the Smith family. Frank and Debi slept in the living room with their three children, Frankie, Mikey and Joey, huddled around a space heater. Many cold, late autumn days were spent cleaning out their water-logged basement that had been used as an office for Debi and a bedroom for Frankie, the eldest son.

While national politicians looked home over the stream of federal money that would be sent to Sandy-affected areas, the response from local volunteers, businesses and non-profit organizations was swift. Within days volunteers from all over New Jersey and the country had descended upon Little Ferry to help clear the wreckage and rebuild damaged homes.

Fast forward to the second anniversary of Sandy on Wednesday and volunteers from Rebuilding Together were working to restore electricity to the Smiths' basement and the plumbing had recently been inspected and approved.

"All these donations people make to organizations like the Red Cross and all of these volunteer organizations, you don't usually see the results," said Smith. "When you see it put into action, it all makes sense."

Gov. Christie also marked the anniversary by visiting the Smiths' home. "It's a relief to see the progress," he said, standing in his driveway on Oct.

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Little Falls looks to convert volunteer EMS to paid service

BY MATTHEW KADOSH Staff Writer

LITTLE FALLS — After years of struggling to keep the names of the local volunteer fire and squad up, and ambulance response times down, township officials are looking to institute a paid emergency medical service.

Eagle Rescue Squad, an approximately 15-member group that runs two ambulances out of the fire department's Company 1, receives about 1,500 requests for service yearly, and is suffering a staffing shortage, Fire Chief Jack Sweczy said on Oct. 15.

Although it has a handful of new recruits, the squad's membership has diminished over time because some of the volunteers have either moved out of town or transferred to other fire companies, Sweczy said.

In October 2011, the Township Council addressed by mayor by adopting an ordinance to establish a paid ambulance service from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Our volunteers opposed this and worked diligently to ensure daytime coverage," said Mayor Darlene Post in a message on the town website this month. "A decision was made to hold off on moving forward. Unfortunately, we find ourselves once again faced with lengthy response times during daytime working hours."

Now, the chief is looking for a paid service during all hours.

"We noticed the demand is 24 hours a day, and let's face it, much harder on volunteers," he said. "So we'd be looking to have a paid service 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Sweczy said he hopes to improve the service for the sake of residents' safety.

"I'm looking to continue working with the town council to get this in place shortly," Sweczy said. "It's a much needed service, and it's long overdue. Company 1 is a very busy company."

Eagle Rescue Squad Capt. Thomas Jacobus described in the 2013 fire department report a thriving rescue squad, but one in need of more volunteers. "I am recommending that Eagle Rescue Squad continue to find new ways to recruit and recruit new members, especially residents from within the Township of Little Falls," he wrote.

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Matthew Kadosh
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Group unleashes dog park proposal

By JACK MURTHA
Staff Writer

Dogs and their owners are a home's throw away from sniffing out a local place to call their own.

But the proposal, which has drawn widespread public support since two Girl Scout leaders introduced the idea last fall, calls for the dog park to be placed in a section of Roosevelt Park — in Edison.

"We realize that this takes the park out of Metuchen, but given the vast amount of positive criteria this area possesses, we felt that this would be the best location, offering the most features to the residents and their dogs," Dog Park Committee member Maggie Cook said at the Jan. 23 meeting of the Borough Council.

The site of the anticipated canine haven is near the Oakland Avenue entrance to Roosevelt Park, Cook said. The spot boasts access to water lines, parking and space for fences. Still, bathrooms would need to be built in the vicinity, she said.

Because Middlesex County owns the property, the decision to fence off a portion of the land for a dog park will fall into the hands of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mayor Thomas Vahalla said he has spoken with county officials, and he plans to forward the Dog Park Committee's report to Freeholder Charles Tomaro.

"I think it's a very good venture, and I think that we have a good partner with the county," Vahalla said.

Several council members praised the 11-member committee for the carefully constructed plan it delivered to the governing body.

Smart Shonaman, co-chair of the committee, said the panel founded its work on a list of best practices suggested by a master's

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Miko Rogan, left to right, Chris Bradley, Tekeytha Fullwood and Dan Fontana capture the spirit of Bob Marley for the reggae star's posthumous 69th birthday celebration at Motuchan's Old Franklin Sobosobouse on Feb. 1.

Domestic violence has no boundaries

By JESSICA D'AMICO
Staff Writer

A punch in the face marked the end of what started as a festive night for Lauren.

The Old Bridge resident had attended a wedding with her husband, who had gotten drunk and had never before exhibited any signs of violence.

"I was pretty much blown away," she said. "All I could think of were my kids. I needed to protect my kids."

Lauren was not alone. An estimated one in four women is affected by domestic violence at some point during their lifetime, according to 160 Turning Lives Around, a Hazlet-based nonprofit dedicated to ending

domestic and sexual violence.

Men can also fall prey to such abuse, but in much smaller numbers. Women constitute about 75 percent of victims, according to the 2011 "Domestic Violence in New Jersey" report.

And abusers come from all walks of life. "Domestic violence is what we call an 'equal-opportunity employer,'" said Elaine Meyerson, executive director of Bergen County-based Shelter Our Sisters, an organization that provides help to victims.

Lauren was a stay-at-home mom to her two young children, while her husband held a lucrative, white-collar position.

Promising that he would go to therapy, Lauren's husband tossed her into giving it a

chance, but he barely followed through.

A "honeymoon stage" is a common chapter to the bitter pill of abuse, according to Janet Lee of 180.

"All kinds of promises are made," Lee said. "That's often an appealing time for the victim, who hasn't received these types of afflictions."

For some victims, like Julie, even that brief reprieve never comes. Not only did Julie's abusive husband refuse to call an ambulance after the broken nose he inflicted would not stop bleeding, but he also blamed her for his actions.

"There would never be any kind of remorse," the North Brunswick resident said

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Filled with history

Mementos make way back to WWII vet's family

BY JONAS S. ROSENBLUM

Through its review and 10 years, Lauretta Rosenblum brought with her a box of mementos with some family no connection to her at all. Originally purchased as part of a scrapbook, she later learned it contained a collection of items that belonged to her father, a World War II veteran. Photographs, letters, cards, a dog and other keepsakes that she had, which were sent to the home of her father, a Cedar Grove resident.

After years of searching for the owner of the family, Rosenblum was rewarded her collection to the home of her father, who passed away in 2011.

A Cedar Grove resident who owned the items for decades, Rosenblum was contacted by the Cedar Grove Historical and Genealogical Society, which had been searching for the items for years. Rosenblum was contacted by the Cedar Grove Historical and Genealogical Society, which had been searching for the items for years.

Man charged with sexual assault of child

BY JONAS S. ROSENBLUM

A Cedar Grove man was charged with sexual assault of a child after a 10-year-old girl was taken to the hospital with injuries to her neck and back. The girl was taken to the hospital on Monday, July 15, and was discharged on Tuesday, July 16. The girl was taken to the hospital on Monday, July 15, and was discharged on Tuesday, July 16.

Jury deadlocked in murder trial

BY JONAS S. ROSENBLUM

A jury deadlocked in a murder trial on Monday, July 15, after a day of deliberations. The trial is the second day of a two-day trial. The jury was deadlocked on Monday, July 15, after a day of deliberations.

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Local leaders weigh in on council prayers

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Local leaders weighed in on council prayers on Monday, July 15, during a meeting of the Cedar Grove Council. The council members discussed the importance of prayer and the role of the community in supporting its members.

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Erica Mostrozzo and her son, Ari, of East Brunswick put the finishing touches on the menorah they crafted for the Hanukkah celebration during a Dec. 14 workshop at the Home Depot in Milltown. *SCOTT FERGUSON*

Four charged in home invasions

By ADAM C. UZIALKO
Staff writer

Members of the local Indian-American community heaved a collective sigh of relief following the announcement that four suspects have been arrested in connection with a string of home invasions in Middlesex County.

Chaka Castro, 39; Juan Olaya, 34; Octavious Scott, 22; and Johnsta Williams, 19, were arrested in their home state of Texas last week, Middlesex County Prosecutor Andrew Carey said during a press conference held Dec. 15 in New Brunswick.

The police chiefs from Old Bridge, Edison and South Plainfield — where the five home invasions occurred — joined Carey in announcing the arrests.

"I think all of us just had a big relief and a smile on our faces," said Salish Pevinski, legal advice for the Indian-based Indian Business Association. "We just said, 'All right, they got them.'"

Carey said the suspects would be returned to New Jersey. Cash bail has been set at \$1.25 million for each suspect.

The suspects also allegedly engaged in similar activities in Texas, Michigan, Georgia and New York, where authorities worked with the prosecutor's office to apprehend the suspects, according to Carey.



Chaka Castro



Juan Olaya

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Interfaith families embrace holidays

By JEREMY GROSSMAN
Staff writer

Keili and Pat Antonucci of Monroe used to joke when people would ask what religion their daughters practiced.

"We would say 'confused,'" Keili Antonucci said.

Truthfully, she doesn't think her daughters are "confused" at all, even when the holiday seasons roll around. Keili, who was raised Jewish, and Pat, raised Catholic, have embraced both religions in their family, with daughters Jessica, 15, Amanda, 13, and Rebecca, 11, identifying as both.

"It's so normal to us that we don't even think about it," the mom said.

Like the Antonuccis, many interfaith families are tasked with making difficult and unique choices: How will the children be raised? How can each spouse avoid "giving up" his or her religion? How will the home be decorated in December?

Together, interfaith families learn how to answer these questions and define their own sense of "normal," especially as the trees, menorahs, kwanza, stockings and dreidels are brought out each year.

The Antonuccis, for example, will go to

church and temple on major holidays — Christmas, Easter, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur — but the daughters will not have bat mitzvahs, first communions or confirmations.

"They feel like they got kind of gypped on that, but ... I think that what you lose, you gain in some other way," Keili Antonucci said.

And she's not just talking about the fact that her daughters receive double the gifts.

"It's nice that we get presents usually more than other kids would," Jessica said.

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After Robin, depression loses stigma

Whether the incidence of the condition is rising or falling, it's clear that depression is no longer a taboo subject. And while there are still many who view it as a mental weakness, it's becoming more and more of a medical condition. In a 2013 survey conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health, 1 in 5 people reported having experienced a depressive episode in the past year. That's up from 1 in 10 just a decade ago.

The stigma that once surrounded depression is slowly being dismantled. More people are seeking help, and more are being helped. It's a sign that society is finally catching up to the reality of the condition. And while there's still a long way to go, the fact that we're talking about it at all is a step in the right direction.



NICK FALSONE
Managing Editor

A million steps



Dave Prober walks using an Ekim Steiner construction, a robotic device that helps people with lower limb paralysis and weakness. See more at lehighvalleylive.com.

Man marks rehab milestone

It's a day that will mark a milestone in the life of Dave Prober. For the first time in over a year, he's able to walk without the aid of a walker. The milestone is the result of a long and arduous rehabilitation process. Prober, who has a spinal cord injury, has spent the last several years in a wheelchair. But now, he's taking steps toward a more independent life.

Court hearings that go unheard

DEAF REPORTERS AND DEAF INTERPRETERS: CVTs in bench trials in Erie County

In Erie County, deaf reporters and deaf interpreters are often the only deaf people in the courtroom. They are the bridge between the deaf community and the legal system. Without them, deaf people would be unable to understand what is happening in court. It's a situation that needs to be addressed.

School tax hike surprises everyone

SCHOOL TAXES AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE FOR MANY IN AREA

The school district's decision to raise taxes has caught everyone by surprise. Parents, teachers, and administrators all had different expectations. The hike is the result of a complex set of circumstances, including changes in state funding and local needs. It's a difficult situation for everyone involved.

Blue Eagles, Slaters take the field

See photos of key football players for Nazareth and Berarig area high schools as preseason heats up at highschoolsports.lehighvalleylive.com.

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Divided by cultural differences, we should be united by teen's death

After word spread around Trenton's Guatemalan community that one of their own had been killed, activists met with the friends close to the victim to make funeral arrangements and address the situation (Trentonian, Feb. 18, 2014).

Julio Cesar Cruz, 18, beaten to death last weekend in Trenton's South Ward, may have been Guatemalan but he belonged to us. Words could never express the anger that I felt upon learning of young Cruz's demise or the disappointment in hearing that his pain, suffering and death should be absorbed only by the city's Guatemalan community. Such parochial perspectives hinder our ability to construct much needed crossovers into each others' lives. These restrictions or maybe better, constrictions, wrap our movements. It's almost as if our emotions get pushed into straitjackets, unless,

of course, those feelings express for our own kind. Trenton continues a segregation that limits our scope of love, essentially cuts off at the knees our compassion, guts us of any understanding of how a healthy society coalesces during difficult times.

Without an understanding of our connected humanity, not only Trenton but no place on Earth can expect even a modicum of worthy existence. While recognition of ethnic background and culture cultivates a wealth of diversity benefits, such individualizations fail miserably in difficult times. An influx of new residents has transformed Trenton into a universal mosaic city with continued arrivals from Europe, South America, Africa, and many other

places. Understandably, these new citizens frequently find comfort with "their own" but such distress for well-being potentially produce segregation. So, not only do we commit the sin of division by skin color, we downgrade humanity with language, country of origin, plus any other category that produces comfort zones.

Guatemalans stick with their own. Costa Ricans connect only with fellow Teos. African Americans stand with ourselves. Italians embrace only themselves. Such delineated lifestyles smother all hope for building worthwhile communities, literally strangle any refreshing breaths of brotherhood. Are we not our Ecuadorian, Polish and Nigerian sisters' keep-

ers, too? Julio Cesar Cruz may have arrived here from Guatemalan but as soon as he established residence, this young man became a Trentonian. His presence availed him of all rights awarded to city residents, especially the opportunity to celebrate freedom inside a sanctuary city.

So, let's address this situation as social activists. Until we begin caring about every person murdered, robbed, raped, beaten, stabbed, horn, graduated, christened, etc, this city has not even a glimpse of being a good place for living. Julio Cesar Cruz lived 18 years as a human being. That made him one of our own. — L.A. Parker is a Trentonian columnist. Reach him at laparker@trentonian.com. Twitter @laparker.



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What about Tony?

Ed: Here's a question for you. How come Bonnie Watson Coleman and Shirley Turner and the rest of the Democrats have so much to say about Christie resigning over a traffic jam, but you don't hear anything from any of them over Tony Mack the convicted felon resigning? Answer: Because it doesn't benefit them.

Locked out

Can't seem to get rid of Tony Mack? Call a locksmith. Change the lock on the door to his office. **Keyed** I'm sure JoJo could pick a lock. What? Too soon? — Ed Note

Wandering Silence

Where's Wayne DeAngelo's outrage now that Tony Mack's convicted? When John Benchevengo was convicted, DeAngelo was calling for his resignation in the newspapers and on the news. Where's his outrage now? Yeah, cause it's a fellow Dem. Go figure. **Party right** There are a lot of us wondering why there isn't more outrage at Mack's conviction.

Perfect answer

Won't even touch it. **Ed Note** Party lines, aside. — Ed Note

Snov kind

I'm a 62 year old woman who lives in Ewing. I've got a corner property and I just want to thank my neighbors. They came out during all the recent snow and did the whole neighborhood with their snow blower, including my house. I am so grateful to them. God Bless. I just love my neighbor. **No longer snowed in** If more people would look out for their neighbor.

born, our neighborhoods

would have a better outlook for the future. **Ed Note** Homicide Watch

Homicide Watch

Homicide Watch Trenton aims to provide clear information about homicides and the tools necessary to record, report and share our experiences and losses within Trenton. Organized around the victims, the site provides context for each crime, linking a victim's biographical details to the investigation and prosecution of his or her death. From social networking profiles to obituaries, news coverage and court documents, all public information related to a case will appear on the site.

Dear, family members,

neighbors and others are encouraged to contribute. Look for links to the site at Trentonian.com or find it directly at www.trentonhomicidewatch.org. **Got something you want to get off your chest?** Call Ed and tell him about it. Or if you're one of those loath some types, send him an email at EdNote2.0@gmail.com.

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How New Jersey got its awesome start. In Perspective

Rule leaves electrical meter susceptible to flooding

Utility companies come in at a height to have workers can safely read them

By David O'Neil
After thousands of meters were damaged in the wake of Superstorm Sandy, utility companies are looking for ways to make them more resilient to flooding. The problem is that the meters are often installed in a way that makes them vulnerable to water damage.

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Teachers have new tool: Let's discuss
State offers of video on engaging kids

By Paige Hoffman
In the first segment of a new series on teaching, state officials are offering teachers a new tool: a video on engaging kids.

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MD GETS TO THE ROOT OF GOOD HEALTH

By Bruce K. Lipton
A growing body of research is showing that the way we eat can affect our health. Plant-based diets are the most powerful disease-modifying foods available to practitioners.



Surrounded by family, my brother fought the 'loneliness' of his illness

Mark Di Ionno
Columnist

My brother's illness was a lonely one. It was a battle fought in silence, a struggle against a disease that seemed to have no name. I was his only family, and I was his only hope.

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One Mother's Quest for Justice

From son's faith, they draw strength

Mark Di Ionno
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Old school journalism lesson at Pemberton

Helping with your taxes

By [Name]

It's a lesson in journalism, one that is being taught by The Township of Pemberton. On Jan. 23, the township is holding a "Journalism 101" workshop for its employees. The workshop is being held at the township's offices in Pemberton. The workshop is being held at the township's offices in Pemberton. The workshop is being held at the township's offices in Pemberton.

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Moorestown outsources trash

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State board picks four from Burlo

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The homeless, and what they really need

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Cool Spring Brings Tough Allergy Season

John Burton

After a particularly long, nice, warm, dry winter, it's time to get ready for the spring. The weather is finally warming up, and the pollen is starting to fly. For many people, this means the start of a new allergy season. The pollen is back, and it's time to get ready for the toughest allergy season of the year. The pollen is back, and it's time to get ready for the toughest allergy season of the year. The pollen is back, and it's time to get ready for the toughest allergy season of the year.

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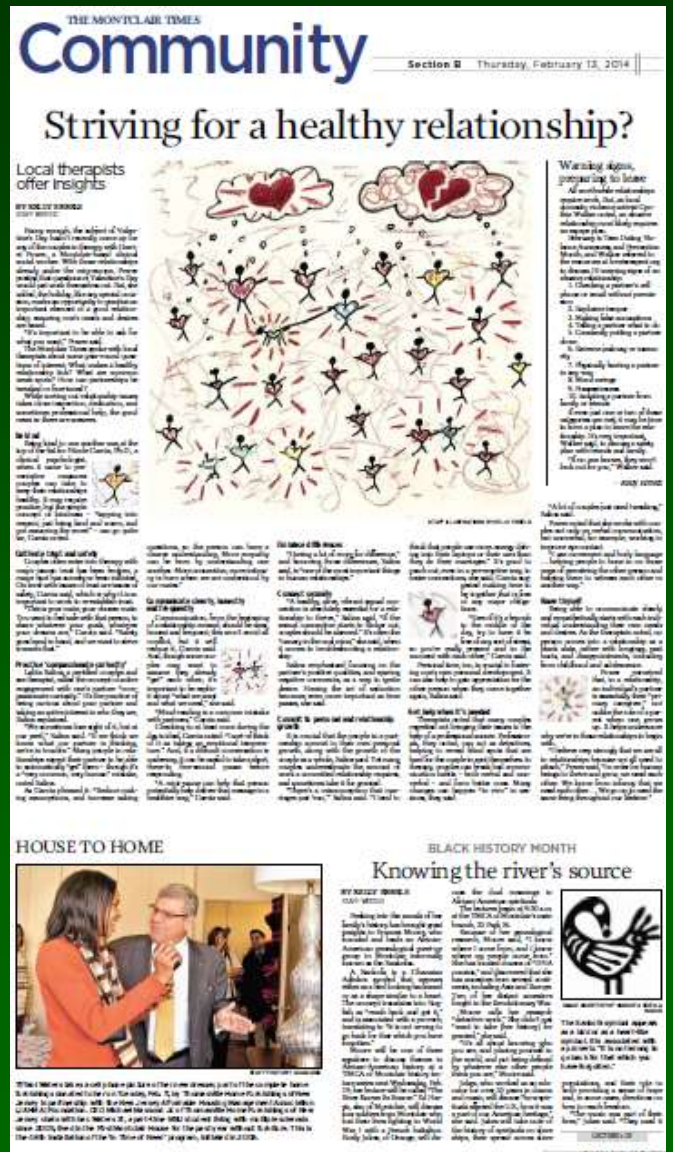
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COMMUNITY

Glen Rock native stars in ABC's 'NY Med' TV series

BY RICHARD DE SANTA
Staff Writer



PHOTO COURTESY OF ABC NEWS

Glen Rock native Ashley Winer plays patient Levarna Moore and her father in Episode 3 of the ABC News documentary "NY Med."

Glen Rock native Ashley Winer does not come across as your father's daughter, although that could be a possibility.

Winer, a 35-year-old single mother and resident at New York Presbyterian Hospital/West Cornell Medical College, recently revealed a compelling blend of compassion, compassion and effectiveness to a broader-than-usual audience, appearing in two episodes of "NY Med," ABC's ongoing medical documentary series.

Produced by the network's news division, the program focuses on physicians and patients (there are also other city hospitals, filming their actions and interactions, then presenting the best of the material in segments of the Thursday night program).

In this season's June premiere, Winer was shown treating and counseling an older male patient suffering from cardiac dysfunction, whose wife is equally distraught over their difficulty experiencing a full relationship. As she describes it, the matter is serious and unrelenting, even though there was room for some of her more whimsical aspects.

But two weeks later, her segment of the third episode struck a different note, conveying what some viewers and perhaps others may have considered her unusual emotional involvement in the case of a male patient's bladder cancer.

According to Winer, the man had been her patient for about eight months before any filming began, since he came in for an abdominal issue that doctors in the ER, the urologist, describing him as a "fussy young and robust guy," she called the ongoing cancer diagnosis a defining experience.

"It was one of the first times I comprehended knowing a patient from thinking everything was normal and healthy, to diagnosing it as cancer, to watching him go through chemotherapy and the complications of that, and then taking him to surgery," she said. "Seeing the difficulty of that, and watching him change his perspective of life, was a powerful and at times devastating experience."

She described how cancer operations would "move her dimension and observed how moved she was in her exchanges with the patient.

"I think a lot of it was that I was

in the position of learning, and it was a first experience for me," she said. "And every few experience we have in our lives is powerful."

In a *Glen Rock Gazette* interview this week, Winer indeed came across as a woman who wears her beliefs and heart on her sleeve. Deep earnest, but also with infectious enthusiasm and humor bubbling up frequently, she gives the impression of a person who'd weather a range of practical and emotional situations.

She said that when she first agreed to be filmed for the series, she knew whether she would ever make it on the air — she "made the resolution to be her honest self. I figured the world didn't need another medical hero, but rather it should see a doctor, analyst and someone goodly person, not behind that neurological construction visage we often have of our health care professionals."

In that spirit, she showed up in her clinic that day wearing her most worn hospital clips and unattached socks, "putting myself on the back" for projecting courage, grit and realism. But as she stood around over weeks, she marveled at what she called the "real courage" of the worried, frightened patients speaking of dyslexia, incontinence and cancer with "respectably brazen candor," making them the true focal points of the real-life dramas.

Doing what she loves
Winer is equally candid in connecting what she might assume was a lifelong dream of becoming a doctor, because she didn't have one.

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Town concerned about contract for quarry

Tom Nobile Reporter

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Town concerned about contract for quarry

BY TOM NOBILE
Staff Writer

A recent contract between the county and Irons Stone Industries of Haledon will bring the town's bustling quarry closer to neighborhoods.

Neighborhoods like the one where resident Jeff Fischer has lived his entire life. Where his home has endured, and can continue to endure such-stunning quakes almost daily as the nearby ground is excavated for rocks and minerals.

"The blasting here is absolutely horrific," said Fischer, who lives within a few hundred feet of the quarry of Central Avenue. "If they move closer it's just going to get worse."

Details are emerging on a 20-year, \$25 million bid approved by the Passaic County Freeholders and Irons Stone Industries in late May. Irons will pay the county \$5 million this year and roughly \$900,000 annually to excavate 27 acres of county property containing the old Haledon Hospital buildings and juvenile detention center of Valley View Road. The parcel is composed of two lots in Haledon and Wayne, in lieu of property taxes, the agreement will pay \$43,000 in Haledon annually and \$17,000 to Wayne.

Minus the cost to demolish the buildings and pay taxes to Haledon and Wayne, the contract will net the county \$22,500,000 paid until 2032.

The deal was recently featured as a major revenue source stretching over the freeholder's 2014 county budget.

But the Haledon officials and residents alike, most of the new contracts shook like the quarry blast that some locals have coped with their entire lives.

Among those stunned was Mayor Domenick Stomporo, who said he only learned of the deal weeks after it was adopted, and not long before residents began calling to alter the county budget was approved in late June.

"As no time was I informed of the contract discussions nor was I asked for any input," Stomporo said in a statement. "Haledon residents will bear the brunt of any increased quarry operations and I would have expected that the parties would have included borough officials during these discussions."

He later added that he and town professionals will determine the borough's own step after reviewing the contract documents.

The quarry's massive 90-acre presence is felt across town. Charges contained in almost a daily blast can reverberate throughout the area. And if the blast go by unnoticed, clouds of

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Domenick Stomporo
Haledon Mayor

dust and noise from the crawling trucks are always a reminder in those nearby.

Irons's expansion will have the most likely impact on Avenue C, a residential road adjacent to the abandoned hospital – because for years the buildings served as a wild buffer between homes and the quarry.

Residents of Avenue C vary in time lived in the borough, but produce a common story: Their houses shake, dust accumulates on their furniture, some even reported issues in their walls and foundations.

constantly finds himself sneezing and making cracks 10 years after moving in.

"The vibration is pretty bad, and it's not any closer I can only imagine the how much worse it's going to be," he said.

His wife, Angelina, regrets buying back country.

"Our house is so dusty," she said. "The dust never settles in this house."

Their neighbor Hazel Cruz, also a 10-year resident, says cracks in his basement floor, which he attributes to the blasting. Not long after the built is changed, another crack soon forms.

Sometimes he takes naps during the day, only to be woken up by a rumbling house.

"You wake up like you hit a bomb," Cruz said.

For the newcomers on Avenue C, Irons's new deal is a shock. For longtime residents like Fischer, it's aghast.

also located on the Haledon/Wayne border.

As in 2014, Haledon did not learn of the agreement until after it was reached. When contractors from the quarry transferred, nearby residents formed a community group that lobbied to have the contract voided.

They proved unsuccessful, as Irons utilized the land until the contract expired in 1998. The freeholders, however, chose not to renew the agreement, citing residents' noise complaints and potential blasting damage to the now defunct hospital and detention center.

Later that year the freeholders rejected entering into a 10-year lease of county-owned property off Valley View Road.

The town was later engaged by a lawsuit with Irons, which sued in 1997 after the town passed an ordinance restricting the quarry's daytime and nighttime activity.

The two-year legal battle was eventually settled out of court. A new ordinance was reached that limited Irons's nighttime operations to 55 minutes a year and set weekday hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Before that Irons had operated beginning at 5 a.m.

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owned property between the hospital and quarry. The land

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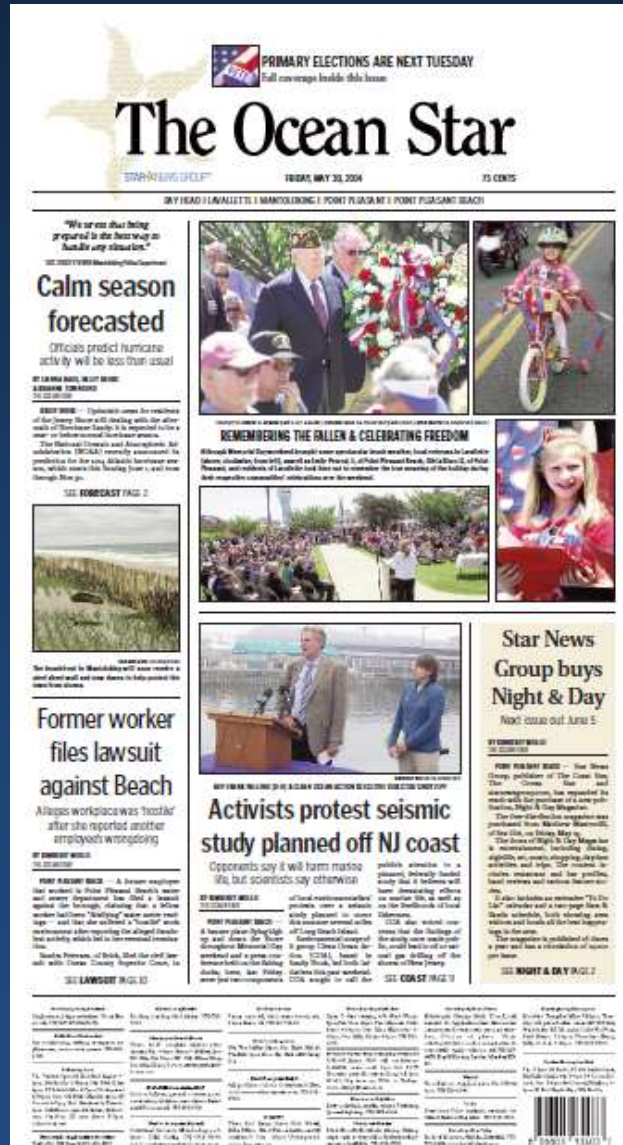
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During the cleanup on Stag Hill Road in July, volunteers recovered 572 tires, above. Right, Harry Stangle bagging garbage to haul away. Below, debris being trucked out.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Illegal dumping on Stag Hill Road continues unabated



Ramapoughs call for renewal of talks to stop activity

BY SALVATORE TRIFILIO
Staff Writer

MAHWAH — With VanDunk war-torn, raked, and now spent his life living in the scenic Ramapo Mountains.

"It was amazing when I was a kid," said VanDunk, the former Ramapough Larkspur creek, now 67. "The forest was here; I would spend my days, I would play in there for hours on end. I would hunt and fish in here and it was beautiful."

But today, VanDunk can hardly bring himself to walk through the 100-acre-protected forest.

"The unfortunate truth is that it has become a well-known area in the region for illegal dumping and off-roading," Mayor William LaForte said.

From the bottom of Stag Hill Road in Mountaineer Road, to Mountain Road, where VanDunk lives, dozens of trails shoot off from the stretch of asphalt that leads into the secluded preserve — trails borne from dump trucks

laden with loads of garbage and the traffic of all-terrain vehicles, exacerbating erosion and damaging plant life.

"On the weekends you would think this road is a highway, with people bringing their trucks and ATVs up here to do whatever they damn please in these woods," VanDunk said about the otherwise remote residential area.

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Why did no one stop Bullock?

The public school trustees about what happened in Warren County Sheriff Edward Bullock, last week, and a 12-month-old case who alleged that Bullock sexually abused them when he was 16 and 17, while in the sheriff's custody.

That question is likely to be answered in a scheduled trial set for next month, but in the meantime, it is worth asking whether the public school trustees had any role in the case.

A recent presentation based on 10 years of research and analysis of the case is being held in Warren County on May 11th and 12th. The research was conducted by a team of researchers from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The research was funded by the Warren County Public Schools.

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America, and what we mean when we say 'cruel and unusual'

Some of the most interesting and important news stories of the week were the ones that dealt with the issue of capital punishment. The Supreme Court's decision in *McCleskey v. Kemp*, which held that the death penalty does not violate the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against "cruel and unusual punishment," was a landmark decision. It was a decision that has been widely debated and discussed.

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Justice for Eric Garner and all victims of police brutality

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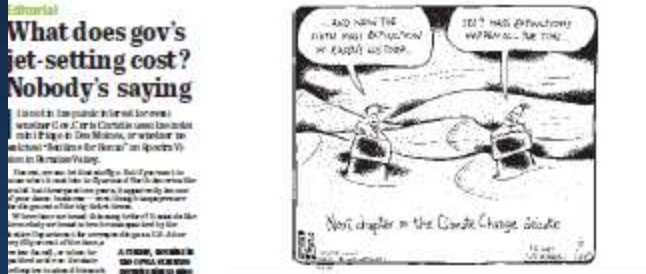
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A closer look at animal control services in NJ

BY PAUL KESSE
Sports Editor

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A tale of two stores

BY CHRIS LEYDEN
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Village to review plans from developers

BY LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

Plans for a North Walnut Street parking garage, also known as the "Redevelopment," are under review by the village board. The 20,000-sq-ft structure, set to be built in 2017, is part of the Walnut Street Parking Garage Redevelopment. The garage, which the village board approved last year, will be built on the site of the former village parking lot. The garage will be built on the site of the former village parking lot. The garage will be built on the site of the former village parking lot.

REMEMBERING JACK LORENZ
Principal recalled as 'an agent of change'

BY LAURA HERZOG
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Tribute to officer a sign of the season

BY LAURA HERZOG
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BY LAURA HERZOG
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Development, parking garage, and more

BY LAURA HERZOG
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Liam McKenna Reporter

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PUPPY LOVE: Dr. Catherine Driskin's Cavalier King Charles spaniel, Ella, took the examination table the double as a scale and converts to a table for dental procedures. Driskin is dedicated to compassionate, high-quality service.

Complete Veterinary Hospital In Ocean Acres Neighborhood

As the only veterinarian in the Ocean Acres section of Stafford Township, Dr. Catherine Driskin is becoming known as the friendly neighborhood vet — care focuses on the patient as a first, and Driskin will make house calls when pets or their owners can't travel.

But unlike the old-time doc, Ocean Acres Veterinary Office is a highly equipped veterinary hospital whose reception area employs visitors ac-

cess alongside alternative treatments that include nutritional and herbal supplements and, to certain illnesses, acupuncture.

Driskin is a graduate of Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine and also trained at the Chi Institute of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine in Rockick, Va. She is also the professor of Small Animal Veterinary Medical Nursing at Camden County College in Blackwood.

Drinking 30 years of experience, she had a highly successful career that includes in Jackson for many years before her office in Ocean Acres became a convenient addition in the area in July 2014. One neighbor walks her cat three to a wagon.

Driskin's compassionate, pet-friendly personality is evident from the sidewalk at 1122 Marston Ave. The door's stained glass window depicts a cat and dog on the beach with the lighthouse in the background. Dog trails and people trails cross paths on the sidewalk of a cozy sitting room, and cat faces smile from ornamental tiles on the wall.

Driskin knew her calling started the day she was 6 years old.

"I was one of those people who said they wanted to be a veterinarian when they couldn't even say the word veterinarian," she jokes.

Advanced equipment is arranged in the compact but complete space of the treatment area for medical, surgical and dental services.

"This table is a scale, and it goes up and down so people don't have to lift the animals," Driskin pointed out. "And underneath here is a table so I can do dental procedures on the same table."

"The facility has the equipment to provide comprehensive in-house testing for accurate diagnosis. This includes in-house blood testing, digital X-ray, ultrasound, surgical radiology, dental care, pharmacy, and more," sums up the brochure and the website, www.oceanacresvet.com.

Opening a cabinet, the doctor explained, "This is a full pharmacy."

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Chewing on gum containing certain artificial sweeteners is a deadly danger.

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PLAUSIBLE POSITION: A pint of Pinelands Brewing Co.'s All the Fido's & Friends. The seasonal beer is brewed with cranberries and sweet potatoes.

Grab A Winter Beer And Plenty More Pints at Pinelands Brewing Co.

By LIAM MCKENNA

For those looking to skip up their beer game from that of a poor, ignorant college kid to that of a professional, look no further than the new Pinelands Brewing Co. in Little Egg Harbor Township, right off Route 539. This is the perfect time to check out its local holiday brews.

Take a taste of the company's All the Fido's. The name says it all. It's a seasonal porter, a dark beer featuring cranberries and sweet potatoes. No, that is not a typo that this writer will have to correct in next year's first issue. This beer is as bold as it looks.

Brewmaster Liam Chapman said the inspiration for the beer simply came from the time of season. He says brewing darker beer typically happens in the chilly months. Add in the seasonal fruits that can get thrown into the mix, such as cranberries, and lemons can get introduced toward December.

"By far the desire to do a seasonal brew this year. An icon as pumpkin came out, we brewed a pumpkin ale. And we said, 'Let's do something more wintry,'" Chapman said.

He said new ideas for grain come from conversations. "That was certainly the case for All the Fido's. Chapman had some guys connected to a cranberry farm. They looked at Chapman up with some cranberries, and I was one in start conjuring up some recipes."

"We were trying to figure out what to do with the cranberries. We didn't want to do a run-of-the-mill cranberry and/or recipe," he explained. "We decided to do a porter. And at the same time, a friend of mine had a bucketful of sweet potatoes. It's widely known that brewers have brewed with both, so we figured why not brew it together in one beer?"

This was the first time Chapman had brewed with sweet potatoes. However, he just incorporated the ingredient in the same manner he cooks with pumpkin — adding it during the "mash" process after it had

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Doggone Holiday Dangers Extend Beyond Chocolate

Everybody knows that a bit of pet owners can now say about the doctor's not to look your dog chocolate. "Did you know," as the TV commercial goes, that several more doggone holiday hazards hide around the home?

Veterinarian Catherine Driskin of Ocean Acres Veterinary Office outlined a few safety precautions to keep the holidays happy.

A veterinarian's recommendation not to give up around penicillin as a "public nuisance."

"People think that they are toxic, and toxic implies death. Penicillin are not toxic, they are not deadly, but they are a public nuisance if ingested by a cat or dog," Driskin said.

"Mint-flavored chocolate is also toxic."

Maker's chocolate made high on a deadly scale, potentially causing tremors, vomiting and diarrhea within a couple of hours.

"Halter's chocolate is deadly to a pet," Driskin said. "The darker the chocolate, the more toxic."

The key to avoiding emergency treatment is to catch the pet eating the chocolate and stop them before they ingest it, she said.

Do-overs are dangers in different ways. Antismoke smells attractively toward pets, and then it may be too late.

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IN MEMORIAM
Roukema
grew her roots in village

BY JILL WEINBERG
Staff Writer

She has the same a warm smile, Mary Roukema is the daughter of a village native. Her mother, a former teacher, died in 2012. Mary was born in the village and grew up in the same neighborhood. She is a former teacher and a former nurse. She is now a retired teacher and a former nurse. She is now a retired teacher and a former nurse.

SALUTING OUR VETERANS



BY JILL WEINBERG
Staff Writer

Approximately 100 veterans were honored and recognized during a special ceremony at Van Dyke Sports Manual and Book Store. The year's Veterans Day ceremony featured the largest group of living agricultural veterans, Veterans United. The ceremony was held at 545 Van Dyke Avenue, between Van Dyke and Van Dyke. The ceremony was held at 545 Van Dyke Avenue, between Van Dyke and Van Dyke.

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BY JILL WEINBERG
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Residents rise up to seek solutions to downtown ills

By JESSICA D'AMICO
Staff Writer

A group of borough residents is mobilizing to take steps toward bettering Metuchen's downtown.

The recent shuttering of the Toile Continued book store on Main Street sparked a social media discussion that has led to a grassroots effort among locals seeking to bring greater vitality to the town's main strip.

"I think it's a wonderful downtown. It's a wonderful place," said Sharon Goldman, who moved to Metuchen from Brooklyn with her husband Shannon Wagner in 2009 because of the town's walkability. "I just feel like it could be better."

Many who shared in Goldman's sentiment took part in a spirited discussion on the Facebook page of the Metuchen Cash Mob—a group dedicated to supporting the borough's businesses.

The interest generated in the discourse prompted Goldman to start a Facebook group called "Take Back Metuchen's Main Street." Within a week of the group's Feb. 20 inception, it had garnered more than 530 members, with many sharing ideas about how the downtown could be improved.

One member, resident June Della, organized an online survey asking respondents to indicate what types of businesses they would like to see along Main Street. Within two days, more than 200 people had responded, with a produce shop, a small grocery store and a butcher ranking as the top three most popular types of businesses.

Tyrone Reuter, president of Metuchen's Borough Improvement League and a 15-year resident, said she and many others would love to be able to run their errands at businesses on Main Street. However, she said, if one has to drive out of town to get groceries or other needed items, it becomes easier to do one-stop shopping at a larger store.

"I'm already in the car, I'm just going to do it," she said.

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Cold snap fuels hot real estate market

By JESSICA D'AMICO
Staff Writer

Although the winter and its numerous storms have been tough to weather for many in the region, the conditions carry at least one positive outcome—helping to create the perfect storm for buyers and sellers in the real estate market.

"The American dream is back; it really is," said Andrew Zastko of North Brunswick-based Gloria Zastko Realtors. "I would call it a win-win market for both buyer and seller. It's a really well-balanced marketplace."

While it's typical to have a winter lull, during which sellers hold off on marketing their homes with the thought that they don't show as well during the snow and drear, the inundation of inches dumped on the area contributed to a particular lack of inventory on the real estate front, Zastko said.

"We are inventory shy," said Joan Lowrey, a member of the Monmouth County Association of Realtors' board of directors, and a 28-year veteran of the field.

New listings in the state were down 23.6 percent in January compared with last year, according to the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR).

"Part of the statistics is driven by the fact that we've had a month of snow," Lowrey said.

Sparsely inventory translates well for sellers.

"When you have motivated buyers chasing a more limited inventory, you have increased prices," said Lowrey, a realtor with Morganville-based Keller Williams.

For those who have been losing around the idea of placing their homes on the market but have hesitated, now is a good time to make a move, according to Lowrey.

"Have an agent come in and give you a current comparative market analysis," she said.

Zastko agreed, saying the limited inventory is creating more demand, and therefore, more bids on homes. This results in sellers garnering numbers in the vicinity of their asking price.

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Real estate professionals in central New Jersey say the sparse inventory of homes on the market this winter has resulted in a greater demand for those that are for sale. Buyers, meanwhile, are taking advantage of interest rates as low as 4.5 percent.

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Jews in North Bergen get Shab-Bus to shul

When I heard about the Shab-Bus at Temple Beth-El in North Bergen, I figured it was a bus that picks up congregants and brings them to the North Bergen shul. Wrong on both counts.

It's not a bus, not even a van or a SUV. It's a taxicab, though a dedicated one. And it brings worshippers to Temple Israel Community Center in Cliffside Park for Saturday's Shabbat.

Both Egalitarian and Conservative congregations are this close to merging with Israel as the new site, according to Craig Bassett. Beth-El's president for the last five years: "We don't have many options; merging is the best option," said Bassett, who is employed by A&T marketing.

He described some plans that failed, like merging with the Orthodox Beth Abraham in North Bergen, which has even fewer members than Beth-El, but they were not interested. Or to sell both nearly merged temples and build a new one on the North

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Hudson waterfront, where demographics reveal there are hundreds, if not thousands, of unaffiliated Jews.

The congregants put a kibbush on that plan. The goal, he said, is to "preserve long-term Jewish presence" in that part of the state.

And it seems to be working. What is needed is a vote by the membership of each synagogue, which could come soon. In the meantime, Rabbi Shammai Engelmayer, who had led Israel for 16 years, minister to both congregations with success.

But one of the expectations is that congregants walk to the shul on Shabbat and not use cars or any vehicle that appears to have a "fired-up engine." If a not even permitted to have someone else drive the congregant.

The Book of Exodus in the Bible forbids the lighting of a fire on the Sabbath. "Because



RABBI SHAMMAI Engelmayer, second from left, of Congregation Heichel Yisrael in Cliffside Park, speaks with congregants, from left to right, Fred Sheim, Howard Bassett and Dave Kronick, at Temple Beth-El in North Bergen.

internal combustion requires sparks, it has been the practice to consider turning on a car a form of making fire," wrote Engelmayer to his congregants. So he consulted "a competent and distinguished Conservative Jewish halachic authority, Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz," to provide a solution.

Did you know that high-rises where many Jews may live have what is called a "Shabbath elevator?" This elevator stops at every floor and allows Jews to enter without pushing any buttons so "it is permissible for the traveler to ride in it," Engelmayer said.

So the Shab-Bus borrows the "Shabbath elevator" premise. On Saturday morning, a taxicab from Sontry's Taxi Service in Cliffside Park makes two runs to get people to Israel for the 9:30 service. There are scheduled stops, which can only wait two minutes at each to pick up anyone — even a Gentile — who

wants to board the taxi. But the taxi will not wait for anyone or stop at a point not on the schedule. In this way, it's all prearranged and the congregant is not initiating anything. "If anyone complains, the driver is instructed to say, 'Rabbi's rules, sorry,'" Engelmayer said.

For a while, joint services were held in North Bergen, but Israel's congregants usually outnumbered Beth-El's. Engelmayer said that he has had a steady 82 Israel members, even with those who pass on or move away, so he has attracted new and younger members.

He is the former editor for the investigative legend Jack Anderson's North American Newspaper Alliance, to which The Jersey Journal used to subscribe. He also edited "The Jewish Standard" and wrote for "The Jewish Week." He uses his writing skills to prepare a weekly booklet to make Jewish life and liturgy more lively.

Plus he has introduced more singing. David Kronick, Beth-El's vice president and a former state assemblyman, said Engelmayer cuts a presence standing 6 feet 2 wearing a cowboy hat. But he seems to corral new congregants, which is the key to any synagogue's future.

I suggest that the Shab-Bus needs a companion: a Shab-Bat, preferably a large row boat so there is no engine to fret over. On Saturday mornings, it can move from Weehawken up to Edgewater and allow those unaffiliated Jews living in those town houses and condos to board it. Then a real Shab-BUS can win them over to Temple Israel. Wouldn't that make a real mitzvah? That's a Hebrew for adventure.

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NORTH BERGEN resident Howard Bassett uses a taxi service which picks him up from his home and takes him to attend services in Cliffside Park.

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Leslie Ruse

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HOUNDING CRIME

Above, the crowd at the Little Zion Methodist Church in Belleville watches Officer Andy Depczek put police dog C-leaf through his paces during the town's July 14 National Night Out celebrations last Tuesday. Left, Depczek grabs police dog Rowdy after a demonstration of the dog's prowess in sniffing out contraband. See a photo gallery from National Night Out at northjersey.com/belleville.

EDUCATION

Charges against union president dismissed

BY ROMAN J. USCHAK AND MOLLY GRAY
Staff Writers

An arbitrator has dismissed a series of tenure charges the Belleville Board of Education brought against Michael Mignone, the Belleville Education Association president.

The BOE sought to have Mignone dismissed, claiming that Mignone exhibited a "pattern of misconduct and shameful disregard of his responsibilities as an employee of the board and as member of the teaching profession," according to the arbitrator's decision posted on the school district website.

Mignone was suspended from his job as a Belleville Middle School math teacher earlier this

year by the school board. His attorney Sanford Oxfield, who has represented the BEA in the past, said Mignone won't lose tenure, and that he will retain his job. He is also owed 90 days back pay by the district, Oxfield said.

However, the arbitrator did slap Mignone with a 30-day suspension for involving a BEA representative in a private phone conversation, according to the decision.

A future a recent BOE meetings, Mignone has said that his union was fighting for two main issues — quality education for Belleville's students and fair labor practices for Belleville faculty and staff. He and others have said publicly at BOE meetings that Belleville cannot get budgetarily supplied to do their jobs, while the school board purchased a \$2

million security system that Mignone and others have said would instead be used for surveillance of district faculty and staff.

Mignone previously told the Times that a few months after he became BEA president, he received two written-ups, the first of his career and was also brought up on tenure charges for the first time. He said those charges, which he could not discuss legally at the time, were withdrawn, but then more were filed in February.

Among the four charges, the school board claimed that on Oct. 16 last year, Mignone deviated from his lesson plan for 20 minutes to discuss the school's security



meeting.

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Board of Ed Finally Hires Music Teacher

Rick Mellerup
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Pinelands Won't Hire Popular Music Teacher

Many Came to Laud Him to No Avail

On July 9, the Pinelands Regional Board of Education had voted, 4-3, with one abstention, to hire Stephen Strassas, a highly regarded educator with 21 years of experience and a graduate of the prestigious Westminster Choir College, to fill the empty position of vocal music teacher. There was only one problem – a new hire needs the support of a majority of the entire board, at least five of nine votes, before a contract can be signed. Strassas, one board member who was present at the July 9 meeting, the motion to hire Strassas was therefore technically defeated.

Strassas' supporters, however, weren't ready to give up. A special board meeting was called on July 31 to reconsider the issue. A gaggle of current and past students, who were familiar with him from his working on a stipend basis, at musical directors of several Pinelands musicals since 2008, were there to support him, as were drama teacher and the director of Pinelands musical theater production Chuck Miller and other members of the faculty. The issue was considered so important, and so timely, the motion should be filed before the school year starts and Strassas and anybody else considered for the position would now have to make employment decisions of their own. But the board canceled a retreat so the special meeting could be held.

The odds were against Strassas going in. The three board members who had voted against him in the first place – Little Egg Harbor's Susan M. Ivers, Hightstown's Karin Pukholska and Hans River's Thomas D. Williams Jr. – were all present. Two members who had supported him in the first round – Jeffrey Hestrick and board Vice President Ann McDonald, both of Little Egg Harbor – were absent. So even if board Trustees Dotti Anne McVey and Theresa Cardillo (both Little Egg Harbor) voted in favor of Strassas, as they had the first time, over Hightstown's Joel M. Wood III, who had abstained the July 9 meeting, decided in his favor, and even if Little Egg Harbor's Patricia Chambers, who had originally abstained, voted yes this time around, Strassas would still need one of the original nay voters to change his or her position to get the required five votes.

Miller laid off the flood of people commenting on Strassas' favor. He said Strassas was "the best qualified candidate for the job" and added "it was time for the district to 'give music, and especially vocal music, our attention.'" "When will confidence become the norm in this district?" he asked. "The students want Mr. Strassas. They cheered their approval, and the superintendent (Robert L. Milani) has put forward the best candidate, and the business manager (Stephen J. Simons) has said he is affordable. Ladies and gentlemen, this is like getting Joyce Mastrorillo or Tom Hardy in this agency."

A Pinelands Regional Middle School teacher who said he had been playing with the orchestra in the high school's musical followed Miller to the podium and said he had been in New York the evening before to take in "Cats" on Broadway. A guitar player in the show's pit had, in the past, volunteered to play for Pinelands musicals.

"Working with Steve is one of the nicest things I've ever done here and I want to do it every day," he said. In the audience there are folks who come from other schools, who don't play their own shows. They say "Steve Strassas is really someone to work with." The district's website, without a doubt.

A 2011 Pinelands graduate was next up to support Strassas. She reminded the board that he had graduated from "one of the top five music schools in the country" and said she had sung with the New York Philharmonic since graduation, "all because of Strassas, Miller and (later)

Ed" (Miller is a former high teacher and Miller's assistant director). This program is the best. We've STAN (the Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey, which runs an annual state high school theater competition) every year, we bring home trophies every year."

A similar who stated in Pinelands production said, "When I found out there was an opening at Pinelands for a music teacher, I couldn't imagine anybody better (than Strassas)."

Another senior said she had seen Strassas at work, working so hard he was "sweating, dripping, after every rehearsal."

"I want my classes class to be amazing."

Several other students, grade and teachers spoke in favor of Strassas in glowing terms.

One teacher spoke about the issue she knew was responsible for the board not reaching five votes in favor of hiring Strassas on July 9, namely, "Some members felt hiring a newly retired music teacher instead of a younger one as Strassas could save the district quite a bit of money."

Strassas, due to his long experience, would be making approximately \$50,000 a year if hired. That, said his defender, the teacher who used to hold the position he applied for had "been making close to Stephen Strassas' salary." When that teacher left, a preliminary employee had been brought in last year and didn't work out.

"The vocal program is starving for talent," she said. "Should we potentially be hiring a novice to save money?"

But support for Strassas' hiring was not universal.

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Jack Reynolds

Beware the Umbrella Stalker

Like a Colorful Jellyfish, He Waits to Pounce

WARNING: This guy is really not looking to terrorize the beach, he's just picking up his shade for the day; but don't forget, if it's windy, that pole can become a flying projectile, capable of taking out more than a few other unsuspecting beachgoers.



Jack Reynolds

RAY OF FUN: Looks as if these folks are playing street hockey with a bang. Staked-up paddleboarding is a new, low impact use of the bay.

'People' Pollution Degrading Barnegat Bay

Scientist Still Alarmed

The health of Barnegat Bay is still in part from natural conditions due to increased development along its shores, marine ecosystem scientist Michael Kamath told the Senate Environment and Energy Committee and the Assembly Environment and Public Works Committee meeting in Trenton on July 21.

Kamath, a research professor at Rutgers University's Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences and director of the research and monitoring program of the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve in Tuckerton, has extensive experience studying and monitoring the Barnegat Bay. Little Egg Harbor's utility, with most of its wastewater treatment plants, is located in the bay due to suspended waste pollution over 10 years ago.

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Judge to town: 'Pick up rabbi's attorneys fees'

March ruling expected on how Chai Center site plan application will be remanded to board

By Lily Kelly Kohler
Millburn Township voters the Chai Center for Living Judaism way to the village. The ruling is a second decision made by the Essex County Superior Court. The ruling is expected to be issued in the next few weeks. The ruling is expected to be issued in the next few weeks. The ruling is expected to be issued in the next few weeks.

Residency check coming

Talks on 2014-15 school budget continue

By Lily Kelly Kohler
The public hearing on the 2014-15 school budget is expected to be held on Jan. 27. The hearing is expected to be held on Jan. 27. The hearing is expected to be held on Jan. 27.



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By Lily Kelly Kohler
Construction work on the bridge is expected to begin on Feb. 17. The work is expected to begin on Feb. 17. The work is expected to begin on Feb. 17.

Big Bellies hungry for trash

By Lily Kelly Kohler
The town is expected to purchase Big Bellies trash bins. The purchase is expected to be made in the next few weeks. The purchase is expected to be made in the next few weeks.



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In search of a 'death with dignity'

A terminally ill woman 'would sacrifice anything' to leave her kids with positive memories

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

A 39-year-old terminally ill Union County young wife and mother stands firmly behind proposed legislation that would allow her to take her own life with the assistance of her family doctor. Unfortunately, it will more than likely be too late to help her, even if a proposed bill making its way through the state legislature manages to hit the governor's desk.

Jenny is just one of many in New Jersey who, along with the physicians who treat them, strongly believe assisted suicide should be an option for the terminally ill.

The question of death with dignity is a hot new issue in New Jersey and throughout the country by any means. The issue has been debated heavily, but so far only three states have passed laws allowing the terminally ill to have a choice in how they die.

As far back as 1906 an assisted suicide movement was taking place in Iowa and Ohio. Prior to that, in the 1990s, this controversial issue resurfaced when Dr. Jack Kevorkian helped over 40 Michigan residents end their life.

In recent weeks, when 39-year-old Brittany Maynard left her California home in order to take advantage of Oregon's Death With Dignity law, it brought the issue to the national forefront once again.

Oregon, along with Vermont and Washington state, are the only states who have a drafted law allowing physicians assisted suicide. Then, just several weeks ago, the New Jersey Assembly narrowly passed a bill that would allow physicians to prescribe life-ending medication to terminally ill patients. However, even if this proposed measure passes the senate vote in the coming months, it probably will be too late for this once vibrant young woman whose smile lights up the room.

By then, this Union County resident will either be in the end stages of a cancer that will leave her comatose, or have died without the dignity she wanted so badly.

Parents of three children under the age of five, Jenny, 31, and Jeff, 34, are more than aware that even if the senate approves this measure, it may not go any further because Gov. Chris Christie has publicly come out against doctor-assisted suicide.

Jenny, however, felt it was important that her story and wishes be heard so the issue is brought to the forefront.

"I want everyone who reads our story to understand I love my husband and children more than life itself. But, I would sacrifice anything just to know that when they think of me in the years to come it is with a smile, a giggle or laughter," Jenny told LocalSource in an interview recently, adding this was the way their life was before and after she was diagnosed with an inoperable tumor.

Life before this devastating news impacted their life is evident throughout the sprawling, Victorian home the couple painstakingly renovated over the last six years. One only has to look at the pictures that line the walls and tables in every room to see a slightly younger and content couple living life to the fullest.

Whether it was summer spent at the Jersey Shore while they were dating, the surprise look on Jenny's face the day Jeff proposed, their wedding day as they embraced on the beach at sunset, the delivery room right after their first child was born four short years before, or so they chipped

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The view from under the table

Kean's \$219,000 conference table is only the tip of the iceberg for university president

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

After years of controversy that posed a financial threat to Kean University, taxpayers of New Jersey, thousands of teachers and students, it would appear that finally someone is paying attention.

When the state university was handed crippling sanctions by the NCAA, no one seemed to care but the teachers. When the president of the school admitted to lies on his academic resume, no one seemed to care but the teachers. When the school was placed on academic probation by the national accrediting agency, no one seemed to care but the teachers.

This lot goes on to include a teacher-tuition rate at its lowest since the 1960s, rising tuition, improperly dispersed scholarship, rising student debt, an on-campus

five-star restaurant, and a complete failure to provide ample parking for the community-based institution, among more controversies. And all the while, no one seemed to care but the teachers and a small handful of students protesting online.

And now, finally, thanks to an article first published by The Record about a \$219,000 conference table, taxpayers are finally starting to pay attention. And James Castiglione, president of the Kean Federation of Teachers, is relieved to hear the public is finally listening.

"We are a public university," said Castiglione. "And so, ultimately, the leadership of the university should be responsive to the public. But for the public to try and hold the university accountable, it has to know what's going on at the university."

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Local officials were recently gathered around Kean's new and controversial conference table purchased for \$219,024 for a 'roundtable' discussion on AARP. Included in this purchase that has misled the ire of some public officials was electrical equipment.

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Superintendent to review evaluations

BY JILL HANCOCK
Staff Writer

The school board voted on Monday to create formal written evaluations for supervisors and to have the board review the evaluations. The board also voted to have the superintendent review the evaluations. The board also voted to have the superintendent review the evaluations.

The big day arrives



Graduates urged to exam happiness

BY LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

Being a senior is not just a time of academic achievement and graduation, it's also a time to reflect on the journey. The graduates are urged to take a moment to appreciate the happiness they have found along the way.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Manager plans to hire new director

BY LAURA HERZOG
Staff Writer

The building department will soon be looking for a new director to lead the department. The current director is retiring and the department is looking for a new leader to guide the team through the challenges ahead.

RESERVING A SPOT FOR THE PARADE

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Trenton, Ewing reflect on near-title seasons

By RED BIRCH
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The Trenton and Ewing High boys basketball players were appreciative of the praise they received for their fine seasons Sunday at the Rutgers Athletic Center, but they really did not want to hear it.

Yes, each had done a very good job to get to their respective state finals. Yet, simply getting there was not what they wanted.

Why would it be? As the first two public schools boys teams from the Colonial Valley Conference to reach state championship games in the same year since 1983, the Tornados and Blue Devils wanted to show how good Mercer County basketball has once again become.

So Trenton, losing to Linden, 66-53, in the Group IV final after leading throughout the first half, and Ewing los-

ing resoundingly to defending champ and state No. 1 Newark East Side, 83-66, in the Group III final were not acceptable results to these proud young men.

They got where they were because they believe they are the best and play that way each time out.

"We never talked about a Mercer County championship. We never talked about a MVC championship. Our goal from Day 1 was a state championship," Tornados head coach Greg Grant said. "Every time we ran in the sun, in the rain or in the cold, we wanted to get to this point. Next week, they'll be out there running again to try to get here next year."

The power that brought Trenton an undefeated MVC season this winter and a 27-3 overall record showed from the start of the regular season back on Dec.

20. Interestingly enough, that was the night the Tornados traveled to nearby Ewing and handed the Blue Devils a 90-74 loss.

With building blocks like senior point guard Shaquan Worthy, senior forward Brandon George and then little known senior shooting guard Nazair McKay, Grant was able to tweak his lineup as the season progressed to find the complimentary talent which would take Trenton into states only having lost to St. Joseph's of Montvale, 76-73, in the semifinals of the Governor's Tournament at JFK-Paterson Dec. 28, then to Trenton Catholic Academy, 60-59, in the semifinals of the Mercer County Tournament Feb. 26.

"We were always fighting for what we got," Worthy said. "Of course, we expected to be in this game."

According to Ewing head coach Shully Dearden, few would have had the same expectation for her Blue Devils if they had seen the team play last summer.

"They've really grown into the team they are," Dearden said. "They're not a group of individuals anymore. They're a team."

Unlike the Tornados, who led Linden, 15-10, after one quarter and, 28-27, at the half, Ewing fell behind Newark East Side, 25-9, in the first quarter and had to battle back all game.

"I'm very proud of them for the fact that they didn't give up today," Dearden said of her players. "They easily could have folded, and they didn't. It's a very good group of kids, and it's sad to see it end."

In going 27-5 this winter, the Blue Devils opened some eyes

from the time they ran off 13 consecutive wins following that season-opening loss to Trenton.

A 100-88 loss to A.P. Schalket in the Jeff Conroy Classic at Rancocas Valley High Jan. 26 was a wake-up call, but not as much as a 73-70 overtime loss at Allentown Feb. 4.

Riding the incredible shooting touch of junior guard Trey Lowe, who scored 884 points this season alone, Ewing did not lose again until it met Trenton Catholic Academy in the Mercer County Tournament final, 77-62, March 1 at Rider University.

Both teams will need some new players to step up next season, but don't be surprised if more people expect them to go far again in 2014-15. And if they do, the Tornados and Blue Devils again won't be satisfied unless they win it all.

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take away your better peaches. Only Camden High's 2000 championship interrupted a non-public streak that makes one wonder why NJSIAA officials continue a tournament that steps weighted toward schools with better peaches.

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ams that reside in other school districts but to their credit maneuver through rules that allow migration.

These perfect host non-public squads own a staggering dominance over their public counterparts witnessed by victory in 18 of the last 19 TOC crowns.

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Public schools show up as sacrificial lambs for an NJSIAA tournament that is clearly a bias event. One wonders why public

teams even engage a tournament that they face almost no chance of winning, especially Group I or Group II teams which have never won a TOC title.

Even more difficult to understand is the reasoning in an event that extends an already long season.

Don't get me wrong. Expect my attendance at Sun Bank Arena but interest here is simply about watching high school basketball players who are headed off to Division I college programs. I just wish Michael Richardson had stayed with Roselle Catholic instead of transferring back to Trenton Catholic Academy.

Roselle Catholic repeated as Non-Public B champion with another win over St. Anthony. The Priars have won 12 of 25 Tournament of Champions appearances, losing just once when they reached the title game.

If NJSIAA officials ever decide to produce a better tournament than they should consider one non-public contest to decide an overall champion in that category.

The public schools would then need two games to deliver their champion. The TOC would crown a non-public and public champion.

If this format were currently in place, Roselle Catholic and St. Joseph's Metzchen would contest for the Non-Public championship while Newark East Side, Newark Tech, Paterson, and Linden would compete for a Non-Public title.

By the way, Newark Eastside and Linden may be capable of stopping non-public school dominance but Roselle Catholic is the pick here.

Personally, leaving ex-students behind for just one year when they receive more about money than sportsmanship.

The TOC should be scrapped for state championships in six divisions (non everyone heads home for their basketball banquets).

Such a format would allow six boys and six girls teams to end their seasons with victories.

There is something special about walking off the court as a champion.

No reason exists for just two teams and schools to experience such a memorable moment.

I hope for the day when a public school wins a group championship (and declines an invitation to play TOC games).

While some high school boys basketball programs resemble college teams, scholastic leaders should end this March high school madness.

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Tournament of Champions winners

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- 1990: Elizabeth
- 1991: St. Anthony
- 1992: Shawnee
- 1993: St. Anthony
- 1994: Orange
- 1995: St. Anthony
- 1996: St. Anthony
- 1997: St. Anthony
- 1998: St. Patrick's
- 1999: Seton Hall Prep
- 2000: Camden
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- 2009: St. Patrick's
- 2010: Trenton Catholic
- 2011: St. Anthony
- 2012: St. Anthony
- 2013: Roselle Catholic

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Flacco has options most only dream about

By Greg Gumbel
The Baltimore Ravens' quarterback, Joe Flacco, has options most only dream about. He has the ability to become a free agent in the spring and could be pursued by several teams. Flacco, 29, has a contract that expires at the end of the season. He has a no-trade clause and a no-cut clause. Flacco has a reputation for being a clutch performer. He led the Ravens to the AFC Championship game last season. He is a popular player among fans and media alike. Flacco is expected to be a free agent in the spring. He could be pursued by several teams, including the New York Jets, the New England Patriots, and the Cleveland Browns. Flacco is a talented player and a leader on the field. He is expected to be a free agent in the spring. He could be pursued by several teams, including the New York Jets, the New England Patriots, and the Cleveland Browns. Flacco is a talented player and a leader on the field. He is expected to be a free agent in the spring. He could be pursued by several teams, including the New York Jets, the New England Patriots, and the Cleveland Browns.



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Smith's pick-6 was fatal blow

Linschbacher returned wobbly pass to yards

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Seahawks win coin toss; springlike day eases weather worry

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Sometimes fans cross the line

Seeing the silver lining

Kevin Minnick



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Sports

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Union City always home to Allen

When David Allen recalls the packing, the U-Haul trucks and car trips to his family's new destination, it's easy to understand why Union City holds a special place in his heart.

After a vagabond childhood that saw Allen move from state to state, jumping from school to school along the way, the 265-pound offensive lineman says Union City is the one place that's truly felt like home. That simple notion has helped transform the once overweight football neophyte into a standout at Union City High School.



Patrick Villanova

That transformation came full circle on Saturday when Allen committed to Delaware State University during his official visit to the Football Championship Subdivision (D1-AA) school. And while the college sports landscape is dotted with success stories — some more improbable than Allen's — the kid they call "Alabama" has seen his journey twist, turn, dip — and most recently, rise.

"It seems like a roller coaster, especially with my progress and recruiting," Allen said in a phone interview Monday night.

Yet, even the 6-foot-5 Allen has a hard time believing how far he's come in less than 2½ years. Before moving in with his father in Union City in September 2011, Allen called Brooklyn, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Alabama home at one point or another, and played just one season of football before high school.

"My mother's ex-husband was in the military, so I moved around a lot," said Allen. "It was kind of tough. I was used to making friends and stuff, and I would end up moving. It hurt a little bit at first and then I started getting used to it."

"When I settled into Union City and I stayed, it was kind of a great thing. I met some great people in my life, including the coaching staff. It's more like a family to me."

Then again, getting on the field presented an entirely different challenge since his final move from Alabama was complete. The future Division I-AA recruit was overweight and with next to



ADAM EDWARDS/JOURNAL PHOTO
UNION CITY High School football player David Allen committed to Delaware State University over the weekend.

"He's an intense kid, so whatever you ask him to do, he does it 100 miles an hour."

Wilber Valdez
Union City football coach

no football experience.

"I remember they called me when he registered and they said, 'There's a big kid down here.' At the time, he was about 6-5, 330 pounds. He was just an out-of-shape big kid," recalled Union City football coach Wilber Valdez. "He liked football, but he didn't love it yet."

The first order of business was dropping the weight. In less than six months, he lost nearly 65 pounds, he said, despite not playing his sophomore year.

Then came the hard part — learning the game. That task fell to Valdez and Union City offensive line coaches Chris Johnsons and Ivan Ramos — whom Allen credits for molding him into the player he's become.

In his first season in 2012, Allen showed promise and began to blossom.

As a senior, he began to dominate. The litany native earned First Team all-NCJAL East Division honors in 2013 after helping the Soaring Eagles to an 8-3 record and a fourth consecutive appearance in the NJSIAA sectional semifinals.

"This year, he was at times dominant," said Valdez, "who when he came to the running, the lifting, all the things that we do as part of our program, he did it just punch the clock. He came in here and worked his butt off."

"Part of the issues he was having was the bouncing around from place to place. So when he found some stability here, things started to change," added Valdez.

That progress garnered interest from programs like Syracuse, UMass and Temple. But the pull of a full scholarship offer from DSI swayed Allen, who saw similarities between his current program and one he'll be a part of for the next four years as an offensive tackle.

Yet, all of that wouldn't be possible without the place he now proudly calls home.

"It's been more than friends and stuff — it's been a family," Allen said of Union City.

"I really built me to this city and the city really built me to me."

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Union City always home to Allen

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FOURTH DISTRICT IS UPDATES LIVE
 The live updates from the District 11 wrestling tournament are available on the website at www.district11wrestling.com and on the District 11 Facebook page.

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 140 events beginning today at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil. The U.S. Olympic Team is competing in 12 sports and 31 events.

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BRAD WILSON
 Former wrestling coach

Turning silver into gold



Howe Philip Profile of Canada last event after scoring the game winning goal of the women's gold medal game against the United States.

Hockey program, significantly by Canadian coach Patrick Roy, who led the team to a gold medal at the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. Roy, who coached Canada for 15 years, says the team's success was due to their strong defense and fast offense. Roy, who coached Canada for 15 years, says the team's success was due to their strong defense and fast offense.

DeSales' Gloves elevating game

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Forward Wilson says goal setting and college career with DeSales. Wilson, who played for DeSales for four years, says her goal setting and college career were instrumental in her success. Wilson, who played for DeSales for four years, says her goal setting and college career were instrumental in her success.



Wilson's DeSales for DeSales has improved her game back season at DeSales University.

LVC statistician knows the score

In an unusual subject, Brad Wilson, a former wrestling coach and current administrator, says he knows the score. Wilson, who coached for 15 years, says he knows the score. Wilson, who coached for 15 years, says he knows the score.



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Railbird hopes turns to tears

Maclin's deal spelled the end for Jackson

Brad Wilson



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BASEBALL
Gee balks at milestone after jinxed tweet
 A strike pitcher, the Mets beat pitcher for M.L.B., made his season debut in a somewhat unusual fashion: A link to his story that the Mets were close to becoming the first National League team to finish season without a walk in 15 years. Moments later, Mets star 31st Game back. With a walk, Gee became a Twitter sensation. Then came a controversy over it's a Deadball. Then the SNY booth covered the story. In the middle of the Mets' game with the Nationals, "Hermann, I was more amused and bewildered than anything," DiCorleone told NJ Advance Media.

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WALKING OFF A WINNER
 AFTER HIS 20th birthday, the Mets' star pitcher, Matt Harvey, celebrated his milestone by striking out a batter for the final time in his career. The Mets' star pitcher, Matt Harvey, celebrated his milestone by striking out a batter for the final time in his career.

Offense finds its stride in blowout
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AAA Expects Fuel Prices To Keep Falling

A Boon to Economy Before Holiday

The Waxes on Route 72 in Mahanwahock was adding regular unleaded for \$2.73 a gallon on Tuesday morning. How many years have passed since gasoline has been that cheap in this area? Who is responsible for the dramatic price breaks at the pump in the past few months? Will prices continue to sink?

Figures aren't available for the Mahanwahock situation, but AAA says American consumers at a whole haven't had a break like this when filling up since Dec. 27, 2010.

The AAA's latest Weekend Gas Watch, issued on Wednesday, showed the national average for a gallon of unleaded regular had fallen to \$2.34. That was 7 cents less than the previous week and 33 cents lower than a month before. The national average had dropped for 36 consecutive days in Ocean County, the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded was \$2.81, compared to \$3.16 a year ago.

"Consumers are experiencing 'niche delight' as gas prices unexpectedly drop below \$3 to much of the country," said Scott Sheehy, AAA's CEO. "It's a boon to gas prices and a boon to the economy just in time for holiday travel and shopping."

The fallout of lower gas prices is helping more than consumers and, probably, retail stores. Airlines are delighted with lower jet fuel costs. Auto manufacturers are on the upswing, especially Chrysler, which sold 21 percent more vehicles – mostly Jeeps and Ram trucks – last month as compared to the month before as buyers' nerves become less wary of buying gas-guzzling SUVs and pickups. Only the oil companies and the truck-holding firms aren't casting in on the windfall.

So, again, what is causing the price drops? The global supply is skyrocketing while demand is dropping, especially in China, where the economy is slowing, and in Europe, where the economy is taking even longer than in the United States to recover from the "Great Recession." U.S. oil production is becoming thanks to fracking and shale oil, while Saudi Arabia continues to lower its price and increase production in an attempt to keep its market share in the United States. The price for a barrel of light, sweet oil for December delivery broke well through the \$80 level on Monday, all the way to \$75.39 on the New York Mercantile exchange.

AAA anticipates gas prices may continue to drop in the near term but has raised prices to stabilize some. The organization thinks prices will remain relatively depressed until spring, when higher prices will raise their appreciation thanks to refinery maintenance, and then to summer-blend and increased demand.

A key date is Nov. 17, when OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) will meet in Vienna to discuss global demand and use to expand production by non-OPEC countries. Smaller OPEC producers may be afraid with Saudi Arabia's decision to undercut them with price

Charity Event Awakens Compassion for the Homeless

Eye-Opening Night in 'Cardboard Box City'

By VICTORIA FORD

On a wet night, I slept in a cardboard box. Well, multiple boxes, actually. A system of boxes, you might say. It was a very unglorious first experience. It was an exercise in raising awareness for the homelessness problem in Ocean County (yes, there is homelessness in Ocean County). It was a lesson in hardship. It was a valuable reminder of the families we take for granted, providing a larger context for those days when we can seem only to complain about what we lack and how bad life is. It was also an opportunity to reflect on the human good most of us have on our coast and security. A walk-in, unexpected change in circumstances, the loss of a job or an anti-stimulus (there is all that stands between the average person and a life of survival).

Having just passed the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, which put Ocean County and all the homes by the ocean into a long-term limbo and has left many still displaced, it isn't hard to remember, relate to or imagine the feeling of being thrown out of place in another, even one day in the past. Making do with a cot on a couch for a night, making for a substandard supper, wearing whatever clothes are available and practical.

Cardboard Box City was an event held at St. Mary's Parish Center in Mahanwahock last month, organized by Family Promise of Southern Ocean County, a nonprofit group committed to empowering low-income and homeless families to achieve sustainable self-sufficiency. Family Promise collaborates with faith- and community-based organizations, such as area churches and the Southern Hospitality Network, to provide shelter, meals and other forms of support to people in a state of transition, having fallen on hard times.

The Southern Ocean County chapter of Family Promise was formed five years ago and has since helped 42 families, supporting 206 people, 94 of whom have been children, according to chapter director Cheryl Peto. "Our program is specific to families, not individuals. The chapter can accommodate a total of 14 people at a time, each family for a period of 10 months, during which time they're overcoming barriers and getting their lives back in order, with help. Criteria for acceptance in the program include employment, a vehicle and rental stability; a family, defined as at least one adult with at least one child younger than 18, must be actively taking steps toward financial circumstances.

As Peto pointed out, homelessness can be hard to define and differ vastly from the stereotypical idea of a so-called team on a park bench or city sidewalk. Homelessness might look like the coach-sitter who takes up temporary lodging and transportation to make the 100-mile-and-a-half commute, or like a car-campsite who takes their possessions along to park overnight and becomes a resident without to receive mail.

It can be the U.S. jobless rate that stands here, almost double that of other countries, at least temporarily. But for now, 8.8 percent up.

*Many residents are spending 20



Photographs by Ryan Merrill

GIVING WITHHOPE: (Top, from left) Kyle Smith, Eugene Fleming and Joseph Coleman spend a final few moments with their cat Phoenix before turning off for the night. (Below) JP Stohsberg with his wife, Mary Zlotnick, and their two girls, Lily, 4, and Marley, 2, were actively homeless before they came through the Family Promise program.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2013 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report to Congress, released in December, Ocean County's homeless population is about 700, based on a point-in-time snapshot count taken one January night. The total number of homeless in Ocean County, which included Lakewood's "Third City," doubled from 2012, according to the document. But, as the New York-based Corporation for Supportive Housing notes, those reported numbers do not make a complete picture.

"The actual number of people who are homeless over the course of the year may be two to four times greater than the number counted at one point in time," according to CSRH. "Using

the standard formula developed in the publication 'Counting the Unseen,' it is projected that over the course of a year, 1,600 adults and children are homeless in Ocean County."

For her part, Peto said, half the job is connecting those who want to help with those who need the help.

"The wonderful part of our program is how people (volunteers) want to help our families," Peto said. "Every day, our volunteers ask, 'What can I do to help?' The answers vary by the

week, sometimes by the day. But in general, good ways to help are by donating gift cards for practical uses like groceries and gasoline. Check out our Facebook page for details on those moving out of the program and into their own apartments.

held once before at the parish center, in 2011, Cardboard Box City makes the public to raise pledges and experience a night in a makeshift shelter outside and blankets, in order to build empathy and, perhaps, inspire further charitable action. Participants are asked to raise \$50 to sleep outside or \$75 to sleep inside the parish center. Through it was set strictly a church function,

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to \$20 less to fill up the car on every trip to the gas station compared to what they paid during the summer driving season," said Tracy Noble, spokesperson for AAA Mid-Atlantic.

"Buying more than \$1 for gas is a

welcome holiday gift that may not last nearly as long as money would have," said Darbovet. "It is possible that lower gas prices will soon be a faded memory, so enjoy it while you can."

Should an ill-fated holiday be concerned

about that OPEC meeting.

"The days of paying more than \$3 per gallon for gas have undoubtedly not gone away," he concludes.

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Cedar Grove's \$14.8M referendum at a glance

\$11.86 million High School
\$2.54 million North East School
\$0.47 million South East School

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County investigates Verona IT department

BY JESSICA BUNNING

Just after midnight on a quiet night in Verona, N.J., a group of about 10 people were gathered in a conference room at the county's headquarters. They were there to discuss the results of an investigation into the county's IT department.

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Lottery

Winners pile up at local store

BY JESSICA BUNNING

It's a good thing for the winners of the lottery who are celebrating their good fortune at a local store. The store is a great place to celebrate the winners of the lottery.

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Resident's monitoring helps village locate issue

When it comes to monitoring the health of the village, the resident's perspective is often the most valuable. In a recent article, we discussed how a resident's monitoring helped the village locate an issue. The resident, who has been monitoring the village for several years, noticed a change in the water quality. He reported that the water was becoming more turbid and had a strong odor. The village responded by sending a team to investigate. They found that the issue was caused by a leak in a pipe. The resident's monitoring was instrumental in identifying the problem and getting it fixed.

The village is committed to providing the best possible water quality for its residents. We will continue to monitor the water quality and take any necessary actions to ensure that the water is safe and clean. We appreciate the resident's vigilance and the information they provided. We will continue to work with the resident to ensure that the water quality remains high.

POLICE NEWS

On August 15, 2013, the Ridgewood Police Department received a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of the village. The vehicle was described as a dark-colored sedan. The police responded to the report and conducted a search of the area. They found the vehicle and the driver. The driver was identified as [Name]. The driver was charged with [Charge]. The case is currently pending in court.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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SUNDAY, AUG. 18
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MONDAY, AUG. 19
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TUESDAY, AUG. 20
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Film festival highlights New Jersey's role in the movies

BY MICHAEL SHERMAN

The Garden State is finally getting the attention it deserves. In the past, it has been a mere backdrop for the action, but now it is being recognized as a major player in the film industry.

With the Garden State Film Festival, the state is showcasing its diverse film industry. The festival features a variety of films, including documentaries, feature films, and shorts. The festival is held in various locations throughout the state, including Atlantic City, Camden, and Trenton.

One of the highlights of the festival is the screening of the film "The Garden State," which is a documentary about the state's film industry. The film is directed by Michael Sherman and features interviews with film industry professionals from the state.

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The festival is a great opportunity for film enthusiasts to see some of the best films from the Garden State. It is also a great opportunity for film industry professionals to network and promote their work.

Mötley Crüe survived living on the edge

BY MICHAEL SHERMAN

After three decades of making headlines for a variety of reasons, Mötley Crüe has finally gone to the top. The group, which has long been known for its wild and outrageous behavior, has finally achieved the success it has always deserved.

The group's latest album, "The Dirt," has become a massive success, selling millions of copies and earning the group a place in the top 10 of the Billboard 200. This is a significant achievement for the group, which has long been known for its rebellious and controversial image.

The success of "The Dirt" is a testament to the group's enduring popularity and their ability to connect with their fans. Despite their controversial image, the group has always had a loyal following, and "The Dirt" has only solidified their status as one of the most successful and influential rock bands of all time.

The group's success is also a reflection of the changing tastes of the music industry. In the past, the industry has often favored clean-cut, mainstream acts, but now it is embracing the raw and rebellious sound of bands like Mötley Crüe.

For Mötley Crüe, this success is a long time coming. The group has spent decades living on the edge, and now they are finally being recognized for their contributions to the music industry. It is a well-deserved reward for their perseverance and their ability to stay true to their roots.



Photo: Bob

Violent sequel will have you asking for less

BY MICHAEL SHERMAN

It's the sequel to the violent action film "Die Hard," and it's a sequel that will have you asking for less. The film, "Die Hard 2," is a sequel to the first film, which was a massive success. The film is directed by Renny Harlin and features Bruce Willis as John McClane, who is back in New York City to save the day.

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Unpleasant thriller is dead on arrival

Extraordinary people in ordinary circumstances

Bill Wine
Film Critic



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The beast within

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MOVIE REVIEW



Eliar Coltrane plays the main character of "Boyhood" from age 8 to 18. Here he is at 8 and 18.

Living in the moment

BOYHOOD TEACHES AUDIENCE TO APPRECIATE THE LITTLE THINGS OF LIFE

Boyhood
(R) (PG-13) (M) (M) (M) (M)
Directed by Richard Linklater
With Elliot Coltrane, Patricia
Arquette, Lorelei Linklater
Now playing in New York
area

Being in the moment, acting teachers tell their students, and the most advocated by earnestly. Yet it has the lovely twist of a Zen man: As long as you're thinking of being in the moment, you will never truly be in the moment.

"Boyhood" is about being in the moment — not as actors (although there are some fine performances here) but as human beings.

Your child is proudly showing you his armwrestle collection that's a moment

Your nasty second husband is forcing a one-out on the kids; that's a moment, too. Our lives are made up of moments, and if we don't see those small pictures, we'll never see the big one, either.

Richard Linklater's "Boyhood" is a marvelous, minimalistic epic of a movie that was, literally, 12 years in the making. Using the same small, candid cast plus other actors who come in and out, it follows a boy through childhood, beginning in first grade and ending on his first day in college.

Other films — such as the sublime "If U St" documentaries, or François Truffaut's fictional features with Jean-Pierre L aud — have not used characters. But I don't know of any other single film that's done



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it, compressing a maturation into not quite three hours of incident and reflection.

It begins when Mason — Eliar Coltrane, in a truly unique performance — is simply on his task, staring up at the clouds. Quickly, the facts are sketched up — he has a single mom and an older sister, and lives in a mid-great rental in Texas; they can't quite afford.

But slowly, the rest of the portrait emerges, in flashes — and it's even more meaty real. His self-worshiping moth-

er is directed to her children but has a terrible taste in men. His would-be rock musician father is undependable — yet loving, easy with his kids, and full of real concern.

There are no rags or wastrels here. Just decent people who might have had a great and wonderful life together if they met at 30. But they didn't. They met too young and started too young, and now she's a college dropout unable to get a good job and he's wandering and wondering, and trying to capture the missing 30s he put on hold.

Linklater doesn't use titles or obvious cuts to indicate the passage of time, but he doesn't really need to, and young audiences will pick up every cue. I saw the film with my 10-year-old who recognized every fashion style, every pop song. It's available for all kinds

And the cast is superb because — filmed over a dozen years — they are so honest, so unself-conscious. Patricia Arquette, playing the mom, gets a bit drifty, and Ethan Hawke has gray creep into his hair. And newcomers Coltrane and Lorelei Linklater, the director's daughter, survive some bad haircuts and out-of-gearings.

What happens to these folks? Nothing much, actually, except life — although a lifetime of Hollywood movies puts us on edge. As you watch — and see one drunken character get behind the wheel, or another unwrap the birthday present of a shotgun — you begin to wait for the tragedy. The melodrama. The hand of the scriptwriter.

In a last, people-gone. The worst things that happen are some bad marriages and one brief (off-screen) bit of domestic violence; the best are the sort of small triumphs we all too easily take for granted: A happy camping trip with a child. Woodie's second place in

smart show. A new job.

As the story begins to pull to a quiet — and yet fully satisfying — close, Arquette's character begins to fray a bit at the edges. She's unmoored her children are off being their own lives. She looks back at a life of moments — a wedding, a childbirth, a graduation — and tearfully announces that the next big event in her life will be the end of it.

Mom, her son says, I think you're missing things by about 40 years.

She is. And those 40 years will be filled with even more moments — some happy, some sad, most inconsequential, yet still the tiny incidents that make up our days. What is why, in the end, everyone needs to be in the moment. Because it's the moments that make up life.

Ratings note: The film contains substance abuse and strong language.
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Living in the moment

A hard look at a life slowly slipping away

It's hard to figure the ratings

Stephen Whitty
Film Critic

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Today is the 145th day of 2002. There are 221 days left in the year.

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Today's Birthdays
 • 1898: The first woman to fly solo, Amelia Earhart.

180 years ago today
 • The first woman to fly solo, Amelia Earhart.

200 years ago today
 • The first woman to fly solo, Amelia Earhart.

Quizzes of the day
 • Are you a better person than you think you are?

Guns N' Roses entertaining, but inconsistent at Sands

REVIEW
 BY STEVE KATZ



Major Axl Rose performs during Guns N' Roses' show during a Tuesday night concert at the Sands. *Bob D'Amico/Express.com*

It's not surprising that the rock band's performance at the Sands is entertaining, but inconsistent. The band's show is a mix of old and new material, and while the live performance is energetic, it lacks the consistency of their studio work. The band's live show is a mix of old and new material, and while the live performance is energetic, it lacks the consistency of their studio work. The band's live show is a mix of old and new material, and while the live performance is energetic, it lacks the consistency of their studio work.

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Wife upset when hubby speaks other language

BY JANE WATSON



JANE WATSON
 Staff Writer

When a man speaks a language other than English, it can be a source of frustration for his wife. In a recent article, Jane Watson discusses the challenges of living with a bilingual spouse. She notes that while it can be a source of pride, it can also lead to misunderstandings and frustration, especially when the non-English speaking spouse is the primary provider or decision-maker.

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Bridge



BRIDGE
 BY JANE WATSON

Bridge is a popular card game that has been around for centuries. It is a game of strategy and skill, and it is enjoyed by millions of people around the world. In this article, Jane Watson discusses the basics of bridge and offers some tips for improving your game. She notes that bridge is a game of strategy and skill, and it is enjoyed by millions of people around the world.

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FOOD & DRINK




Marlene Mangia Bene Woodbury restaurant goes strong May to make its own pasta and produce

By Adam Erace

Woodbury restaurant Marlene Mangia Bene is making a name for itself in the local food scene. The restaurant, located at 1000 Woodbury Road, is known for its fresh, locally sourced ingredients and its commitment to making its own pasta and produce.

Marlene Mangia Bene is a family-owned restaurant that has been in the business for over 30 years. The restaurant is known for its traditional Italian cuisine, but it has recently expanded its menu to include more locally sourced ingredients. The restaurant's commitment to quality and freshness is evident in its dishes, which are made from scratch using locally sourced ingredients.

The restaurant's menu features a variety of dishes, including pasta, pizza, and seafood. The pasta is made in-house, and the produce is sourced from local farmers. The restaurant's commitment to quality and freshness is evident in its dishes, which are made from scratch using locally sourced ingredients.

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Marlene Mangia Bene
Good Stuff Eatery

Little Spoon Cafe

Adam Erace

WINE

Great wines for spring, from Arizona to Israel

By Mark Hall

Spring is a great time to enjoy wine. There are many great wines available from Arizona to Israel. Here are some of the best wines to try this spring.

Arizona: The state of Arizona is known for its wine industry. There are many great wines available from Arizona, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Pinot Noir. The state's climate is ideal for growing grapes, and the wine industry is growing rapidly.

Israel: Israel is a country with a rich wine heritage. There are many great wines available from Israel, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Pinot Noir. The country's climate is ideal for growing grapes, and the wine industry is growing rapidly.

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Cedar Grove's \$14.8M referendum at a glance



Category	Amount
High School	\$11.96 million
North East School	\$2.4 million
South East School	\$0.44 million

\$3.6 million

If the referendum is approved, the state will provide Cedar Grove with \$3.6 million toward the total cost of the spending plan, off in the state's cost burden, the total share of the vote would be \$11.2 million.

The impact of the referendum would depend on the approved amount. Cedar Grove could receive \$3.6 million per year, but would have to pay \$1.6 million in state taxes for the next 10 years.

What's included?

The Cedar Grove Board of Education plans to begin the \$14.8M effort to improve with a new high school in 2018, a new middle school in 2019, and additional school district.

There are 41 total ballots that will be included in the referendum. The ballots include the state ballot, the local ballot, and the school ballot. The state ballot will be included in the referendum. The local ballot will be included in the referendum. The school ballot will be included in the referendum.

A list of voters who will be included in the referendum will be posted in the school district. The list will include the names of all voters who are registered to vote in the district.

The Cedar Grove High School referendum will be approved. The referendum will be approved if 60 percent of the voters vote in favor of the referendum. The referendum will be approved if 60 percent of the voters vote in favor of the referendum.

Voting information

Cedar Grove residents will vote in the referendum on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Voting is between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Cedar Grove Middle School.



For more information, visit www.verona-cedargrove.com.

County investigates Verona IT department

BY JENNIFER HARRIS, Staff Writer

The Verona-Cedar Grove Board of Education is investigating the IT department of the Verona-Cedar Grove School District. The investigation is being conducted by the county auditor. The investigation is being conducted by the county auditor.

Holiday kick off



The Cedar Grove Middle School students are performing on stage. The students are performing on stage. The students are performing on stage.

Winners pile up at local store

BY JENNIFER HARRIS, Staff Writer

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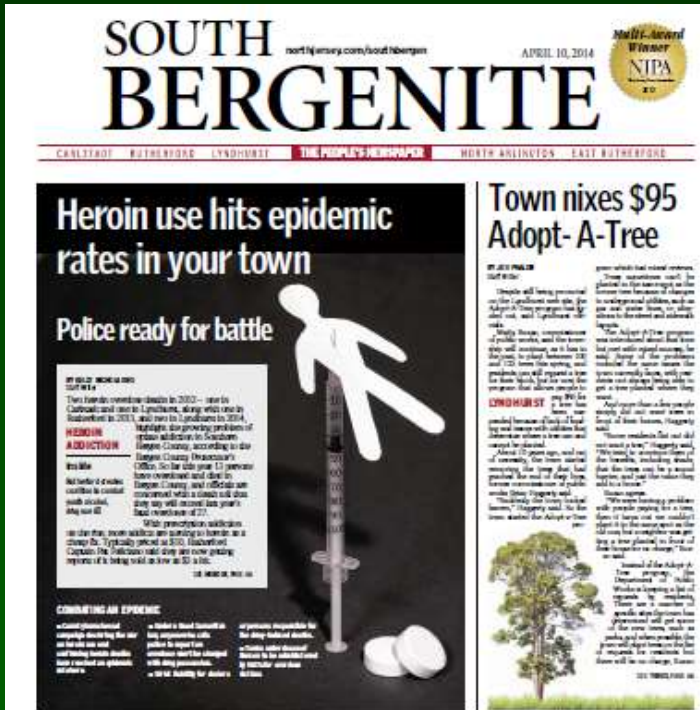
Snow trouble

Winter weather caused cancellation of the game between Verona and Cedar Grove. The game was cancelled due to snow. The game was cancelled due to snow.

Surviving her diagnosis

Cedar Grove woman battles multiple sclerosis. The woman is battling multiple sclerosis. The woman is battling multiple sclerosis.

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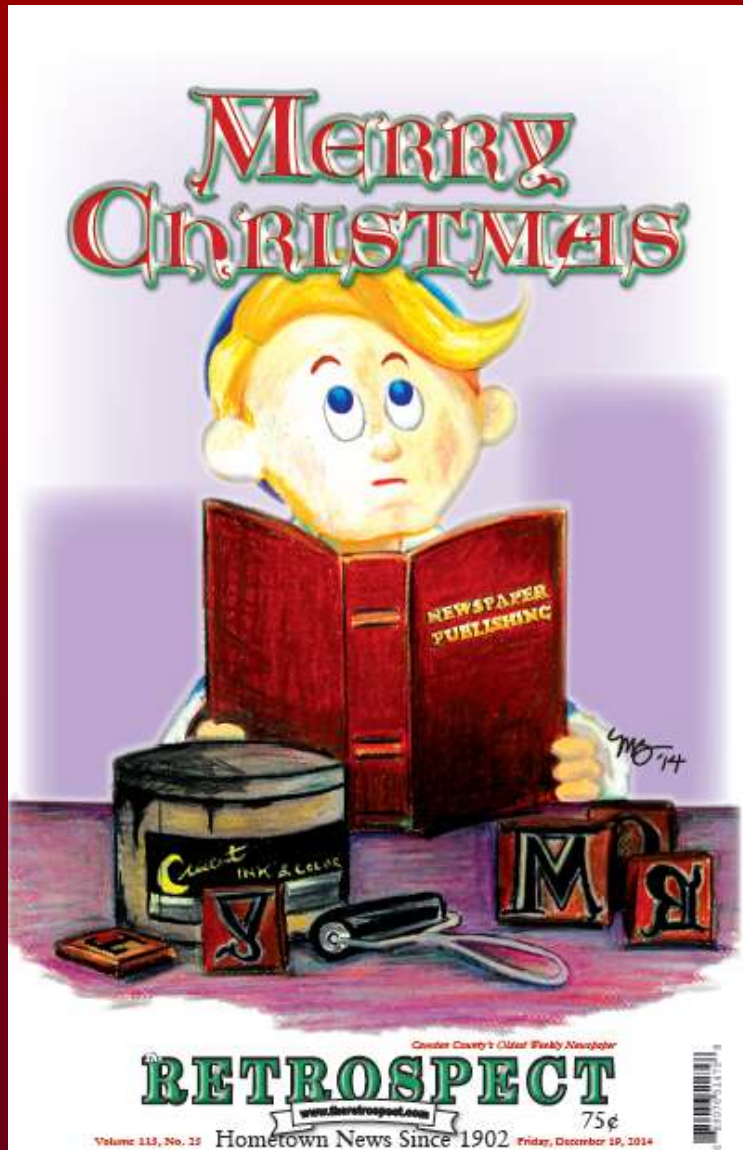
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How high can David Njoku jump?

Lillian Ortiz
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BRIGHT FUTURE Not the typical sports announcer

BY CHERIE LITTON
Sports Editor

When you think of a sports announcer, you probably think of a man in a suit, speaking into a microphone. But not if you're talking about the 17-year-old student at Cedar Grove Middle School, Karynnae Adams, who is making a name for herself as a sports announcer.

"In my class, if one person for the year could be like the famous person in the class, I would be it. I would want to be it."

Adams, who is currently a member of the Cedar Grove Middle School's sports team, is a member of the school's sports team. She is a member of the school's sports team. She is a member of the school's sports team.

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TEAM NEW JERSEY Locals ready for Special Olympics Cedar Grove home to participants

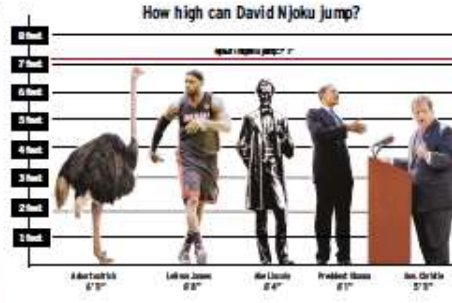
BY CHERIE LITTON
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When you think of a Special Olympics athlete, you probably think of a person with a physical disability. But not if you're talking about the Cedar Grove Middle School's Special Olympics team, who are preparing for the upcoming Special Olympics event in Cedar Grove.

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MEET OF CHAMPIONS Back-to-back state titles Njoku falls short of new record

BY CHERIE LITTON
Sports Editor

After losing to the state champion, David Njoku, the Cedar Grove Middle School's pole vaulter, is looking for a new record.



David Njoku, Cedar Grove Middle School, competes in the pole vault at the state championships.

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Victim's mom: 'Now my son rests in peace'

By JONATHAN LIN
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

A bereaved family's patience or justice was rewarded in a courtroom yesterday morning when a Jersey City man convicted of killing a 21-year-old man was sentenced to 55 years in prison, the maximum allowed for his charges.

"Now my son rests in peace," said Nilsa Lopez, 59, while hugging Hudson County Assistant Prosecutor Michael D'Andrea, shortly after Judge Joseph Isabella handed down the sentence.

On Nov. 9, 2012, Quaaheim Johnson, 27, was convicted of the April 19, 2008, aggravated manslaughter and robbery of Ramon Morales, 21, of Jersey City.

Johnson was also convicted of the armed robbery of a second victim that night and resisting arrest with force.

He was arrested about 10 minutes after the crimes, a short distance away at Duncan and Olean avenues. Following his arrest, Johnson's bail was set at \$1 million.

Yesterday morning, Johnson chose not to speak before he was sentenced, but Morales' family did, approaching the judge armed with a poster of Morales' photos and wearing shirts printed with the words "Justice Has Been Served."

They wept together as Lopez, Morales' mother, spoke of a long-awaited justice finally realized.

"I've been waiting for this justice for six years," she said, her voice often breaking off because of overwhelming emotion. "I love my son, I love my son, I love my son."

Johnson, who was represented by attorney Raymond Beamr, must serve at least 46 years in prison before he is eligible for parole, or when he is 73.

He did not show any emotion



as Isabella delivered his sentence, even when Isabella said at one point that his actions spoke to his "complete lack of humanity and respect for our laws."

Johnson, who grew up without parents starting at 5 years old, was first arrested at 8 and had a total of 27 juvenile run-ins with the law, Isabella said, noting that his record was "horrendous."

Isabella did not say what Johnson was arrested for at 8 years old.

After getting his first adult conviction handed to him at 17 years old, Johnson spent most of his life in prison, Isabella said. His crimes included attempted murder, robbery, weapons offenses and aggravated assault, he said.

Johnson's sentencing yesterday morning came after a long, arduous string of legal twists and turns.

His first trial in May 2011 ended in mistrial when a juror told the judge he feared for his life after three men the juror associated with Johnson showed up at his home.

After Hurricane Sandy knocked out power to the courthouse in October 2012, the second trial was delayed



NILSA LOPEZ, mother of Ramon Morales, 21, speaks emotionally in court while holding a poster with photos of her son. With her were her daughter, Jessica Martinez, victim witness advocate Lisette Rivera and Hudson County Assistant Prosecutor Michael D'Andrea.

but ended with Johnson being convicted of aggravated manslaughter and robbery in the shooting death of Morales, the armed robbery of a second man and resisting arrest.

The jury was hung, however, on the more serious charges of murder and felony murder.

In February 2013, a motion for yet another trial was made by Johnson's then-attorney, Janet Costello, but was ultimately denied. D'Andrea said yesterday.

Johnson's motion to try Johnson again on the murder and felony murder, but that motion was also denied by the appellate division of the court.

The two motions by the defense and the prosecution, along with other post-verdict motions, delayed Johnson's sentencing to nearly two years after the date of his conviction, D'Andrea explained.

In the meanwhile, Morales' family waited patiently for the

QUAAHEEM JOHNSON, 27, is brought into the Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City for his sentencing.

"Do you know how many times I was crying, saying 'I miss you?'" Lopez told The Jersey Journal shortly after the sentencing. "But I'm happy today. Finally, finally, finally I know he's here with us. I feel that he was holding me."

Lopez said she was devoted to taking care of Morales' two sons, now ages 6 and 8. The older son, who was old enough to remember what had happened to his father, had told his mother, "Mommy, when I grow up I want to be a police officer. I want to arrest the monster who killed my daddy," Lopez said.

Morales' sister, Jessica Martinez, 34, and her two daughters, Amy Castore, 14, and Emily Lopez, 17, cried with Lopez as they all reflected on the kind of person Morales was.

"His happiness," said Martinez, when asked what she remembered most about Morales, elicited both laughs and tears from the family. "He was always smiling, always dancing."

"Now it's done, so now it's time for me to find myself again," she said.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

New pet policy to have some bark

Owners may face trespassing charges

BY RICHARDE SANTA Staff Writer

The Glen Rock Board of Education (BOE) introduced a policy Monday declaring that the unattended presence of pet animals on school property would subject owners to trespassing charges.

Members hope that final approval of the policy in February will lead to Borough Council action on an ordinance providing the level of enforcement desired by the school district, as initially requested by the

BOE several months ago. The plea resulted from ongoing problems attributed to some dog walkers on school grounds — including sanitary nuisances at the new middle school/high school athletic complex, and on elementary school properties.

Prior to the Jan. 27 vote on general resolutions including the policy, mayor Roma McNabola said, "They (the council) felt that until we had a policy in place that

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Grouping together

The Glen Rock Board of Education invited a cross-section of borough residents to offer ideas to school district officials during a community forum on Jan. 28. School district and municipal officials split into groups with parents, teachers and students to brainstorm proposals. Above, Superintendent Paula Valenti writes down her group's ideas at High St. Brian Pope, assistant principal at Glen Rock Middle School, presents a his group suggestions. For a full story from the event, see page 2.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Council is seeking a surplus of surplus

BY RICHARDE SANTA Staff Writer

Despite unexpected good news regarding the recently depleted municipal surplus reserve, officials will continue to address means of swelling that fund as part of their ongoing discussions.

At the Monday, Jan. 27 work session, Borough Administrator Lenore Benjamin reported that the recent accounting of various revenues included and unanticipated revenue streams have unexpectedly increased the borough surplus bal-

ance to approximately \$850,000. However, she qualified the impact of the news by noting that the surplus assumption reflects unaudited figures that remain subject to final accounting adjustments.

Mayor John van Klee added to the cautionary, saying, "My assessment is that this is good news, but the ice isn't thick enough to walk on, by a long shot."

"Yes of all, the sources of the increase are one-time things, while the changes to surpluses occur every

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FEAT OF CLAY



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Sixth graders from Roy W. Brown Middle School in Bergenfield took part in the recent Bergenfield Film Festival where their claymation feature "Win-dowing" was screened. As part of a project for their advanced language arts class with Deborah Roberts, Michelle Loring, seen here at left, directed the film, her adaptation of an excerpt from Gary Paulsen's book of short stories. Along with classmates Sydney Pinzon, Rebecca Kerdman, and Laura Ramsey, seen here with her from left, they spent more than five weeks to create 1997 individual pictures in order to bring the story of a man with bear trouble to life.

BIRMINGHAM

Violet society meets at Old North Church

The Bergen County African Violet Society will hold its final meeting of the year at 8 o'clock this evening, Thursday, May 23, at Old North Episcopal Church, Washington and Madison avenues, Dumont.

The program will be "Preparing our AV's for Summer Vacation" and will include demonstrations on wick-waxing, repotting, and leaf propagation.

Admission is free; refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to all residents of Bergen County and the surrounding areas.

For more information, contact Sharon Lynch at 201-784-9501 or atvioletsmen@optonline.net, or visit the Facebook page, Bergen County (NJ) African Violet Society.

BERGENFIELD

Library to put on morning jazz concert

A live music program titled "Tony Evans & His Blues - The Legendary Straddlers" will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, at the Bergenfield Library. Performing will be Grammy-nominated vocalist Annette Sanders and pianist Joel Zeinick.

Not many people realize that Tony Evans was as much of a jazz singer as almost anybody, he had already made a handful of albums in a small combo format, but these were far lesser-known than his big chart hits.

Then, in 1975, he made what would be his supreme statement in the jazz field - the first of two albums with pianist Bill

Evans. Zeinick had the great fortune of playing at the Top of the Gate in New York City in the mid 1960s on Monday nights. It was on those Mondays that he split sets with the Bill Evans Trio. His website, www.joelzeinick.com, has pictures, music and biography.

Sanders and Zeinick represent the remarkable collaboration of American Art Song as far Blues, incorporating the vintage and experiences in those performances.

The repertoire - no Greenwich Village or blues, is mostly song associated with great female

singers, such as Mahalia Jackson and Ella Fitzgerald, as well as Bill Evans' own "Wait for Debby" with Gene Lees' lyrics.

Sanders, a Grammy nominee who five five CDs, has sung with Henry Goodstein, Mel Tormé and Annette Carlin Jobin. She was the featured vocalist in Dick Hyman's Jazz Series at the 42nd St. Y and performed in the Billy Taylor Jazz Series at Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

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Running for town council - or running the town?

It's gotten past the point of ridiculous. Now it's just downright embarrassing.

The latest meeting of the Belleville Township Council was just as much of a sideshow as the one that preceded it, if not worse. There were again calls for council members to resign, more arguing back-and-forth between council members and members of the public, more bickering amongst the council members themselves, an instance or two of name-calling, and many people on both sides seemingly unable to communicate without raising their voices.

And there are still two more meetings to go before the council election on May 13.

Of course it's election season in Belleville, and council members and candidates are soliciting votes to gain - or remain in - office. Given the behavior on display the last two council meetings, though, a good portion of it by town officials, who really deserves to get your vote? It's like watching petulant children at play - not adults, and not people who are going to be spending thousands of your tax dollars. How are they going to make decisions for the benefit of the town, if they can't even get down.

along with one another at a public meeting? Yelling, screaming, threatening - oh, and by the way, vote for me next month.

Watching town officials act this way should give any resident pause. These are the people who are supposed to run the town, and run it efficiently. Everyone's not always going to agree - and governing bodies should engage in discussion - but that discourse amongst officials and the public needs to be logical, rational, and civil.

Preferably with the volume turned way, way down.

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Running for town council - or running the town?

No dull ending for longtime knife sharpening business

An apology, minus the admission

Mollie Gray
Editor

Couples blessed, and Clara Maass honors several volunteers

On April 6, three wonderful couples from St. Anthony of Padua Church were at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark for a blessing a blessing for being married: 50 years this year. Congratulations to Ralph and Layla Salzano, Frank and Ellen Yaculis, and Nick and Lois Trabucco. May they all have many more happy years together and remember "Oh, how we danced on the night they were wed."

The Belleville High School Class of 1977 will hold their 37th year reunion on April 19th. For information call Bill Lippolis at 973-868-0044. We hear it will be a fantastic evening for all.

Clara Maass Medical Center held its 57th Annual Volunteer Service Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, April 9. The theme this year was "Volunteers are



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shining stars". Special awards are given to many different people in different phases of volunteering especially those who have served 25, 35 or 40 years, and so on for just being there to help out when needed. The Auxiliary volunteers presented to the hospital \$15,000 which they had raised from their vendor sales. If you are not familiar with this part of the hospital, there are sales in the Belleville Foundation Room from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and they will start on May 2 with handbags and accessories. May 9 will be fragrances in time for

Mothers Day, and June 5 with cell phone accessories and reuse for Father's Day. If you are in the area stop in and shop. The vendors give a portion of their produce. Other vendors want door-to-door and offered to sharpen your knives, fix umbrellas, etc.

Did you mark your calendar for May 9 as the Silver Lake Association presents Friday Night Fever honoring former Mayor Angelo Pasacchia at The Chardlers? Donation of \$60 for a family style dinner and music by DJ Mike Chisello spinning 70s and 80s music. Also that night we have a raffle to help with our scholarship. So please call me at 973-759-2703 to reserve your ticket.

Get well wishes to Joe Petrucci, Leone Petrol and Ann Redino, all in Clara Maass Medical Center. We are all praying and

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May 13 election and in all elections.

Clarifications

To the Editor:

After our township meeting on March 25, I list that there are two issues that need to be clarified for the record.

Mr. Joe Longo, from the board of education, inferred that a council "political"

meeting took place on March 18 in Town Hall. Although Mayor Raymond Limbia, Councilman Kevin Kennedy, Township Attorney Tom Murphy, Township Manager or Kevin Pasacchia and I were in attendance at a meeting on March 18, it had nothing to do with politics. Mr. Longo failed to mention the three other individuals that were there as well. The three other individuals in attendance were candidates for our magistrate's (judge) position. We

were there after normal working hours to interview the final candidates for that position.

Although overwhelmed by political posturing the night of the council meeting, Mayor Kimble and the council appointed Belleville's Lee Latino judge.

On the issue of discrimination, I would like to express my beliefs as well as I

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Wide receiver picks Hurricanes over Backeyes, others

BY CHRIS LEYDEN

Verona's head coach at Cedar Grove, NJ, has picked the Hurricanes as the team to watch in the upcoming season. The wide receiver, who has been a key player in the offense, has chosen the Hurricanes over other teams like the Backeyes and the Panthers. He believes the Hurricanes have the best talent and coaching staff to succeed in the upcoming season.

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FIFTH QUARTER

Verona loses overtime thriller

BY CHRIS LEYDEN

In a game that featured 10 lead changes and 10 overtime periods, Verona lost to the Panthers in a thrilling overtime thriller. The game was a back-and-forth affair, with both teams trading leads throughout the contest. In the end, the Panthers emerged victorious in overtime.



Verona's Chris Leyden (left) and the Panthers' Chris Leyden (right) during a game.

Strong week for Hillbillies

BY CHRIS LEYDEN

The Hillbillies had a strong week, securing a win over the Panthers. The team's performance was impressive, with several key plays that turned the tide in their favor. The coaching staff praised the team's effort and resilience throughout the game.

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Panthers' hoops squads fall just short

BY CHRIS LEYDEN

The Panthers' hoops squads fell just short in the county tournament. Despite a strong effort, they were unable to secure the victory. The coaches and players expressed disappointment but remained optimistic about the team's future performance.



Chris Leyden (left) and the Panthers' Chris Leyden (right) during a game.

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Increasingly Famous Amos

The stars of today's folk and pop world have started lining up to record music with Amos Lee, who'll perform Friday at the Borgata. By *Erin Coonan* • *Facebook* @ACWeekly

Amos Lee lives in Philadelphia's Art Museum area, but he's a Jersey guy at heart. And though he grew up in Cherry Hill, his fondest memories are of time spent at the Jersey shore. "I used to look forward to it every year," he says. "I remember going to the Brigantine castle and it was amazing. It was scary, fun and just a blast. We, my family, weren't fancy people — we would hang out at the Wildwood boardwalk. I loved the rides — I can still see it and smell it."

The mellow singer-songwriter is now enjoying the ride as a recording artist, which will take him back to New Jersey. Lee will perform Friday at the Borgata Music Box.

"I have a huge soft spot for Atlantic City," he says, "since it's right next to Brigantine. I had some family that lived there back in the day."

Lee laughs while reading his childhood — and chuckles more when, during a chat, he's told that curly-haired music just star Kenny D recently admitted he doesn't listen to new music. Lee says he can't imagine living in that sort of sonic vacuum. "That wouldn't work for me. I need to hear new music. I have to hear it since it inspires me. When I hear great new music, and I think we're living during a period of really great new music, I'm moved to write. It doesn't matter what the genre is — if I like it, it can inspire me to craft a song."

Lee's latest album, *Mountains of Silence*, *Flames of Song*, features an amalgam of rich, warm country and folk. "I didn't aim to record a particular style of song this time out," he says. "I just went with what moved me. My mind is completely open. I'm not afraid of any style of music."

That fearlessness has led to distinctive, provocative and heroic tunes, each cut includes at least a shout of musical reality. "I think songs should come from a place," he says. "I think if you're moved by something that happened — so you're somebody [else] — you can bring something to the table that has lots of heart and emotion."

The *Mountains of Silence* sessions marked the first time that Lee recorded an album with his touring band. "It was a great experience," he says. "We spent most of 2011 touring together and we developed this bond. We have this camaraderie and we understand each other so well, so why not bring it to the studio?"

His regular solo players weren't the only ones at the site. Though Bluegrass star Alison Krauss and folk troubadour Patty Griffin both joined Lee at the studio, "After being so much by myself, it was about time I reached out to like-minded musicians," he says, "and it was a blast. I had the most fun I've ever had as a recording artist. Patty and Alison love incredible voices, and they are just — well, authentic."

Thanks to a rapturous audience, Lee has graduated from clubs to theaters. "I love everything in my life," he says. "They let me know how much they appreciate my music. The thing that blows me away is that they tell me they tell friends about my music and they've really helped expand my base. It's even playing larger venues — but I'm just as home playing someone's living room. It's just about playing. I remember what it was like starting out and playing open mike nights, and nobody cared about my music. Nobody wanted to interview me, and there were no fans. But I look back at that and appreciate it. I could have stopped — but I kept going, and now I have this incredible career."

He sees his future as wide open. "Who knows what I'll do next? I try to do something different with each project. Who knows what space I'll be in? Maybe I'll have some wild album. The possibilities are endless, and that's part of what I love about being a recording artist. Nobody can stop you from expressing yourself. That's so whether you're playing arenas or a tiny club."

In either sort of venue, Lee's a charismatic entertainer, adept at connecting with fans from the stage. "It's the greatest experience," he says. "How cool is it that that is my job? I get to make music and go out on stage and just do my thing. I love playing live — that's where it all happens. That's when things get really interesting." ■

Amos Lee appears April 19 at The Borgata, 1 Borgata Way, Atlantic City. Tickets are \$25 and \$29. Show time is 9pm. For more information, call 973-660-0000.

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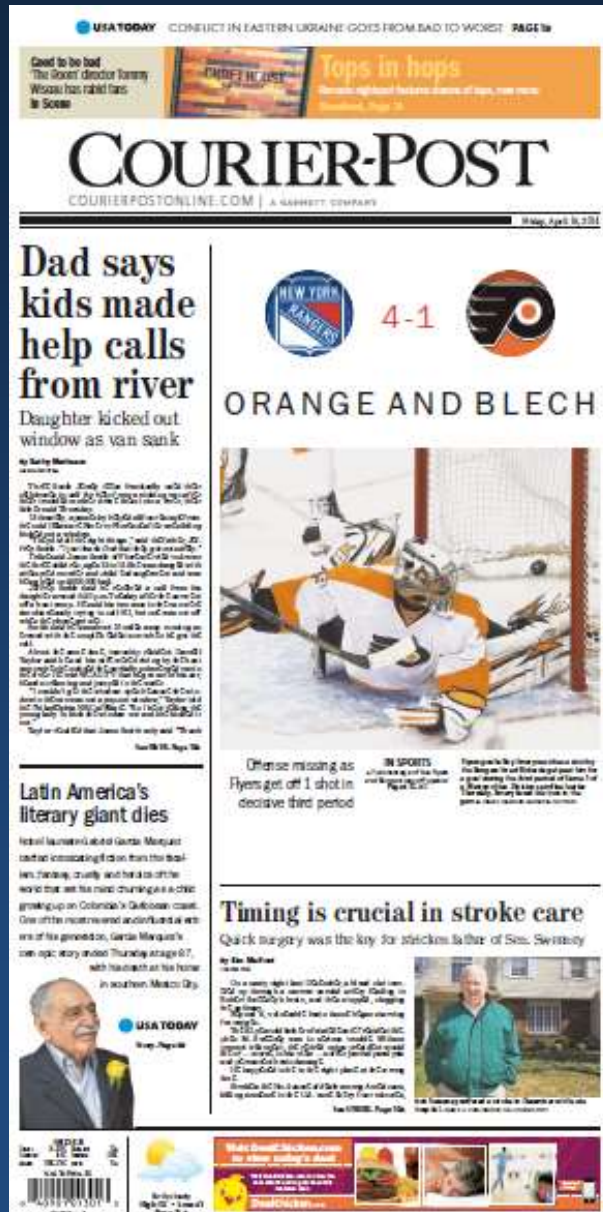
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WOODCLIFF LAKE
Townhouse project causes controversy

BY LIANNA ALBRITTO Staff Writer

Property behind Tice's Corner in Woodcliff Lake is being earmarked to be the site of million-dollar townhouses.

On Tuesday, borough officials voted 5-1 to authorize an ordinance to establish an overlay zone for townhouse developments on seven lots on Pickwick Lane and County Road — five of which are currently under contract with Chicago-based developer, MTRK.

The ordinance, which the planning board will have 35 days to review, will call for a three-story, 40-unit structure on 7.5 acres of land (or 5.34 acres per unit) limited to 40 feet high with the possible inclusion of a walk-in basement. The townhouses would be approximately, best suited for empty-nesters, and sized to cost between \$800,000 and \$1 million, officials said.

At a regular meeting earlier this month, the council considered all options proposed by the planning board for the site, which included developing the east side of the street and leaving the west side (which houses two properties not

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A birthday celebration

In celebration of Arbor Day, the Saksienko Garden Trust threw a birthday party for trees at the gardens on April 26. Above, Lauren Mitchell cuts the birthday cake with Evan, 6, and Ashley Marusik, 5, and Grace Croft, 5. Right, Evan and his sister, Ashley plant maples and purple yucca. The event also included a poster contest for children. For further coverage, see page 29.

RIVER VALE
Officials turn to residents for help

BY JAMES LEGGATE Staff Writer

River Vale officials are seeking residents to form a committee opposing Woodcliff Lake's attempt to withdraw from the Pascack Valley Regional High School District.

Mayor Joseph Skandis said he hoped to find about five residents to join the group, which would be similar to a previous group which opened the last time there was a referendum on the regional district funding issue. The group raised money, bought ads and recently worked to inform the public about the issue, Skandis said. The group was not a part of the township

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BY LISA WOOD
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GOLD SEARCH CEREMONY
Bear's presence puts the village on pause

BY JOE BURNETT
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The already scheduled, long-held village event that has been put on hold for a few days. The village has been asked to have another set of parking proposals to be reviewed.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Staff reorganization starts

BY LISA WOOD
Staff Writer

The village has a new head of public safety. The village has a new head of public safety. The village has a new head of public safety.

GREEN ACRES
State says village must replace land

BY LISA WOOD
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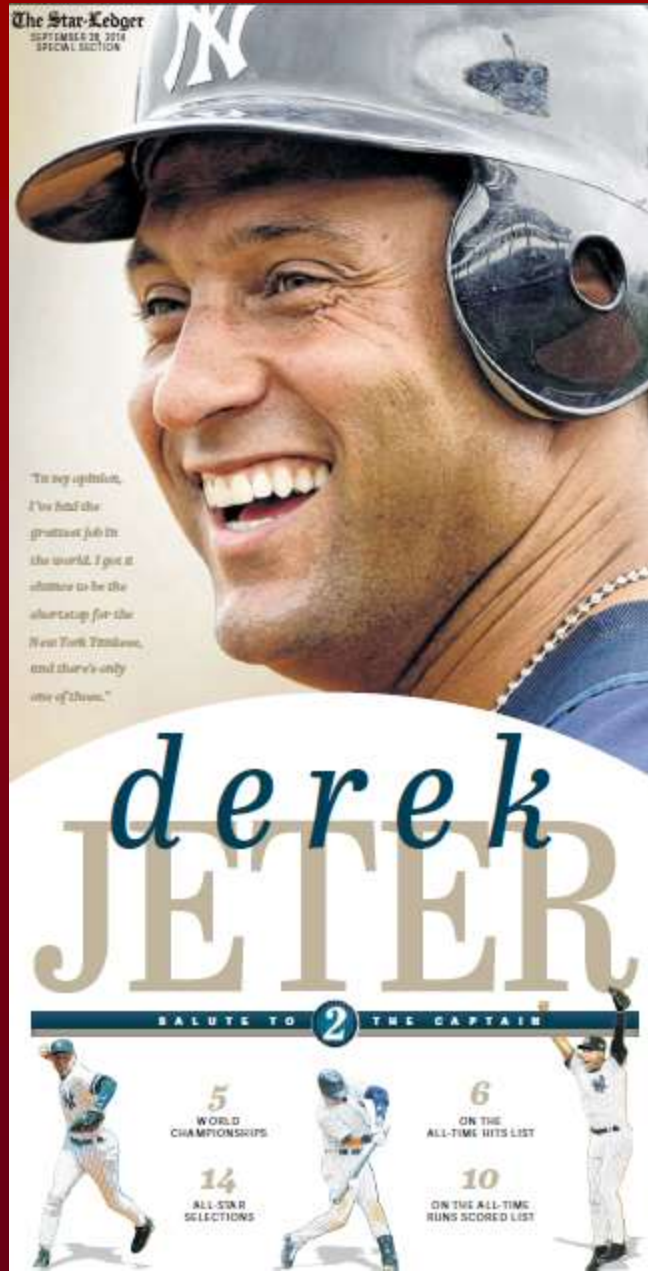
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Sparta High School head coach Frank Marchiani is surrounded by his players on the turf of MetLife Stadium after winning a state crown last December.

THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON Sparta topped off magical year with state title

By PETER STEIN
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There they were, on the field at MetLife Stadium. Proud champions. The Seattle Seahawks? Well, then too.

But 17 days before Seattle clattered the Deane Brunson in Super Bowl XLVIII at MetLife, Sparta did the same to River Dell on the same stage in the North 1, Group 3 title game.

With the Spartans' 48-0 rout, they captured the program's first state championship in 18 years.

It was the final stop on one heck of a ride.

Sparta got aboard in Bayonne on September 13 and kept cruising until Dec. 7, when they reached their destination on the frosty field at MetLife.

State champs — a distinction that had been denied the Spartans a year earlier when Ramapo stormed back to best them 27-24 in the 2012 North 1 Group 3 title game at Kean University.

Nearly 384 days later, Sparta had a golden chance to get it right. And there was no doubt the Spartans would do just

that throughout their annihilation of River Dell.

What made it possible? What made the 2013 team able to finish the job?

"I think it's a testament to all of our seniors last year," said Sparta head coach Frank Marchiani.

"You go into the playoffs, being healthy is No. 1, and having leadership is No. 2. And I think we had great leadership out of our seniors. They went out there and performed very well in these playoff games."

Lucas Faria, a star junior running back on last year's team, agreed.

"Overall, I think it was the chemistry our seniors had, and their leadership," he said.

"And I think," Faria added, "our conditioning played a big part of it, too."

Conditioning was indeed huge because the Spartans were running teams off the field and running up gassy numbers on the scoreboard.

Sparta's two postseason contests leading up to the finale were identical 46-14 wins over Englewood and Ramapo. In these state tournament games, Sparta outscored its opposition by a

mind-boggling 132-28 count, with Faria piling up more than 1,000 of his 2,000 rushing yards in that three-game stretch.

Dominance, dominance and more of the same.

It was how the Spartans stomped through the playoffs, and how they had attacked the regular season that came before.

Through Week 9, Sparta scored a whopping 400 points against just 77 points allowed. In all 12 games combined, the Spartans outscored their mostly stunted opponents 340-169, averaging 41 points scored and 17.5 allowed.

Sparta's rewards for that dominance were an 11-1 record and a North 1, Group 3 championship trophy. It came from everybody knowing their role, everyone clicking.

"We just really leaned our strengths and our weaknesses throughout the season," said Teddy Fischer, Sparta's leading receiver last year.

"We had confidence the whole season," said Anthony Argola, part of a quarterback platoon with Matt Seylke

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Dec. 7	Sparta 40, River Dell 0

last year until suffering a collateral injury. "We knew what it took to win, and we just went out there and executed."

This year, they're looking to make it happen again.

"I think we just need to have people step up and lead," Argola said, "and have even experiences and junior step up and do their part. And if everyone works together then we can have the same result as last year."

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Firefighters battle a four-alarm fire in a three-story building at 472 Washington Ave. in Belleville on Friday.

Blaze burns Washington Ave. buildings

BY DENNA J. USONAK
Staff Writer

A four-alarm fire consumed a business and residential building on Washington Avenue in Belleville on Friday night.

Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Sherna of the Belleville Fire Department explained on Monday morning that the structure at 472 Washington Ave., which is also the address of Sunrise Towers, appeared to be a retail store.

"It looks that way," he said. "There was extensive damage to all three levels."

The roof of the structure was gone, and all the floors had been basically gutted. Sherna added that the fire remains under investigation.

No injuries were reported in the blaze, according to a report on nj.com. Belleville Fire Department Battalion Chief Marty Lutz said on Tuesday that the fire had

started in the basement of the building.

A number of residences of the building's apartments were displaced due to the damage. A total of 31 displaced persons from the area were taken to a local Crisis shelter that was established at the Belleville Senior Citizens Center at Franklin Avenue and Mill Street.

A campaign has been established on the fundraising website, www.gofundme.com to help one family affected by the fire.

According to the site, Gloria Janet Harris and Carlos Mario Tamayo, along with their children Daniela, Stephanie and Carter, were at home Friday night, when they smelled smoke. In a matter of seconds, their home was aflame.

A family friend and neighbor, Sulymar Perez, who owned the gofundme campaign, said via email that the family "lost every-

thing" and is staying with relatives.

According to a Breaking News Network alert received at 8:12 p.m. on March 28, smoke was showing from the roof of the building, and a second alarm was struck. A second alert at 8:17 p.m. explained that the structure was fully engaged/aflame, and that firefighters were evacuating nearby buildings.

Sherna said that the fire spread to 475 Washington Ave., an eight-unit apartment building, which was evacuated.

A third alarm was struck, and mutual aid was soon requested. Heavy fire also began coming through the roof of the building, which was reported as a three-story wood frame structure.

A fourth alarm was struck at 8:24 p.m., and fire crews began erecting multiple hose lines to combat the blaze. The fire later extended down the wall on the third floor of the building, and

there was still heavy fire in the main building as of 9:22 p.m., even though the fire's conditions had been killed.

Lutz echoed Sherna's comments that 472 Washington Ave. appeared to be a retail store.

"There's major, major damage," he said.

He also said that 475 Washington Ave., which suffered smoke, fire and water damage, appeared to be retail and residential.

The companies from Newark, Bloomfield, Hackensack, North Arlington and Monmouth help to fight the blaze. The companies from Orange, West Orange and Cedar Grove remained on standby to cover the east of Belleville.

Crews remained on the site until Sunday afternoon, after a fire watch had stood by overnight.

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RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS

Identity scanning to ensure safety

BY MATTHEW BUCHHEIM
Staff Writer

RAMAPO – The Ramapo Indian Hills school board is expected to approve the purchase of equipment to receive visitors to the district's two high schools.

The district is preparing to buy and install two LobbyGuard 3000s, one for each of the main entrances of Ramapo and Indian Hills high schools at a cost of \$11,000.

"It's implemented in a lot of other schools in the area and basically will scan anybody who comes into the school," Burlington Administrator Frank Cervone said at an April 16 Board of Education meeting.

The new equipment will be that anybody who comes into the school who's not a staff member or a student will have to have their driver's license scanned.

"It will scan against the database of certain offenders," Cervone added. "We can also add certain things to the list. If we have a parent that's excluded from the school or if we have a custody issue, we can go into the database...and it will prevent unauthorized people from coming into the school."

The licenses could be installed before the end of the school year, according to Cervone, who said a resolution approving their purchase would likely be on the school board's April 28 agenda.

"As soon as the board approves it, we'll place the order and we'll get a delivery schedule and we'll figure out an implementation plan," he said.

The potential purchase has received unanimous support within the district, Cervone said.

"From the school administration to various commissions to the local police who sit on these committees, they all think it's a worthwhile investment."

But Cervone said both high schools would need to alert parents of the additional security measure pri-

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Oil, water, plastic, progress...? Series frames a planet in crisis

BY DEBORA DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

WYCKOFF – Does fracking threaten the air and water? Are plastics harming us in ways we have not yet begun to realize? Could poor water management affect our civilization's ability to survive?

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BY ROCKY THORNTON

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LAW & ORDER

County merger panel morphs at chief's behest

BY CATHERINE CARROLL
Staff Writer

RAMAPO – After Police Chief James Basile, as president of the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association, asked the Bergen County Board of Board on April 11 to reconsider the makeup of a panel assigned to work out the details of a merger between the county police force and sheriff's department, Basile said on Monday, April 21, that some members had withdrawn.

Council Police Chief Edward Vitone and Paramus Deputy Police Chief Robert Guidetti removed themselves from the eight-member panel, Basile said in a phone interview April 21. "We asked our association members [Vitone and Guidetti] not to participate."

The issue Basile posed to Boardholder Tracy Zier stated the association's concerns about why Zier and Boardholders James Tidano and John Polito, who comprise the shared services committee, did not include any representatives of the association on the panel.

"We would like to see a representative of the association on the panel, but we haven't been asked, which is very concerning," Basile said. "We would enter the discussion with an open mind. The board should have an informed discussion [on the merger] and multiple agencies should have, at least, a voice in that discussion."

Named to the panel were Sheriff Michael Scardino, County Police Chief Brian Higgins, County Prosecutor John J. Scatena, retired State Troop Police Chief Michael Brown, retired State Police Sgt. Edward McDonough and retired

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Heroin use hits epidemic rates in your town

Police ready for battle

BY JIM PALER
Staff Writer

There's a deadly epidemic on the rise in South Bergen and across the state, one that's been declared an epidemic in 2013, and now in Lyndhurst in 2014. Multiple die-growing problems of heroin addiction in South Bergen County, according to the Lyndhurst Police Department.

"It's not for the sake of 11 patients, but for the sake of 11 patients, there's a deadly epidemic on the rise in South Bergen County, and it's called heroin addiction," said Sgt. Jim Paler, who is in charge of the police department's heroin task force.

"With prescription addiction on the rise, town officials are starting to become a concern. It's not only the police, but the health care professionals who are now getting reports of it being used as well as an IV."

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Town nixes \$95 Adopt-A-Tree

BY JIM PALER
Staff Writer

Despite all being promised on the Lyndhurst web site, for Adopt-A-Tree, the town will not be taking any more trees, and will not be taking any more trees.

"I'm sorry, but the program is not going to be taking any more trees," said Sgt. Jim Paler, who is in charge of the police department's heroin task force.

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Staff Writer

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CHILD POIN

10 years in prison

Local man must register as a sex offender

BY JONELA RYNDKIN

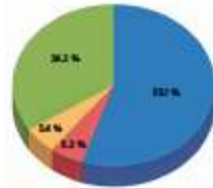
A 39-year-old man sentenced to 10 years in prison for using a child to engage in sexual activity, possibly a crime never intended by the United States Department of Justice.

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BREAKING IT DOWN

The Verona referendum

The Verona Board of Education is asking voters to approve a \$26.8 million plan to improve several aspects of the school district. The March 11 referendum includes these items:



Schools	Parks	Library	Security
63.2%	24.2%	8.2%	4.4%

\$2.8 million
The amount Verona receives from a state grant to offset the total cost of the referendum.

\$176.75
The average cost per household, per year. (Over a 20-year period.)

2
The number of public meetings remaining before the March 11 vote.

25.4 %
The percentage of Verona voters who cast a ballot in a 2007 referendum.

40 %
Of those who voted in 2007, this is the low percentage of residents who supported the measure.

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TWO TIMES WITHIN A YEAR

Citations issued following latest prostitution arrest

BY JONELA RYNDKIN

The City of Verona issued citations to two individuals following the arrest of a prostitute in the city's downtown area on Feb. 26. The citations were issued for violating the city's anti-prostitution ordinance.

BRIDGE GAT

O'Toole's role in bridge controversy questioned

BY JONELA RYNDKIN

The role of the city's former mayor in the controversy surrounding the George Washington Bridge project has been questioned by the city's board of directors.

On the mat
Five make it to regional
wrestling tournament.
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Police advise residents on
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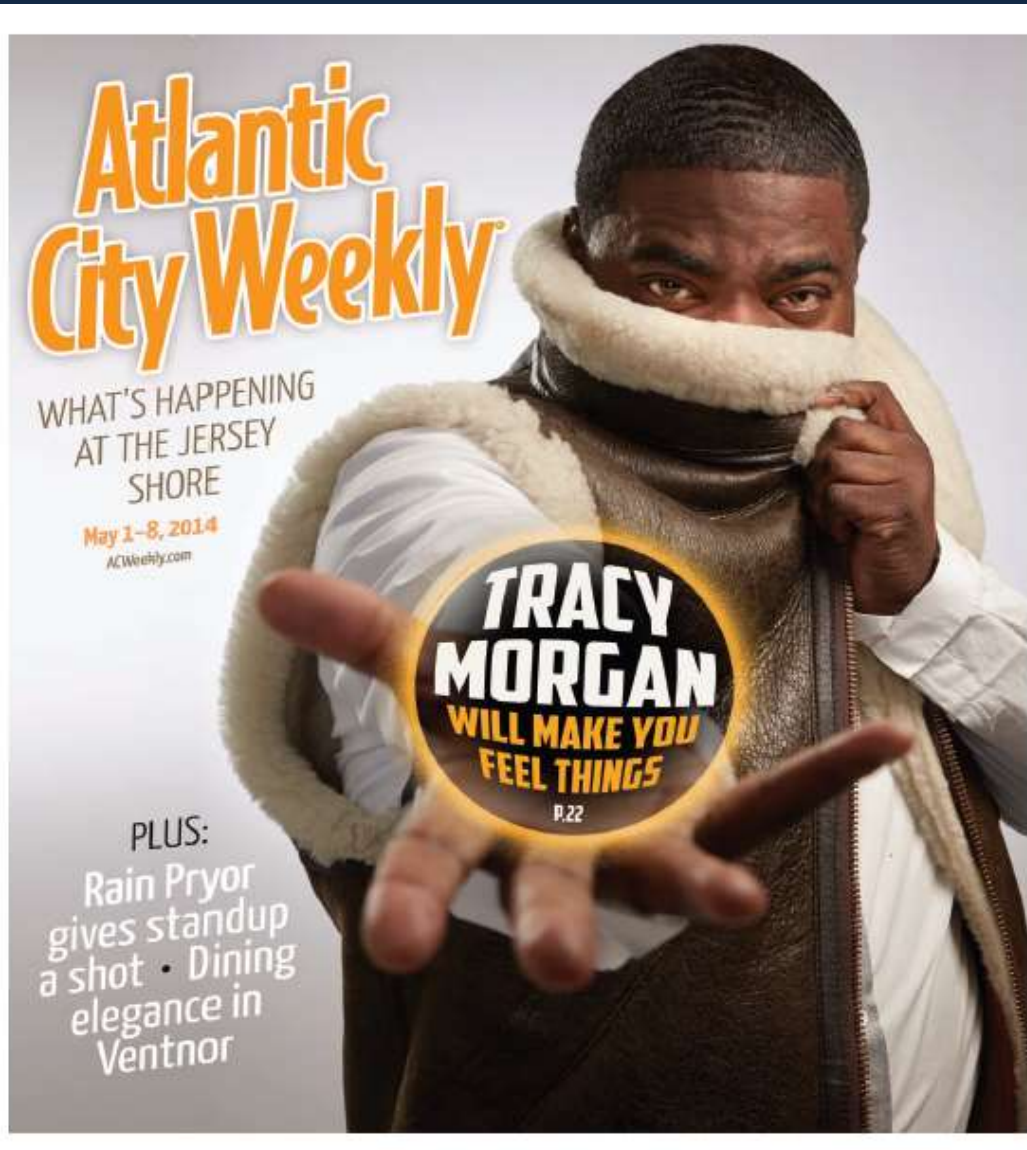
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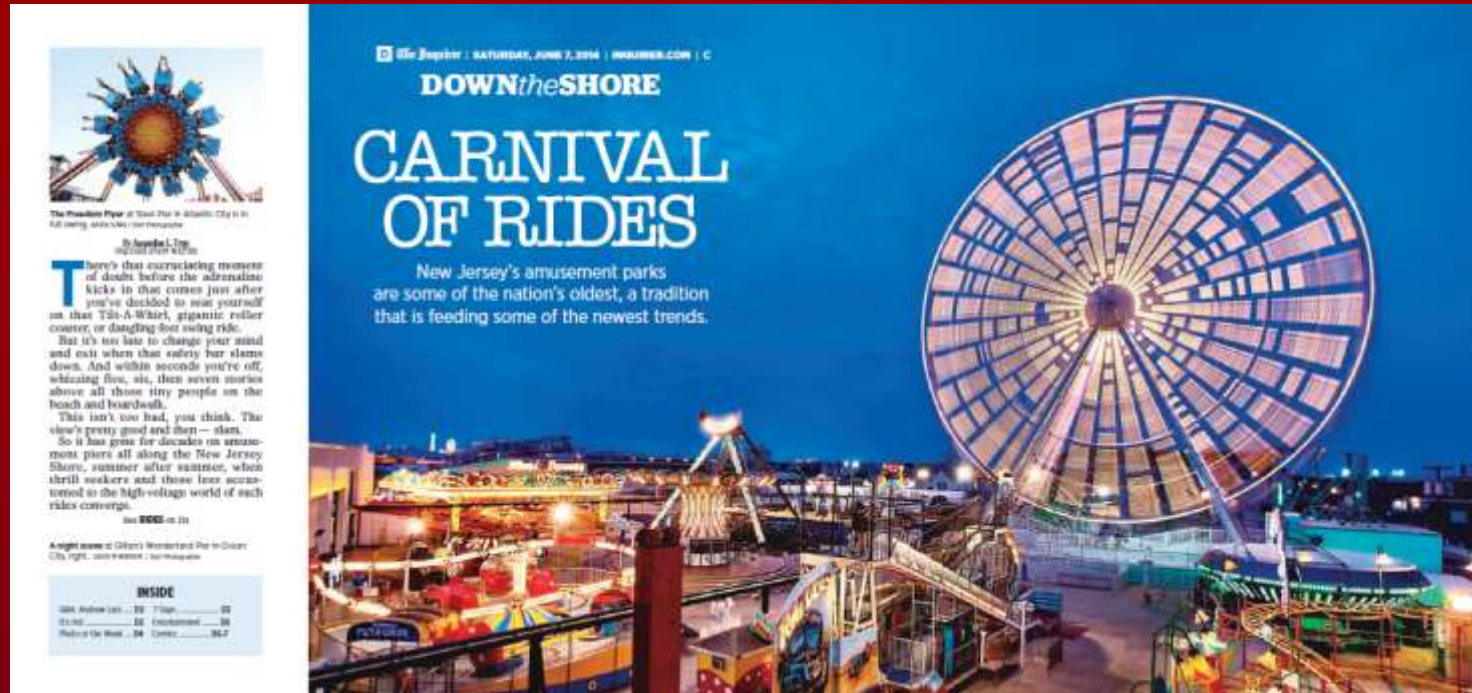
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EDITORIAL

Driven to distraction

If you've begun to notice that your daily journey to work or the grocery store is a little less annoying than usual, you might tip your hat to those paving our streets and highways who have recently been targeting some particularly ubiquitous — and dangerous — pest: distracted drivers.



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Monday marked the last day of an enforcement campaign that began on the first of April — National Distracted Driving Month. New Jersey outdid every other state in 2013 and was among the states awarded a portion of a total of \$8 million by the U.S. Department of Transportation to fight what the state's acting Attorney General John Hoffman calls an "epidemic" that authorities need to "close the book on."

Ramsey's police department was among 60 communities that split the state's \$300,000 federal funds to participate in the crackdown, which previously have been confined to seat belt and drunk-driving violators. But authorities had expected at least 17 other departments to voluntarily join the campaign — as Waldwick and Franklin Lakes' did.

Sgt. Craig Weber of the Ramsey Police Department said that while distracted driving is not limited to cellphone use — it includes anything that diverts a driver's attention, from eating to putting on makeup — "because using a hand-held cellphone while driving or sending text messages requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, they are by far the most alarming distraction."

There are a lot of statistics to support that assessment, but the big one is this: In 2012, 3,328 people were killed and 423,000 injured in distraction-related accidents nationwide. 75% of the fatalities occurred in New Jersey.

Enforcement, however, has necessarily been sporadic. According to the New Jersey Office of

the Courts, Midland Park's and Oakland's departments were among those which issued the fewest number of tickets for cellphone law infractions last year (31 and 22, respectively). Mahwah, meanwhile, reported eight distracted-driving accidents in 2012.

Franklin Lakes Police Chief Joseph Selesnick said that although his department was not a recipient of the grant money, he authorized three distracted-driving enforcement details and that as of Friday, April 11, they had issued about 300 summonses for various violations and made several arrests.

Still, in the grand scheme of things, that's a drop in the bucket considering this quote by Thomas L. Louie, northeast regional administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in *The Record*: "We are given a bright moment, over half a million drivers across America are using cellphones or manipulating electronic devices."

Kind of makes you want to work and shop from home.

Or, more to the point, throw your cellphone in the trunk and keep both hands on the wheel.

We asked, 'What do you think?' ... about sewage odors in Waldwick?

Your April 10 front-page article about odors associated with the sewage treatment plant in Waldwick encouraged me to offer my opinion. It poses two questions which I believe will imply my opinion.

First, what percentage of the total effluent processed goes treated with odor-control chemicals? I suspect that the percentage is quite small, which begs the second question.

Why have the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority commissioners authorized the annual expenditure of \$180,000 for odor control on such a small percentage involved at the Darrington and Franklin Lakes pump stations, but release a one-time expense of approximately \$500,000 to mitigate odors of all of the effluent received in Waldwick? Something doesn't smell right.

Christopher E. Hagan
 Waldwick

I have been a resident of Waldwick for almost 20 years and over that period have witnessed a gradual increase in the "open cesspool" smell emanating from our town's waste treatment plant.

For example, over the past three months, as a daily commuter on New Jersey Transit's rail, I have found that the southbound 8:25 a.m. train is often crowded on the disconcerting odor of raw sewage between the Waldwick and Ho-Ho-Kus stations.

Each time I get a headache, it makes me wonder about the impact that this experience must have on the lives of residents of both Waldwick and Ho-Ho-Kus, who live within the vicinity of this smell.

Particularly, as a home-owner, I wonder what the odor must do to the appeal of a house. How do these condi-

tion affect property values? How does one know a house, which is on the market, when the wind is blowing unfavorably? Indeed, I would like to have two questions answered by those in our community most familiar with these issues:

Are the negative effects that this situation might have on a home's value and the quality of life of individuals really offset by the financial considerations connected with "treating" of solid waste from other sources?

Can Waldwick, and perhaps Ho-Ho-Kus, eventually gain the uniform reputation, within Bergen County, of being centers of unpleasant "odorous odors"?

Joe De Santis
 Waldwick

...and fence repairs along Route 208 in Wyckoff?

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on your April 10 article on fence repairs along Route 208 in Wyckoff.

I believe that uniformity of the replacement fence on each property and on both sides of the highway is paramount.

A wood fence similar in style which was destroyed would be aesthetically pleasing and blends well with the woods surrounding it.

Sean Condit
 Wyckoff

Editor's note: Our new "What do you think?" feature encourages readers to submit their opinions on stories covered by *Suburban News* for publication. When you see this query, send your opinion to suburbannews@njpress.com, and include your name, address, and daytime phone number for verification purposes.

20 signs you're done with winter

20. You start each morning with a guessing game: How much snow fell last night?
19. You can admit to using your mittens as a tissue at least once.
18. Your mailbox is currently being held together by duct tape.
17. You have more Christmas lights in your house than you do flashlights.
16. You have calluses on your "snow" hands.
15. You went train a picnic when you heard about the region's "flea shortage."

14. You still have your Christmas lights on your house.
13. You've lost at least one of the kids to your garage car.
12. You accidentally got in to the grocery store on your way home from work to pick up a gallon of milk and a dozen eggs.
11. You have made more trips to the Home Depot than to the local mall.
10. You drive to the gas station twice a week to "top off" your tank before each snow fall.



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Commentary

'A Tale of Two States' – Laws Represent Two States of Mind

By BILL BONVIE

I was the best of times, it was the worst of times. It was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness. It was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness.

Yes, I know you've seen these phrases used to begin something else – the classic Charles Dickens novel *A Tale of Two Cities*. But I simply couldn't help lifting them when I realized just how fitting they also were to commence a commentary that, by mutual concurrence, I thought might best be called "A Tale of Two States."

By now, those readers who keep up with current affairs might have guessed that the states to which I'm referring are Vermont and Georgia, which recently distanced school themselves by respectively passing the best and the

worst, the wisest and the most foolish of laws. Interestingly enough, the supposed intent behind both pieces of legislation is to address what many regard as threats to the well-being of the citizenry. One, however, will empower residents, and quite possibly the entire U.S. population, to know about an infectious threat to their health that up to now has been deliberately concealed from the American public, but not to the detriment of more than five dozen other countries. The other creates the duty of individuals to deal with perceived or often wholly imaginary threats with deadly force: that in itself creates the very type of situation it's supposed to avert.

With the passage of House Bill 112 – the result of a year-long campaign by consumer advocate – Vermont is poised to become the first state to actually require the labeling of genetically engineered foods without the approval of neighboring states, starting in 2016.

That's a remarkable achievement! But has so far eluded opponents of labeling initiatives in such larger states such as California and Oregon, which have been narrowly defeated after supporters were substantially outspiced by Big Food and biotechnology lobbies. What makes the difference in Vermont is the solid support of the citizenry, 90 percent of whom said they were behind such a right-to-know law and many of whom participated in their lawmakers to pass it. In fact, some 37 municipalities there actually voted for labeling of genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, more than a decade ago.

And five Vermonters have named the best food state in the nation for nothing. As Dave Rogers, who helps run an organic association there, says, "We have a whole population of educated activists." And they've been working on this issue for the past two decades, he noted.

So does this mean anything to those of us who didn't have the good sense to migrate to the Green Mountain State? It could mean a whole lot, today, more of the nation's provincial foods are infused with genetically

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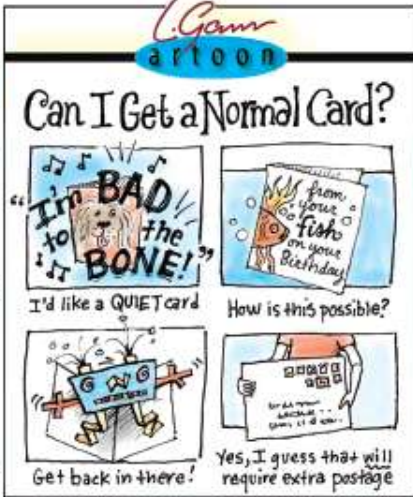
Greatest Document

To the Editor:

In reply to the commentary written by John M. Imperiale in the April 16 issue ("What the Founding Fathers Knew" and the Originalist Got Wrong"), wow, I'm glad to be a thinking man, but I differ with the way he thinks. He writes of the Constitution being a flawed document and I agree, but not in the manner he portrays.

The Constitution is an easy-to-read document and should be adhered to by an elected Congress, as interpreted by a nine-person judiciary who answer to no one. The Constitution does most everything to return it back to the people and ultimately to return by political parties or a partisan judicial branch.

The greater problem in America today is enforcing the making of the greatest document in human history. The progressive-liberal movement began some 100 years ago has so circumvented the Constitution that it hardly



Letters

No Respect

To the Editor:

I spent last week on L.I.E. enjoying a cool and sunny spring. I was an unemployed and annoyed at the dog droppings. In the space of 20 blocks on the beach, I had to avoid stepping on four different droppings. We have a small, sandy area that sits on the street where I live, and sure enough, there was another!

What is wrong with these pet owners? Have they no respect? I hope a long beach township is able to come up with more signage to put at every street, at both the beach and bay sides. Then we can at least confront the people and help to reform the nation.

Carlynn Costantino
Ringwood, N.J., and Brighton Beach

Tireless Dedication

To the Editor:

When you walk into the Ship Station borough hall to buy a beach badge, pay your taxes or ask for information, please notice our newly renovated borough hall. Herb Rosen has done a wonderful job restoring this building that represents the heart of Ship Station.

Mr. Rosen works tirelessly in his dedication to the people of our town. After nearly 40 years, Herb has held both boards and always promptly returns to their homes. Herb surprises his job as both code enforcement officer and recycling coordinator for Ship Station. We will always be grateful for this without, tireless work that he has done for our town.

Cathy Justice
Susan Smith
Ship Station

Treading, Writing and Getting an LBI Education

By BRUCE EDWARD LITTON

Taking my second Lynchburg College semester off meant pumping gas through spring 1986. It was much less glamorous than being in school, but the peace of mind from reading books and writing during off hours was better than anything. In April I took to summer, thinking

Speak Easy

Practically how to improve my situation, starting up with nothing.

All Lynchburg, I had achieved a 3.8 grade point average for 10 credits. I was busy, but I was also alcoholic, managing before to escape daily partying and studies by backpacking to the little village of Mendon, Mass. There I thought deeply of procuring work in a wilderness in finding roles as a writer. I had no real idea of how to go about this.



CHILIAN: The author (second at right) and his associates hang out at their antique beach store. Crew rental in 1986.

Private happened to contact my mother with an offer for antique summer work. Her son had secured a rental in Dutch Harbor, Conn. with the commitments of three friends and more for two more. The moment I learned of this, the world lit up gloriously – my first description of the moment. Not only would I be at the shore with peers, I would earn about \$10 an hour being a self-employed clammer.

In May, we moved in. The house was two stories, five bedrooms, and had a large, 40-hp outboard equipment shack beside it. All six of us went around back, hauling my 12-foot aluminum clammer, and I was introduced at the size of the house's property, 10 acres or so. We traded over a shell, an immense view of the bay opening with the Cannery to our right, less distant to the west. Italian we got the best it, we viewed a nude gassy moved near shore, bobbing in the chop.

"That's our boat," Andrew said.

"How many horsepower?" I said.

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Rocky Road

To the Editor:

I have tried to stay out of giving my own personal opinion of the matter involving my rocky for obvious reasons, even though it has been an emotional roller coaster for me.

Did you see when I say I totally understand people who would ask "why?" And I don't even know if I can give them a satisfactory answer: I have loved animals for as long as I have memory, and have brought home every stray or injured animal for just as long, including a fat (God bless my mother!) I was taught to love all of nature, which included planting three grass and sowing legume pine seedlings for the garden club, of which my mother was president for years. I sat identifying tracks and going to the wildlife center and spent many hours on horseback exploring our Pine Haven and all they have to offer. I received an off-camera address from the beach two summers ago when everyone else just walked by him and pointed. Now I belong to a marine mammal activist group with which I am very busy.

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Snow takes toll on blood drives

THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE NEW YORKERS. But on a cold day like this, it's not surprising that many of the people who show up for blood drives are from out of town. In fact, many of the people who show up for blood drives are from out of town. In fact, many of the people who show up for blood drives are from out of town.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Village services should be shared

TO THE EDITOR: As you report, the village of Ridgewood is a small community with a small population. It's a small community with a small population. It's a small community with a small population.

Say 'no thanks' to high-density housing

TO THE EDITOR: Over the past decade, the village of Ridgewood has seen a significant increase in population. It's a small community with a small population. It's a small community with a small population.

THIS WEEK IN RIDGEWOOD HISTORY

Spring is just around the corner

TO THE EDITOR: As the winter season comes to a close, many of us are looking forward to the arrival of spring. It's a small community with a small population. It's a small community with a small population.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

PERFECTING THE PERFORMANCE



THESE THREE MEN ARE THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS. They are the men who started the newspaper. They are the men who started the newspaper.

Keep ice from doing damage

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REPORT BY ANNE BRADLEY, STAFF WRITER

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EDITORIAL

Celebrate the Earth every day

Since 1970, Americans have been observing Earth Day as a movement and as a reminder that we cannot trash our planet and expect it and us to survive. Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, was responsible for starting Earth Day. With the help of Denis Hayes, rallies were conducted across the country to protest crimes against Mother Earth, and the march toward a greener planet was under way.

Now, a little more than four decades later, "going green" is a common phrase but there's still a lot more that can be done to live a healthier, greener life style.

When Earth Day was established, cars were running on leaded gas. Even though there's more electronic cars now on the road and cars that run on gas use unleaded gas, fewer cars on the road will help our air quality. Vote to take public transportation or walk more.

Recycling of certain plastic containers, aluminum and steel cans, newspapers and cardboard is mandatory today, but as we reported in this issue, residents need to get their recyclables squeaky clean in order to recycle right. Use the recycling cans when downtown and take all hazardous waste materials such as old paint cans, tires and computers to The Bergen County Utilities Authority. The next one is May 17 in Mahwah.

Don't use pesticides or herbicides such as Roundup or ones with clothianidin that have been linked to the collapse of thousands of bee colonies. We need the bees to pollinate our fruits and vegetables, as well as flowers.

Buy local foods by joining a farm share or shopping at the farmers market. Not only will you lower your carbon footprint as local merchandise doesn't have to travel far and you will keep farmers farming in the garden state, but you will also benefit from eating organic fruits and vegetables free from pesticides and herbicides.

Embrace your tree stock. It shades you on hot summer days, warns you on cold windy nights and keeps your basement from flooding by soaking up the rain.

After 42 years, there is still the need for residents to volunteer help clean up their communities, plant more trees and resolve to create less trash. While Earth Day has come and gone again this year, it doesn't mean we need to wait until 2015 to celebrate it again.



Discover yourself with online quizzes

I'm a sucker for all those quizzes that, when completed with my laptop, catapult me to, for example, which Golden Girl with whom I am most aptly identified. I've given up on magazine quizzes because at this stage of life, I think I pretty much know who I am. If I'm wrong, it's unlikely I'll change. Trying to pigeonhole myself into preset molds doesn't change anything, especially self-perception.

Has my appetite for BuzzFeed and all the other self-identification checklists been too hard for me to pass up. Some are silly, like "What planet should you live on?" Some are serious, like "What form are you?" I've never believed that we should choose to live on another planet and lost choice, so no, is a decision about which is cleaner or easier to read.

Dismissing was dismissing my recent app on quizzing.com. The

BELIEVE ME

NANCY RUBENSTEIN



message: I have the age of a 10-year-old.

So, why do I bother with BuzzFeed and all the rest? Probably for the same reason I do other unproductive things - follow celebrity gossip, play Candy Crush and read non-political websites. None of these activities enhance my life. Some enhance my character or personality. And some are memorable. They're all time-wasting and quite costly addictions.

Self-quizzes in magazines are as popular as selfies - photos we take of ourselves and share with everyone who "follows" us. It seems we're all so into ourselves that we will do anything to keep our image

open to close scrutiny, our own and even when others drink of us.

The word "focus-shifting" comes to mind. I'm not condemning it, just commenting on it. It's another form of mind-zapping, another way to self-focus. We've become dependent on devices on which words are typed, not spoken aloud. We live to self-analyze.

As for the Golden Girls quiz, I was characterized as Dorothy, the outspoken, sarcastic group member known for her body-conscious clothes and non-conforming opinions. OK, so that's pretty accurate. But I was also identified with a male actor last week. That was a bit surprising. And to be real or as having the mental status of age 10 is even more disturbing.

I need to work on my image. The column's logo picture doesn't help - an out-of-focus selfie might be better.

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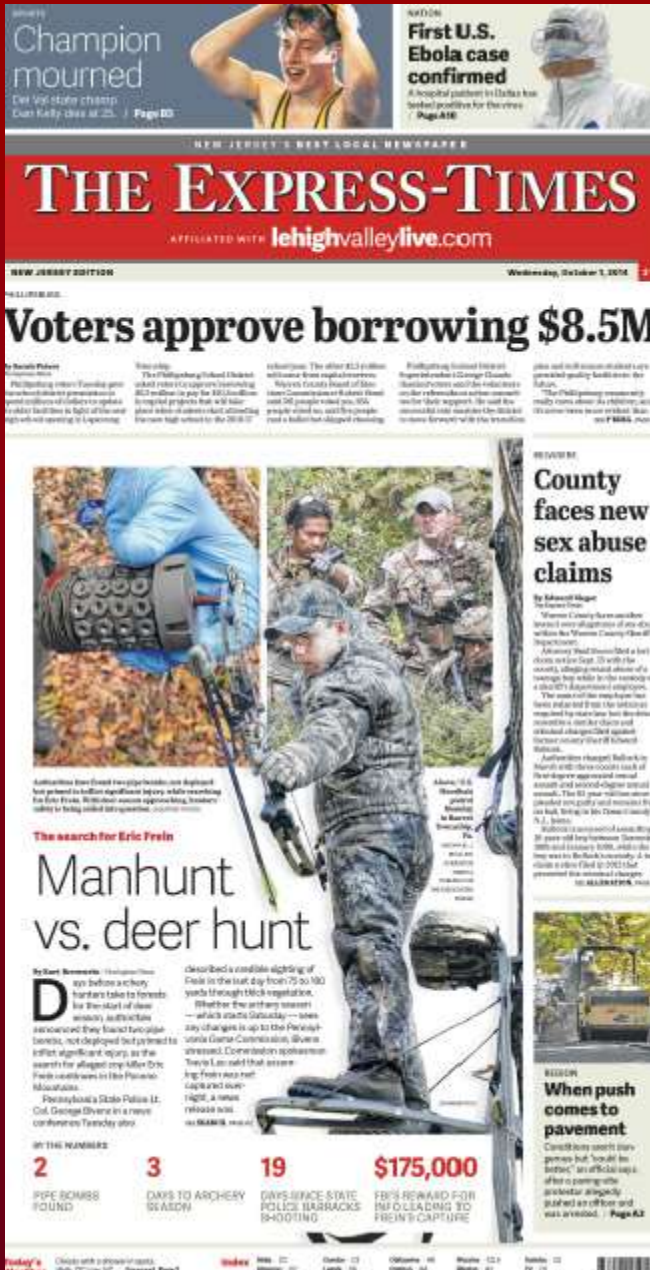
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N.J. adoption law may speed reform elsewhere

Herbert Hoover High School in Asbury Park is the first in the state to implement a new law that allows for the adoption of children by non-relatives. The law, which was passed by the New Jersey Legislature in 2013, allows for the adoption of children by non-relatives, including friends and neighbors. This is a significant change from previous laws that only allowed for adoption by relatives. The school principal, [Name], says that the law has been a great success, and that it has allowed for the adoption of many children who would otherwise have been in foster care. The law is expected to be adopted by other states in the near future.

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WHAT'S YOUR RESOLUTION?

It is that time of year again when we are reminded to set our New Year's resolutions. If you are looking for 2014's most interesting and also how you can get up your 2013 resolutions, send your photos to news@njpa.com, subject line: 2013 RESOLUTIONS.

Questions or story suggestions? Contact Editor Christopher Lang at lang@njpa.com or call 201-896-6730.

EDITORS' PICKS

Make weekend snack packs

Join the Center for Food Action (CFA) in honoring Marjo Luther King Jr. Day of Service by volunteering to assemble weekend snack packs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20 at CFA Satellite Branch, 228 Mt. Pleasant Ave., South Plainfield, NJ. For more information, call 201-569-8004, ext. 28 to reserve a spot. Space is limited.

Time for some beefsteak

Our Lady of Victories (OV) Grand Illumination is being held in conjunction with the 6th Annual "Helping Hands" Beefsteak Dinner beginning at 7 p.m. on Jan. 25 at the OV Parish Center on Leno Street in Harrison Park; doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 12 and under. No. Adults sold at the door. For additional information, call Bob Trivelpf, the Grand Knight, at 201-569-0568.

International Puzzle Day

Join puzzle master Brett Kellner at the Old Tappan Library from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29 for an afternoon of challenging puzzles. International Puzzle Day is celebrated on Jan. 29. It was created in 1995 by game companies in the United States. On International Puzzle Day, puzzles of all size, shape and form will be honored in preparation for Puzzle Day, step by the library and puzzle puzzle skills to the test and help the library put together "best of" by Jan. 29. All ages are welcome. Call the library at 201-264-4990 to register. The Old Tappan Public Library is located at 35 Russell Ave. in Old Tappan.

Pizza and movie night

St. Vitus Lutheran Church of Tenafly will offer a pizza and movie night on Friday. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. in the living room with pizza before watching the film, "The Life and Death of C.S. Lewis, author of such famous works as "The Chronicles of Narnia" and "The Screwtape Letters" is judged by many to be the greatest Christian writer of the 20th Century. The evening is free and all are welcome. St. Vitus Lutheran Church is located at the corner of Knickerbocker and River Avenues in Tenafly. For more, visit stvitus.org.



DAHELLE PRABHAKARAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Aristides Yiannou visits Andrea Koop, a patient at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center during his daily rounds as a patient advocate volunteer.

SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

His duties fulfilled

Now, Aristides Yiannou wants to help others

BY MARC LIGHTWALE
Staff Writer

HARRISON PARK — The world has been good to Aristides Yiannou. And he wants to repay the kindness. After a visit to Englewood Hospital and Medical Center 3 years ago, the 43-year-old volunteer returned as "Aristides Yiannou" to his health, decided to help others by volunteering at the facility. "I have a doctor, family, job, the world's been good to me," Yiannou said. "I've contributed my duties to this world, why not give something back?" Yiannou, who will celebrate his 83rd birthday in February, has volunteered at the Englewood Hospital and Medical Center for 10 years — logging in 6,420 hours. "I feel like I've accomplished some good things for patients in need," he said. Yiannou remembered being at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center for a procedure when he got the idea to do volunteer work. His duties at giving his

time for several hours a week — have swayed him a whole day and then a second day. "I'm very proud of it. I had five days and I went back to go back to work at this point," said Yiannou, who did office and design work for an architectural firm in New York for 35 years before retiring. "The willingness was there and I can't access this situation and procedure. I personally am very happy. I feel very rewarded." In his volunteer work, he is a patient ambassador. He introduces himself to patients on a floor and sees how they're doing. Yiannou also volunteers in the emergency department, where he coordinates other volunteers to discharge patients, bring blood or medicine, and other duties. "When it's not volunteering, Yiannou — who has two married adult children, including a daughter that lives in River Vale and a son who lives in Garfield — takes care of his grandson.

At the hospital, Yiannou oversees a group of 12 volunteers that work the film during his Friday shifts. Not only is the work rewarding for him, but he has received bonuses for his commitment to volunteering. Yiannou was selected as the Volunteer of the Year by the hospital in 2011. "I have always planned, smiling and putting our patients first," ERDOC, Director of Volunteer Services Carol Hest said. "He is a caring and compassionate individual, truly dedicated to our patients and their families." "Maybe Paul Heston, a neighbor of Yiannou's, praised his friend's actions. "He's been a great contributor to the borough," Heston said. "In addition to his work at the hospital, he's a volunteer in town — he works at the polls for at least 10 years as a volunteer. He's a very well-rounded individual. He has a tremendous commitment to his family." "Once he takes on a commitment, he's extremely thorough and committed

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For the most recent homes sold in Ridgewood, see Real Estate inside this section.

Ridgewood Choral greets spring with songs



French horn player Jill Van Nostrand



PHOTOS BY RITA BARBAGALLO

The Ridgewood Choral presented their annual concert on April 11. Above, the entire group poses before the performance at West Side Presbyterian Church. Below, pianist Susan LaFever warms up.



Soloist Laura Van Orden



Harpet Elaine Christy



Daniella Ashbahian performs "Popular" from "Wicked."

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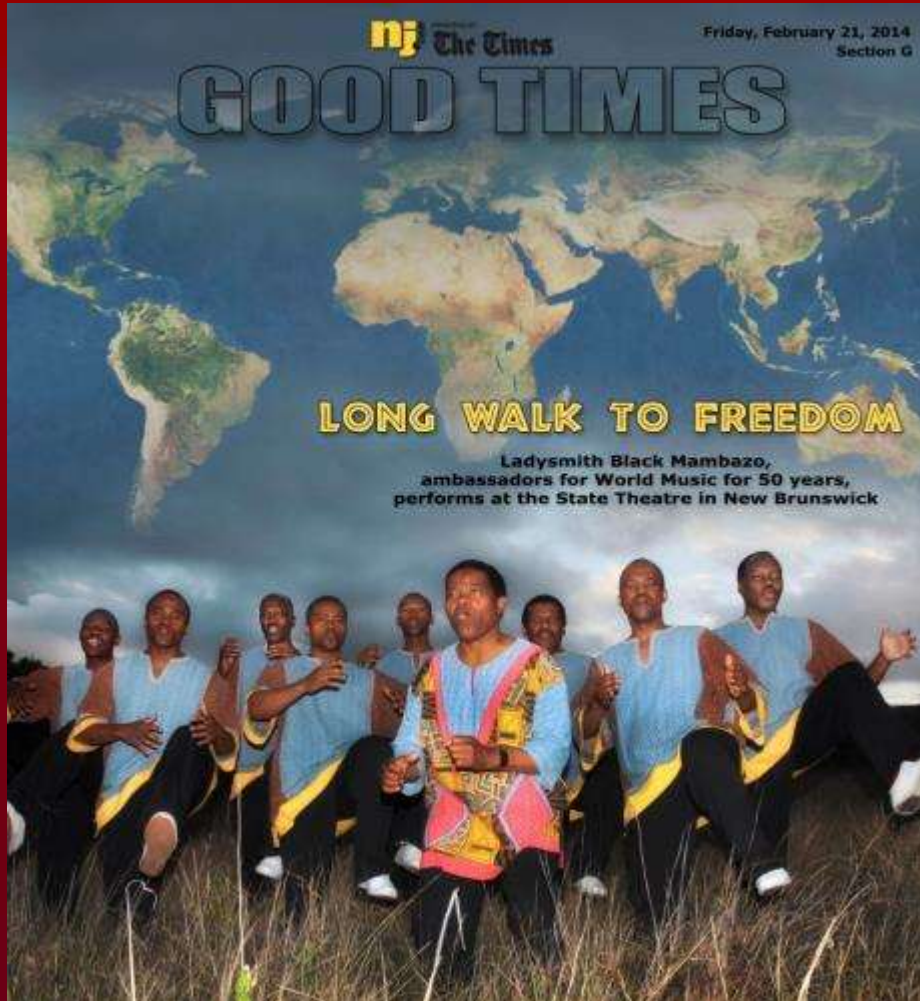
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MADISON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lady Dodgers surge toward state playoffs

By Garry Herzog
MADISON — Lady Dodgers softball team is surging after the first two games of the season. The team has won two of its three games and is looking to win its third game on Saturday at the home of the University of Tennessee.
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Saturday, May 3
The Lady Dodgers softball team won its second game of the season on Saturday at the home of the University of Tennessee. The team won 1-0 in a game that was played in front of a crowd of 1,200 fans.

Friday, May 2
The Lady Dodgers softball team won its first game of the season on Friday at the home of the University of Tennessee. The team won 2-1 in a game that was played in front of a crowd of 1,500 fans.

Thursday, April 25
The Lady Dodgers softball team played its first game of the season on Thursday at the home of the University of Tennessee. The team lost 1-0 in a game that was played in front of a crowd of 1,000 fans.

Wednesday, April 23
The Lady Dodgers softball team played its second game of the season on Wednesday at the home of the University of Tennessee. The team won 3-1 in a game that was played in front of a crowd of 1,200 fans.

Tuesday, April 22
The Lady Dodgers softball team played its first game of the season on Tuesday at the home of the University of Tennessee. The team won 4-1 in a game that was played in front of a crowd of 1,500 fans.

Monday, April 21
The Lady Dodgers softball team played its first game of the season on Monday at the home of the University of Tennessee. The team won 5-1 in a game that was played in front of a crowd of 1,800 fans.

Friday, May 2
The Madison County softball team won its second game of the season on Friday at the home of the University of Tennessee. The team won 2-1 in a game that was played in front of a crowd of 1,500 fans.

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Sunday, April 20
The Madison County softball team played its first game of the season on Sunday at the home of the University of Tennessee. The team won 6-1 in a game that was played in front of a crowd of 2,000 fans.

HANOVER PARK HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

As sophomore pitcher finds groove, so does entire team

By Garry Herzog
HANOVER PARK — The Hanover Park softball team is surging after the first two games of the season. The team has won two of its three games and is looking to win its third game on Saturday at the home of the University of Tennessee.
The Hanover Park softball team is currently in first place in the state tournament. They have a record of 2-1. The team is looking to win its third game on Saturday at the home of the University of Tennessee.

Huddle Club golf Friday will boost Madison football

By Garry Herzog
MADISON — The Madison Huddle Club golf tournament is set for Friday at the home of the University of Tennessee. The tournament is expected to draw a large crowd of fans and will be a major event for the Madison community.
The Huddle Club golf tournament is currently in first place in the state tournament. They have a record of 2-1. The tournament is looking to win its third game on Saturday at the home of the University of Tennessee.

Friday, May 2
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Many of you have high school players that competed in their favor to sport at a young age. Maybe you have photos from those days. Would you like to share them with us? It would be even better if you had current pictures that you could also send so we can place the photo side-by-side. Send the photos as separate .jpg attachments to baumuller@northernvalley.com.

Questions or story suggestions? Contact Sports Editor J.C. Baumuller at baumuller@northernvalley.com or call 201-694-6702.

QUICK HITS

BASEBALL

Long time coming



Demarest took advantage of Old Tappan errors to put up five runs in the first inning of a 6-1 victory. It was the first time since around 2005 that

the Norsemen beat the Knights.

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SOFTBALL

Tigers belong



Tenafly had a sub-.500 record but applied to enter the Bergen County Tournament. After a 13-1 victory over Emerson they proved they belong. Jackie

Reiko had a special birthday, too.

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BASEBALL

Pitcher's duel



John O'Reilly of Old Tappan and Shane Wolfel were locked in a pitcher's duel in the opening round of the Bergen County Tournament. Knights Tim Nozaki

was dead in both runs of a 2-1 win.

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Junior cleanup hitter Caitlin Ruster walked, had three hits and drove in five runs as Demarest upset New Milford, 13-8, in the Bergen County Tournament.

BERGEN COUNTY SOFTBALL

Demarest upsets New Milford, 13-8

Norsewomen take advantage of Knights miscues early, pour it on late

BY J.C. BAUMULLER
Sports Editor

NEW MILFORD — The Demarest Norsewomen took advantage of some defensive miscues to grab a 4-0 first inning lead in the opening round of the Bergen County Tournament May 11.

"That's what you have to do against good teams like New Milford," said Norsewomen coach Keith Johnson. "You have to take advantage of anything they give you. It was a sticky start for them but I know putting four was not going to be enough to win the game. They are a really good hitting team."

Johnson was absolutely right

because despite the early advantage, it took a five-run rally in the top of the seventh to break an 8-8 tie and push Demarest past New Milford, 13-8.

"We got off to a great start, said sophomore first baseman Jessica Masi. "We always say 'scare her and break her' and we did that today."

3 ON, NONE OUT

The Norsewomen's 1-2-3 hitters, sophomores Victoria Ciccorina, Samantha Maniscalco and Veronica Ciccorina, all reached on infield errors in lead the bases with nobody out.

Junior cleanup hitter Caitlin Ruster, made the Knights pay

by ripping a base hit to left, scoring Victoria Ciccorina and Maniscalco. A third run scored on an error threw that wound up in completed.

Also, New Milford pitcher Janelle Ashman got the first out on a line drive right at her, Ruster scored when a pick off throw to third sailed into soft field. Things settled down after that as Ashman got the last two runs on a walkout and line drive to junior second baseman Alexander Saenz.

In all the Norsewomen scored four runs on one hit, two walks and five errors.

The Knights got two runs back in the bottom of the fifth. Senior third baseman Eric Hagg-

ner was safe on an error and moved all the way to third on Ashman's sacrifice bunt. Senior Cary Lesko blasted a double to left in score Haggner and Lesko scored on a two-out single by Sauer.

Demarest added a run in the second on a long triple by Veronica Ciccorina and single in center by Hamer.

DEFENSES STEP UP

The defenses picked up their play in the middle innings. The Knights put two on with nobody out but Norsewoman junior pitcher Susann Amoschak induced a ground ball to get a

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Ridgewood revels in triple triumph



Wrestlers from Ridgewood and other schools are seen in action during the state wrestling tournament in Allentown, Pa. on Feb. 27. Photo by Greg Tartaglia.

The Ridgewood hockey team celebrates their 3rd Gold Cup win after a 2-1 victory over the York Suburbs on Feb. 27. Photo by Greg Tartaglia.

Wrestlers reprise District 6 title

By Greg Tartaglia
Contributor

After seven years of being a district 6 wrestling champion, the Ridgewood High School wrestling team has won the title again. The team won the District 6 wrestling tournament in Allentown, Pa. on Feb. 27, 2008, capturing their 11th consecutive title. The team's success was led by senior Matt Smith, who won the 119-pound weight class. Smith's victory was the key to the team's success, as he defeated several strong opponents, including York Suburbs' Matt Smith and York Suburbs' Matt Smith. The team's success was also due to the strong performances of other wrestlers, including senior Matt Smith and senior Matt Smith. The team's success was also due to the strong performances of other wrestlers, including senior Matt Smith and senior Matt Smith.

Hockey team ices 3rd Gold Cup

By Greg Tartaglia
Contributor

It was kind of a long time for the Ridgewood hockey team to win the Gold Cup. The team won the Gold Cup for the third time in their history, defeating York Suburbs 2-1 in the final game on Feb. 27, 2008. The team's success was led by senior Matt Smith, who scored the winning goal in the final game. The team's success was also due to the strong performances of other players, including senior Matt Smith and senior Matt Smith. The team's success was also due to the strong performances of other players, including senior Matt Smith and senior Matt Smith.

Boys basketball squad finally prevails in BIT

By Greg Tartaglia
Contributor

The Ridgewood boys basketball team finally won the BIT (Boys' Invitational Tournament) on Feb. 27, 2008. The team won the BIT for the first time in their history, defeating York Suburbs 20-12 in the final game. The team's success was led by senior Matt Smith, who scored 15 points in the final game. The team's success was also due to the strong performances of other players, including senior Matt Smith and senior Matt Smith. The team's success was also due to the strong performances of other players, including senior Matt Smith and senior Matt Smith.



Coach [Name] talks to his players on the court during the BIT tournament on Feb. 27. Photo by Greg Tartaglia.

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Panthers' first inning
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Cedar Grove's second baseman Phil Fazio (left) is searching for a weak fly to the base that he can catch before the first baseman can.

BEHIND THE PLATE
Potential playoff preview



Cedar Grove's Phil Fazio (left) makes the play toward first base during a game on Thursday April 24.

Panthers overcome comeback in 11-7 win

BY CHRIS LEYDEN
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

With the season ending and playoffs on the horizon, the Panthers (11-7) made a comeback to defeat the Hillbillies (11-7) in a 11-7 win on Thursday night.

The Panthers' offense was led by pitcher Chris Miller (11-7) who pitched a complete game, allowing only three runs on five hits and six walks.

Miller's performance was aided by catcher Chris McGee (11-7) who caught all 11 innings and threw out three runners.

The Hillbillies' offense was led by pitcher Mike Miller (11-7) who pitched a complete game, allowing only seven runs on eight hits and six walks.

Miller's performance was aided by catcher Mike McGee (11-7) who caught all 11 innings and threw out three runners.

SOFTBALL
Searching for consistency


BY CHRIS LEYDEN
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

The Cedar Grove softball team (11-7) is searching for consistency in the playoffs. The team has a strong record in the regular season but has struggled in the playoffs.

The team's offense was led by pitcher Chris Miller (11-7) who pitched a complete game, allowing only three runs on five hits and six walks.

Miller's performance was aided by catcher Chris McGee (11-7) who caught all 11 innings and threw out three runners.

BASEBALL
Hillbillies suffer first divisional defeat



Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Verona leaves seven men on base

BY CHRIS LEYDEN
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

The Hillbillies (11-7) suffered their first divisional defeat on Thursday night. The team was outperformed by the Panthers in a 11-7 win.

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BOYS TENNIS
Locals knocked out in opening round

BY CHRIS LEYDEN
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Local tennis players were knocked out in the opening round of the state tournament. The players were outperformed by the state's top teams.

The players' performance was led by player Chris Miller (11-7) who lost his match to a top player from the state.

Miller's performance was aided by partner Chris McGee (11-7) who lost his match to a top player from the state.



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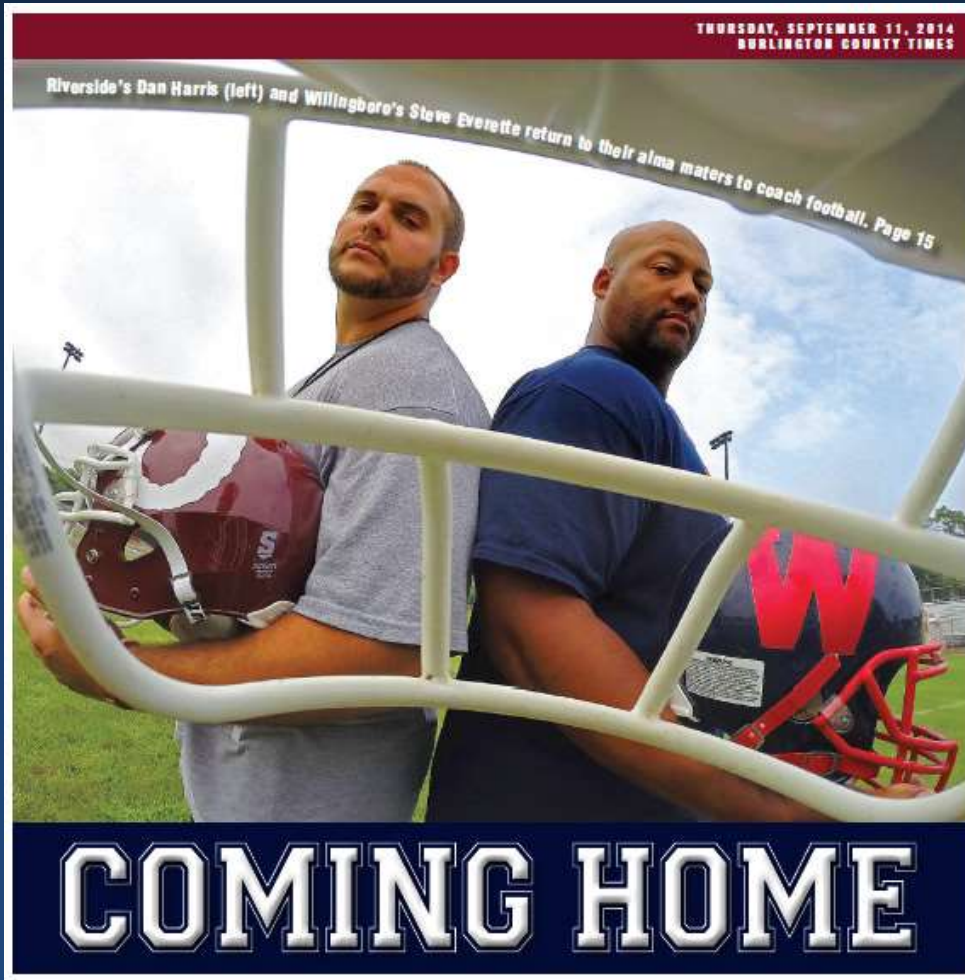
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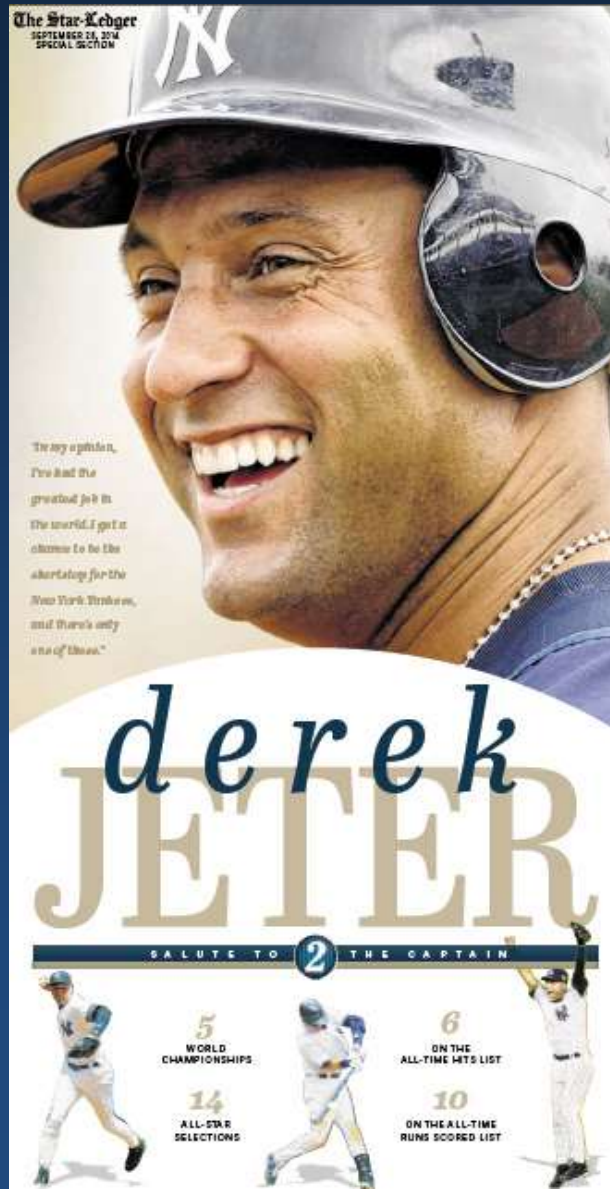
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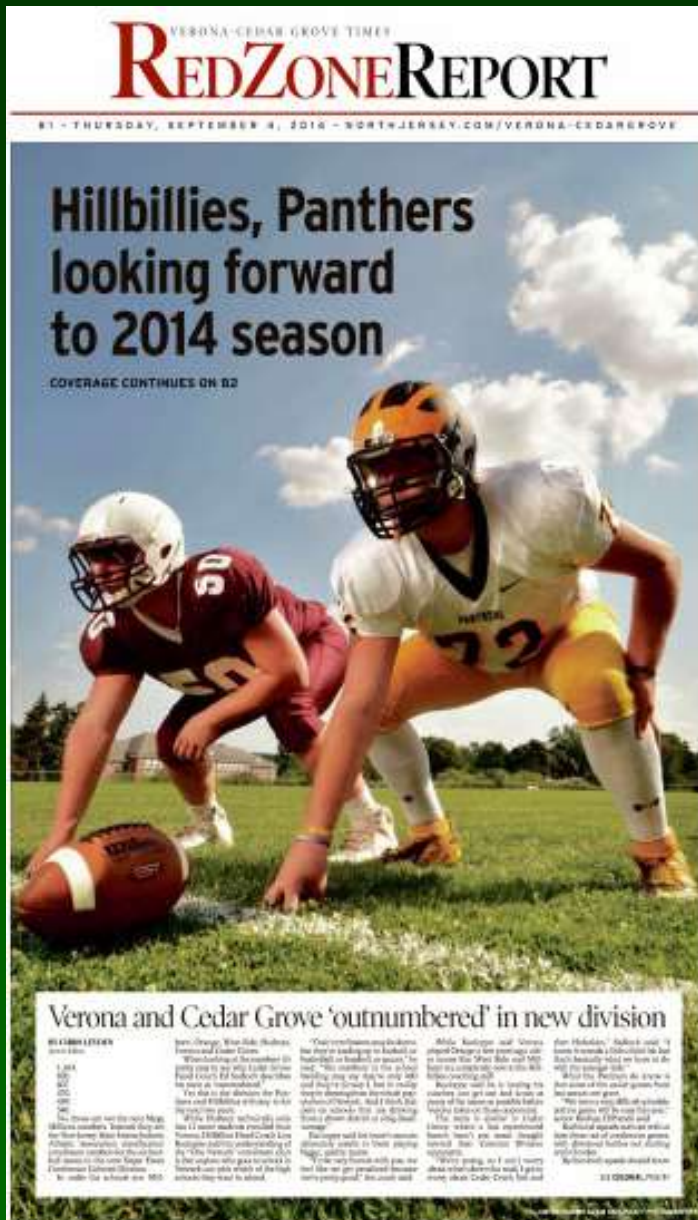
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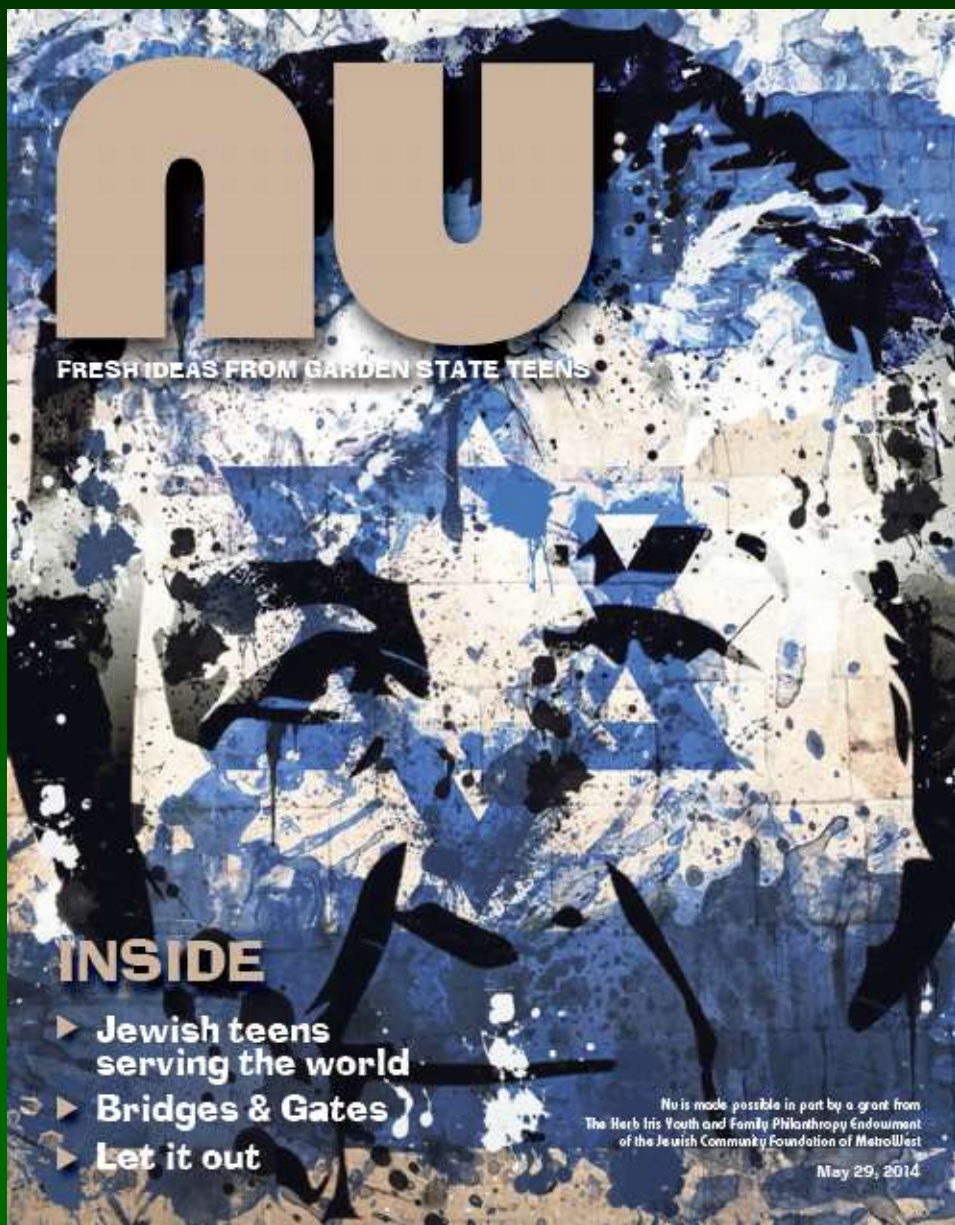
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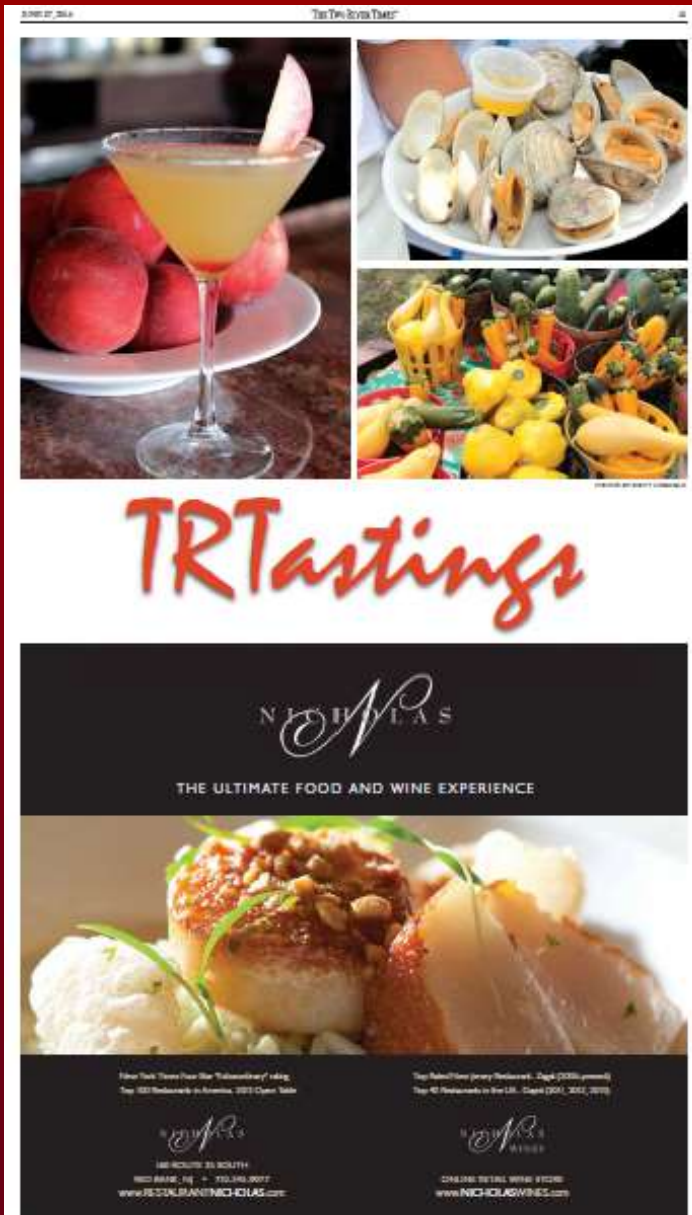
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Citing strained resources WP goes to Paterson for daytime EMS

BY MATTHEW KADOSH Staff writer

WOODLAND HILLS - When residents call an ambulance during the day they will be getting the Paterson Fire Department's first aid squad if an emergency medical services plan approved by the local government comes to fruition.

Citing resident complaints of lagging daytime ambulance response times, and diverting resources on behalf of the West Paterson Volunteer Fire Aid

Squad, the governing body on May 7 authorized the mayor to discuss a shared services agreement with the City of Paterson that would make the Paterson Fire Department's Woodland Park go to for daytime ambulance calls, effective July 1.

"We're getting complaints about response time from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.," said Mayor Keith Kazmar. "I have a personal friend of mine that was injured in an accident and waited 50 minutes for an ambulance to come from Local 10 to transport him." He later said his friend

had severely increased his hand. Asked about the mayor, Councilman Vincenzo DeCesare, chairman of the public safety committee, said there has been no study completed regarding ambulance response times in Woodland Park, but he too has heard from residents on the matter.

"People have been telling me it's been taking 40 minutes, 50 minutes, because the ambulance is coming sometimes from Bergen County," he said.

Fire Aid Squad Capt. Andy Dilore disagrees with the decision

to outsource EMS to Paterson and fears local emergency care roads will be overcrowded that of the city's, with its more than 145,000 residents. He asked the council not to approve the resolution.

"When a service is provided by another municipality, I feel that the other municipality is going to get second priority," he said.

Carewix, the town relies on a regional EMS dispatch center, called MICOM, for daytime ambulance service, Dilore said.

Local volunteers also will respond when they can, but typically the dispatch will call in the closest ambulance from another town or EMS service during the day, while the volunteers work night shifts manning the borough's two ambulances, according to Dilore.

He hopes to provide dedicated daytime ambulance service for the borough, by hiring two part-time employees, paid for by the fire aid squad.

"Your fire aid squad does

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THE 'DOC' IS IN



Former NY Mets and NY Yankees pitcher great Dwight "Doc" Gooden was recently at the Little Falls Sports Center for an autograph signing session. Pictured is Gooden high-fiving Jesse Sydn of Little Falls as his father, Denis, looks on.

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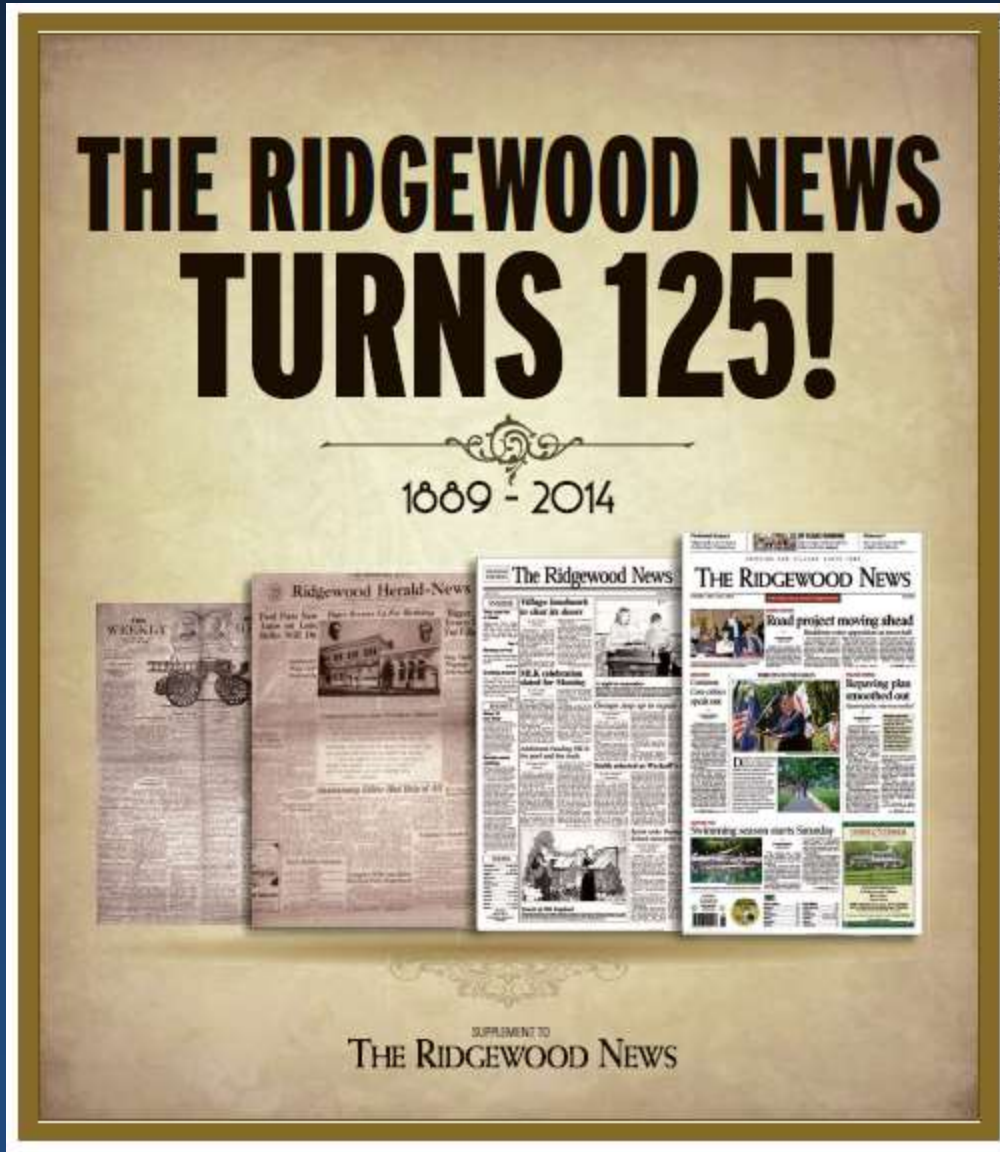
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Celebrate good times with town traditions

BOROUGH EVENTS

Fairs, flowers, history, art, winners, and the like are all cause for celebration in River Edge. The annual fairs and fests are homegrown productions in part to give the community spirit, an icing on the cake, and highlighting local businesses, residents and officials.

Since its inception, River Edge has been celebrating its share of traditions and community events that make residents feel like an extended family. Annual events, commemorated by parades, festivals and customs, have been handed down for generations.

The River Edge Cultural Center hosts art shows throughout the year and holds its annual car show every summer. Considered one of the best car shows in Northern New Jersey, it even gives the mayor an excuse to bring out his much-loved 1962's Ford DeLorean sports car. The borough's first Farmers' market was introduced this year, held in the American Legion parking lot, offering local produce, fruits and vegetables, food and promoting local businesses.



Spectacles of all kinds – from fairs to parades

Location: All around town

Highlights of the year:

April: River Edge Run

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Fees may be shrinking your 401(k)

By Robert D'Amico

WASHINGTON — It's the silent enemy in your retirement account: fees. And now a new study finds that the typical 401(k) fee is 1.15 percent, or about 1.5 percent of your annual salary. That's down from an average of 1.75 percent just a few years ago, but it's still a significant amount of money. The study comes from the Center for Retirement Studies, a research firm in Naperville, Ill.

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Convicted in iPad case can't be covered in appeals court

A federal appeals court has ruled that a convicted felon cannot be covered by a life insurance policy. The court's decision in a case involving a man who was convicted of a crime involving a computer, which he used to steal data from a company, was a surprise. The court ruled that the man's conviction was a "disqualifying event" under the terms of the policy.

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Stocks fall again

WASHINGTON — Stocks fell again on Tuesday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average ending the day down 100 points. The market was hit by a combination of factors, including a report that the Federal Reserve might raise interest rates sooner than expected, and a report that the U.S. economy is slowing down.

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Sun Bank hires president and CEO

WASHINGTON — Sun Bank has hired a new president and CEO. The bank announced that it has selected a former executive of another major financial institution for the position. The new leader will be responsible for overseeing the bank's operations and growth.

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Congress to look at closing overseas tax loophole for U.S. businesses

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers are expected to return this week to Congress with a bill to close a tax loophole that allows U.S. companies to avoid paying taxes on profits earned overseas. The bill is part of a broader effort to raise revenue and reduce the deficit. The House has already passed a similar bill, and the Senate is expected to do so in the coming weeks. The bill would require U.S. companies to pay taxes on their foreign earnings, which has been a major point of contention. The bill is expected to pass in the coming weeks.

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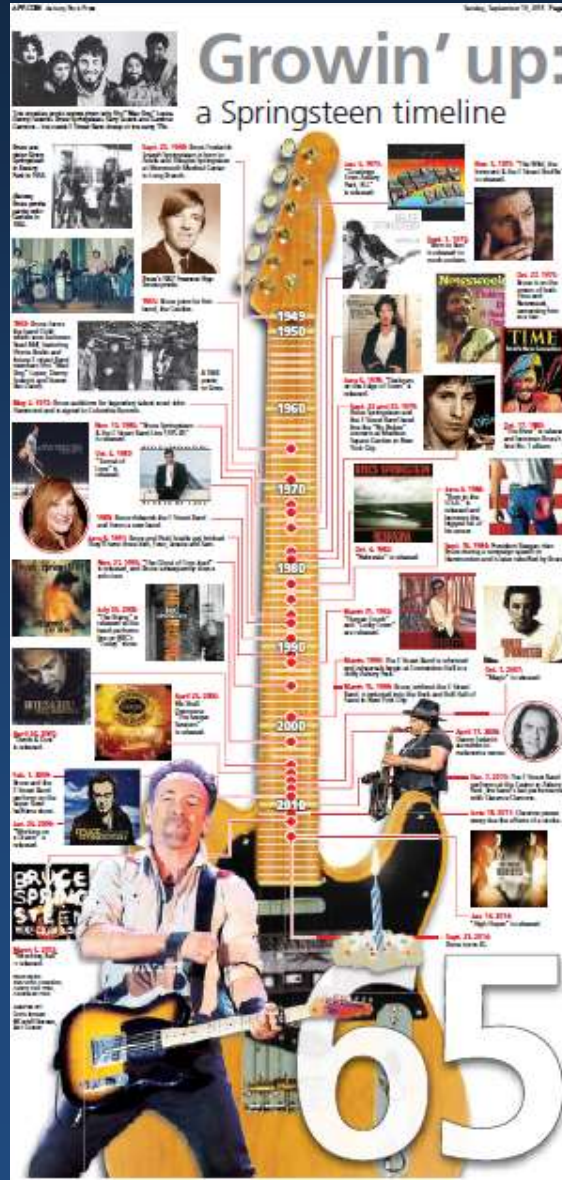
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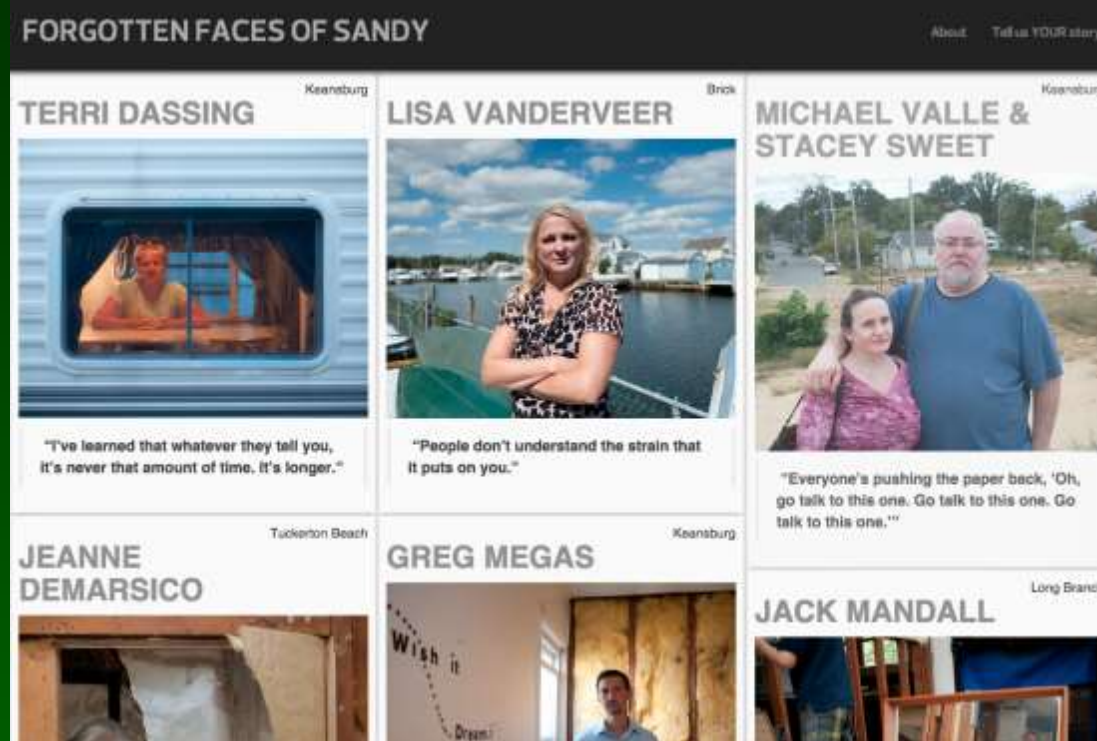
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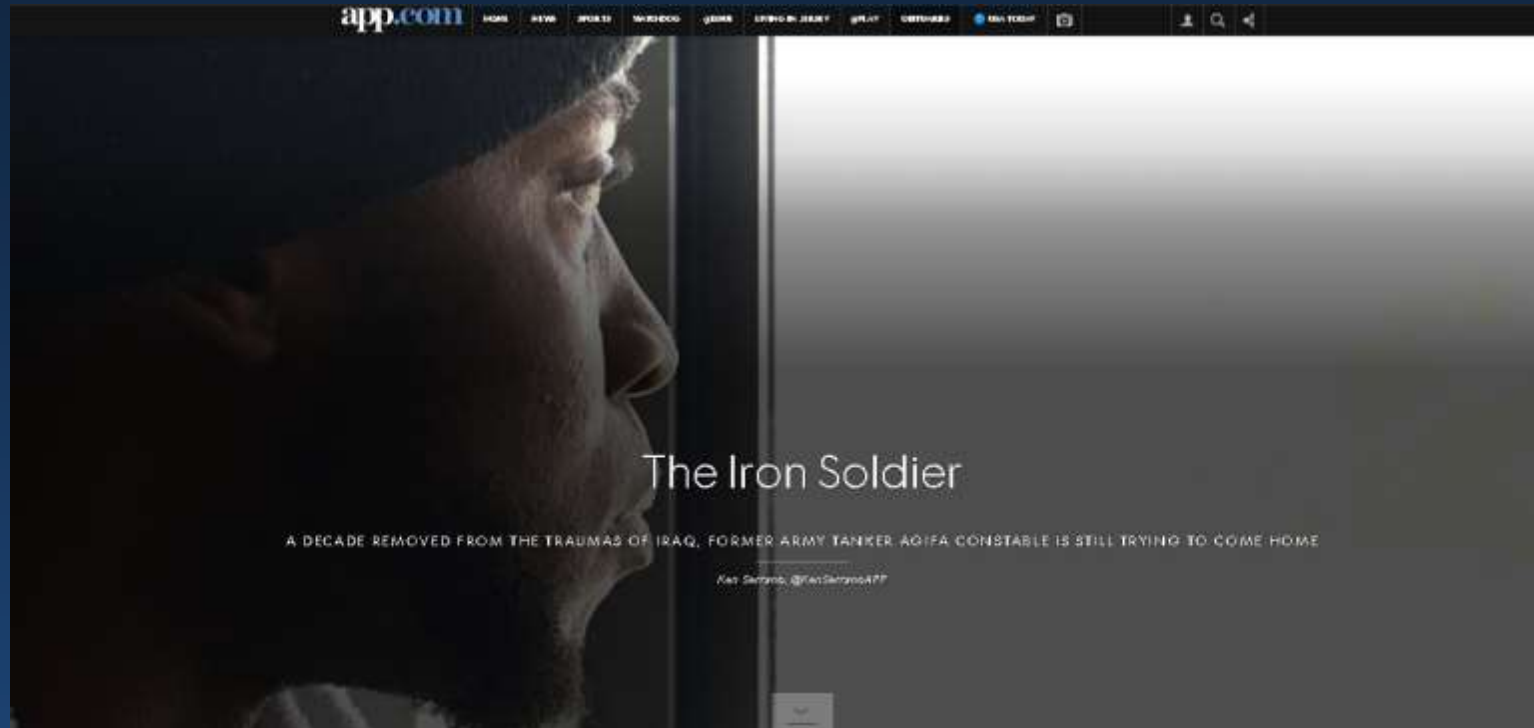


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A distinct sound in the Pinelands

If you close your eyes, the music will transport you, five miles down the road and 60 years back, to where it all started. The place is Albert Hall, in Waretown, Ocean County. The goal is to preserve the music that defines the Pinelands.

Story and photos by Denise Henhoeffler, Courier-Post 6:28 p.m. EDT July 22, 2014

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WARETOWN — As the sun sets over the Pines every Saturday night, the sounds of banjos, fiddles, slide guitars and wash tub banjos rise from the Porch and the Pickin' Shed and the Main Stage.

If you close your eyes, the music will transport you, five miles down the road and 60 years back, to where it all started, in a deer cabin in the woods belonging to Joe and George Albert.

The place is Albert Hall, in Waretown, Ocean County. The goal is to preserve the music that defines the Pinelands and its people.

"It is somewhat of a rural-type thing, and it's old-time music," says Roy Everett, president of the Pinelands Cultural Society.

"Your grandfather would love it," he adds with a laugh.

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\$35.4 million disbursed out of \$100 million total	486 offers made out of 1,300 homes targeted	8,800 applicants funded out of 10,800 total	\$83 million awarded out of \$104.1 million total
+ 48.7% From \$23.8 million in June 2014	+ 30.2% From 373 in June 2014	- 2.2% From 9,000 in June 2014	+ 52.9% From \$54.3 million in June 2014
\$64.6 million left	814 homes left	2,000 still waiting	\$21.1 million left

These grants go to help New Jersey-based small business and non-profit organizations that have sustained a minimum of \$5,000 in damage. According to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, an approved business may receive up to \$50,000 in loans for "operating expenses, inventory, equipment, machinery, fixtures, furnishings, and prospective construction."

This program is using \$300 million in federal disaster funds to buy about 1,000 homes in tidal areas affected by Sandy and another 300 properties in flood-prone communities in the Passaic River Basin. After the buyout, the properties will be demolished and then permanently preserved as public space. The land will also serve as a natural buffer zone against future natural disasters.

Launched in May 2013, these funds go to help homeowners repair or rebuild their homes. According to Department of Community Affairs, its purpose is to "fill the gap between the cost of repairs and other funds the owner has received to repair the structure." DCA takes into account how much money the homeowner is getting from other sources (FEMA, SBA, etc.) when calculating RREM assistance.

This program, launched in October 2013, gives direct payments or vouchers to financially-strained families impacted by Sandy and helps them pay for living costs such as rent/mortgage payments, utilities, beds, furniture, refrigerators and pots and pans. The funds, capped at \$15,000, are also aimed at people who are under or unemployed due to the storm.

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a blog post on the 'lehighvalleylive' website. The main headline is "'Ban the bacon' billboard targeting Lehigh Valley IronPigs bound to backfire". Below the headline is a large image of a billboard that reads "Keep Kids Safe: Ban Bacon from Ballparks" with the website "www.BaconMayCauseCancer.org". To the right of the billboard is a smaller image of a person's hands using a tablet, with text that says "Food Section" and "RECIPE IDEAS, MEAL PLANNING TOOLS, MOBILE GROCERY LISTS & TONS OF LOCAL CONTENT". Below the billboard image is a quote from a user: "Order the veggie burger. That's the advice I got from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine this afternoon when I posed the following question, and I paraphrase: 'I'm at the ballpark, and I'm hungry. What should I eat? And did I mention I'm at the ballpark, not some organic farm in Oregon singing 'Kumbaya' with a group of hippies before a yoga session. Just so we're clear, by 'ballpark,' I mean baseball stadium or facility in which one goes to watch baseball games.'" Below the quote is a paragraph: "The reason I asked is because the PCRM, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit group, has gone on the offensive against the Lehigh Valley IronPigs' 'glorification' of bacon and other processed meats served at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown." To the left of the main content are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Print. To the right is an "Active Discussions" section with three items: 1. President Obama to propose free two years of community college for all who want to graduate (118 comments), 2. Nine Loudoun County mayor's planning board appointments draw legal questions (0 comments), 3. Route 33 interchange won't be completed until June (0 comments).

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NBA

- Jordan Farmer scored five points in 17 minutes off the bench as the LA Clippers beat their intra-city rivals, the visiting Lakers, 114-89. He also had an assist and a steal.
- Omri Casspi missed another game but the Sacramento Kings got by the visiting Oklahoma City Thunder easily, 104-83.
- David Blatt's Cleveland Cavaliers dropped their third in a row and sixth of their last seven in losing to the visiting Houston Rockets, 107-93. LeBron James missed his sixth straight game, which may well have something to do with the situation. But should it? Of course, James is one of the greatest players of all time, but this is a team sport, after all. Someone (or some two or more) should be able to pick up the slack to some degree.
- Tonight: Nothing doing.

NHL

- Last night: Nothing doing
- Tonight: Michael Cammalleri and the NJ Devils visit the Boston Bruins. The Chicago Blackhawks visit Jason Zucker and the Minn. Wild. Jason Demers and the Dallas Stars visit Eric Nystrom and the Nashville Predators. The San Jose Sharks visit the St. Louis Blues.

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NHL

A good night all around for the MQTs on ice, although their respective teams came away with mixed results.

- Michael Cammalleri had a goal (#13) and an assist (#5) in 18:41, accounting for half the score in the NJ Devils' 4-1 win over the visiting Buffalo Sabres. The Devils are 15-20-7.
- Eric Nystrom contributed his fourth assist of the year on the home ice in the

Ron Kaplan

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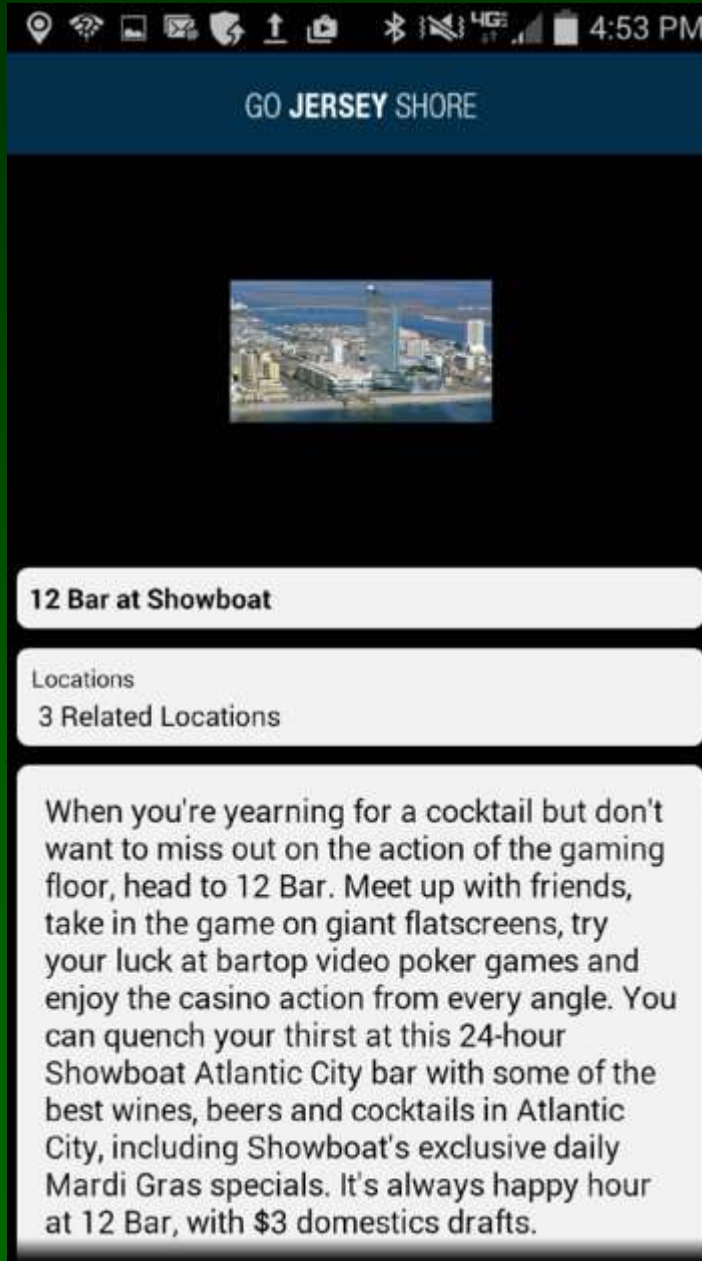
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Fatal Tabernacle shooting on Holly Park Drive leaves boy and girl dead, 2 wounded

Tabernacle shooting weapon found at scene, related victims found in same room

Tabernacle fatal shooting: What

The screenshot shows a news article from the South Jersey Times. The main headline reads: "Fatal Tabernacle shooting on Holly Park Drive leaves boy and girl dead, 2 wounded". Below the headline is a video player showing a police officer in a blue uniform talking to a man in a dark suit. To the right of the video is a sidebar advertisement for "NUTRIBULLET" blenders, featuring a yellow and black blender and a bowl of soup. Below the video player, there is a social media sharing section with a "Follow" button for Greg Adomaitis, a "Like" button, and a "Share" button. A "Most Read" section is visible at the bottom right of the article, listing "Celebrity Apprentice: 2014: Meet the cast" and "Teresa Giudice surrendered at 3 a.m. today: 'She was nuts,' lawyer says". A "TABERNACLE SHOOTING COVERAGE" banner is also present.

Greg Adomaitis
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Salem police seek assailant

Salem video beating suspect Latia Harris sought by police; victim suffers impaired vision

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325 Watch: Mom beaten as toddler tries to intervene; Salem police seek assailant



Social States assault captured on video

WARNING: This video contains scenes of violence and explicit language which may be disturbing to some viewers. An advisory video posted on Facebook, but since removed, shows a woman being brutally beaten Tuesday night in Salem City, as her young son watches and tries to intervene.

By Bill Fiala Jr. | South Jersey Times
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on June 22, 2014 at 6:27 PM, updated June 22, 2014 at 4:38 PM

UPDATE: Latia Harris still sought by police. Bail set at \$15,000.

WARNING: The video included in this story contains foul language and scenes of violence that some viewers may find disturbing.

SALEM — Police are searching for a woman seen on an amateur video savagely beating another woman as the victim's 2-year-old son watched and pleaded for the violence to stop.

"Video in this county deal with this type of violence everyday. Yet, this video is physically sickening to watch," Salem Chief of Police John J. Polino III said Wednesday.

The suspect in the case has been identified as Latia Harris, 25, of Salem, who is facing charges of aggravated assault and two counts of making terroristic threats, Polino said. She has not yet been apprehended.



Latia Harris, 25, of Salem, is facing charges of aggravated assault and two counts of making terroristic threats for assaulting a woman in front of her 2-year-old son. South Jersey Times via AP Photo/Andrew Harnik

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