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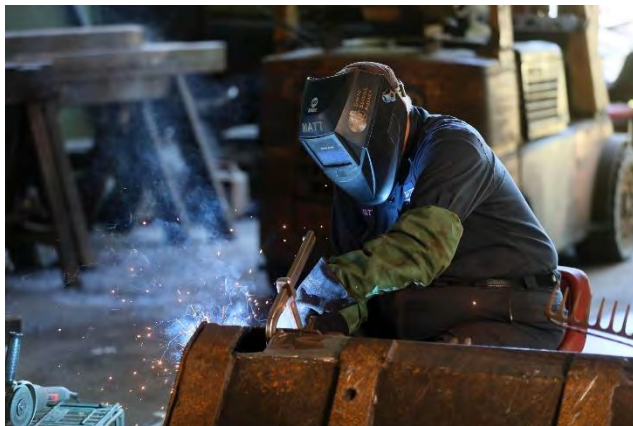
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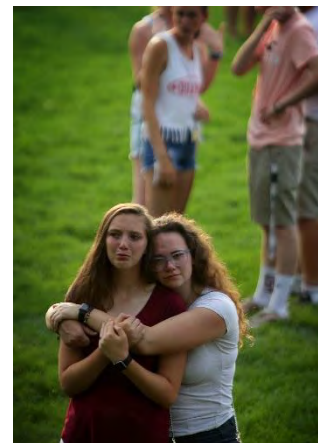
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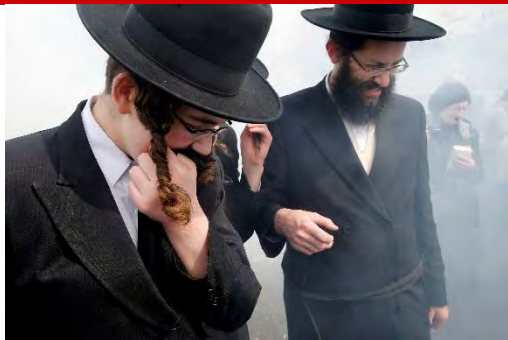
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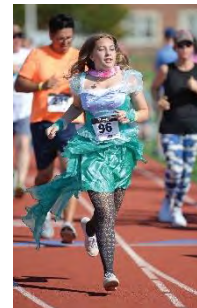
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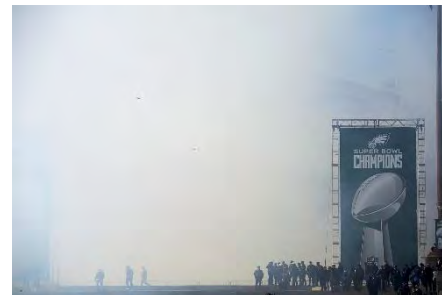
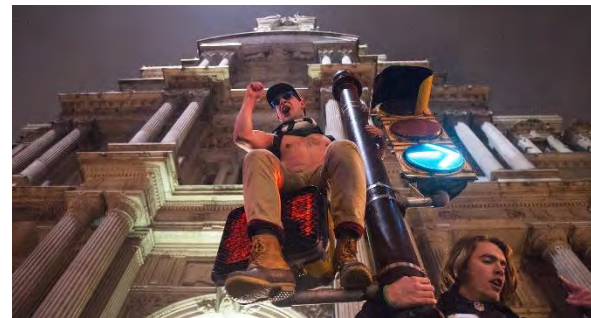
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Eagles fans celebrate
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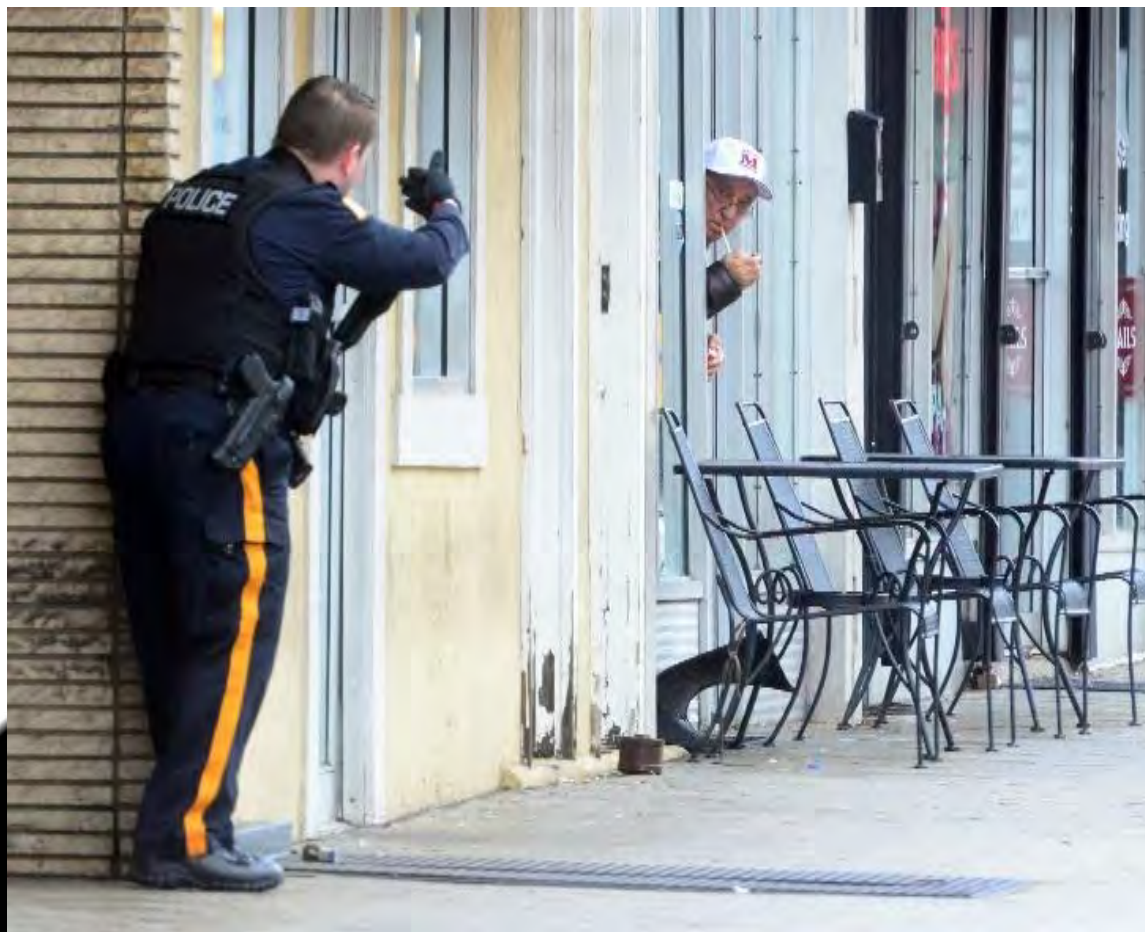
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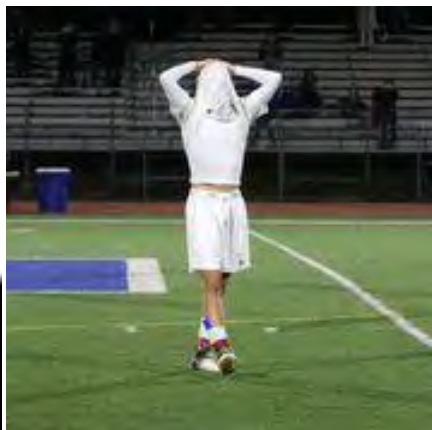
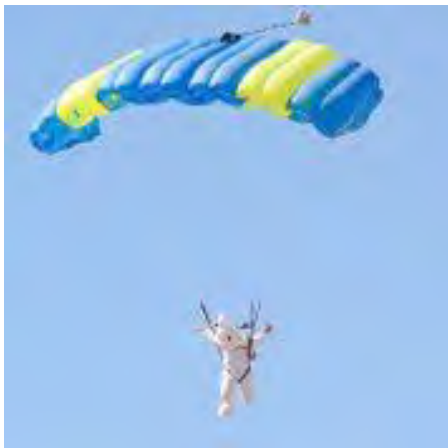
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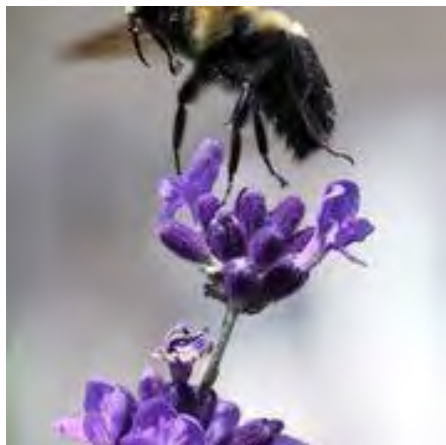


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Best in Show

Michael Karas | The Record (Bergen County) | “Darah”



Congratulations to all of our photo winners.

**We'll take a brief intermission and ask
NJPA Board Member and Editorial
Committee Member, Shane Fitzgerald
from the Burlington County Times to the
stage to begin the presentation of the
Editorial Awards.**

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Joan Buehler, Matt Eucos

The Retrospect

Community Helps Iosue Family Fight Cancer; Cocaine Paraphernalia Found at Audubon Elementary School



Heights Chooses Kurtz to Fill Council Vacancy

By Joe Barber
Although Sarah Kurtz has only had a few months in her new role as council member for Heights, she has already made enough of an impact on her community that she was unanimously elected to the Heights Heights Council on Tuesday night. It will be the honor of Peter Schneider's ward council team.
Kurtz had already been elected to the Heights Council in November's ballot. Schneider's ward council team on September 4 left a vacancy that he has replaced her in on the council team to meet and plan into consideration this August for

Community Helps Iosue Family Fight Cancer

By Joe Barber
This is a story about life, love and hope about two people and how they are fighting together to fight cancer. It's a story about a family that is keeping the faith in the face of adversity.
Mark and Valarie Iosue were married on July 22, 2014 in the beautiful town of Littleton, Colorado. They have two children, a 10-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter. They are both avid gardeners and enjoy spending time together in their backyard. Mark is a software engineer and Valarie is a stay-at-home mom. They are both very active in their community and enjoy helping others in need.

Haddonfield Considers Curbs on McMansions

By Joe Barber
Haddonfield is looking to curb the "mass and mid-size" McMansions that have become a major part of the town's landscape. The town's planning commission is considering a new set of rules that would require developers to include more green space and public amenities in their projects. The town's council will vote on the proposal in the coming weeks.

A Rooster Raises Hackles in Audubon; Rec Center in Sight

By Matt Eucos
Many local news have reported on the rooster that lives in the back yard of a house on Audubon Avenue. The rooster has become a local legend and has even been featured in the local news. The town's council is considering a new set of rules that would require developers to include more green space and public amenities in their projects. The town's council will vote on the proposal in the coming weeks.

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Jay Cook, Chris Rotolo

The Two River Times

Marching For Their Lives



A peaceful but impassioned crowd marched for gun reform on Broad Street, Red Bank on March 24. Organized by a group called Red House Institute March for Our Lives, the demonstration attracted 1,000 people to the downtown area. — Jay Cook

Marching For Their Lives Protesters March Through Red Bank Calling for Gun Reform

By Jay Cook and Chris Rotolo

RED BANK — Generation Z has had enough. They can't tolerate more gun violence. They can't tolerate more school shootings. They can't tolerate more deaths on the streets. They can't tolerate more lives lost to senseless violence. They can't tolerate more lives lost to senseless violence.



A large number of the marchers were school-aged children, who were inspired to take part in the demonstration following the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Texas that claimed 10 lives.

social media. It showed the March For Our Lives organization to be an active force in various digital platforms. One of the highlights of this year's movement was the school-based events and social media.

The procession down Main Street was slow moving and calm. It was a peaceful demonstration. The protesters were diverse in age and background. They were united in their goal of making our schools and communities safer.

held in memory of the tragedy at Sandy Hook High School shooting in Parkland, Texas, where 17 students and staff were killed. The event was organized by the Red House Institute March for Our Lives. The march was held on Broad Street in Red Bank, Delaware.

Once the march moved on from the downtown area, the group slowly headed east toward a residential street. The protesters were diverse in age and background. They were united in their goal of making our schools and communities safer.

— Jay Cook

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Erin Roll
Montclair Local

**Flood causes heartbreaking
damage**



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Montclair kickball league
makes memories
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WEATHER

Flash flood, slow recovery

Damage heavy after freak rain storm



Montclair was hit with three inches of rain in less than an hour on Saturday. While many were busy pumping out basements, this young adventurer took his float to the road-turned-river.

by ERIN ROLL
roll@montclairlocal.com

Residents spent the early part of the week recovering from a flash flood that left basements deluged and cars stranded throughout the township over the weekend.

A fast-moving storm deposited up to three inches of rain on Montclair within a few hours Saturday afternoon.

Gov. Phil Murphy declared a

state of emergency for Bergen, Essex, Passaic, Monmouth and Ocean counties on Tuesday. The order authorizes the state Office of Emergency Management to provide aid to homeowners and municipal authorities in flood-affected areas.

Among the worst damage reported in town took place at the Studio Playhouse on Alvin Street, home to Montclair Studio Players, where flood waters surged up through drains and down a

little-used driveway near the playhouse, breaking down two street-level doors into the basement.

The theater lost almost all of their stage sets and furniture.

Montclair Film was also badly flooded, with the cinema space now closed for about a month to undergo remediation, and many of the Summer Academy classes moved off-site.

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Bloodbath. 1 killed, 22 injured in shooting at Trenton fest

The Times

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'Please. DO NOT GO,' post warned



Flowers were placed on the ground after a shooting at Art All Night in Trenton which left one person dead and 22 wounded. Photo by Michael J. Sauter for The Times.

Police examine social media 'rumbblings' before shooting at Art All Night festival

By Michael J. Sauter

Mercer County and Trenton officials said Monday they are investigating "rumbblings" posted on social media about the shooting that killed one and injured 22 people early Sunday morning at the Art All Night festival in downtown Trenton.

State Police Sgt. Jeff Blumley stated he secured a statement from a witness who said she saw a sign that said "Please. DO NOT GO to the Art All Night. They will get you.".

Dr. Michael J. Sauter, 12 of NJ Advance Media has written this story for nj.com. He can be reached at mjsauter@nj.com.

Blumley did not say if the witness had any information about the shooting.

Blumley said he did not see the sign when he was at the scene.

"We've been made aware of social media posts about the shooting and we're trying to figure out what happened," he said.

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Trenton Police hold the scene after a shooting at Art All Night in Trenton early Sunday morning.

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Asbury Park Press

Colts Neck Family Murders

'HOMICIDAL VIOLENCE'

New twists in Colts Neck family murder



Monmouth County Prosecutor Christopher Lambdin (center) presents details in the Colts Neck homicide murder and arson during a press conference held in Freehold on Wednesday. (Photo courtesy of the press conference.)

Brother accused of trying to set his own house on fire; prosecutor won't say if he is murder suspect

Richard Hinkle, Andrew A. DeWard and Andrew Ford
APR 11, 2018

COURT REPORT The mystery of who killed a family of four disappeared Wednesday, when the bodies of one of the Colts Neck family murder victims was returned on a charge of trying to burn down his home. The victim's brother, who is accused of trying to set his own house on fire, was charged with the murder of the family. The bodies of the family members were found in a wooded area near the home. The bodies were discovered after the home was deliberately set on fire. (Continued on page 2B)

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The victim's family is seen in a wooded area. (Photo courtesy of the press conference.)

More online

Some of the details of the murder case were reported in the press conference. The details of the case were reported in the press conference.

The four victims

The four victims were the family members who were killed in the murder case.

A question of timing

The timing of the murder case is a question that has been raised by some of the details of the case.

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CLASS TRIP TURNS DEADLY

Paramus fifth-grader, teacher killed as bus crashes on Route 80

James M. O'Neill, Peggy Wright and Steve Jansick
NJPA 2018 CONTEST ENTRY 107

A much-anticipated class adventure to Lake Erie took a deadly turn Thursday, as a fifth-grader and a teacher were killed and a third-grader injured as a school bus crashed on Route 80 in western Morris County, killing one student and a teacher and injuring 41 others.

The teacher who died was identified by a family member Thursday night as Jennifer Marie Williams, a veteran teacher of more than 20 years according to state records. She was a fifth-grade teacher, according to the East Rock Middle School website.

Family members gathered Thursday night at her Paramus home, where a mass will was set for her.

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More coverage

▶ [Bump truck with same plate also crashed two years ago, records show. ZA](#)

▶ [Few videos of fifth-grader recognizing frightening moments, cops say in bus, visit \[TheRecord.com\]\(#\)](#)

The body of a Paramus school bus was torn off its chassis, shattering down Route 80 in Mount Olive on Thursday. One student and one teacher were killed in the crash. [See \[STUDENTS\]\(#\), Page 5A](#)

Student says 'a lot of people were screaming'

Peggy Wright and Abbott Koffel
NJPA 2018 CONTEST ENTRY 107

Children screamed as the bus tumbled onto a metal railing and made a screeching sound before coming to rest on its side, with some students still dangling from their seat belts as others began to scramble to flee through windows and an emergency exit.

That firsthand account was given by an 11-year-old Paramus middle school student who was on board during the terrifying fatal crash on Route 80 in Mount Olive that took the life of a teacher and a classroom.

"People were screaming and they were like banging from their seat belts," said Theo Janssens, who gave the account from within his father's car after being released from Morristown Medical Center on Thursday afternoon.

The bus was carrying 46th graders from East Rock Middle School in Mountain Village on a field

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New Jersey Herald

Heavy snow adds to power outages

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Heavy snow adds to power outages

Town-by-town roundup of storm info, relief efforts
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BY BRUCE A. SIKLTON
SUSSEX COUNTY PRESS

As evening approached Wednesday, March 8, 2018's second major snowfall in five days was still dropping snow at a rate of about 2 inches an hour, with several locations in Sussex County already reporting a foot of new snow.

Spotlers in Vernon, Stockton and Sparta made reports to the National Weather Service office in Mount Holly of the foot of snow with spotlers in Jefferson and Rodbury reporting 13 inches of snow.

All that snow was also knocking out power to thousands more homes, some of which had seen power restored just hours before the storm hit having been without power since Friday's storm.

Yours to gauge how many homes were repeats and how many were new outages was difficult. During the storm, utility crews were trying to reconnect customers, but were hampered by the falling snow and winds.

During a conference call which included local officials and those from Jersey Central Power and Light, it was said that crews were prohibited from using the lifts on their bucket trucks if winds were more than 30 mph, according to Hopatcong Mayor Mike Francis, who participated in the call.

At 3 p.m., the JCP&L outage map said there were just under 6,000 customers without power in Sussex County, a number lower than



Alan and Cat Chez, of Newton, walk their three dogs down Club Road as snow continues to fall on Wednesday in Newton. MORE PHOTOS, PAGES A2, A6 AND ONLINE AT NJHERALD.COM.

what was reported on Tuesday evening.

Zulfair on Wednesday, JCP&L spokesman Ron Mirano said restoration efforts would continue as conditions warrant and expressed confidence things could be back to normal within 24 to 36 hours, depending on what happens as the storm winds drive overnight.

Snow areas in Wantage and Sussex Borough, where power was restored on Tuesday, lost power during Wednesday's storm.

The updated forecast

from the National Weather Service said snowfall was expected to wind down late in the evening, but there would still be winds of 15 to 20 miles per hour with gusts to 30 mph as the storm pulls out toward New England.

"Major impacts will be felt long after the snow ends," the forecast said with the heavy weight of the snow "causing considerable tree damage, with power outages likely this evening/tonight where heavy snow has occurred."

Another troubling factor

was expected to continue overnight into the 20s and low 30s, several degrees colder than the temperatures which followed last Friday's storm.

Officials were warning people to stay off the roads to allow snowplows to do their work as well.

About 4 p.m. snowfall amounts in areas of Vernon were about 12 inches, said Jason Swartz, assistant director of Sussex County Public Works, who was taking a break from driving a snowplow.

He said the county's weather forecaster said

heavy snow was expected to continue until between 6 & 8 p.m. with a total of 11 to 15 inches generally across the county. The northwestern corner of the county was expected to get the most.

Swartz said the traffic has been lighter than normal, making it easier for the county's plow fleet to get their work done.

And, he noted, "the winds are fairly light, as of now," which meant it was only falling snow the plows were contending with. "We'll

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Kurt Bresswein,
Nick Falsone, Sarah Cassi
The Express-Times

Report names 36 local priests;
Report scrutinizes bishop's
handling of abuse complaints

THE EXPRESS-TIMES

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DIocese of Allentown

REPORT NAMES 36 LOCAL PRIESTS

1,000 kids were abused in Pa. dioceses, AG says



Victims of Catholic priests sexual abuse react to Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro at the Capitol Media Center in Harrisburg on Tuesday to discuss a grand jury report on the abuse of children within the Catholic church. *Mark Davis, PostStar*

Kurt Bresswein *For The Express-Times*

The 884-page grand jury report released Tuesday details allegations of sexual abuse at the hands of 36 priests and one layman in the Diocese of Allentown.

Pa. Attorney General Josh Shapiro believes the offenders lived as "predatory priests." They sometimes disguised a line of abuse against them as "scrupulous, wise things of inappropriate conduct," Shapiro said at a news conference announcing the report's release.

"It was none of those things," Shapiro said. "It was child sexual abuse including rape committed by grown men, pedophile, against children."

The Diocese of Allentown leads a Catholic population in Pa. of 280,000 people, or 20 percent of the total population in the five-county area: Northampton, Lehigh, Berks, Schuylkill and Carbon, according to the grand jury report.

The grand jury found that all six dioceses — Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Scranton, in addition to Allentown — engaged in abuse and cover-ups, according to Shapiro.

The cover-ups, the report concluded, were aimed "from efforts by a succession of Catholic bishops and other diocesan leaders to shield the church from public scrutiny and financial liability. They were accused of failing to report

HARRISBURG

Systematic cover-up by church alleged

Mark Scifone and Marc Levy *Associated Press*

Hundreds of Roman Catholic priests in Pennsylvania ministered to more than 1,000 children — and possibly many more — since the 1950s, and tens of thousands of kids, including a man who is now the archbishop of Washington, D.C., were sexually abused in the abuse, according to a grand jury report released Tuesday.

The total number of abused children might be in the thousands since some church records were lost, and victims were afraid to come forward, the grand jury said.

The report put the number of abusive clergy at more than 900. In nearly a 100% of cases, the victims of abuse have come out, meaning that 900 or more children were abused. Many of the priests are dead or retired, while others have been dismissed from the priesthood or put on leave.

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Long Sought Newton Lake Dredging Set to Begin

By **John Miller**

Gloucester County will begin its five-year plan to dredge Newton Lake in late October or early November. The project is aimed at removing sediment and debris from the lake to improve water quality and prevent flooding. The lake is located in Newton Township and is a popular spot for fishing and boating. The dredging project is expected to cost \$10 million and will be completed in three phases. The first phase will involve dredging the lake to a depth of 10 feet. The second phase will involve dredging the lake to a depth of 12 feet. The third phase will involve dredging the lake to a depth of 14 feet. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

Boxwood Hall Plans Moving Forward

By **Tom Butler**

Boxwood Hall in Haddon Heights is set to move forward with its renovation project. The project, which is valued at \$10 million, will involve the complete renovation of the building, including the interior and exterior. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. The building is currently used as a community center and is a popular spot for events and activities. The renovation project is expected to create 100 jobs and will be a major boost to the local economy.

Street Damage Spurs New Ordinance in Oaklyn

By **Tom Butler**

Oaklyn has taken steps to address the issue of street damage caused by heavy trucks. The town has passed a new ordinance that requires trucks to use designated routes and to take certain precautions to prevent damage to the streets. The ordinance is expected to be implemented in the next few months. The town is currently experiencing significant damage to its streets due to the weight of heavy trucks. The new ordinance is expected to reduce the amount of damage and save the town money on repairs.

Sparks Fly as Colls Commission Stonewalls Chickens, Airbnb

By **Tom Butler**

The Colls Commission is facing criticism for its handling of the Airbnb and chicken cases. The commission has been accused of stonewalling the public and of not providing adequate information. The cases have caused significant controversy in the community and have led to a loss of trust in the commission. The commission is expected to release a report on the cases in the next few weeks.

Haddon Heights Progressing Toward Grade Level Schools

By **Tom Butler**

Haddon Heights is making progress in its efforts to improve its schools. The district has implemented a number of initiatives, including the hiring of new teachers and the implementation of new curriculum. The district is also working to improve its facilities and to provide more resources to its students. The district is expected to see significant improvements in its schools in the next few years.

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Roxbury Superintendent: Move voting out of our schools

By MIKE CONDON
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ROXBURY TWP. The superintendent of the twelve K-12 public school district officially joined the chorus of those calling for the removal of pollinar places from the school buildings Tuesday night.

Addressing the Township Council Tuesday night, Loretta Radulic said Roxbury is now officially behind the times in eliminating voting from the public school buildings. The council was asked by a few residents to investigate the potential of relocating polling places months ago, but the process has been slow going.

"In Morris County, only 14 districts still have voting in their schools. Bau-

doth removed voting from their schools six years ago," Radulic said.

"The issue in question is not political. It is practical," she said. "And to be practical, you need all of the information to inform your decision making. I am here to provide you with some of that information," she said.

Radulic was joined at the meeting by several members of the Board of Education, as well as the dis-

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Roxbury Township Council members listen as Superintendent of Schools Loretta Radulic and a few members of the public again urge the township to remove the voting process from the school buildings. From left are: Councilman Fred Hall, Deputy Mayor Robert DeFillippo, Mayor Mark Crowley and Councilman Jim Rilce.

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"Somebody must know something about his case that hasn't been disclosed before."

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Before he's sentenced to prison, ex-officer apologizes to everyone except his victims

BY COREY W. McDONALD
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

NEWARK — Domenico Lillo, the disgraced ex-cop who admitted to beating a man with a flashlight and lying about it, stood in a federal courtroom yesterday and apologized to just about everyone for his crimes.

Everyone, except for the man on the receiving end of the violent outburst in 2013.

Lillo, 48, was sentenced to 42 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Kevin McNulty after previously pleading guilty to using excessive force during the Dec. 27, 2013, arrest of Brandon Walsh.

In an unrelated case, he confessed to falsifying government records with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help a relative obtain a \$20,000 loan intended for low-to-moderate-income residents.

"I stand before you with much sorrow and regret. ... Not only did I ruin my own life, but I also ruined the lives of others," he said in the Newark federal courtroom.

"I'd first like to apologize to my wife and daughter, next to the citizens of Bayonne — who I swore to protect and not harm. I'd also like to apologize to all of my colleagues I used to work with."

"I stand here before you with my head hung low," he said, asking the judge to grant "as much leniency as possible."

On his list of apologies, Lillo left out Walsh and members of his family, the victims of the attack who sued the city and were awarded at least \$1.6 million. The family's federal lawsuit alleged Lillo and other officers unecessarily and without warning pepper-sprayed them when they entered the house causing everyone, including children, a disabled woman and the family dog, to become "violently ill."

The Jersey Journal sued the city for the terms of the confidential



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FORMER BAYONNE police officer Domenico Lillo leaves the federal courthouse in Newark yesterday after his sentencing.

settlement, which were eventually released in March after a protracted legal battle.

Before announcing the terms of Lillo's sentencing yesterday, McNulty told the courtroom that "police are expected not to abuse their position in this manner."

"This is an assault on a helpless man by a police officer. ... This is a very serious offense indeed, from my point of view," McNulty said.

But he also empathized with Lillo, who told the courtroom that the loss of his son in 2008 and the fact that his wife is battling cancer contributed to his behavior. His wife, Rose, pleaded guilty and served one year of probation for her role in the scheme to fraudulently obtain the \$20,000 loan.

Nonetheless, McNulty passed down the sentence on Lillo and another, which his family went behind

him in the courtroom. McNulty said Lillo would begin his prison sentence "after the holidays."

A city spokesman declined to comment on the sentencing.

Lillo first found himself under federal spotlight when investigators began questioning the fraudulent HUD application he filed in order to get a federally funded rehabilitation loan on a home he co-owned.

Then on Dec. 27, 2013, officers Lillo, Francis Styles and James Wade arrived separately at the Walsh home near the corner of Avenue C and West 33rd Street. Walsh, 23 at the time, had an arrest warrant out of Sussex County for failing to appear in court.

In video footage, Lillo can be seen viciously striking him with a flashlight while the three officers were escorting Walsh away from the scene. Walsh required 13

stitches following his arrest. Lillo later resigned from the Bayonne Police Department.

Lillo specifically pleaded guilty to one count of deprivation of civil rights and one count of falsifying records to impede a civil rights investigation — charges that carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. The falsifying records charge for the HUD scheme carries a potential prison term of up to 20 years.

Yesterday's court proceedings ended a series of adjournments and postponements. Lillo's sentencing, which was originally scheduled for April 2016, was adjourned 10 times.

As part of his plea deal, he testified in federal court for more than two consecutive days in December 2017 against Styles, who the government alleged knowingly covered up Lillo's use of excessive

force. During his testimony, Lillo said he fully expected Styles and other officers to cover up his use of force the night of the incident in 2013.

"It was my understanding ... (that) when the incident report was written the flashlight strike would be omitted," Lillo told the jury.

But the case ended in a mistrial after jurors told McNulty they were hopelessly deadlocked.

Officials in subsequent months signaled they would retry Styles — pushing back Lillo's sentencing hearing a number of times — but announced later that they were dropping the charges against Styles.

Members of Styles' family were present during Lillo's sentencing, as well as defense attorneys who represented Styles during the trial last December.

In addition to the prison term, McNulty sentenced Lillo to three years of supervised release and ordered him to pay restitution of

"I'd first like to apologize to my wife and daughter, next to the citizens of Bayonne — who I swore to protect and not harm. I'd also like to apologize to all of my colleagues I used to work with."

Domenico Lillo
Former Bayonne police officer

\$20,000 to the city of Bayonne.

Lillo was also one of several Bayonne police officers named in a federal grand jury lawsuit that resulted in a \$100,000 settlement for the two men who brought the lawsuit. The Jersey Journal reported in 2011.

McNulty spoke out against the blue wall of silence before issuing his sentencing.

"There is a culture, unfortunately, in law enforcement of closing ranks. ... we all have these feelings of solidarity, but there is a need to break through the idea that no matter what you do your fellow officers will support you," he said.

"I understand what the federal government is up to when they go after these cases aggressively. They need to make others understand that this kind of thing is going to have serious consequences."

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Spodofora Backs Dem Candidate, Leaves GOP Club
Mangino Gains Surprise Support

By VICTORIA FORD
Stafford Township Mayor John Spodofora has announced he will resign from the Republican Club to endorse Democratic mayoral candidate Joe Mangino and his Focus on Stafford team.

Spodofora and his council lost a close primary election race in June to the Republican Conservatives led by Greg Mylke. The Democratic ticket entered the general election on a write-in campaign, led by Mangino, a former independent who changed his affiliation in order to run.

In a letter to Republican Club President Richard Carlson this week, Spodofora explained he "simply cannot stay neutral, nor can I belong to a club that supports these [local Republican] candidates." The resignation, which extends to his wife and their son and daughter-in-law, seems to have been prompted in part by last week's televised State Judiciary Committee hearings on Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination, Spodofora watched in Jersey, he said, feeling sympathy for all involved as he watched their lives being destroyed.

"I'm extremely disgusted with the entire political process," he said.

His letter also denounces those who use online and traditional forms of media to launch attacks and cease wars as "evil," and asserts that those who associate with such evil-doers are no better, he said.

These days, more than 20 years since he first ran for public office, Spodofora sounds exasperated. "Morally, it's just wrong to put politics before people," he said. "It hurts my stomach." He added to see political ads full of "homosexual stuff and



METZGER: Outgoing Stafford Township Mayor John Spodofora (left) announced this week he was throwing his support to Democratic mayoral candidate Joe Mangino and leaving the local Republican club behind.

personal attacks." Spodofora said he has "a lot of reasons" for his decision to endorse Mangino, chiefly: "My whole thing has always been about doing the right thing for the town. I don't care if you're a Republican or a Democrat—all I care about is the future of Stafford." In response to his resignation, he said he anticipates social and political backlash, e.g. accusations of "sour grapes"—nonetheless he is compelled to stand up for what he feels is right.

"I know Joe," Spodofora said. "I see him as a person who is truly dedicated to the town." His tireless volunteer work at a after Superstorm Sandy and in the aftermath of storms elsewhere since his demonstration of leadership and organizational skills with START (Stafford Teachers and Residents Together) and the New Jersey Dugout Project, his experience as a sports coach and a school board member, and his widespread reputation as a reasonable and likeable person made Mangino a model citizen in Spodofora's eyes.

"I watch this man, and I admire him," Spodofora said. "I couldn't help but be impressed. He's not connected to any political machine!"

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Rallying for the disenfranchised

BY JAIMIE WINTERS
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Ron Pierce wanted to be a lawyer when he was young, but at 27 years old he was convicted of murder. Brought up in the projects of Bayonne and abused as a young boy, he chose his fate rather than prison and to deal with convictions, he said.

After serving 30 years and eight months and entering the Step Program, which allows prisoners to earn higher degrees, Pierce was paroled for good behavior. He now thinks with his head, not his fists, has become a model citizen, graduate of Sumner Post Trade from Rutgers University, works with the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice and pays taxes. But Pierce can't vote.

As election day nears, about 35,000 New Jersey residents, about 1.3 percent of the population, will be barred from casting a vote. In New Jersey, the disenfranchised include those who are incarcerated, on parole or probation. Black and Hispanic communities make up about 65 percent of the disenfranchised.

On Oct. 18, Pierce and about 100 residents made their voices heard in Montclair. A group gathered at the Claudi Street Plaza to protest voting rights of those convicted of a felony conviction.

"Voting is part of your citizenship, your humanity, your identity. If you believe that imprisonment is supposed to be about rehabilitation not punishment, then why are we taking away this fundamental right?" said Rocky Duggan of the Montclair Universalist Congregation at Montclair's Daring Road Branch Committee.

New Jersey is one of 22 states that denies voting rights until a person completes parole and/or probation. Not being able to vote while in the system strips prisoners of their voice about a community they will one day be a part of, according to Pierce.

"You feel a disconnect. Decisions are being made without you on a community that you had no say in and that you will one day return to," Pierce said.

Fourteen states give back voting rights upon release and two, Maine and Vermont, allow prisoners to vote while incarcerated. Because Pierce is on parole, he still can't vote and still feels a disconnect to his community, his town officials and school board.

According to the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, the number of people who are disenfranchised in New Jersey is 34 percent, compared to 18 percent in Vermont. Duggan said people of color don't take voting for granted.

"People of color feel different about voting. They fought too hard to get the right," she said.

"The news is full of stories blocking votes," she said.

"Have you ever been afraid

For Pierce is one of New Jersey's 34,000 disenfranchised who are barred from voting. A rally was held last Thursday at the Claudi Street Plaza in Montclair. At the top center, Pierce is seen with a sign that says "Voting is my right." (PHOTO COURTESY OF ROCKY DUGGAN)

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Democratic congressional primary

Three are seeking the nomination in 2nd District



Three Democratic candidates for the 2nd Congressional District are seen at a caucus in Ocean City on Tuesday.

Tanzie Youngblood, a 'real Democrat,' was fed up and decided to do something about it by running

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN
Sentinel staff

Tanzie Youngblood never thought she'd grace the cover of OCS's masthead. Yet on the Jan. 29, 2018, issue, Youngblood's story is among the best-candidate running, general election coverage in the paper's history. The cover also features a photo of Youngblood, who defeated Republican incumbent John Latham in the 2018 Congressional primary for the 2nd Congressional District.

Will Cunningham says he overcame adversity and wants to help others do the same thing

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN
Sentinel staff

Will Cunningham is a 35-year-old father of two who grew up in a low-income household in Ocean City. He is now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Cunningham's story is a testament to his ability to overcome adversity and help others do the same thing.

Jeff Van Drew, state senator believes centrists are the most effective, plans to be a moderate

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN
Sentinel staff

Jeff Van Drew, a state senator, believes centrists are the most effective in politics. He plans to be a moderate and work for the common good of the state.

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Trial in Red Bank teacher's murder is set

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Delaware teacher charged with murder

DAVIDSON — It has been over a decade since the prosecution of a Red Bank teacher was linked to a woman's death in a 2009 shooting. The trial is set to begin on Friday, Oct. 12, at the Delaware Superior Court in Dover. The woman, identified as Jennifer "Jenny" Hester, was 34 years old at the time of her death. She was a teacher at the Red Bank Christian School. The trial is expected to last several weeks.

Monmouth and Ocean counties could soon get their first medical marijuana dispensaries

Medical marijuana dispensaries could be in Monmouth and Ocean counties by next year

It was once a pipe dream to most residents. The prospect of medical marijuana dispensaries in their communities was once a pipe dream. But now, it's a reality. The state has approved the first medical marijuana dispensaries in Monmouth and Ocean counties. The dispensaries are expected to open by next year. This is a significant step for patients who rely on medical marijuana for their health.

Board declines to vote on proposed dispensary in Brick; residents want it in a different location

Brick school board declines to vote on proposed dispensary

BRICK — The school board declined to vote on a proposed medical marijuana dispensary in Brick. The board members expressed concerns about the location of the dispensary. Residents in the area are pushing for the dispensary to be located in a different part of the town. The board will meet again next week to discuss the matter further.

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Victims react to Kavanaugh case



Abuse survivors and allies to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill

Abuse agencies chart response triggered by Senate hearings

By Susan Beaudin
NJPA Staff Writer

With a new bill to support survivors of sexual assault on the horizon, abuse agencies are charting their response to the Senate Judiciary Committee's upcoming hearings on the Kavanaugh case. The bill, which would create a new federal agency to help survivors of sexual assault, is expected to be passed by the Senate in the next few weeks.

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2 charged in attempt to kill unwanted dog

By LORI COFFEE, Staff Writer
A Sussex County judge has sentenced two men to 180 days in jail for their attempt to kill a dog that was unwanted by its owner. The judge also ordered the men to pay the cost of the dog's care and to provide for its future care.

Rodney N. Jones, 41, of the Newton Township, and Robert M. Jones, 41, of the Newton Township, were charged with animal cruelty after a dog named "Buddy" was found dead in a wooded area near the Newton Township. The dog's owner, a woman who did not want the dog, reported the death to the Newton Township Police Department.

The judge sentenced the men to 180 days in jail and ordered them to pay the cost of the dog's care and to provide for its future care. The judge also ordered the men to provide for the dog's care and to provide for its future care.



Dease Stephens, an volunteer at a pet laboratory, says he will continue to help the dog's owner find a new home for the dog.

WizardCon still on for Nov. 24 in Newton

Team organizers meet to clarify plans for Spring St. event

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All smiles at Ladies' Night Out



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Liquor license suit vs. Belmar is dismissed

Belmar and its liquor license Et enjoys victory on 11/17/17

BY JIMMY WOOLSTON

BEIJING — A federal judge Monday dismissed a lawsuit filed by Belmar and Liberty Liquors against the Township of Belmar, and ordered it to offer \$100,000 over the death of a Belmar woman.

The lawsuit, filed in 2014, alleged that Belmar officials, without notice, all but revoked the liquor license for the Belmar Inn & Suites, which was the only liquor license in Belmar. The suit sought to force the township to issue the license to the Belmar Inn & Suites, and to force the township to pay the Inn & Suites the costs of the lawsuit.

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. The lawsuit was filed by the Belmar Inn & Suites, which is owned by the Belmar Inn & Suites LLC, and by the Belmar Inn & Suites, which is owned by the Belmar Inn & Suites LLC. The lawsuit was filed by the Belmar Inn & Suites LLC, and by the Belmar Inn & Suites, which is owned by the Belmar Inn & Suites LLC.



MANASQUAN GIRLS ARE SHORE BASKETBALL CHAMPS
 Manasquan girls basketball team celebrating their victory over Spring Lake in the Shore Conference championship game.

Statue to honor WWII vet

By J. RODRIGUEZ was a PROTESTOR
 of the statue to honor WWII vet

BY J. RODRIGUEZ
 A statue to honor a World War II veteran, which was set to be unveiled in the town of Belmar, has become the focus of a controversy. The statue, which was designed by a local artist, was set to be unveiled in the town of Belmar. However, a group of protesters, led by a local resident, has been protesting the statue. The protesters claim that the statue is a symbol of racism and that it should be removed. The town of Belmar has refused to remove the statue, and the controversy has continued.

Dog attack takes life of beloved pet

By J. RODRIGUEZ was a PROTESTOR
 of the statue to honor WWII vet

BY JIMMY WOOLSTON

BEIJING — A 10-year-old dog was killed by a 15-year-old pit bull in a dog park in Belmar. The dog, which was named "Buddy," was killed by a 15-year-old pit bull named "Rex." The incident occurred on Monday, March 4, 2018. The dog was killed by a 15-year-old pit bull named "Rex." The incident occurred on Monday, March 4, 2018. The dog was killed by a 15-year-old pit bull named "Rex." The incident occurred on Monday, March 4, 2018.

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Preserving the borough's shady lanes

Manasquan gets to see 50 shades of green in a new park



MANASQUAN GETS TO SEE 50 SHADES OF GREEN
 A new park in Manasquan, New Jersey, is named after the town's motto, "50 Shades of Green." The park features a variety of trees and a paved path for walking and jogging.

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Pinelands BOE Prepares for Executive Talk *Plenty of Issues for Private Session*

The Pinelands Board of Education (BOE) will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. for a public meeting and executive session. The meeting will be held at the Pinelands Regional High School, 1000 Pinelands Blvd., in Camden. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. and will last for about an hour. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. and will last for about an hour. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. and will last for about an hour.

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Southern Ocean County Recycling Looking Up



WASTE: NOT: Glass, paper, plastic—all mixed from the garbage heap by recycling also has been recycling free.

The Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management's annual report of recycling shows that in 2017 more than 100,000 tons of material were recycled. But the 2016 figures are even more impressive and they show Ocean County made a substantial improvement in the previous year. The county's recycling rate, which is the amount of material recycled as a percentage of the total waste generated, was 25.5 percent in 2016, up from 21.5 percent in 2015.

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WELLS FARGO? For the second time, this man tried to rob a bank in Marlborough. Call police if you know him.

Attempted Bank Robber Foiled at Wells Fargo

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Bad Alcotest Calibrations Invalidate More Than 20,000 DWI Charges

By Michael Booth



The New Jersey Supreme Court has agreed with a special master that a state police technician's errors in calibrating Alcotest devices negate the validity of more than 20,000 breath tests performed on defendants.

In a unanimous ruling on Tuesday, the court said that the technician's failure to properly calibrate the breath test machines means that 20,667 cases must be either retried, in the case of convictions, or perhaps abandoned, if they are still pending.

The failure to use the type of thermometers specified by the Supreme Court in *State v. Chin*, its landmark 2008 ruling finding the Alcotest 7110 scientifically reliable, "raises substantial doubts about the scientific reliability of breath test results produced by Alcotest devices calibrated without use of a

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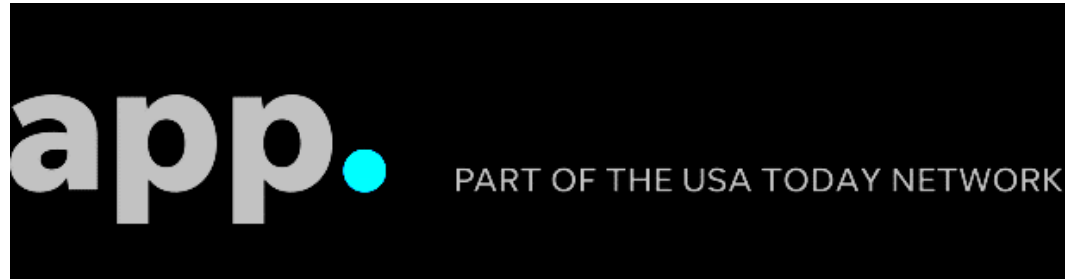
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Grad makes his dream come true



General Taha, 16, left, smiles alongside his mother Elita Tawaly on Friday at Vineland High School. Taha arrived from Liberia on June 14, 2018. (PHOTO COURTESY OF Taha)

Hard work, faith led teen from Africa to VHS graduation

By Cheryl Makin (PHOTO COURTESY OF Taha)

VINELAND — General Taha, 16, arrived in Vineland, N.J., from Liberia on June 14, 2018. He had a long journey, but he is now a graduate of Vineland High School. Taha's mother, Elita Tawaly, said her son's success was a result of his hard work and faith. Taha had to overcome many challenges, including language barriers and cultural differences. He worked hard to learn English and to get used to the American school system. Taha's mother said she was proud of her son's achievement and that he had become a role model for other students in his community.

Gov. Murphy may be forced to capitulate

By Cheryl Makin

Gov. Phil Murphy may be forced to capitulate on his promise to raise the state income tax to 8.75 percent. The governor has been facing pressure from the business community and the legislature to raise the tax. The governor has said that he is committed to raising the tax, but he has also said that he is open to negotiating with the legislature. The legislature has said that it is willing to raise the tax, but only if the governor agrees to other reforms. The governor has said that he is willing to negotiate, but he has also said that he is not willing to raise the tax without other reforms. The governor's position is becoming increasingly untenable as the legislature continues to push for the tax increase.

College voters open in Cumberland County

The University of the South Atlantic is holding a vote for its president. The vote is open to all students and faculty members. The current president is stepping down after two years in office. The university has received many applications for the position. The vote will be held in August. The university has said that it is looking for a leader who can guide the university through a period of change.

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Action sought on sports dispute

District negotiations could begin next week

By Cheryl Makin

TOULON — High school sports districts in the South Jersey region could begin negotiations next week to resolve a dispute over the allocation of state funds. The districts are currently in a standoff with the state over the amount of money they are receiving. The state has said that it is not willing to increase the amount of money it is providing to the districts. The districts have said that they need more money to cover the costs of operating their programs.

The New Jersey Department of Education has said that it is willing to negotiate with the districts. However, the districts have said that they need more time to prepare for negotiations. The state has said that it is willing to start negotiations as soon as the districts are ready. The districts have said that they are not ready to start negotiations until they have received more information from the state.

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Mass grave on city's hillside hidden in plain sight



Children rest on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which is view of First Avenue in Methuen. (Steve Novak/Express-Times)

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier marks approximate area where hundreds of Revolutionary War soldiers were buried

Methuen, Mass. — A small, flat, rectangular site on a grassy hillside in the center of town marks the approximate location where hundreds of Revolutionary War soldiers were buried. The site is now a tomb for the Unknown Soldier, a symbol of the nation's military service.

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Children rest on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which is view of First Avenue in Methuen. (Steve Novak/Express-Times)



A family had a trip without tech. (Steve Novak/Express-Times)

EASTON

Nonprofit rolls out to study weather

Center to use \$250K grant to refine flood predicting tools

Easton, Mass. — A new nonprofit center in Easton is set to study weather and climate change. The center will use a \$250,000 grant to refine flood predicting tools and improve weather forecasting.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Prison system to start relaxing lockdown

Officials say they will ease restrictions on inmates

Prison officials in New Brunswick are planning to ease lockdown restrictions on inmates. This move is expected to improve the mental health of prisoners and reduce the risk of violence within the facility.



Nola, Phils roughed up by Cubs. (Steve Novak/Express-Times)



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South Regional High School seniors who have demonstrated aptitude in writing and science and who have also contributed to their communities through service.

Everyone Has a Different Experience, Teens Explain

Gender Identity a Journey of Understanding

By VICTORIA FORD

Author's Note: The Human Rights Campaign defines gender identity as "one's innermost concept of self as male, female, a blend of both or neither." Some individuals perceive themselves and that they call themselves. One's gender identity can be the same or different from their sex assigned at birth. Gender expression, in comparison, refers to external appearances, "usually expressed through behavior, clothing, haircut or voice, and which may or may not conform to socially defined behavior associated with particular gender roles, including other gender identities or expressions."

The word "cis" is a singular gender-neutral pronoun and typically has the word "trans" added to the latter. The word "cisgender" and "genderqueer" was added to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary in 2015. Cisgender refers to one whose gender identity corresponds with the sex assigned at birth, genderqueer refers to one whose gender identity cannot be categorized as solely male or female.

For many cisgender teens, transitioning to be one's authentic self is a well-known, high-achieving, 17-year-old transitioner. I studied in his junior year at Bergen High School. Though he was assigned female at birth, he is gender identity and gender expression as male.

On a Sunday afternoon, he is sitting in a booth at the Student Union across from his mother, Diane. Several basic items in the Student Union, is a collection of literature who identifies outside the gender binary, or the cut-and-dried definition of male and female, and use the acronym "they."

Both teens feel that being advocates for the LGBT+ community like it is not, comes with the territory.

The acronym LGBT+QA, as it is a vast language within the community, includes: Cisgender, Transgender, Queer, Questioning,



Adam Paves

ADVICE: From left, Diane and Anthony Lundy have spent the last few years exploring and learning about the LGBT+ community, while educating their family, peers, and the public. (Photos: Anthony Lundy) Lundy has spent the last few years exploring and learning about the LGBT+ community, while educating their family, peers, and the public. Lundy has spent the last few years exploring and learning about the LGBT+ community, while educating their family, peers, and the public. Lundy has spent the last few years exploring and learning about the LGBT+ community, while educating their family, peers, and the public.

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Transgender Student Set Precedent For Using School Restroom of Choice

By VICTORIA FORD

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As New Jersey Sick Leave Law Debuts, Some Confusion Remains on Finer Points

By Charles Toutant



Now that New Jersey's Paid Sick Leave Act has gone into effect, the great unknown among employment lawyers is how much enforcement activity the new law will generate.

The law, which took effect on Oct. 29, requires employers to provide up to 40 hours of paid sick leave per year to full- and part-time workers. The law permits the use of paid sick time when an employee or a family member is sick to attend to routine medical care, or to attend a child's school-related meeting or event. Employees who fail to comply with the law are subject to fines and administrative penalties, and civil actions.

But compliance with the new law is complicated by the fact that the state is putting finishing touches on the administrative code relating to the statute. Interested parties are still submitting comments, and those regulations won't be finalized until January.

Noncompliance with the paid sick leave law is no small matter, said Michael Shadiack, head of the labor and

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Hillsdale fountain honors young murder victim

Sarah Nolan
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HILLSDALE — Holy Thursday 1973 was the most devastating day of Rosmarie D'Alessandro's life. It also marked the moment her life took a new direction.

That day, 45 years ago, D'Alessandro's 7-year-old daughter Joan left home to deliver Girl Scout cookies. She never returned.

On Easter Sunday, three days after she disappeared, Joan's small body was found in Harriman State Park in New York.

She had been sexually molested and killed by Joseph McIlwain, a high school chemistry teacher who lived three houses down from the D'Alessandro home.

"Joan could've been put in a cemetery and left there," D'Alessandro said from the same Hillsdale home this week. "I didn't want to leave Joan there. I wanted

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The Child Safe Forever Fountain was unveiled in Hillsdale on April 19, which marks 45 years since Joan D'Alessandro's death. Above: Joan Stalb from Westwood places her hand on the fountain. JOAN STALB/CAROL NORTH JERSEY.COM

Mail fishing on the rise

When in North Jersey say they've seen an uptick of thefts from mail collection boxes. Page 4



A win on and off the field

Immaculate Heart lacrosse earned an 11-4 victory over Montclair while raising funds for a good cause during annual Autism Awareness Day game. Page 28

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South Jersey 9-year-old is no ordinary historian

Wise beyond his years



Carol Comegno/Chris Hill/Garden State USA Today Network NEW JERSEY

HADDON HEIGHTS - The youngest member of the Haddon Heights Historical Society not only knows his Colonial and local history, he has immersed himself in it way beyond his years — all nine of them. History whiz Joseph Gentile can recite from the Declaration of Independence, relishes reading about history and collects Colonial artifacts, garb and games. In his bedroom, he sits at a rare antique wooden desk with a bench that came from a Colonial schoolhouse and writes in cursive letters using a feather quill pen he dips into his desk ink well. He wears one of his several Colonial outfits when attending local events, lecturing aboard the trolley at the annual Down by the Station celebration in Haddon Heights, volunteering at Indian King Tavern in Haddonfield, witnessing the annual re-enactment of Washington Crossing the Delaware or re-enacting history in town or elsewhere. And his idea of celebrating his birthday last year was not simply having a party with cake and ice cream and receiving gifts, but

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Joseph Gentile, 9, wears colonial outfit in his Haddon Heights home.
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Stand-up comedian Dena Blizzard returns to SCCC April 7 to cap Ladies Retreat

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By ROBERT PRICE
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NEWTON Dena Blizzard is one of the only ways she knows how — through the tired eyes of a mother. And what she sees is hilarious.

"It's pretty easy to keep the material fresh because my kids keep getting older and stinkier," quipped the mother of three, who some how managed to parlay her beauty pageant experience into a career in comedy in the early 2000s.

Blizzard is returning to Sussex County Community College on Saturday, April 7, to cap off the annual SCCC Ladies Retreat with her newest stand-up comedy show. She's teaming with her another funny female, Missy Grynkiewicz, SCCC adjunct professor Baha Khalil will open. The show will be held in the Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. and is open to men too.

Blizzard presents a truthful look at the daily life of women everywhere. Her comedy show is an assortment of wife wisdom and motherhood humor. Her "Chardonnay for Internet wives — where she hauls glasses of chardonnay instead of Pokemón — went viral last summer and now has more than 44 million views. Her "One Funny Mother" show, which she performed at SCCC in 2009, became an Off Broadway hit and her own uncensored memoir. She also spoke at the 2018 Ladies Retreat at SCCC.

"I'm very excited to be coming back to SCCC. I'm excited to come back and talk about my life now that my kids are older," Blizzard said.



DENA BLIZZARD

Blizzard, of Morristown, first gained attention in 1995 as Miss New Jersey in the Miss America pageant, where she ranked "in the Top 50," she said. For the next few years she pondered what to do with her life, once considering practical school, while the comedy muse simmered inside of her. In spite of her pageant experience, she was a bit daunted by the thought of standing up in front of people and trying to

make them laugh. "I was super shy as a kid. I don't think I really spoke until college. But I was a pageant winner. I think a lot of great comedy comes from watching people and the funny things they do," Blizzard said.

When she turned 30, she took a comedy class, and the rest is history. She started her stand-up career at a Rutgers comedy festival, and expanded to perform at clubs in Philadelphia, Atlantic City, New York City and Las Vegas.

She finished writing "One Funny Mother" in early 2009 and started performing it on Mother's Day 2009 at the Broadway Theatre in Manhattan, and took that routine throughout the country for a year and a half.

"I wrote 'One Funny Mother' years ago when my kids were babies. I think I needed a creative outlet to talk about the craziness of motherhood and apparently

If you go ...
What: Dena Blizzard comedy show with Missy Grynkiewicz, Baha Khalil
When: Saturday, April 7, at 8 p.m.
Where: Performing Arts Center, Sussex County Community College, 1 College Hill Road, Newton
Admission: Show only \$10, show-dinner (set menu) dinner, Ladies Retreat \$95
Tickets: Information: sussex.edu, 973-300-6100

who are growing up fast. Presumably, the comedy is different now that the kids are older. And presumably, the kids have more mature attitudes about providing food for their mother's act.

"My kids roll their eyes at me, but I think they secretly like it," Blizzard said. "I tell them all the time to put their energy into the universe and you'll find out that lots of people can relate to your idiosyncrasies. So many people try to hide their flaws. I found out on stage that if I just was myself — my first, unadorned, unscripted self — people could relate to it. I think it's important to be real."

By finding humor in the stresses of daily life, Dena Blizzard hopes to relate to her audience through a common bond of shared experiences. And she hopes adult stage members — her peers, really — take away some joy and relief, if only temporarily, from her show.

"I hope they laugh till their faces hurt or they pass a little. Everyone should have a night like that once in a while," she said.

Missy Grynkiewicz has performed at The Comedy Strip, Lively Live, Hillman, Greenleaf Village Comedy Club, Comedy Cabaret, Comedy Works and Fara Casino. Drawing from real life experiences, her sharp-witted and ingenious insights into being human are universally appealing.

Signal by Rowline Rowland in 2018, her treatment of "Miss Presentation" (male the first round Grammy nominee) Blizzard and her husband, Jim, have three teenagers

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Mendham superfan reaches football milestone

Jane Havsy
Daily Record Staff Writer

...Gautrey D'Arino has been a fan of the Mendham High School football team since he was 10. But D'Arino says he's never been to a game. And it's even been made official, via the school website.

D'Arino is listed as a Mendham senior and football coach. That way, the 17-year-old can go to the game on his own.

Two teams, one goal

Gautrey D'Arino, a 17-year-old with cerebral palsy, was scheduled to attend his first Mendham football game on Saturday.

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Lori Comstock

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Sparta dog a winner at Westminster

Border collie
fetches agility title
at world-renowned
Kennel Club show

By Lori Comstock
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SPARTA — With the crowd roaring, it was almost inevitable that this 1-year-old border collie was going to score a victory in one of the most physically demanding dog sports in the world. But when the dog, a border collie named Fanny, finished her run, she was not just a winner, she was the champion.

On Feb. 10 in front of more than 10,000 spectators at the 147th Westminster Kennel Club dog show in New York, Fanny won the title of American Agility Champion in the Border Collie class.

The dog, named Fanny, is owned by Lori Comstock, who lives in Sparta. Fanny is a border collie, a breed known for its intelligence and ability to learn complex tasks. Fanny's owner, Lori Comstock, said she was proud of her dog's achievement.



Jessica Alvarez of Sparta holds her border collie Fanny (left) after finishing through an obstacle course of Sparta's dog agility training center in winning Tuesday's competition at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show in New York. (Lori Comstock for the NJ Herald)

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Cosplayers part of a welcoming community

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They talk about the fun of dressing up, making friends, fighting bullying

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN

OSWEGO, N.J. — With colorful, bright lights and a friendly atmosphere, the Ocean City Comic Con is a place where fans of movies, TV shows and anime can come together to celebrate their favorite characters. The event is a place where people can meet their heroes and make new friends.

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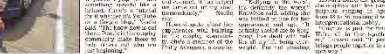
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Eric Avedissian and David Nadeau in their Star Wars costumes at the Ocean City Comic Con.

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CHS alum bikes to Maplewood from Montana for reunion

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Photos Courtesy of Matthew Cohn

Columbia High School alumnus Matthew Cohn bicycled 3,092 miles to come to his 50th reunion in Maplewood on Oct. 19. He chronicled his journey, including the moment above on the subway, in a blog.

CHS alum bikes to Maplewood from Montana for reunion

By Amanda Valentovic
Staff Writer

When the members of the Columbia High School Class of 1968 gathered for their 50th reunion Oct. 19, most probably drove a car or flew on an airplane to reconnect with one another. But one member of that graduating class rode his bicycle 3,092 miles from Missoula, Mont., back to Maplewood, a two-month expedition. Matthew Cohn rolled into the Bronx on Oct. 15, just in time

to see old friends and explain why he had decided to make a weekend trip back to his hometown last 72 days.

"I went to my 20 year reunion but not any other one," Cohn said in a phone interview with the News-Record on Oct. 18. "And around the time of my 45th reunion, I read an article about a woman who rode from Montana to her high school reunion in San Diego and I thought, 'That could be cool.' Then I forgot about it. About two

years ago I got a reminder that the 50th was craning up, and I thought I could actually do it."

So Cohn bought a new touring bike, named it "Mariah Montana," and began to break it in by riding more than 10 miles each day. Hoping the reunion would be later in the year so he wouldn't have to bike through winter snow, Cohn started training seriously in May and worked out his route in June. On Aug. 5, he set out for the East Coast with 50

pounds of camping gear on his back.

Cohn has lived in Missoula since 1976, when he took a job with a nonprofit organization in the western Montana city. He grew up in Maplewood and worked for a Japanese manufacturer that had an office in New York City until he was 25, before he realized that wearing a suit and tie to work every day wasn't for him.

"I had this romantic notion about the

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Sanne Young
The Coast Star

How do you thank a stranger for your life?

WOMAN RECEIVES BONE MARROW STEM-CELL TRANSPLANT

How do you thank a stranger for your life?

BY SANNE YOUNG
PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY HARRIS
Sanne Young has a life lesson to offer: "It's not over looking cynical about the world, know the kindness of strangers in times."
In 2014, an anonymous donation of bone marrow cells saved Sanne Young's life, giving Ms. Young, who had battled cancer for years, the gift of life.

A cancer scare had led to a diagnosis of breast cancer in 2014. Sanne Young, 52, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had been a healthy woman for years. "I had a great life, and I was a mom of two beautiful girls. I was a teacher, and I was a volunteer. I was a person who was giving back to the community." She had a great life, and she was a mom of two beautiful girls. I was a teacher, and I was a volunteer. I was a person who was giving back to the community.

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Ms. Young, center, sits with her dog, the 12-year-old Golden Retriever, in her home.



Ms. Young, center, holds a framed certificate of appreciation from the donor of her bone marrow stem cells.

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A GRANDEVENT

The journey of Jeff Jasper, a North Jersey icon

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Pascack Willey needed an English teacher. It found a legend. Jeff Jasper needed a next step. He found a home.

It was December 1970 when he received a call from his father, Walt, telling him about the job opening. The opportunity was a good one, but Jeff wasn't ready. He was living in Carnack, Calif., trying to recapture some semblance of normalcy and readjust to civilization

following a harrowing, yet revelatory stint serving in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

His reality had been stripped. He needed time to get it back.

But Walt wouldn't accept his son's initial refusal to interview for the job. He told Jeff he would pay to fly him home. If it doesn't work out, he said, he'd pay for his flight back.

"My dad had a great influence on me," Jasper said. "I said, 'OK, I'll come home.'"

Jasper got on the plane and wound up flying from California to the rest of his life.

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By the numbers

999 Jeff Jasper's career coaching win total over 42 years, all with Pascack Valley

0 New Jersey girls basketball coaches who have won 1,000 games

6 State championships won by Jasper's teams

Pascack Valley girls basketball coach Jeff Jasper, who has a career record of 999-254, goes for No. 1,000 on Thursday.

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Former champ Bobby Czyz is broke and ringing up groceries, but don't count him out

FROM BOXER TO BAGGER



Bobby Czyz passes before reporting for work as a cashier at ShopRite in Lawrenceville, N.J. (Photo by Steve Politi for the Star-Ledger)

Steve Politi for the Star-Ledger

For five or six months of his life, the former world champion boxer has been a cashier at ShopRite in Lawrenceville, N.J. It's a far cry from the life of a professional fighter, but Bobby Czyz is doing it to make ends meet. He says he's broke and is ringing up groceries, but don't count him out just yet.

Czyz, 47, is a former world champion boxer who has fought over 100 fights. He was a professional boxer for 15 years, winning the world title in 1990. He has since turned to a career in real estate, but he's currently struggling to make ends meet. He says he's broke and is ringing up groceries, but don't count him out just yet.

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Czyz with brother David (left) in 1990 before their Madison Square Garden bout. (Photo by Steve Politi for the Star-Ledger)

Bobby Czyz

Nicknames: Mr. World

Chicago

Born: Feb. 22, 1962 (56 years, 4 months, 13 days)

Total fights: 112

Wins: 44

Knockouts: 25

Titles held: 10 (4 light heavyweight, 1 middleweight, 1 welterweight, 1 super welterweight, 1 flyweight)

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BESTED FOR GREATNESS

BY DAN CANOVA
DEPT. OF SPORTS EDITOR

He woke up at 3:30 a.m. on a 4-year-old.

He would capsize with St. Peter's Prep head coach Nick Saban, and when he returned home after football practice around 10 p.m., he would sleep with his dad, reading his old Bridge Home mail the wee hours of the morning.

Then 5:30 a.m. would come, and he'd do it all over again.

He was forced to become a man as a young boy.

Meet Minkah Fitzpatrick.

Well before he helped bring a state title to St. Peter's Prep, well before he became a two-time All-American and two-time National Champion at Alabama, Fitzpatrick and his family started in the face of adversity when Hurricane Irene struck in 2011 and nearly wiped away everything the family owned.

Families were forced to pretty much rebuild their homes on their own, and Fitzpatrick's family was no different.

"It was something that made me appreciate things," Fitzpatrick said in an interview with The Jersey Journal last week. "It was a tough time for me and my family, but it definitely brought us closer as a unit, as a family, as a team. And I'm thankful for that time in my life because I know I wouldn't be where I am today without it. My family is the same way, they are grateful for it, they appreciate it. And God definitely gave us a lot of strength in a tough situation."

While Fitzpatrick and his family were going through this difficult time, Hansen gave Fitzpatrick the key to his home to make sure he stayed on the right path, focused on school and football.

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"It would always say, 'Don't let this get to you, Mink. You still need to focus on what you need to focus on. You have to be on top of your game, understand you're in a tough situation, your family is in a tough situation, but you need to use it as motivation to get your family out of this situation. Because one day you're going to be somewhere where you a whole lot of people could be. You're going to look back and be thankful for this opportunity and thankful for these hardships.'"

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MINKAH FITZPATRICK, a former St. Peter's Prep standout, during the NE PA Non-Public Group 4 100-yard final against Taramus Catholic in the 2014 St. Peter's Prep state 3A title.

A hint of hardship has become a time to reflect for Fitzpatrick. The athletic and versatile defensive back is expected to be a second-round selection in the 2018 NFL Draft, which is set to begin tonight at 9 p.m.

"It's been fun, honestly," he said. "I've been enjoying it. It's only a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, not a whole lot of people are in this situation. That I'm in or some of these other guys are in. So you just want to appreciate it and be grateful for every single moment of it. Yes, it can be frustrating when it's not worked, but you just got to appreciate the moment and have fun with it."

Fitzpatrick didn't comment on the team he met with during the interview process, but he did share that he visited the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Chicago Bears and San Francisco 49ers three times picking 7th, 8th and 9th, respectively, an area of the draft where Fitzpatrick is projected to go by many NFL experts.

"A lot of times I interviewed with the great teams," Fitzpatrick said. "A lot of teams talked to me really up and coming. They have a lot of great players, great coaches, young coaches, and some coaches that are older and more established. All three of those teams (Tampa Bay, Chicago and San Francisco) are great teams. They didn't have the seasons that

they wanted, but they all have a lot of talent, great coaches, great staff and great leadership. I'd be honored to play for anyone of those teams."

In three seasons under legendary head coach Nick Saban, the defensive back totaled 17 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, five sacks, nine interceptions and 24 passes deflected. In 2017, Fitzpatrick had 60 tackles, eight tackles for loss, 13 sacks, one interception, seven passes deflected and one blocked kick.

Fitzpatrick was the winner of the DeWane and Thayer awards which are given to the nation's top defensive player and defensive back, respectively.

Before joining Tampa, Fitzpatrick put together a fantastic career, highlighted by an outstanding senior season at St. Peter's Prep in 2014.

Fitzpatrick had 45 receptions for 1,111 yards and 12 touchdowns, and on defense, he recorded 70 tackles and three interceptions, as helped Prep capture its first state championship since 2005.

"I would say making memories with my teammates and my brothers, and all of the relationships that I formed through football," Fitzpatrick said of his most memorable football moments.

"It's a great network, you get to meet a lot of great people, you get to experience a lot of hardships with other people, and fight through things with other people. And when you do that, you form a bond, and a relationship that is everlasting. It's just really cool and it's so honor and a blessing to say that I'm in this game."

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MARINE ON THE COURSE

BY JASON BERNSTEIN
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Justin Davis' eight years in the United States Marine Corps have shaped him in many ways as a person.

Athletically, it also took him down a path, he never could have envisioned.

The 46-year-old Davis, a member of the New Jersey City University golf team, is perhaps the country's most unlikely college golfer.

A Vandeave, Mississippi native, Davis only swung a club on a handful of occasions before joining the Marines. His introduction to the sport came more than 6,700 miles away from Jersey City when he was stationed in the Okinawa Island of Japan.

"I think I had played golf maybe one time prior to entering the military," said Davis, noting many members of his family served in the military. "I think somebody had a set of old sticks and I went out there and tried to hack it around. If we could hit 75 yards straight, it was a pretty good shot. There were a lot of golf courses there so I really jumped into it and embraced it."

"I started with an office rivalry. I had another marine in my office that was super competitive. It didn't matter what it was. It could have been a cutting task and we would have been out there cutting. We kinda liked golf, it was something that we were all very hot on and didn't mind getting out there and beating each other up over."

"It's something I'll definitely remember for the rest of my life."

During his time in the Marines, Davis spent six years stationed in Japan, where he was involved in cultural exchange programs in Japan along with military joint-exercises with the Philippines, Australia and South Korea. After that, he spent two years in Quantico.

After leaving the service, Davis



JUSTIN DAVIS, a member of the New Jersey City University golf team, spent eight years in the United States Marine Corps prior to attending NJCU. PHOTO COURTESY OF NJCU

has been involved in multiple programs, most notably, "No Marine Left Behind," which is designed to help soldiers acclimate into civilian life. He met his wife, who is from New Jersey, leading him to the Garden State and, eventually to NJCU where he is majoring in Accounting.

Even today, whether it's on the golf course, the classroom or with his family, the values Davis learned in the Marines continue to shape him today.

"I can't speak enough about the positive the military was for me," Davis said. "One of the very first lessons you learn is time management and how to assess a lot of your obligations. It definitely helps you identify what they are,

while also not getting burned out and being able to pace yourself. There are goals in life where you continuously work on short-term goals, while staying on the path long term."

While Davis is the first to admit that "skill-wise I can definitely use a work on my more refinement," the reactions have been positive since joining the team. These values learned in the Marines have allowed him to serve as a reliable mentor and leader for his NJCU teammates.

"I missed that camaraderie. I missed that fellowship and brotherhood that we had of being able to come together collectively," he said.

"I've probably learned

something new from him every day as well," NJCU golf coach Joseph Yeck said. "He certainly brings maturity to the program and his teammates. He's at practice every day, he's working hard. When times are tough, he certainly can relate to that and share that with his teammates. I think he really brings a different perspective to the younger teammates."

Yeck noted that Davis' experiences have been especially helpful in keeping some of his younger teammates upbeat and positive when facing adversity.

For Davis and his fellow Marines, golf served as an outlet to relieve the stress with the job and being stationed thousands of miles away from friends and

family. "While he no longer has to deal with the burden of being a world away, the game of golf provides an opportunity for Davis to reflect on all he has experienced."

"I think, having come from where I've come from, sometimes I'll have my moments," Davis said. "But just being outside, being relaxed, hearing the wind through the trees, I can think back to how far I've come. I know where I've been at any given point in my life and realize just how awesome and at the same time, how blessed I am to have made it this far."

"I'm very thankful for all the experiences that I've had."

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Three-time state champ Francavilla mentoring area's next great wrestlers

By CHRIS W. JENSEN
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New Jersey's three-time state wrestling champion is mentoring a group of young wrestlers in the area, hoping to help them reach the next level of the sport.

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SPORTS TALK BY LEN BARDSELEY

Keep your hands off our Thanksgiving

Maybe a guardian angel like Clarence from *It's a Wonderful Life* could show New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association officials what Manasquan and Wall would look like at this time of year with and without a Thanksgiving football game.

The word on the street and the sidelines is that today's game between the Warriors and the Crimson Knights might be the last Thanksgiving game for the two rivals.

The writing is on the wall when it comes to the NJSIAA and the evolving state playoffs.

This year the sectional winners, which had been the previous stopping point of the playoffs, are playing in "bowl" games at MetLife Stadium on the first weekend of Dec., which had previously

A Manasquan win over Hillside last Saturday would have sent the Warriors to a game against Haddonfield in the South Group 2 bowl game.

The logical next step would be to have the South Group 2 bowl winner face the North Group 2 bowl winner for the overall Group 2 championship.

The NJSIAA would need teams to play Thanksgiving weekend, however, to make that happen.

The expanding of the playoffs is not on the NJSIAA Executive Committee meeting agenda for its meeting next month, which might mean Thanksgiving games might survive one more year, but the feeling around Manasquan is that something sacred is about to be taken

I can understand the anxiety for typical Warrior football fans.

I missed the first six games between Wall and Manasquan and regret it, but I have had the privilege of seeing the last 12.

The first thing people soon realize is the meeting between Wall and Manasquan is more than just a game, it is an event, a tradition, a 24-hour community celebration.

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served before the game as a prelude to the turkey.

The game is yet another chance to catch up with old friends and see former players from both sides remembering their past Thanksgiving games, while pulling for their school.

I am hard-pressed to think of a single year-to-year event that brings more people together in a positive setting than the Thanksgiving Day game and the festivities leading to kickoff.

There are other New Jersey High School Thanksgiving rivalries that have lasted over 100 years such as Phillipsburg and Easton, Westfield and Plainfield and Vineland and Millville.

It is all about history, tradition and community that makes the Thanksgiving rivalries so special.

Clarence would not have to do too much work to show an NJSIAA official what Manasquan or Wall would look like without Thanksgiving football.

Just another school and town with no buzz for football once the leaves drop from the trees and riddle dreams have been dashed as a team plays out the string in front of dwindling crowds.

As former Manasquan mayor and a long-time Warriors football film crew loves to say, the Thanksgiving game is something that makes Manasquan, Manasquan.

Let's hope the NJSIAA can find a solution without clearing the table of the Thanksgiving football.

I have a feeling Manasquan and Wall would not mind getting off the beach on Labor Day weekend and starting the season one week earlier if it means getting together every fourth Thursday in November to see friends, family and rivals at the football field.

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Here's the scoop on finding love at the shore



It's not the first time that you've seen a couple walking along the beach. You've seen them in the movies, on television, and in real life. But what if you could find love at the shore? It's not as simple as it sounds. There are many factors that can affect your chances of finding love at the shore. For example, you need to be in the right place at the right time. You also need to be in the right mood. And you need to be in the right company. So, if you're looking for love at the shore, you need to be prepared. You need to be patient. You need to be open. And you need to be ready. Because when you find love at the shore, it's a beautiful thing.

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FIT still plans to sponsor debate this spring

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Neptune savors win streak

Scarlet Fliers prep to face Monmouth Regional this week

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Former baseball players Steven Jaki and James Jordan are thriving since college commitments.

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Time is ticking



Players from the Blue Devils and the White Devils run during a game at Oakcrest. Photo by [Name]

Falcons seniors want final season to last

Senior players on the Falcons football team are looking forward to their final season. The team is currently in the playoffs and the seniors are determined to win the championship. They have been practicing hard and are ready for the challenge. The coach has praised their dedication and hard work. The seniors are excited to represent their school and their community. They are determined to make a name for themselves and their team. The game is scheduled for next week and the seniors are ready to give it their all. They are confident they can win and bring home the trophy. The fans are also excited to see the seniors play. They are looking forward to a great game. The seniors are the heart of the team and they are determined to lead the team to victory. They are the future of the sport and they are proud to represent their school. They are excited to be part of the team and they are ready to give it their all. They are confident they can win and bring home the trophy. The game is scheduled for next week and the seniors are ready to give it their all. They are confident they can win and bring home the trophy.



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FLYERS

Gudas looking to play physical with less penalties

The Philadelphia Flyers are looking to play a more physical game this season. They have been criticized for being too soft in the past. The coach has said that the team needs to be more aggressive and play with more intensity. The players are responding to the coach's challenge and are looking to prove themselves. They are determined to win the championship and they are ready to give it their all. The fans are also excited to see the team play with more physicality. They are looking forward to a great season. The Flyers are the future of the sport and they are proud to represent their city. They are excited to be part of the team and they are ready to give it their all. They are confident they can win and bring home the trophy. The game is scheduled for next week and the Flyers are ready to give it their all. They are confident they can win and bring home the trophy.



Philadelphia Flyers players on the ice during a game. Photo by [Name]

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Spirit honoring coach Walsh's legacy through No. 16 jersey

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Reggie Booner in action during a game. Photo by [Name]

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EAGLES

Birds looking for balance vs. Vikings

The Philadelphia Eagles are looking for balance in their offense against the Minnesota Vikings. They have been struggling to find a consistent offensive strategy. The coach has said that the team needs to be more balanced and play with more variety. The players are responding to the coach's challenge and are looking to prove themselves. They are determined to win the championship and they are ready to give it their all. The fans are also excited to see the team play with more balance. They are looking forward to a great game. The Eagles are the future of the sport and they are proud to represent their city. They are excited to be part of the team and they are ready to give it their all. They are confident they can win and bring home the trophy. The game is scheduled for next week and the Eagles are ready to give it their all. They are confident they can win and bring home the trophy.

Philadelphia Eagles players on the field during a game. Photo by [Name]



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H.S. FOOTBALL WEEK 6 PREVIEW

Vineland still in hunt for playoffs

Fighting Clan fighting to save season

By Matt Rinaldi

PHOTO BY JEFFREY W. HARRIS

One of the toughest challenges for Vineland High School's football team is to win the first game of the season. The team is currently 0-1, and the season is just getting started.

"It's going to be a tough season," says head coach Dan Burns. "We're going to have to win every game to have a chance at the playoffs."

Despite the early setback, Burns is optimistic. "We have a lot of talent on our team," he says. "We're going to have to win every game to have a chance at the playoffs."

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Vineland coach Dan Burns (right) talks to his team on the field after the national anthem in a game against St. Joseph on Friday. Photo by Jeffrey W. Harris for The Daily Journal.

Knight working his way back



Captain Richard Knight, center, is working his way back from an injury. He is expected to join the Flyers for practice on Friday.

Flyers hoping center can improve penalty kill

By Matt Rinaldi

PHOTO BY JEFFREY W. HARRIS

The Philadelphia Flyers are hoping that center Richard Knight can help improve their penalty kill.

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St. Joe disciplines players

Varsity football players sent to opposition

By Matt Rinaldi

PHOTO BY JEFFREY W. HARRIS

St. Joseph High School has disciplined several varsity football players for opposing the school's interests.

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Lions' McHale wins HWS crown

By Jeff Hertzberg

It was a night of triumph for the Lions' McHale as he won the HWS crown. The victory was a testament to his skill and leadership on the field. The game was a hard-fought battle, but McHale's performance was the key to the team's success. He led by example, showing his teammates the way to victory. The crowd was in awe of his play, and the Lions' fans were cheering him on every step of the way. McHale's win was a moment of pride for the entire team, and it will be remembered for years to come.

By Jeff Hertzberg

The Lions' McHale was a force to be reckoned with on the field. His ability to read the game and make quick decisions was a major asset. He was always in the right place at the right time, and his leadership was a source of inspiration for his teammates. The Lions' fans were proud to have him as their player, and his win was a source of great pride for the team. McHale's performance was a shining example of what hard work and dedication can achieve.

A glimpse of NBA's future in Las Vegas

By Jeff Hertzberg

The NBA's future in Las Vegas is looking bright. The city is home to some of the most talented players in the league, and the fans are passionate about their teams. The NBA's presence in Las Vegas is a testament to the city's status as a major sports hub. The fans' love for the game is a source of pride for the city, and it will continue to attract more players and fans in the years to come.

Spartans ready for next test

By Jeff Hertzberg

The Spartans are ready for their next test. The team has been working hard in practice, and they are confident that they will be able to handle whatever challenges they face. The fans are excited to see the team in action, and they are sure that the Spartans will give them a great performance. The team's determination and hard work are a source of pride for the fans, and they are sure that the Spartans will continue to be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come.

Florida Park

By Jeff Hertzberg

Florida Park is a beautiful area with many recreational activities. The park is a great place to spend a day with family and friends. There are many trails for hiking and jogging, and there are also many picnic areas. The park is well-maintained and has a beautiful view of the water. It is a great place to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Jets' Maye laughs about falling short of TD on INT

By Jeff Hertzberg

Jets' Maye is laughing about falling short of a touchdown on an interception. The play was a great one, and Maye's performance was a source of pride for the team. The fans were cheering him on, and he was sure that he would be able to score. The play was a testament to his skill and leadership on the field. Maye's win was a moment of pride for the entire team, and it will be remembered for years to come.



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■ H.S. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Kardinals roll to 2-0 victory over Dickinson

KEARNY 2, DICKINSON 0

Diana Padilla Garcia led a ball-swinged offense with three kills, eight digs and two aces, as Kearny defeated Dickinson, 25-21, 25-22, in Jersey City.

Tulle Fernandez, Angelica Castillo and Melissa Watore had two kills apiece, with Fernandez adding two blocks for Kearny. Sharyn Gonzalez had three digs, Garcia added eight and Melissa Gomez clipped in seven, while Simone and Gonzalez added two aces apiece.

Keary 2-0: Jace Hawkins 3 kills, 2 sets, 1 dig; Leticia Garcia 8 digs, 6 aces; Sharyn Gonzalez 3 kills, 2 sets, 8 aces; Melissa Gomez 3 kills, 7 aces; Simone 2 kills, 1 set, 1 dig; Tulle Fernandez 3 kills, 2 sets, 8 aces.

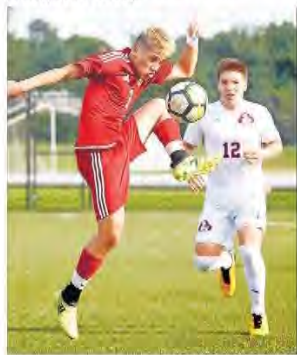


KEARNY'S KRISTINA Pinao bumps the ball in a girls volleyball match against Dickinson yesterday in Jersey City.



KEARNY'S JULIE Fernandez bumps the ball over the net in a girls volleyball match against Dickinson yesterday in Jersey City.

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KEARNY'S JUAN Hudson controls the ball in front of St. Peter's Prep's Chris Tobin during a boys soccer match on Sept. 19.

■ H.S. BOYS SOCCER

No. 8 Kearny receives the top seed in the Hudson County Tournament

BY RICHARD GREED
A SPECIAL REPORT

Defending champion Kearny, No. 8 in the N.J..com Top 20, received the top seed in the Hudson County Tournament.

Handing out the top four seeds, which get byes into the quarterfinals, are: St. Peter's Prep, last year's runner-up; Seton Hall Prep, ranked 19th in the state and 44th in the tournament; and St. Peter's Prep, ranked 19th in the state and 44th in the tournament.

The tournament picks off with four first-round games, which will be played on Oct. 6. There will be four second-round games on Thursday. The quarterfinal round is set for Oct. 13 and the semifinal round is on Oct. 18. The

tournament comes to a close on Oct. 21.

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KEARNY'S JUAN Hudson controlling the ball in front of St. Peter's Prep's Chris Tobin during a boys soccer match against Memorial on Sept. 12.

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Former Ram Knows the NFL Is No Joke

Gesicki Ready to Work Hard in Miami

April 27 is a day Mike Gesicki should remember for the rest of his life — a moment when the world stood still as he was being selected by the Miami Dolphins, an NFL career becoming reality.

"When I was told I was being picked, I just mentioned about everything I had gone through, and everything leading up to that moment," he said. "I've been on rollercoasters all in that moment. It was confusing. I've been dreaming about my whole life, and it was a great experience to live that moment."

Since Gesicki was a young boy, his parents, Mike and Donna, have always been on the sidelines cheering for their son, not missing a single game along the way. "They, too, were excited to see that moment but not at all shocked and friends gathered inside the Gesicki home.

"From his time in the locker room at Penn State, it's been an exciting journey," said Donna, who has a whole wall of his papers to prove the depth of her support for her son's career. "I really enjoyed the time he had at Penn State because that was like a step back, college career with a fairy tale ending. So, when he got the call from the Dolphins, we were just really happy for him. We were all so full of emotion. We all treasure it."

Now a new journey begins, one that will involve more grit, determination, and hard work than anything Gesicki has experienced to date. Already just two weeks after being drafted third overall in the second round, Gesicki has a playbook to start reading, and his recovery plan, a workout plan to adhere to, and not much time before he starts taking the field for his new team.

"Obviously, the first goal is to make the roster," he said. "I don't want to look too far down in Miami with a chip on my shoulder and see a job."

At Southern, Gesicki had all kinds of success, whether he be on the football field or the softball and volleyball courts. As a 12-weight letter athlete, Gesicki was considered one of the best — not the best — all-around athletes to get one Daphne edition.

When he got to Penn State, there was no doubt that his athletic ability led the work ethic that he brought with him. Gesicki realized he was nowhere close to being an NFL-caliber player, despite his talent and willingness to take on any challenge that came his way.

"My sophomore year was tough stuff," he said. "I had really rough times because food and a lot of chemistry, and I had to make a long haul back to my dad and figure out what I was going to do to make my dad as the player I wanted to be."

A lot of people look at me now and probably think, "Oh, he's made it. He was a second-round pick and this, that, everything's great." But I think he's got to know that I had some health days, and I pride myself in the fact I went through that adversity and got through it because it made me who I am today.

"It wasn't like I wasn't trying or working hard, but I realized that to work even harder, I wanted to achieve what I wanted to achieve."

His personal life was called to the fore in the most remarkable season he's played at PSU.



Ron Rosen

PSU LINE DODGE: When former Southern standout Mike Gesicki (right) visited with students at the Stafford-Township Arts Center on May 1, he was the center of attention. In the NFL, the Miami Dolphins' second-round draft pick will be looking to prospect building for a pro career.

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in the program's most and successful history, as he became a second-looker in multiple categories, including career reception, yardage and touchdowns. Gesicki became one of quarterback Trace McSolley's first options in the passing game, as the Wilson-Lewis record in the way of the rankings, winning a Big Ten championship and playing in the Rose Bowl along the way.

"My goal throughout college was to be the best tight end in the country," he said. "I wrote that in my notebook every day. I'm the best tight end in the country. I had something that my mind would every day, and now I want to be the best tight end in the NFL."

No doubt Gesicki had the ring, league titles, awards and athletic skill pool as a pass-mover to be among the best in the game. But as the NFL's diminished the clutter among coaches and analysts step by step — the biggest hurdle on him being his blocking ability. One coach prior to draft day even went so far as to call Gesicki's blocking ability "amateur."

Gesicki doesn't run from the criticism, though.

"I've had that and said I wasn't ready to get better than this is the way my job fits," he said.

anything to let him know," Gesicki said. "It's cool to know the coaching staff and that's great for me. Then there's Danny Amendola, who's a bunch of paper towels and has a ton of experience, and that's a guy I want to learn from. I'm going to learn from these guys, see what they do to be successful, take any advice I can from them, and then implement that into what I do in the NFL."

On May 10, Gesicki heads to Miami for some preliminary things. Then will be home for a short time before getting back toward the latter part of June to begin his career prior to preseason camp. In the meantime, he is taking studying sessions of his playbook. Gesicki will have read a return in the NFL — most likely with a week.

"I am excited. The next 15 years, for me," he said. "Every single day is going to be like a damn game over. I don't have to sit behind a desk for 9 to 5. I get to go to work in the morning and a talent scout will play football. It's awesome to have a job like the one I have now, and I'm excited to get to work."

"I know I have a week of work to do, and I'm so going to sit here and say I'm better than anybody right now. But I realize to be the best tight end in the league. And whether it's five years or 15 years, that's the mindset I'm going to have as an individual. And work that I'm going to have to help my team win for the full career."

—David E. Biggy

"I'm always going to have things to improve upon, and blocking is definitely one of those things I have to improve upon. But I'm not worried about my coach criticism. For me, it's really all about self-improvement and learning to be a coach. I'm going to do a lot of blocking outside sets, learning to watch the coaches have to say and focusing on my game."

"College was kind of like my job interview, and now this is my job. Now I'm going to be doing that every day. I will think that I'm doing it as my job, so I'm going to put anything and everything that I know what I'm capable of, and I'll know the goals and objectives I have for myself, so I'm going to put all of that."

"Of course, it will help Gesicki immensely to be surrounded by several seasoned professionals who can show him the ropes, offer advice and bring him along. Indeed, he's looking forward to spending time with quarterback Ryan Hindsell, who's been in the league's seasons, and veteran wide receiver and proven winner Danny Amendola, the former New England Patriot recently signed as a free agent."

"Wilson got drafted. From the time we said until they were happy to have me, and that I needed

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lost 21-10, while Chris D'Alexander and Caleb Rossi each recorded a 40, and Ethan Leasing pitched a 44.

Last week, Southern scored four victories, starting with a 19-12 win over Toms River South on April 20, during which D'Alexander scored 40. Campanelli added a 42 and Rossi delivered a 44. Putting an impressive 169:172 victory over no-no-nonsense foe Williamstown,

D'Alexander added 33, while Campanelli followed with a 42, and Rossi and Leasing each scored a 44.

On May 2, the Rams recorded Lacey 179:217, as D'Alexander and Campanelli each led the way with a 43. Stephen Cohen contributed a 44 and Peter Pallas had a 47. In a 129:122 victory over Manchester on May 3, Rossi registered an outstanding 160:134, while D'Alexander went far behind with a 38 and Pallas delivered a 41.

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Wildcats Undefeated at Home

Pinelands Hoops Squad Makes History With Win Over GCIT in SJ3 Tourney

By DAVID BIGGY

The evening words, the exciting ones, had to be the first state tournament boys basketball game in history. Not being Pinelands' Pinelands Regional High School. The only development that topped the excitement on Feb. 20 was the way the Wildcats played in the first half of the contest.

"The game was hyped," said junior guard Anthony Diaz, who scored 15 points in the first round of Wildcat's crucial, late-seeded Gloucester Tech, 70-42, during the first round of the NJSPA South Jersey State III tournament. "We've never had or won a state tournament game. We've never been considered as being for an entrance one. We've never had the chance to have this type of game in our gym. And we were ready to make history tonight."

With hundreds of cheering fans filling even the second tier of bleachers, the Wildcats showed a win

in victory—their first win in the state tourney. In the first half, they shot 8-of-12 from behind the three-point arc en route to a 42-38 lead.

"This was a big game for us and we had a great atmosphere with so many fans here tonight," said junior Anthony Schab, who killed the game with an uncharacteristic 27-point effort. Pinelands led 1-0 until the second quarter. The team recognized that and kept going to the ball. The first quarter was just working hard and playing for each other and everything just fell into place from there. We played our game and just everything in a position to win a kind of easily."

Pinelands' 11-10 lead in the final half with a basket 40 seconds into the contest, but the lead that lasted for long, as Gloucester rebounded back-to-back twice within 24 seconds of each other to tie the Wildcats and the lead and that's when they replied. With Pinelands' 14-20 leading, 8-6 midway through the quarter, the Wildcats started a 1-6 run when Schab dropped in a seven-seg on a



COOL 'CATS: The Pinelands boys basketball team scored a 70-42 victory over Gloucester Tech on Feb. 20. (Clockwise from top right) The Pinelands boys basketball team scores a 70-42 victory over Gloucester Tech on Feb. 20.

published a star sign, adding a 41-10 shot to complete a three-point play to make it 11-0 with 2:11 to go. He finished the run by draining three more three-pointers, the last with a foul. The first quarter was just working hard and playing for each other and everything just fell into place from there. We played our game and just everything in a position to win a kind of easily."

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championship with a 5-4 decision over A'legria's Andrew Marrocco, who was called for two penalty points late in the third period. Shot was down 3-1, so Marrocco had to stage a comeback, scoring a three-win with 39 seconds to go before turning

Marrocco to his back for two points with just seconds on the clock.

"It's cool. It's kind of a weird feeling," said Shot, who's 15-4 heading into Round 16. "It's something I've been working for, but it isn't right in and out of the gym. I'd like to be able to get three region championship titles."

Big crowd, even better is the fact that right now will be making the

my to Round 16. It's the first time in Southern's history that so many will get a chance to watch in the main event.

Senior Owen Kemelchler (120), Dan Strawn (60) and Matt McDevine (20), junior Gabriel Rodriguez (120) and sophomore Matt Woodcock (120) each finished in fourth place during the region tourney for Rockaway in Pineland, O'Connell

and Strawn.

Primarily and pre-quarters are planned to begin at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 2. Quarterfinals are set for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, with semifinals scheduled for 6 p.m. And on Sunday, the last round of wrestling will be held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with the championship coronation slated for 7 p.m.

to face 6 with seeded DeLeon — a two scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28 — and no others from any likely wanting to play for seeded Pineland. The Wildcats finished 11-0 on that same court before losing the team's season finale to the host community as possibly choose to play hoops at the school sometime in the future.

"This was a great for our program, because there were a lot of kids in the seats tonight," he said. "We're going to build a really good and maintain a program, with the idea that we're carrying over our identity by winning consistently on our home court." The next year's outlook may be a positive direction for our program.

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"We have a pretty solid base, all around, so it's great that we have so many great guys to Atlanta, City of Savannah." Maybe the best part is that we'll be able to have full practice this week, instead of just one or two guys practicing for a half hour and that may help a lot in getting us prepared for next week's.

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UP FROM THE ASHES

King's Christian baseball rises to prominence



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CHERRY HILL — On the cusp of what normally is baseball's best time of year, King's Christian baseball is making a name for itself in the South Jersey Group 4. In a season that has seen the team win several games, including a victory over the defending champion, the team is looking to make a statement in the playoffs.

The team, coached by head coach [Name], has shown a lot of promise since the start of the season. They have a strong pitching staff and a lineup that can hit for both power and average.

"I think I know if we could reach it, but every day I wake up and I'm excited to go to school and see what we can do," said [Player Name].

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NJSIAA releases softball brackets

Vinland comes top seed in South Jersey Group 1

Mark Tabor / 11/23/18

The NJSIAA released its softball brackets and Vinland is the top seed in the South Jersey Group 1. The team will face [Opponent] in the first round of the playoffs.

The brackets for the playoffs are as follows:

- Group 1: Vinland vs. [Opponent]
- Group 2: [Opponent] vs. [Opponent]
- Group 3: [Opponent] vs. [Opponent]
- Group 4: [Opponent] vs. [Opponent]

South Jersey Group 4

King's Christian vs. [Opponent], [Opponent] vs. [Opponent], [Opponent] vs. [Opponent], [Opponent] vs. [Opponent]

Other top contenders: [Opponent], [Opponent]

There will be a lot of action in the playoffs, and we expect to see some great games.

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COMMENTARY

Legalizing sports betting a certain victory for fans

Dan Wozniak / 11/23/18

Why? They've done it before. They've done it in Nevada, in New Jersey, and in many other states. They've done it in the UK, in Europe, and in Asia. They've done it in the US, in the UK, and in Europe. They've done it in the US, in the UK, and in Europe. They've done it in the US, in the UK, and in Europe.

and many of you. But, let's be real. It's not just about the money. It's about the excitement. It's about the thrill of the game. It's about the chance to win big. It's about the chance to see your favorite team win. It's about the chance to see your favorite player shine.

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HOME-COURT ADVANTAGE

Dazzling rise of private Shore school finds genesis with an AAU power broker



Kevin Kurling, center, a self-described 'Basketball evangelist,' met last fall, Ranney Public School's 13th grade of boys of the Los Angeles Athletic Union and practices in the United States. From the National, Steve D'Amico has become a high school basketball coach in the United States. Photo: Justin Kurling

Matthew Stanmyre on 4/10/18

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DALLAS (AP) —

Trump insists on wall, says no more deal for 'Dreamers'

Trade pact to end trade agreement if Mexico doesn't curb border crossing

Donald Trump on Tuesday insisted the United States will not negotiate a trade deal with Mexico unless the country agrees to curb border crossings.

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BY HEATHER
Shulkin: I did not resign as head of V.A.

Donald Trump's health secretary, Robert Wilton, said on Tuesday that he did not resign as head of the Veterans Affairs department, as reported by the Washington Post.

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BY GLENN KOPPEL
Spielberg back in the box office game

Steven Spielberg's new movie, "The Post," is back in theaters, and it's doing well.

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BY JEFFREY M. HUNTER
Can Michigan slow 'Nova's 3-point roll?'

Michigan's new governor, Rick Snyder, is facing a challenge from the state's economy.

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BASEBALL

Vineland looking to repeat as CAL champ

St. Augustine will be tough to beat in South Jersey

It's a repeat performance for Vineland as the CAL baseball champion. The team, coached by Coach [Name], has won the title for the second year in a row. The team's success is due to their strong pitching and batting performance. They defeated St. Augustine in the final game of the tournament.

Winning pitcher?
The winning pitcher was [Name], who pitched a strong game. He allowed only a few runs and struck out several batters. His performance was key to the team's victory.



Vineland starting pitcher Joe [Name] is among the players, top performing players this spring. (Photo by [Name])



St. Augustine pitcher Keith Eise delivers during a game last season. (Photo by [Name])

Matchup of Kansas, Villanova is lopsided

Game is argument for reseeding Final Four

By [Name]

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Hermits ace raises \$500,000 for CHOP

Eise, who battled a brain tumor, helps children fight theirs

Hermit's ace, Keith Eise, has raised \$500,000 for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Eise, who has a history of brain tumors, is helping to fund research and treatment for children with brain tumors.

Eise's fundraising efforts have been successful. He has held several events and has received support from many fans. The money will be used to support various programs at CHOP.



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Villanova's [Name] and [Name] practice before the first round of the tournament at the Alamogordo. (Photo by [Name])

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Encarnacion, Santana go, 3-team trade wraps winter meetings



BY BEN COOPER
PHOTO BY JEFFREY M. HARRIS

LAS VEGAS — After a hectic week of trading deadline speculation, the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox have agreed to trade pitcher Jacob deGrom to Boston for a package of prospects, including a top pitching prospect, and the Houston Astros have agreed to trade pitcher Justin Verlander to the Los Angeles Dodgers for a package of prospects, including a top pitching prospect.

The trade deadline was a whirlwind of activity, with teams scrambling to acquire top talent before the deadline. The Yankees' acquisition of deGrom is a significant move, as he is one of the best pitchers in the league. The Red Sox's package of prospects is also impressive, including a top pitching prospect who is expected to be a future star.

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Beckham status uncertain for Sunday's game



BY BEN COOPER

ATLANTA — Matt Ryan's status for Sunday's game against the Carolina Panthers is uncertain. Ryan is recovering from a concussion suffered in a game last week. The Atlanta Falcons will have to see how Ryan fares in practice before making a decision on whether to start him.

Beckham's status is also uncertain. He is recovering from a knee injury. The Falcons will have to see how Beckham fares in practice before making a decision on whether to start him.

Crowell, Enunwa out for Jets against Texans

BY BEN COOPER

NEW YORK — The New York Jets' offense is expected to struggle against the Houston Texans. The Jets' starting quarterback, Matt Ryan, is recovering from a concussion. The Jets' running back, Crowell, is recovering from a knee injury. The Jets' wide receiver, Enunwa, is recovering from a hamstring injury.

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Tackling the decline



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Sharp Preschoolers Create Tiny Collingswood

By Mark Edeker

As a five-year-old, Ms. Hoffman and Mrs. Anderson's preschool students at Sharp Elementary School in Collingswood have created tiny versions of many of Collingswood's most popular landmarks using some cardboard, a few popcicle sticks, a little glue and a lot of imagination.

The tiny hardware store has tiny tools.

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HMHS Senior's Book to Help Women of Malawi

By Liz Oswald

Liz Oswald likely never imagined that she would publish her first book for the first time as a senior at Haddonfield Memorial High School. The 18-year-old sends the roughly 100-page book, *Women of Malawi*, for part of her senior project to join her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Hijon's participation with Lioness Project International, an organization dedicated to providing children with education, tools, and safe environments, connected her with Vanessa Mwanga, the executive director of Vision Awaoko, and a resident of Malawi.

Hijon searched for a suitable organization that provides the coordination of education for young women in a safe and productive place for learning and growth. She and Mwanga first met when Hijon was in middle school and have stayed in close contact throughout the years. Mwanga and four other young women from Malawi became the subjects of Hijon's book.

"The book is focused on the girls' families, environment, and how they continue through school," explained Hijon. "She also pointed out how marriage is expected to be the ultimate goal when Hijon was in

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Haddonfield Boys Lacrosse Season Canceled Amid Racial Slur Controversy

By Matt Evans

Haddonfield Memorial High School's boys lacrosse season was suspended on May 11 after one of the team's players allegedly launched a racial slur at a Sterling track athlete who was attacking him in a competition on May 11 at Haddonfield Memorial High School. Athlete from Haddon Heights and Sterling High School that witnessed the use of the slur said their

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Heights Drops Down on Neglectful Property Owners

By Tom Decker

A trio of ordinances Haddon Heights Council hopes will "keep the town looking nice and prevent blight" were introduced to the public on Tuesday evening. Endorsed by Council President Christopher Marzullo, Borough Solicitor Howard Long drafted new rules that if approved at the June 6 public

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Sea Girl police officers on duty at the borough's drop-off and pickup zone on Ocean Avenue, near Beacon Boulevard last Friday evening.

Sea Girl's 'Uber zone' will vanish in the off-season

Residents, taxi drivers and even car call riders have issues with the drop-off and pickup lane.

BY PATRICK REILLY
IN COAST STAR

SEA GIRL — The pavement markings for the borough's new pickup and drop-off zone will disappear on Sept. 16, under an amendment approved by the borough council on June 27.

Between Sept. 16 and April 30, the 11 parking spaces that had been painted over to create the zone will reappear. The amendment designates May 1 to Sept. 15 as the seasonal timeframe for the

zone, which was designed primarily for use by Uber and Lyft. The car call services are not permitted to use the standing taxi lane at the seasonally busy Parker House nearby.

There was plenty of activity in and around the zone last Friday, beginning with the 3 p.m. happy hour at the Parker House.

Traffic cones lined the pickup and drop-off line and



Taxi driver Keith Grace paused to give The Coast Star his views on the borough's 'Uber zone.'

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Hard Rock and Ocean Resort, A.C.'s two new casinos, deal with hype very differently

When Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City opens its doors in late 2018, it will be heralded as a local political victory, and a second chance for the city to prove its economic resilience. Meanwhile, another job site and the announcement of one of Atlantic City's major enterprises is building.

The city's work, said Rock's president, a previous mayor at the time of the deal. But the success of the city's economic and political strategy is still uncertain. The city's political and economic future is still uncertain.



For Earth Day, a story of success

When the city of Atlantic City celebrated Earth Day, it was a story of success. The city's environmental efforts have been recognized by the state and the federal government.

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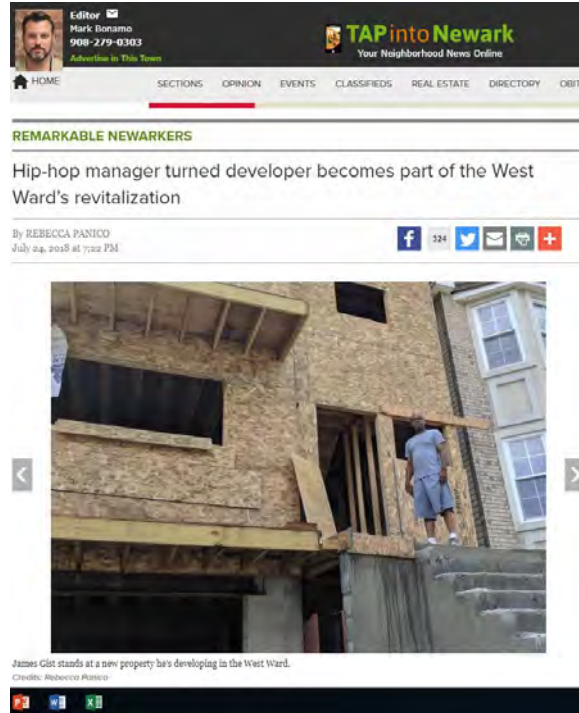
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Let the games begin at 2 casinos in AC



The Ocean Resort Casino floor bustles on opening day Thursday in Atlantic City.

Hard Rock, Ocean Resort open their doors early

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ATLANTIC CITY — The word of its basic. They generally feature a new casino, a music-themed club, the multi-industry openings of two, new card

The Hard Rock & Casino will be located across the street from the Ocean Resort Casino, which is set to open in late August. The casino will have a new slot machine, which will be the first of its kind in Atlantic City.

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Vineland woman charged in slaying

2nd person arrested in murder of Millville man

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VINELAND — A second person is charged with murder after police discovered a second victim, that does in the city of Vineland. The Vineland County Prosecutor's Office announced the charges Thursday.

The Vineland woman, 47, was charged with murder in the slaying of a man, 47, who was found dead in a car on Thursday.

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William Coppola holds out a balloon that was dropped from the ceiling during opening day festivities at the Hard Rock & Casino on Thursday in Atlantic City.

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Stefanie S. Brown, 47, was arrested Wednesday and charged with two counts of murder and other charges.

Judge rejects probe of Millville city officials

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MILLVILLE — A judge has rejected a probe of city officials in the slaying of a man, 47, who was found dead in a car on Thursday.

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Crash kills Vineland teen

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Postal official: Thieves 'fish' mail out of mailboxes



Postal official: Thieves 'fish' mail out of mailboxes

By Daniel Jackovino
Staff Writer

Instances of mail theft or attempted theft have been reported in Essex, Union, Bergen, Middlesex and Passaic counties, according to the US Postal Service. Street mailboxes are the targets.

The theft is worked with a kind of glue placed inside the mailbox flap to snare envelopes before they fall into the mailbox chamber. But even when the mail is inside the chamber, it is still vulnerable with the use of a "fishing pole." This is a device, sometimes jerry-rigged, with a sticky substance on the tip. The sticky substance can be a rodent or insect trap that uses glue to catch its victim. The fishing pole is lowered into the collection chamber to catch some mail.

According to Gregory Klemisch, a US Postal Service inspector, the crime is being perpetrated in north NJ counties by individuals from the five NYC boroughs. He said he knows this by the arrests being made.

"It happens after the last pickup," Klemisch said in a telephone interview earlier this week. "After that time, the mail is going to be sitting. The streets are dark and there is low traffic in the area. That's when we see subjects partaking of this crime."

Bloomfield resident Ralph Melito was almost a victim on Thursday, March 8.

"On Tuesday morning, I went to drop mail into the box at Johnson Avenue and Broad Street," he said this past weekend. "I had a large envelope and three smaller envelopes."

He placed the four envelopes onto the mailbox flap, closed it, and then rechecked the flap to check. The large envelope had not dropped.

"I noticed the large envelope was stuck on a clear, caulk-like glue," he said. "It was like the head of clear caulking adhesive found on mailings."

He shoved the envelope down and tried his best to scrub off the glue. He even took some soil from the ground and rubbed it into the glue.

"I knew someone was trying to steal mail," he said.

Melito said he wanted to report the incident, but the mailbox did not have a phone number to call. So, he went to the Bloomfield Post Office on Watchung Avenue. Melito was told there had been tampering at two other sites. The next day when he had envelopes to mail, he went to the post office to do it.

"I understood the feds were going to come in," he said.

"It was not only the sticky stuff, but 'fishing,'" he said.

When he learned that mail was being fished out of mailboxes, Melito said he recalled another incident.

"I found mail on Watchung Avenue last week," he said. "It was between Phillips and Cobb streets. It was a 4-by-8 manila envelope. There were rolled-up papers inside. The envelope contained two Union County Superior Court documents. There was cellophane tape on the outside of the envelope."

Melito said the tape made him think the envelope had been fished from the mailbox.

"Being a good Samaritan, I brought it back to the attorney," he said.



Photo by Daniel Jackovino
Bloomfield resident Ralph Melito points to where his mail was almost stolen from a Broad Street mailbox in Bloomfield.

The attorney's secretary knew the documents had never made it to court, Melito said.

"The envelope was certified mail."

"I wondered about that," he said. "I thought you had to do that in a post office."

In the office of the attorney, the secretary, who did not want her name published, said she remembered the man who returned the documents.

"I put the envelope in the mailbox at the corner of Broad Street and Johnson Avenue," she said. "That's where we drop our mail. It was a bundle of five. Four must have gone through."

She said that her office has certified mail postcards and type that Melito felt was probably from the postcard.

But the woman had her own story of mail theft.

"I had two personal checks stolen from the same mailbox," she said. "One was for State Farm and the other for Optima."

The checks were mailed in January of this year, she said. In February, she received late notices. But a computer check told her the State Farm check, for \$242, had been cashed. A copy of the check had a person's signature on the back. The \$243 Optima check also found out, was cashed without a stamp of endorsement.

Both were cashed on Jan. 22.

"Someone probably cashed my checks online," she said. "I don't know how they did it. They call it an improper endorsement. My bank told me they have been dealing with this since October of last year."

Klemisch said the secretary's checks were cashed either using an ATM machine or by remote check depositing where a photograph of the check is taken and deposited.

He said the ink on checks can also be washed off with a chemical compound and rewritten. The crime, he said, is abstraction of funds.

Penalties include fines and imprisonment for up to six months. He said it was important for people to report mail tampering to their local police and report all suspicious to the USPS at 877-895-5555.

Bloomfield Safety Director Sam DeStasio, in an interview, said his department had not gotten any reports about mailbox thefts.

"No one had brought it to our attention," he said. "I'll have the officers on patrol be more vigilant."

Melito, in a follow-up interview, said it was too soon for him to know if any of those other envelopes he mailed that morning made it to their destination or had been fished out. The secretary said she now brings the mail to the post office.

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 "River watch"; "No permits requested"; "Crews contain sewage leak in Third River"

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HEALTH

Three kidney transplants later, a Hamilton teen is taking home the gold

Mike Snyder is no dummy. The Steiner senior, at the young age of 17, has already figured out it's not the cards you get, but how you play them.



Jeff Edelstein
Columnist

"Oh yeah, it does help with girls," Snyder said. "I definitely use it."

"It" in this case is the fact Snyder is already on his third donated kidney after being born with kidney failure. I didn't ask him specifically how he "uses" it, but god bless Snyder for realizing every edge counts in the wild, wild, world of teenage love.

But enough embarrassing the kid; let's celebrate him (and his mom, Gigi) for a moment.

The two of them recently came back from the biennial American Transplant Games, held this year in Atlanta. Mike came home with a gold in bowling and a silver in basketball, while Gigi took down two golds herself, one for bowling and another for pickleball.

"I've got the bragging rights right now," Gigi grinned.

The two of them, mother and son, have a bit of a different bond than the typical parent-child relationship. After all, when Mike was nearly 2 years old, he received one of Gigi's kidneys.

But like most sons whose moms dote on them too much, Mike was like, "nah, don't want it," and the transplant didn't take. When Mike was 6 years old he got a second kidney, and this one did OK, but started to fail about five years ago, and by 2014, freshman year in high school, Mike rejected that kidney as well and ended up on dialysis.

"That meant every night, starting at 8 p.m., he had to be hooked up to the dialysis machine in his home.

For eight straight hours.

"It was tough in the beginning," Mike said. "I didn't know if I was going to be able to do everything, simple things like just hanging out with my friends, go-



Mike Snyder, 17, of Hamilton. D'ring up during the 2018 Transplant Games.

ing out, living my life. I couldn't sleep over friends' houses. I just wanted to live normally, but I couldn't."

A year passed. Two. Some false alarms, a few calls that led the Snyders to believe a kidney was coming, but then ... nothing.

Last October, another call came. It looked promising. But Mike had been down this road before.

"I didn't take it seriously," he said. "Had to many false ones."

But it was real this time.

"I guess it hit me when they put the IV in and said they were operating that afternoon," Mike quipped.

Four and a half hours later - "it felt like 30 seconds to me" - Mike woke up with a new kidney. Three days later, he was up walking around. Ten days later, he was home. Two months later, out of quarantine, he barreled into a car with his friends and took the drive out to Freehold Mall to hang out.

"I also slept over a few friends houses this year," he said. "Good to get away from my parents for a night."

In short: Back to normal.

How long will this kidney last? Impossible to tell. Many trans-

plant recipients can go 30, 40 years.

"We knew he'd require several transplants over his lifetime, but unfortunately the ones he's had should have lasted longer," said Gigi. "We're hoping this one will last until they can grow them in petri dishes. A transplant is a treatment, not a cure, and organs don't last forever. There are people who have had four or five transplants, and we're hoping it won't be the case, hoping this one gives him 20 or 30 years, and when and if he needs another one ... well, they're working on artificial kidneys, research is making strides. We just hope he won't have to worry about that awhile. Hopefully by then, it'll be his wife's problem!"

In the meantime, Mike plans on heading up to the Meadowlands for 2020 American Transplant Games to defend his bowling gold, and maybe match his mom with a gold in basketball.

But for right now? He's like any other high school senior. "No limitations, just what my body can tolerate," he said. "I'm back in school, doing all the activities, hanging with my friends, annoying my teachers. All of it."

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Hopewell Valley fans underscored issues about fear of coming to Trenton

A Colonial Valley Conference boys basketball showdown between Hopewell Valley and Trenton

Central high schools delivered disappointment.

Hopewell High (17-4) offered a Caucasian team that resembled a "Hoosiers" moment and Trenton High (16-5) delivered an opposite color schemed squad.

Trenton High won the contest, competitive until the Tornados delivered a fast and furious rush toward the end of the third quarter for a 44-29 advantage.

Disappointment occurred as fear claimed the greatest victory with Hopewell Valley High School students and most Bulldogs fans absent from Rivera Middle School where security stands on high alert.

Despite the fact that Trenton High has suffered no incident at Rivera and the reality

that Caucasians, especially in attendance at a high school basketball game, are rarely the subjects of Trenton violence, Hopewell Valley High fans did not attend.

If the massacre at cozy Columbine High taught us anything, it's that violence simmers and lurks even in places not considered dangerous.

"I'm not scared, that's why I'm here," said a Hopewell High student.

The young man received a compliment for his honesty and attitude based on the sheer certainty that fear, false evidence appearing real, limits opportunities.

While Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. receives celebration for his noted speeches, significant insights about life struggles rarely receive mention. Take for instance the civil rights leader's thoughts regarding our inability to connect.

King said, "People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have

not communicated with each other."

If no interaction occurs then we create falsehoods built on hearsay and distortion.

If Trenton expects revitalization then residents must eliminate barriers that prevent us from building diverse friendships and alliances.

The human experience delivers similar desires and wants whether a person resides in suburban Hopewell Township or inner city Trenton.

Most humans hope for love, respect, acceptance, shelter, worthy employment, friendships, a supportive family and to be judged fairly.

Bottom line? We are more alike than different. If we spent significant time together then this truth would become self-evident.

A teen with acne in Trenton has similar skin concerns as his counterpart in Hopewell Twp. Peer pressures register similar numbers in suburban and urban environments.

The Trenton High cheerleaders and basket-

ball players honored on "Senior Night" share similar joys and dreams as their Hopewell Valley peers.

Drake, a talented musician with intellect and insight, penned these words in his song called "Fear". The popular artist requests honesty and for people to "look (him) in the eyes (and) please don't be scared of me."

The question posed to the Hopewell Valley student represented reconnaissance, a search for information about fear, especially as it relates to young people.

Of course, life instruction should include lessons regarding good fear, those gut feelings about danger. A basketball game in Trenton? Not discounting anyone's feelings about this but it's difficult to understand.

One should consider Dale Carnegie's, "If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy."

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IN THEIR OPINION

Challenge of expunging pot charges

Everyone who spoke at the Assembly Judiciary Committee hearing on June 1 agreed on one thing, but almost no one agreed on the second thing. They were unanimous about doing it, but no one was sure how to do it.

It was a discussion-only hearing on A. 2620, by Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, who chairs the Judiciary Committee. It calls for "expedited expungement of marijuana offenses in the event of decriminalization or legalization and establishes an Expungement Coordinator Program for certain marijuana offenses."

Everyone agreed that whenever marijuana is legalized in New Jersey, people previously convicted of using it or carrying it (but not distributing it) should have those convictions erased.

The speakers didn't talk about throwing open jail doors to release people now serving time for pot usage but that's bound to happen, too. They merely talked about the complexities of removing all those records.

Everyone had hoped they could be expunged almost at the push of a button when an algorithm was developed to identify appropriate convictions. But it's not that easy. In fact, it's not going to

be easy at all. And probably it's not going to be cheap or accurate.

In the past 10 years, more than 100,000 people in New Jersey were arrested for possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana. In year 2016 alone, 13,000 people were charged in various municipal courts. And according to Steve Samoyl, assistant director for Municipal Court Services of New Jersey, if you go all the way back to 1993, more than a million people have records eligible for expungement.

But there's no quick, easy, or sure way to determine who they are. Although court records have been digitized in recent years, charges were described in various ways, sometimes lumped together with other charges. For instance, if a driver was stopped for a motor vehicle violation and found to have marijuana in the car, the file could be under the traffic violation with the marijuana only an add-on, or vice versa. And other laws require the entire case be expunged, not just individual charges. So if any marijuana charge was removed, related driving while impaired charges would have to be removed, too, and that could affect thousands of MVC records.

And some municipalities have digitized records of only the last decade or so, meaning that hundreds of boxes of paper files in each town, stored by date only, would have to be combed through to identify convictions for marijuana.

"I thought this would be mainly

easier," Quijano said during the hearing.

The bill calls for the creation of an expungement coordinator program at the state level to train volunteers to assist individuals who want their records removed. Such volunteers could be any member of any civic or community-based organization interested with social justice issues, attorneys, or law students. They would have to be screened, trained, approved and supervised by the Administrative Director of the Courts.

Hill Curcio, an attorney and lobbyist for New Jersey United for Marijuana Reform suggested that lawyers across the state should be encouraged to volunteer on a pro-bono basis to go through records to find the ones eligible for expungement.

Adding to the complications are dozens of websites offering employers easy access to criminal records when they are considering new hires. Nothing requires those websites to update files regularly, so old convictions might still appear even after expungement.

"After the hearing today I realize we have a tremendous amount of work to do to ease access to expungement," said Assemblywoman Shavonda Smart, co-sponsor of A. 2620. But Quijano said she is sure the committee will find a way forward.

A former Assemblywoman from Jersey City, Joan Quigley is the president and CEO of Hudson Community Action Corp.



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Ex-Bergen Catholic wrestler on sex abuse lawsuit



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The sex message arrived just before 1 p.m. on a Monday in July 2016.

Anthony "Tony" Asatryan, then 16 and about to begin his sophomore year at Bergen Catholic High School, was sitting in the kitchen of his family's Ramothus home, snacking on a bowl of Cheez-It.

Asatryan glanced at his phone and noticed a familiar name — his wrestling coach at Bergen Catholic, David Bell.

What would unfold in the following minutes has now emerged as a key moment in an ongoing and controversial lawsuit in which Asatryan accuses Bell and others at Bergen Catholic of sex abuse, sexual harassment and sexual assault. The lawsuit also references text messages in which Bell told Asatryan that "he loved him."

"I will miss you. Think about you and coach better in your spirit," Bell wrote at the end of a text message following a coaching trip, Bell added "love you Tony" after Asatryan failed to respond. "I wish he would just say 'I love you,'" Asatryan recalled thinking at the time.

"I didn't know what to do," Asatryan recalled thinking at the time. "I didn't want to be disrespectful."

So Asatryan texted back, "I love you too coach."

Lawsuits for both sides in Asatryan's lawsuit are scheduled to go to trial this afternoon before a Superior Court judge in Bergen County to present arguments on a variety of legal motions — one of which is to dismiss several elements of the case.

Friday's hearing comes in the wake of two other significant decisions by authorities. In May, the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office decided not to pursue criminal charges, citing a lack of evidence. In July, the state Department of Children and Families concluded that the allegations of sexual abuse were unfounded.

How those decisions will ultimately affect Asatryan's civil lawsuit will remain to be seen. Nevertheless, Asatryan's accusations, which have been vigorously denied



Above: Tony Asatryan during a wrestling scrimmage at River Dell High School this summer.

Top: High school wrestler Tony Asatryan and his parents have filed a lawsuit against his former school, Bergen Catholic, and their wrestling coach David Bell on the grounds of sexual abuse while Bell was his coach.

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by Bell, Bergen Catholic officials and their attorneys whose efforts have been public earlier this year, have raised not one question about school's sex-abuse program, which has been studied at one of the best in America in recent years. His lawsuit also is viewed by some as a potential test of the limits on when schools should follow in communicating with young athletes in an age of rapid-fire texting and social media.

Until now, Asatryan has never been identified in the media, nor has he spoken publicly.

In his lawsuit, Asatryan said that six weeks after he was booted off the Bergen Catholic wrestling team and then voluntarily withdrew from the school, Asatryan was taken ill only by a standard legal practice to preserve his anonymity. "John Doe." But, in response to requests from NorthJersey.com and the USA TODAY NETWORK New

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Synesthete brings her artwork to West Orange Library

By Amanda Valentovic
Staff Writer

The walls of the West Orange Public Library will be covered with the colorful artwork of Geri Hahn until Dec. 31. Showing the colorful pictures she created has become a defining one of her unique qualities: synesthesia.

"I see all sound. I taste what I see if I like it. I see things, all letters and numbers are in color and numbers 9 through 9 have gender, personality and behavior patterns," Hahn said in an email to the West Orange Chronicle office. "The sensation is genetic and involuntary, and allows Hahn to experience the five senses in a completely different way than a person without synesthesia. She's been experiencing it her whole life, but didn't know exactly what it was until about 16 years ago.

"In 2002 the CBS morning show did a piece about it," Hahn said in a phone interview with the Chronicle on Dec. 11. "My husband said, 'They, they're talking about you.' And I just looked at him and said, 'You don't see synesthesia? People who have it have a tendency to talk about the world in a different way.'"

In the library show, Hahn has pieces based on music and other hearing experiences. Though she mostly makes her art based on sound, some are based on taste and gestures she encounters in her daily life. Hahn, who lives in Mountain Lakes, met Library Director Dave Cuhle at the Newark Arts Walk a few years ago and the two decided to put together a solo show to display her art.

Hahn has always dabbled and drawn, but spent her professional life as a landscape planner and environmental activist until she retired in 2011. She has since gone back to school and taught classes about music, art and French, all contributing to the work she's doing now.

"A big influence has been music," Hahn said. "I listen to a lot of electronic music because I can hold an image for about six seconds in my mind. I made sure I'm exposed to a lot of different music like avant garde and jazz, and I got into college radio."

Synesthesia is different, from person to person, Hahn said. Three of her six children also have it and they all experience the senses differently. For Hahn, the number eight is a lavender girl and six more the number nine is green. The only commonality is that often synesthetes see the letter "A" as red.

The American Psychological Association says research suggests that about one in 2,000 people have synesthesia. Some experts say that not only 200 people have some form of synesthesia, but according to Hahn, neuroscientists have said that all newborns are synesthetes. At around the age of



Photos Courtesy of Geri Hahn

Above, artist Geri Hahn displays some of her artwork; she currently has a show at West Orange Public Library. Above right is her piece 'Deep Listening: Thank You Pauline Oliveros' and below right is 'How Long Can I Keep My Solitude Before I Fall Into Infirmary?'

2 months old, their senses start to separate from one another. But in some cases, like Hahn's, they don't.

"Ours do not close off," she said. "When you touch a baby's hand, they probably taste something. It's like that for me too. I don't know how normal people taste sounds. I don't understand how you don't taste who you see."

She has preferences — there are sounds, tastes and colors that she likes more than others.

"I like things with rich, deep perception," Hahn said about the music that she likes listening to and creating the most. "And I love trumpet and horns; there's a silver and magenta color to them. I find piano a little more dull and the only guitar I've really loved has been the Bluegrass sounding one."

But the tastes and colors that accompany her work are those that all had a piece of art, in a large, crowded place, like experience can be overwhelming.

"The human voice is complex and really funny," Hahn said. "I don't love that sound, but I love being around people. I have a tough time in a place like Manhattan, because

there's so much going on and so many sounds. After about three hours it gets to be a little too much."

Though the foundation of much of her artwork is based on what is surrounding her 24 hours of the day, Hahn does a lot of research for her artwork as well. History and geography research went into her recent work.

"Good music has never really been considered a fine art," she said. "Historically it's been women having to sew. So I was struck by the beauty of needlework as a way to make art that isn't just utilitarian or considered a craft."

Hahn has a piece that will be featured in the Biennale: Art Museum in February and another solo show in July at the Newark Indie Art Center. In October, she'll be heading to Moscow for an international conference of synesthetes that will feature the artists that worked on with an organization: "The People's Art of Oct 1941" will be on display at the West Orange Public Library until Dec. 31.

"I simply can't help myself," Hahn said about her synesthesia. "So making things has been a great meditative space for me."

Valley revitalization under way with new Central Ave. development

By Amanda Valentovic
Staff Writer

A 100-unit apartment building is beginning to rise above the Valley Arts district of West Orange, according to a Dec. 20 press release from the West Orange Office of Public Information.

The four-story building — with on-site outdoor parking included — should be completed by early 2020. The six-story project by The Albert Group, a Fort Lee-based developer, includes development of Tribeca and Hands of Orange, situated across from Orange's Harvard Printing Apartments, a four-story mixed-use development on 2.5 acres completed earlier this year.

"It is a historic location," Mayor Robert Parisi said of the project. "This is one of West Orange's oldest and most cherished

communities and we're excited to see its resurgence."

Meanwhile, the development — just blocks from the Highland Avenue Train Station — will boast onsite parking, a communal lounge and laundry rooms on every floor.

"This is convenient housing," Parisi said. "It's for professionals and people who want to live in a great suburban community with quick access to the city."

The building will feature one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments ranging from 750 square feet to 1,275 square feet.

Rental rates have not yet been set, however, 55 percent of the units will be set aside for families whose incomes do not exceed 60 percent of the median income, while 45 percent will be offered at market rates.



Photo Courtesy of West Orange Township

Above is the surface parking deck on 222-224 Central Ave. that is being built as part of a revitalization of the Valley Arts district.

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TWO RIVER LIFESTYLES 'RELAXED PERFORMANCES' ARE A WELCOME EXPERIENCE FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

By Gretchen C. VanBenthuyssen



Upper Mill Playhouse in Millburn offers autism-friendly performances where typical rules of attendance are relaxed to accommodate individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities and their families.



Students and teaching artists from Two River Theater's Spectrum Theater classes. Students improve interpersonal communication, verbal and body awareness, and self-confidence through the art of theater.

When it comes to families with a special needs child who is on the autism spectrum or has Theater's spectrum or sensory issues, there aren't a lot of adult activities they can participate in without worrying they may be asked to leave.

These children—and adults—in varying degrees have behavioral, social interaction or communication issues that may include excessive repetitive body movements such as hand flapping, toe spinning, verbal grunts or word repetition, and scowling or loud voices or bright light.

Jose Kleiman, Ref Bank,

has a 15-year-old son on the spectrum who has anxiety, gets easily upset by things he doesn't understand and may spontaneously engage in tantrums at the Two River Theater and the Courtyard Theatre.

But that's OK. "At relaxed performances like OK to Talk, it's OK to get up, to walk, to be loud," Kleiman said about her son. "It's really nice that there are major arts institutions that cater."

"For some families it's not easy to find someone who can care for a child with disabilities," she explained. "So the whole family goes or nobody goes, and nobody performs, which makes it possible for

families to do things in the community."

In other words, it's nice not to be shushed, stared at or judged. She says: "It's less stressful. You're wanted."

A relaxed performance usually means lights dimmed in the seating area, not off; patrons talking and walking, leaving and re-entering; assistive technology and sensory devices turned on; lowered content with staff wearing of appealing level noises. Family gender-neutral restroom may be designated, a quiet, calming place to relax may be offered, and an activity space with a few tables for the show and flight boys may

be available if a break from the seating area is needed.

Kece Corcoran, director of education for Two River Theater, said they are all aware of this, leaving less practices and ways to reach intended audiences and looking for partners, such as the Art of Miamimark.

She also visits area high schools, early in the year recruiting students to work with a team of professional actors and technical crew to mount an adapted version of a play for the A Little Shakespeare project.

For the first time in five years, one of the eight performances of 'The Comedy of

Errors' staged earlier this month was relaxed.

"I explained to the students that adjustments were to make it safe and that was done and they were really excited," she said. "It's important that the show is the same. The kids on the spectrum see the same show as everyone else."

Lead roles are taken from a certain percent and those of some might may be cut, but the show itself is the same," she said.

Also on the schedule is 'The Young King,' from Amicals and for children 8 and older. In April, one of six night performances will be relaxed. Two

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Transgender pastor to be 'renamed'

When Jesus called Simon to be his first apostle, he changed his name to Peter. On Sunday, Lutheran Bishop Gene Bartholomew will call Pastor Rose Beeson "Peter" for the first time in what will be a historic "renaming ceremony" at St. Matthew Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoboken.

Since last summer, Beeson has been transitioning from woman to man and has shared this process with a supportive parish community.

"This a wonderful day in the life of this radically inclusive community," said Mark Singleton, a 21-year member of the church who was on the committee to call Beeson to pastor St. Matthew Trinity twenty-four years ago.



Rev. Alexander M. Santora
Faith Matters



PASTOR ROSE Beeson of St. Matthew Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoboken stands at the baptismal font, where Bishop Francis Spitaler once will proclaim her "Peter."

who did IT work before entering the Lutheran Seminary in Berkeley, California, part of the progressive Graduate Theological Union.

Through seminary and in the process of the call to pastor a parish before ordination, Beeson described a "journey toward greater integrity to be the most fully present for the congregation and more honest and authentic and live what God is calling me to be."

And St. Matthew has been, he said, a blessing in that she "thrilled about what he is doing."

"It's an opportunity for us to live out our mission to *evangelize everyone*," said Joe Mossel, a 20-year member and outgoing vice president of the church council. "Just talk the talk."

Bartholomew has supported Beeson from the beginning.

"I associated with her and gender identity terms into my early 20s," Beeson recalled, mentioning two old films about transgender men — "Boys Don't Cry" and "Southern Comfort" — that both had "violent endings."

"Seeing those scenes and pushed the back," said Beeson.

IF YOU GO ...

Pastor Rose Beeson will be renamed Peter in a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at St. Matthew Trinity Lutheran Church, Hudsonians English streets, Hoboken. For information, call 201-659-4799 or go to SMTrinity.org.

New Jersey Synod

And, I think the first public announcement of a church ceremony anywhere in the state.

Bartholomew knows a minority vote will not approve of what she is doing and she is not moved.

"St. Matthew Trinity is a welcoming place and showing leadership to respond to gender identity and sexuality," she said.

It is also a reconciling in Christ congregation, generally and one of the largest and most socially diverse Lutheran churches in Hudson County, which used to have many large, large urban congregations. It sponsors the popular Lutheran Ministry, which welcomes scores of people four days a week for

food, rest and socializing.

Many, many people.

"On Sunday, you can have a millionaire sitting next to a homeless person in the back," said Singleton, and that's why he raised his family there and is very active.

Beeson said his parents, who live in Arizona, said sister support his change. But his "family" now is the Hoboken community.

"It was good to be in a congregation in part to be a faithful witness to God's mercy and grace," he told me.

In the 30th year since Martin Luther shook up the Catholic Church, a quiet, determined Hoboken parish is challenging Christianity's understanding of gender and sexuality.

HOBOKEN'S M.D. Father Santora's column about his trip to Denver, originally scheduled for today, will appear next Thursday.

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Tricky Tray, \$10 which includes a Zai dinner, space is limited. Contact the church to reserve a table, 10 p.m. St. Thomas Church, 104 Summit Ave.

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Craft Circle, gathering to make items for priests and sisters in need, materials provided, 2 p.m. HOPE Family Store, 120 Kearny Ave. donations: marypls@stjohn.com or 101106a@stjohn.com

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Sunday School, for those from 3 years old to adults, 9:30-10:45 a.m., St. John Lutheran Church, 114 North St.

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Bible Study, 6:30-8 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church, 114 North St.

WEDNESDAY

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Ash Wednesday *Arrepentia*, ashes and prayer service, 10 a.m. Mass and ashes, 12:30 p.m. Ashes and prayer service, 3:30 p.m. Mass and ashes, 7:30 p.m. the lady of the Cross Church, 400 Willow Ave. elphoboken.com, 201-659-0369.

JERSEY CITY

Youth Night, for ages 12 and up, basketball and games, 6:30-8 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church, 114 North St.

Lenten Fish Fry, continue to take out, tickets sold at rectory office, 201-786-7999, 5:30-8 p.m., St. Paul of the Cross Church, 156 Homestead Ave. stpaulstnrcj.com, 201-786-7900.

UNION CITY

Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church, 3511 Delaware Ave. saintjohnusa@optonline.net, 201-863-6630.

FEB. 18

JERSEY CITY

Garold Alston, concert will premiere and featuring led by Ms. St. Ignace Sanctuary Choir and pianist Edna Flowers, 3:30 p.m. Paschal AME Church, 354 Forest St. 1-25 reservation on 201-476-3680.

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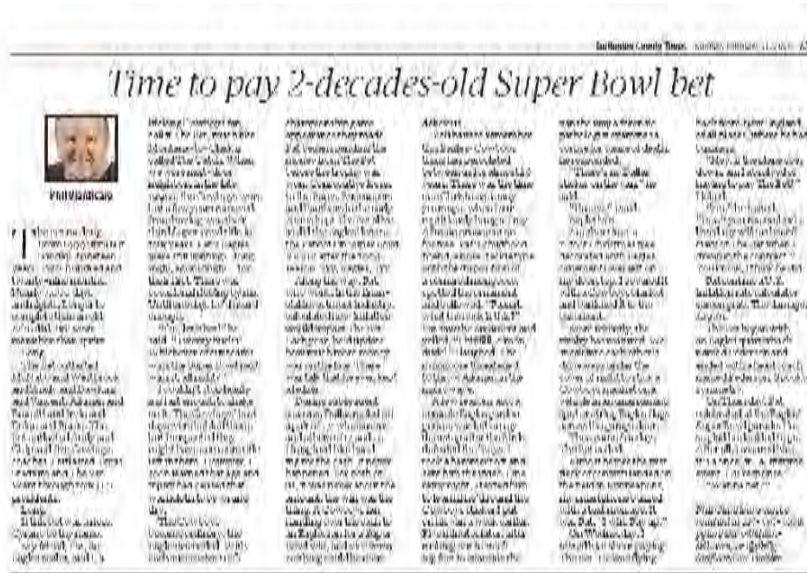
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How one woman confronted trauma and overcame addiction through New Jersey's drug court



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Millville peaking at the right time



Anthony V. Coppola
The Daily Journal
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MILLVILLE — There were hints of celebration taking place at Wharton Field on Friday night.

Millville secured its 10th consecutive league title when Ralph Merino out-duected the Vikings.

The retired wrestler hit two minutes — a double shot — and blocked — who seemed in harmony with the other players.

And during that time, Millville had more of his own on the football field with a 50-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Merino will make at least one more appearance at Wharton Field this season, and the photo are his own that's not all.

Millville gets a big boost after eight straight weeks of rain and the rest of the season will be some no-waiting game.

The odds appear stacked for the top seed in the South Jersey Group 4 playoffs, and while the South Jersey regional leads to former home played at Rowan University that means there's a chance with the Vikings have a championship game in the final city.

The top seed comes as a good time for the Vikings, naming transfer Daniel Thomas.

"It gives us time to find up and we just shut up on our defense," Thomas said after the Vikings win. "We were in a slump as I wanted to be and there were some things I did. Like that, we have to find up on. I was happy with the results, we got 50 points on the ground, but we were happy all around."

Should Millville earn the No. 1 spot that would be well for the program.

The Vikings are 4-1 at Wharton Field this season with their only home loss coming in the final game of the year against non-public state school St. Peter's Day in Jersey City.

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HS BASKETBALL

Trenton cheerleaders made impressive showing at county tournament

When it comes to Trenton Central High School student cheerleaders, believe the hype and don't believe the hype.

"Wow, said a father whose daughter plays on the Notre Dame team. They have such energy. Did they cheer like that for the entire game?" he asked.

His question occurred as he arrived late in the game between Trenton High and Trenton Catholic Academy.

And, yes, Trenton Central High School turned out at the CURE Insurance Arena during Mercer County Tournament boys and girls action.

"Coach Ieshia Dawkins' Tornadoes squad cheered just as loudly when their boys fell behind 11-0 and made more raucous when they reversed fate and scored 17 straight points for a 27-17 lead deep into the second quarter.

"A major part of our identity is to always bring a lot of energy to uplift our crowd and the team. It doesn't mat-

ter if we're winning or losing, we bring the energy," Dawkins said.

Trenton High cheerleaders showed up and showed out timely choreographed cheers that created an arena buzz. Dawkins knows the Trenton Central High School cheerleading history after a 1998-2002 career for the squad, years spent inside Trenton High's famous Tornado Alley gymnasium. Dawkins attended Delaware State University then returned as a teacher, eventually taking over leadership the last three years for the squad.

Trenton Central High School cheerleaders remain a squad hyped as a perennial positive representative for their high school.

While Dawkins smiled about her squad's efforts, she saved the better response when asked about her seniors.

"I have four and they're all going to college, all have declared," Dawkins boasted.

"Norfolk State, Delaware State, Morgan State and Clark Atlanta, all IIBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). All accepted and all

know where they're going."

So, don't believe the negative hype about Trenton High students. They have more positive than negative stories.

Yes, believe the hype about this cheerleading squad. They delivered a power packed performance for an entire game.

Bravo!

Trenton Catholic Academy boys basketball team moves toward developing a Muhammad Ali reputation.

Ali, at least an aging one, gave away rounds, frequently playfully then stormed back only when pressed.

TCA, which overcame a 15-point deficit to St. Augustine before Quashawn Lane made a buzzer beating basket for a 56-54 win a week ago, gained an 11-0 lead against Trenton High then earned a 17-10 first quarter advantage in their MCT semifinal.

Trenton High then delivered an incomprehensible 17-0 run for a 27-17 lead. TCA rallied late to trail 30-29.

TCA claimed a 69-58 victory for a championship match opposite top-seed Nottingham.

With tournament play be-



JOHN BLAVIE — FOR THE TRENTONIAN

Members of the Trenton Catholic cheerleading team pose for a photo during the semifinal MCT game against Notre Dame at CURE Insurance Arena on Tuesday night.

ginning next week, TCA needs sustained energy levels and performances against tough South Parochial B opponents.

Seeded fifth, TCA opens with No. 12 St. Rose followed by a likely road-game at St. Joseph (Hamptonton).

Watched all four MCT games and the obvious conclusion believes these games need a different venue.

CURE Insurance Arena remains cavernous for small draw basketball.

Play the semifinals and championship games at Rider University where Alumni Gymnasium seats 1,630.

Perfect Plus, Rider would never sell bottled water for \$4 or a pretzel for \$4.50.

L.A. Parker is a Trentonian columnist.

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Andrew Tredinnick

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Time to embrace the start of another baseball season

It was my first birthday in a new town, but the party destination still seemed like a foregone conclusion.

With the celebration in the heart of summer, my newest friends — some of whom remain to this day — our families, and I headed up to the ballpark in the heart of farm country in Sussex County.

Skylands Stadium would go on to become the backdrop for some of my best memories as a kid growing up in the northwest corner of New Jersey. That day in the second year of the stadium's infancy happened to be the first.

For years, numerous days throughout my summer vacation were spent reveling at the top of the catcher's mitt upon impact of some of the hardest throws I had ever witnessed up close. I had spent those and nights at Yankee Stadium, but this park with all of its quirks and little-known truths felt like my hometown field.

In what has seemed to become a generational rite of passage, I was one of the kids that unabashedly chased down foul balls in spite of the warn-

Andrew Tredinnick



ings from the coaches on the course. It was behind the New Jersey Cardinals' first base dugout that I picked up a program and learned how to score America's greatest pastime.

When the Cardinals used to post the New York-born League's season leaders on giant whiteboards behind the right field bleachers each day — an idea I completely embrace for the current Sussex County Minors management — I

learned the importance of hits, and batting average, in addition to home runs.

And when the Cardinals left town for University Park, Pa., becoming the State College Spikes and the Sussex Skyhawks sprang up in their place, I met New York Yankee great Yogi Berra, despite not nearly understanding the gravity of that moment at the time.

It's funny how time can't fade certain memories, and those

are some of my fondest from my early days.

So when the skyboxes splattered and the stadium fell silent in 2011, it was a truly sad event.

When I turned the press box with a family friend during the Skyhawks' days, I never thought that I would be one of those people.

Little did I know that a little more than a decade since my first birthday in Sussex County, I would be spending a lot more of my summer nights at the barn in Frankford.

And you know what? It hasn't gotten old.

Take a walk tonight and make a trip. I'm condoning it — I know the local team is no longer playing affiliated ball, but the Coon-Ann League may

have more proven talent than a short season Single-A league team. A strong contingent of players, on any one of the six teams in the Coon-Ann League has reached Double A. At any given game, you're destined to see an outstanding defensive play, a tape measure home run or a dazzling display of pitching



Photo by David Lind for the New Jersey Herald

Skylands Stadium is the place in Sussex County where many memories are made.

Over the past few seasons, there have been Major League Baseball All Stars, the 2013 Gibson 3000 Cy Young Award winner, pitching for the Ottawa Champions, and now 2013 Cy Young finalist Matt Latos for the New Jersey Jackals.

The Minors have had former major leaguers in their ranks in Reggie Abernethy and Aaron Chambers. Every player in the league still has the dream of playing in the upper ranks of the minors or in the majors, and is hoping Sussex County can provide that spring board, including former Sussex County pitchers Ivan Pizarro and Andres Santiago, who are now pitching for the Salt Lake

Stars (Anaheim Angels Triple-A affiliate) and Mitchell Braver (Atlanta Braves Triple-A affiliate) respectively.

Basically, don't let the independent baseball tag fool you. This is competitive baseball.

It's often said that someone makes the hard throw harder and as the Sussex County Minors work on their fourth season, I'm hearing that the local public will embrace the baseball and the experience that come with having a ball park in their backyard.

As the first game of the season is right around the corner, I know, personally, I can't wait to witness first pitch.

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Remembering Yogi, for who he really was

'The Hill,' not the cliché, defined Yankees Hall of Famer's eternal appeal

Jerry Izenberg
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I'm thinking about Yogi Berra this morning. He died three years ago, but never, for the most part, left me. The more I think about him, the more I realize how much he has shaped me. When he passed away I could have written a 100-page book about his life.

It was 1978, and we had a great game. I was in the dugout, and I was watching the Yankees play the Red Sox. I was in the dugout, and I was watching the Yankees play the Red Sox.

The room was packed to bursting. At 10:00 a.m., the Yankees were leading 1-0. The crowd was roaring. The Yankees were leading 1-0.

They did it. The Yankees did it.

It was a miracle. The Yankees did it. The Yankees did it. The Yankees did it. The Yankees did it.

"The Hill," he said. "The Hill."

The room remained silent and then he cried. Some of the very few people had ever seen him cry. He was moved to tears.

"I know how you feel," I said. "I know how you feel."

And then it was over. I knew right then I knew I had to know the Hill. It was the Hill. It was the Hill.

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In this May 11, 2003, photo, baseball Hall of Famer Joe Garagiola, left, and Yogi Berra share a moment after throwing out the first pitch before a game in St. Louis, where they grew up as friends living across the street from one another. (The Associated Press)



Yogi Berra (right) and Joe Garagiola (left) are seen here with fellow Hall of Famer "The Hill," their childhood friend who died in St. Louis. Photo courtesy of The Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center

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FIRST FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Legends show the kid the greatest legend is Dad

By Steve Politi *Contributing Columnist*

The kid showed the most discipline at the Pro Football Hall of Fame ceremony in Canton, Ohio, as he listened to the legends of the game. He was a kid from Millburn, N.J., and he was a fan of the game. He was a kid from Millburn, N.J., and he was a fan of the game. He was a kid from Millburn, N.J., and he was a fan of the game.

A structure shimmered atop a row of columns and after 10 minutes he had talk with the other players and knowledge about football. He was a kid from Millburn, N.J., and he was a fan of the game. He was a kid from Millburn, N.J., and he was a fan of the game.

"I think I think, somebody who's writing about you, you're the greatest legend is Dad," the kid said. "I think I think, somebody who's writing about you, you're the greatest legend is Dad," the kid said. "I think I think, somebody who's writing about you, you're the greatest legend is Dad," the kid said.

Again, the kid from Millburn was getting special attention but this time the other players were the greatest legend is Dad. The kid was a fan of the game. He was a kid from Millburn, N.J., and he was a fan of the game.

"You're gonna be the greatest legend is Dad," the kid said. "You're gonna be the greatest legend is Dad," the kid said. "You're gonna be the greatest legend is Dad," the kid said.

The other kid boy, how did he learn to play football?



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Matt Enuco
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Profiles in Retrospect

How Yoga Aided Erik Marrero's Cancer Recovery

with Matt Enuco



"There is a yoga philosophy that says in our lifetime, we only have a certain number of breaths," Erik Marrero, yoga instructor at Yogawood and Trishula in Collingswood explained, "and if you breathe quickly you use all your breaths quicker and you die young." A grim parable indeed, but one steeped in ancient wisdom and plain observation.

It's no secret that a higher resting heart rate requires more breaths and underscores deeper health issues, yet telling someone that breaths are the currency of life is a dangerous proposition. Erik Marrero has been close enough to death to feel the chilling exhale of eternity, but the mysterious power of mindfulness pulled him away from an early death.

Marrero was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 1997. "I was doing work for Habitat for Humanity and in a freak accident, I ended up breaking a couple ribs," Marrero said. "Two days later, I started having flank pain...and I was passing blood in my urine." Blood clots became an urgent issue as well and after visiting his primary care physician, he was immediately sent to a urologist. After several scans,

NAMASTE: Collingswood yogi Erik Marrero battled cancer three times, and in his most recent bout, yoga played a major role in helping him regain strength and mobility as well as possibly contributing to his remission.

Marrero said he showed him he had a tumor the size of his fist on his left kidney.

Broken ribs and daily physical pain was nothing strange to Marrero. He was a soccer player at Ohio State University in the 1970s and continued playing throughout adulthood. After college, he and his wife set off on a troubadour lifestyle in search of their life's work. The couple moved to the mountains of Maryland so Marrero could build sailboats with his uncle for a few years.

Two years later, Marrero took a job with UPS as a truck driver. After six months, Marrero was promoted to a supervisory position and the next leg of the couple's nomadic migration began.

First, he was transferred to southern West Virginia. Two years later, he and his wife were relocated to central West Virginia and by 1988, the pair landed in Philadelphia as Marrero was chosen to install all of the technology at the UPS facility at Philadelphia International Airport.

After the urologist showed Marrero the tumor on his kidney in 1997, he went to Jefferson University Hospital for a second opinion. The kidney was removed and monitoring risk factors and cancer indicators ensued over the next five years.

Modern medicine and conventional wisdom place cancer patients in a five-year purgatory after treatment before declaring them cancer free and scaling back tests. And just as the five-year milestone approached, Marrero was dealt a second blow: In 2002, his doctors discovered that his prostate specific antigen levels were elevated. A biopsy

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Marine District Gets Redevelopment Nod From Zoning Board

Beach Haven Council to Act March 12

By ERIC ENGLUND
The SandPaper/Beach Haven, March 7, 2018

Each Haven. Just to begin, the first step in designing the marina conceptual site plan for redevelopment of the land we local approved a resolution, at its Monday meeting. The resolution was given before the borough council, which is expected to act at its next meeting, on Monday, March 12, at 7 p.m.

Emily Grieco, an attorney who specializes in marina-related issues, said once the borough approves the resolution, it would go to the Department of Community Affairs.

"They would have 30 days to accept or reject it," said Grieco, a member of the Malaga Ocean Run, which has been serving as a consultant to the borough's economic development committee.

Grieco stated that the borough

does not propose any specific changes to the district, but agrees that the area is zoned for redevelopment.

"This is just to begin your work," she said. "What you decide to do with plans for the district, something is almost done, the work that is not yet done is right now."

In a presentation, professional planner Jeffrey Montgomery said the district covers 8 of 21 properties that are mostly commercial. The largest property, Morrows Marina, owns part of the marina. Montgomery said the designation will be "non-conformances," in that the property cannot be zoned by current laws.

Montgomery said that in order to qualify for redevelopment status, the district had to meet one or more statutory conditions or requirements. One of them was "some with



APPROVED: The Beach Haven Land Use Board approved redevelopment plans for the marina area at its Feb. 27 OCU by the borough council. It will come to the state Department of Community Affairs for validation.

proper utilization of areas caused by conditions of the title, diverse ownership of the real properties, density or other characteristics which impede land use change or disorganize the underlying improvements, resulting in a stagnant and unproductive condition of land so typically useful and valuable for some use and serving the public health, safety and welfare."

Montgomery said another condition was "a growing lack or total lack of

proper utilization of areas caused by conditions of the title, diverse ownership of the real properties, density or other characteristics which impede land use change or disorganize the underlying improvements, resulting in a stagnant and unproductive condition of land so typically useful and valuable for some use and serving the public health, safety and welfare."

Montgomery said the borough had continually recognized marina development as a vital part of the local economy. In 1965, was the first marina. But development has been varying forms, from the small boat house to the large scale marina.

"These facilities provide access to the water and are typically or traditionally have been used by residents and vacationers who have come to Beach Haven," she said.

Montgomery said the importance of marina development existed through 1979, when the master plan was updated.

"Despite the goals and objectives of the borough to enhance marina development in the 1991 memorandum report of the master plan, it was noted that the marina commercial area was developing differently than anticipated in 1979. The master plan recognized some without marina-related facilities. The concept of enhancing marina development with the loss of buildings and marine-related facilities continued into the later part of the decade. In 1999, the memorandum report of the master plan specifically addressed the marina commercial district peninsula as a general use land use."

Montgomery said that over the years, the borough reduced the size of the district to further enhance the residential character of the community.

"The remaining marina commercial area was focused for development that is to only proposed marina uses, but not marina and access both physically and visually to the water," she said.

Montgomery said she also needs to protect the historical land use.

"Using lands by the 2006, the uses included hotels and dining experiences, which shaped the Island community," she said. "The lack of investment in some of these properties leaves them prime for a reuse that is not entirely the intent and purpose of the marina commercial district."

Mayor Nancy Taggart Davis said the borough is also addressing the marina district by updating the master plan, which she hopes will be finalized soon.

"But having the redevelopment designation will give us better control over what we want and what we don't want there," she said.

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Fire Tower Rangers Need Clear Sight Lines

Clear Cutting Proposed for Bass River State Forest



By JIM SPANIEL
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Stacks of nature when you are in Bass River State Forest. It will be cut down by the state Department of Environmental Protection in order to improve the line of sight for the fire tower on Bass River State Forest. According to a plan designed in January by the State Forestry and Plantation Services, the clear cutting of 10 acres is necessary to allow a number of acres surrounding the tower to be cut down. The plan also had input that part of the area to be cut is proposed 2.5-mile Pinak Trail Impasse by the state forest.

DIP representative Caryn Shales said the DEP holds public meetings on Feb. 18 at the state forest facility, open to the public and the fire service as well as elected officials from Bass River Township & Freehold Township, now online on the DEP-ED website, above the area to be cut and the network.

"It is to replace and since the towers above the area has now found to be no expense, nearly a half-million dollars.

Of the 10 acres slated for removal, less than five acres of the pine were planned by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. The removal of those trees will benefit them, but the DEP camp site and also remove invasive wild, called The Cathedral Site 190-foot high tree, said a Bass River State Forest spokesman.

Grieco the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt awarded the CCC as part of the Works Progress Administration, which employed men to build or im-

prove roads and other infrastructure. The report also said that the service needs to

clearly see 10 miles in all directions to be effective. Fire safety rangers can have an unobstructed view only to the west to learn more of the forest and its state.

But the tower requires a tree only 110 feet to the north, 150 feet to the east and 100 feet east-southeast of the development line. Between 1999 and 2016 Bass River State Forest saw the fire tower, including the 2007 Wazoo Grove Run, which burned 15,000 acres to the east of

the tower, destroying one house and damaging four others. It also caused destruction in Clinton, Arden and other developments in Stafford and Damaged towers.

"In order to raise the tower rather than on the tower is desired, significant due to the age of the tower, built in 1939. Building new tower would cost \$185,000, according to one quote from Dwan LLC

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Verona-Cedar Grove Times

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Boy's frog-catching has
some people hopping mad

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From a young age, 12-year-old Sam Bold has not been afraid to handle wildlife.

When he was 8, on a Cub Scout trip to Camp Lewis in Rockway, the boy grabbed a garter snake off the ground and paraded it around.

"He's that type of kid," said his father, Matt Bold.

So, on a recent afternoon, Sam was in his element. He dugged into the duckweed on Verona Lake's surface and caught snails, turtles and dragonflies. And he released them all.

"I like animals so much, and I don't like to see anything harmed," Sam said. "The creatures were here first."

That day, however, frogs were a no-show, and so were the boy's detractors.

Sam has been catching green frogs and bullfrogs by hand or with a dip net at Verona Lake for at least six years. His family lives on Harrison Street, a few blocks east of the bucolic Essex County parkland.

"He enjoys collecting, observing and releasing them," Matt Bold said. "Ninety-nine percent of what he catches, including fish, he releases."

But for the last three years, Sam has been so bothered by people at Verona Lake about catching frogs that his father had a laminated card printed with New Jersey Fish and Wildlife regulations, so that he could have some proof that he was doing nothing illegal.

The interference isn't constant, Matt Bold said.

"But it's been with such intensity that it's inappropriate," he said.

Sam keeps the rules in his pocket, along with pictures of the amphibians — such as green frogs and bullfrogs — that he can catch.

Lawrence Hahn, a spokesman for the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, said anyone with a fishing license can take 15 green frogs or bullfrogs daily. Sam doesn't need a license because he's under 16 years old.

There are some exceptions. Green frogs and bullfrogs cannot be taken between April 1 and June 30, because it's their breeding season, according to the state agency. And certain endangered species cannot be taken, ever.

And the amphibians also cannot be sold without a Commercial Harvest Permit, which is not a concern for the



Sam Bold, 12, holds a turtle in Verona on Wednesday. (JANE WARE/CLARKSON JOURNAL/GETTY IMAGES)



Sam Bold, 12, is sometimes harassed for catching frogs in Verona Lake.

bolds.

But even with the card, the harassment continues, Matt Bold said. Recently, the father witnessed a woman screaming at Sam that catching frogs is illegal.

they can be closed-minded and emotional when it comes to animals," the father said.

Tedor Whitman, executive director of the Cree-Hatfield Arboretum in the Short Hills section of Millburn, is no lightweight when it comes to protecting wildlife or chastising their hater.

The arboretum is a New Jersey chapter leader for FrogWatch USA, a national citizen program that monitors frog populations. The arboretum trains volunteers to count frogs in area wetlands.

"Frogs are a good environmental indicator," Whitman said. "If frogs disappear, there may be something wrong in the wetlands."

Based on Sam's story, Whitman gives the boy a pass.

"There's a two-way of looking at it," Whitman said. "You want people to be interested in science and the natural world to help them become good stewards. At the same time, there's only so

"They said, 'Put that frog back, or else I'll call the police,'" Sam said.

"No one has been physically aggressive toward Sam, but his father is worried about that possibility.

"You want to educate people, but

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Rum's the word at Chesney show



Bobby Olivier | *Contributing Editor*

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Chris Chesney performs on stage during his show at the Star-Ledger.

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dining out

A “Little Ramallah” Standout

Al Basha brings the flavors of Lebanon to Paterson

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Many food lovers in North Jersey (anywhere, actually) will drive for hours — heck, even get on a plane — to dine at the most recent, most fashionable, most buzzworthy spot they’ve just read about. But they never step foot, and thus dine, in one of the most interesting cities in New Jersey: Paterson.

Not only is the “Silk City” rich in history (America’s first industrial city, home of the Great Falls, birthplace of Lou Costello), but one of the most ethnically diverse communities in

America. Many consider it to be the capital of the Peruvian Diaspora. Plus, Paterson is home to the largest Turkish-American population in the U.S., and the second largest Arab-American population after Dearborn, Mich.

Which brings us to Lebanese/Mediterranean Al Basha, one of the many Mkkle Eastern restaurants that dot Main Street in the southern part of town. There are so many Syrian, Palestinian, Jordanian and Lebanese residents,

shops and dining joints in South Paterson that this thriving, colorful section of town has been nicknamed Little Ramallah.

Twenty-year-old Al Basha may be its most popular spot for grabbing eats that speak of home, if

home was once in the warm Middle East. FYI: I have often quizzed Patersonians about where to get good hummus in the area (I devoured lots of it growing up in Israel), and most often the answer is...Al Basha.

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8 Ultimate sideman plays the blues

G.E. Smith sits in with Craig Thatcher Band at Blast Furnace Blues Festival

By ROBERT PRICE
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BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Craig Thatcher, the Lehigh Valley's favorite guitarist, really doesn't need any help as a band leader. But when an opportunity arises to work with one of the most famous and prolific sidemen in rock history — and a former "Saturday Night Live" band leader — you take full advantage.

And that's exactly what Thatcher did when the guitarist G.E. Smith graciously accepted his invitation to sit in with his band at the Blast Furnace Blues Festival last weekend.

"I've known Craig for 10 or 12 years now. We've played together a few times over the years," Smith said, explaining that they met through a mutual friend and musician (Doug Metzger) in Smith's hometown of Stroudsburg, Pa.

The Craig Thatcher Band and Smith performed lawlessly together during a 30-minute set that mixed Thatcher originals with blues-rock standards.

"We had one rehearsal the other night over at Craig's house. But, really, we've been rehearsing all our lives,"

Smith said, in an interview after the show.

The seventh annual Blast Furnace Blues Festival, at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, was headlined by The Fabulous Thunderbirds and Grammy winner Bobby Rush, and the lineup was heavy with artists from Houston, led by 70-year-old Texas legend Trudy Lynn.

But Thatcher and Smith, whose participation was announced less than a month ago, took the festival to another level with their blazing renditions of Bob Mo's "Perpetual Blues Machine," Warren Haynes' "Sunkshiner," Jimi Hendrix's "Little Wing," "The Allman Brothers' "Stormy Monday" and a couple of obscure old blues numbers suggested by Smith.

One — Little Hal Jones' "Kentucky Blues" — came to Smith in a dream in the form of a Clash song. So they played it "like The Clash." Another — Big Joe Turner's "Tanga" — had Smith showing his versatility, playing lap steel guitar.

Smith, who has played guitar for Bob Dylan, Roger Waters, and Lollapalooza, to name a few, and was musical director for Dylan's 30th anniversary celebration at



Photo by Steve Pridmore, njsblues.com

Craig Thatcher, left, and G.E. Smith, former "Saturday Night Live" band leader, performed musically at the Blast Furnace Blues Festival in Bethlehem, Pa., on Friday. Below, singer-harmonica player Steve Kraus, from Houston.



the Howlin' Wolf/Hubert Sumlin classic "Rockin' Daddy" and "The Meaters," "Cissy Strut."

Thatcher, who travels the world as an ambassador/director for Martin Guitars, has been a popular regional player for 30 years, known for his retrospectives of Clapton, Hendrix and Allman Brothers music.

And Thatcher's band — Don Florman, drum/percussion; Wopde Leonard, bass/vocals; Craig Kastelnik, keyboard/vocals — killed it all night. Kastelnik's vocal on "Stormy Monday" was a highlight, as was Leonard's vocal on "Sunkshiner."

A subplot behind the music at this year's Blast Furnace Blues Festival was the participation of a contingent of players from the Houston area, some of whom had their lives turned upside down by Hurricane Harvey in August. Houston, under-rated as a music city, has spawned a lot of blues in its history, and had a vibrant blues scene before Harvey hit.

So ArtsQuest, the organization that runs the Blast Furnace Blues Festival, hired eight acts out of a city where

4, and was playing Poocons resorts when he was in his teens, continuing to do so while attending what was then East Stroudsburg State College. Looking back on those times, he said his only goal was to play music. He had no designs on becoming a rock star.

"All I ever envisioned was I just wanted to play. I was fascinated by the guitar; just obsessed with it," he said.

It's no wonder Thatcher said he was so honored that Smith accepted his invitation to play. "He's a gig-oriented Smith."

This was, after all, Thatcher's gig. And he shined all night, especially on

Smith got his first guitar at

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By Dave Green

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A double dose of iconic music

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BETHLEHEM, Pa. — One need not be a superstar to be an icon. If one is masterful at his or her craft for a long time, that skill alone fulfills the qualification for iconic stature. And two guitarists — both legends in their own time despite toiling for much of their careers for cult followings — showed why they are icons during a 2½-hour concert at SteelStacks in Bethlehem Friday night.

Headliner Richard Thompson, who's been writing and playing professionally since he was 17, missed several rhythm section heavy numbers from his brand new album, "13 Rivers," with rock, folk and blues "relaxics" from throughout his 51-year career during just the second stop on the U.S. leg of his tour to promote the album, backed by his electric trio.

Rory Block, the Greenville Village native who took off across the country when she was just in her teens, immersing herself in traditional blues and meeting many of the originators, opened the show with a fine acoustic slide guitar set of Son House, Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters tunes. After 50 years of interpreting and disseminating rural



Photo submitted by...

Rory Block, above, and Richard Thompson wowed a SteelStacks crowd of 600 with their guitar prowess Friday.

black blues, Block, 69, is well-known only among the most ardent blues fans. But she is arguably one of the greatest living country blues players.

Thompson started his show with "Bones of Gilead," a heavy rock song with a pounding beat about an unspecified impending crisis, off the new album which has living country blues players.

Before playing another of the new tunes, the 69-year-old Brit, fully aware of his midlife grandplace in rock's hierarchic deadpanned "We'll get to those classics that

you've driven hundreds of miles to hear," tongue firmly planted in cheek, asking "I can't keep up with my career, it's so exciting."

Actually, for lovers of consistently well-crafted songs, amazingly innovative rock and finger guitar work, and earnest, committed vocals in that unique, hoarse voice, it has been exciting. Thompson

is Dylan and Hendrix combined with a better voice. He was playing with the seminal British folk rock band Fairport Convention when he was 18, and before launching into one of Fairport's tunes, from 1968, "Tale in Hard Time," the self-deprecating Thompson again referenced how long he's been playing.

"So and you do me a favor? stop asking," he asked the audience. "I don't want the demographic to stall!"

Thompson's 60-song set featured many highlights. Presumably, his solo acoustic version of "13 Rivers," "Black Lightning" — his best-known song about a tragic love triangle between a red-headed girl, a laker and his motorcycle — drew a standing ovation in the crowd of about 600. The song first appeared on Thompson's 1991 "Flame and Sight" album, which garnered one of his three career Grammy nominations.

"Guitar Heroes," from 2015's "Still," is a tribute to Django Reinhardt, Les Paul, Chuck Berry, James Burton and Hank Marvin — guitar-



ists Thompson looked up to in his youth.

"Meet on the Lodge," from Thompson's early Fairport Convention days, and "Wall of Death," from a particularly fertile period in the '80s when he was performing with his then-wife, Linda Thompson, took on the characteristics of rock anthems in the hands of the electric trio — Taras Prodanuk, bass/vocals; Michael Jerome, drums; and Bobby Eichorn, rhythm guitar.

And the new songs, particularly the tribal "The Storm Won't Come" and "For Love Was Meant for Me," might just lead to a fourth Grammy nomination. As a whole, "13 Rivers," Thompson's fifth studio album, finds him taking stock of himself in life's journey.

An icon needs honors, and Thompson has had his share — Order of the British Empire in 2011, Lifetime Achievement Awards from both the RIAA and Americana Music Association, and inclusion in Rolling Stone magazine's "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time."

Perhaps most significant, his

scope have long been covered by an array of artists, many more famous than he.

An icon is worthy of an extended encore, and Thompson gave the crowd four extra songs, including two beautiful acoustic numbers — "Beeswing," a folk song about lost love from 1984's "Mirror Blue," and "Dimming of the Day," a gorgeously off-covered ballad from 1972 about longing for love in troubled times.

Block, who was Bob Dylan's neighbor when he first came to New York in 1961, performed traditional blues as only she can, but threw in a couple of curves with "The Water is Wide," an old Scottish folk song her mother used to sing to her, and "Silver Wings," an original song she wrote from a dream while on the road in the early '90s.

In recent years, Block has been busy recording tribute albums to some of her guitar heroes: Son House, Robert Johnson, Bessie Coleman, and "When a Woman Gets the Blues," which was published last December.

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North Korean mix-up

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North Korean mix-up

Entrepreneur:
U.S. sanctions
halted my
business

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Two weeks Montclair's postcard entrepreneur was supposed to be launching a new product, but instead Nikki Radzky's newly manufactured ring and earring jewelry sat in a shipping container by the sea.

A glitch with U.S. customs shut down the company's bank account with JP Morgan Chase Bank and blocked access to her credit card, a supposed North Korean mix-up.

Radzky's company, The Ring & Co. created and manufactures the Ring, a jewelry made from silver, and designed as that when it falls out of a bar



Nikki Radzky's company created and manufactures The Ring, a jewelry with a unique design. Business came to a halt for Radzky on April 18 after a call from U.S. Customs asking if her company had any connections to North Korea.

by's mouth, it goes back into its own self-protective bubble. The Ring was named on Shark Tank and won the Juvenile Product Manufacturing Association Innovation Award. The company has since grown into a \$1 million company with a small scrappy team of manufacturing the handmade out of three times

throughout the U.S. The product has been selling out the shelves of Eye Eye Baby, Nordstrom and local baby boutiques throughout the U.S. since its launch last year. The wedding ring was supposed to be launched the week of May 2, but business came to a halt for

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Building a brand



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Montclairite
makes a
deal on
'Shark Tank'

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Nicki Radzely doesn't have an MBA. Business wasn't her undergraduate major, either. You'd never know it the way she rattles off "valuations" and "first round" and "equity."

In college, she studied psychology. But psychology is sales, she said. "It's people and society and understanding what makes people tick and why and how and figuring out what people need."

On ABC's "Shark Tank" recently, the Montclair mom was poised and pleasant as she fended off criticisms and advice from the panel of sharks considering investing in her company, questioning her \$5 million valuation.

She didn't even blink when Darwin Johnson shouted "this sucks!" possibly because he was sucking on The Pop at the time.

The Pop, from Radzely's company Doddle & Co., is a pacifier made from silicon and designed so that when it falls out of a baby's mouth it pops back into its own self-protective bubble.

This is not an Etsy cottage industry. The Pop is already in Nordstrom. It's in Pea in the Pod. It sells for \$9.99. You can check it out at doddleandco.com.

Several of the sharks made offers. Spina creator Sara Blakely made the first offer (\$250,000 for 15 percent equity) before Lori



Nicki Radzely and an enthusiastic crowd watch "Shark Tank" at Pig & Prince (Jan. 21).

Gresner jumped in to make it a joint offer of a 20 percent stake.

In the end, Radzely went with an offer from Kevin O'Leary (aka Mr. Wonderful), for a lower percentage of equity, 10 percent, for his \$550,000.

In her small office at the top of her Montclair home, Radzely sits at a desk with a window on the street, surrounded by baskets of The Pop.

She was a little nervous about how her time on "Shark Tank" would be edited: she was on for two hours, but knew it would be edited down to just a few minutes. Going on it- self was an "intense cocktail of adrenaline," she said. It's not a typical pitch meeting, because it's real- time TV, so "it's a barrage of questions and insults," she said. "They're saying really

shocking things to make you jump. But I used my adrenaline to my advantage and became very focused. I tried to turn down the volume in the pitch to not respond. When they were fighting, I let them fight, and observed, and then would respond."

At a viewing party at Montclair's Pig & Prince on Sunday, Jan. 21, the crowd cheered when she walked onstage. "It was amazing," she said. "It was such a big ask. It's the middle of January, on a Sunday, at 10 o'clock at night! And all I know is parents."

There were two screens in the restaurant. When she came out, and introduced herself, and The Pop pacifier, the room erupted, she said, and when she was asked, on the TV, "How do you even know it's a hit?" and Radzely answered,



The Pop pacifier represents an engineering feat.

"We've got it all lined up," the whole place cheered, she said, laughing.

BUILDING A BRAND
In her office, Radzely also showed off a new product Doodle & Co. is creating: a toothbar that looks like the sun or like a cloud. They will be available in May.

Radzely was a pre-med student and loved science, so her current job as chief executive of Doodle & Co.

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FIRST PLACE

Jai Agnish

Suburban Trends

Convenience store mania is alive in NJ



Prepared food in the Snacks & Soups section at Harkness's newest QuickChek, one of the 100 new stores in June. It is the latest in the company's blast of "new concepts" stores across the state. (Photo by Jai Agnish)

Convenience store mania is alive in NJ

By Jai Agnish

It's not your imagination, there are thousands of convenience stores dotting the North Jersey landscape and more "coming soon."

The convenience store mania is still going strong.

With their multiple rows of shelving and narrow aisles, convenience stores have been a staple of the Garden State for a long time. They'd yearly gain some 2,000.

There are 3,359 convenience stores in New Jersey today. Of those, about half are owned by 2,000 large and small convenience stores. That's a 50 percent increase in 10 years.

That list's overly broad considering that convenience stores are 34 percent of all retail sales, and National Automated Convenience Stores Association (NACS) reported, who provided the numbers.

The only, it seems, is convenience stores.

When opened a new store in Hudson shows recently. That makes its 20th in

New Jersey. In August, a Whole Foods Market opened The Plainsboro Place in Marlborough, and in 2018, the company will begin soon for a new store on Route 55.

We plan to continue opening new stores throughout New Jersey," said Lisa Tracy, a Whole Foods spokeswoman. In fact, Whole is planning to open 60 stores next year across 14 states, like Idaho. The company prefers other new stores in New Jersey, primarily Whole's largest state of operations, since said.

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There are 3,359 convenience stores in New Jersey today, a 50 percent increase in 10 years. (Photo by Jai Agnish)



A Wawa convenience store in Gutfield. (Photo by Jai Agnish)



Amazon Go is redefining how people shop and redefining the concept of "grocery store." (Photo by Jai Agnish)

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Student, teacher killed, 43 hurt as school bus, dump truck collide on I-80

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A school bus carrying 43 students and a teacher was struck by a dump truck on Interstate 80 in Essex County on Thursday morning, killing the bus driver, a student and killing a fifth grader and a teacher off-scene.

The bus was carrying 43 students and a teacher, including the driver, from The Star-Ledger school in Essex County for a field trip to Washington D.C. to meet...

Thirty-three people were injured and taken to local hospitals, including 11 at Morristown Medical Center, which is a local trauma center. Several were critically injured, including one who died shortly after the accident was reported.

A family member told The Star-Ledger that the driver, a 40-year-old woman, was 20 years into her career when she was killed.

William's family, who declined to give an interview, said William was in the back of the school bus, and though it's unclear what his role was in the accident, the family said he was not involved in the accident.

At the scene, police and other emergency responders were on hand to assist with the investigation. The bus was damaged and the driver was killed.

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Investigators examine the school bus, which was ripped off its chassis in a crash Thursday on Interstate 80 in Essex County. A teacher and a student from The Star-Ledger Middle School in Essex County were killed in the accident with an additional 43 injured on Interstate 80 in Essex County. (Star-Ledger photo)



Parents pick up their children at a bus stop outside school in Essex County. This is a student community. The governor said the accident was a tragedy for the state.

For students, parents and first responders, terror and anguish

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The Press of Atlantic City



Three businesses, including a yoga studio, a gourmet chocolate bar and a coffee shop, have opened along Tennessee Avenue in Atlantic City's Orange Loop in the Tourism District. A group of developers trying to revitalize the area also is anticipating a music venue and a craft beer hall and pub.

Orange slices of potential

Developers see promise in three A.C. blocks still high in petty crime but also sprouting new businesses

AVALON ZOPPO Staff Writer

ATLANTIC CITY—When Sara Bisher moved to a Tennessee Avenue in one of the city's struggling blocks, she didn't plan to stay there long. It was a temporary fix after she lost her job and housing eight months ago.

The area is barren, the 36-year-old said, apart from a group of drug dealers and users who often gather on a nearby corner. Strip clubs, old motels and parking lots lined with overgrown weeds dot the three blocks long considered a "dead zone."

And even with a slew of



Construction continues on the Tennessee Avenue Beer Hall, expected to open later this year.

trendy, new stores popping up, Bisher is doubtful that will change. Low foot traffic and minor crime leave her skeptical.

"I don't think people are gonna want to come down here," said Bisher as she carried her groceries inside the Men-

phis Belle Inn, located next to a new beer hall set to open in November.

A group of developers and business owners is looking to transform these blocks perpendicular to the Boardwalk into a walkable, millennial playground: South Tennessee Avenue, South New York Avenue and South St. James Place. It's dubbed the "Orange Loop," after the orange properties on the Monopoly board.

Kip Russell, future general manager of the soon-to-open Tennessee Avenue Beer Hall, knows the project is risky, and he is cautiously optimistic.

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Colts Neck fire: Caneiro family murder mystery widens a week later

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COLTS NECK - The first hint of evil came early Nov. 20, when Jesse and Sophia Caneiro weren't at their school bus stop.

Their absence was strange, neighbors said. Vibrant Sophia, 8, and her 11-year-old brother Jesse, a young history buff, were always at the pickup spot on time, waiting for their daily ride to Conover Road Elementary School in Colts Neck.

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Racial Slur at Track Meet Sparks Action

By Matt Enuco

As a member of the board of the Haddon Heights Board of Education's meeting last week when a black student reported the use of a racial slur during a girls track meet at Haddonfield Memorial High School. The school board and administration promised action.

Haddon Heights High School student Tiana Thomas took the podium during the public portion of the meeting to share a disturbing moment she and her teammates experienced at a May 1 track meet at Haddonfield Memorial High School between Haddonfield and Sterling High School.

With poise and grace, Thomas shared the cringing details of how the incident was

perpetrated by a Haddonfield boys' lacrosse player at her heels. She went on to explain the pain this term evokes in her and others while pointing out that its use is not so rare in the hallway of Haddon Heights High School.

"Even though it may seem like I shouldn't be bothered by someone I know or even to my," Thomas explained, "I'm not. This insidious dehumanizing word is regularly used toward minority students at Haddon Heights."

After the public session closed, superintendent Richard Adams called Thomas to the front of the room and offered an emotional promise to do his utmost to stop this type of behavior at Haddon Heights.

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At Manasquan High School's Squan-A-Thon event Friday night, students listened somberly to a family that was aided by the annual fundraising drive.

Squan-A-Thon beats last year's fundraising mark

Annual Manasquan High School event supports families struggling with life-threatening child illnesses.

"My favorite part of the event is just how our student body comes together with so much compassion and energy ..."

BY ALLISON PERRINE
THE COAST STAR

PAUL BATTAGLIA
Faculty advisor for Squan-A-Thon

MANASQUAN — More than 300 students participated in Friday's Squan-A-Thon at Manasquan High School, raising over \$44,000 for families affected by pediatric cancer and other serious illnesses.

The funds raised at the annual event, which stretched into Saturday morning, topped last year's proceeds by \$20,000.

The nine-year-old tradition at Manasquan High School is a 12-hour dance marathon, where participants dance from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. the next morning and must raise at least \$200 to participate.

Faculty advisor Paul Battaglia said the annual event has now raised more than \$700,000 during its nine-year history.

"Many students plan NHS (national honor society) projects and then donate

the proceeds to Squan-A-Thon," he said, adding that some even donate their babysitting or tip money. "The sacrifice is amazing."

Fundraising activities continue throughout the year and include bake sales, gala auctions, craft nights and dining-to-donate events, Mr. Battaglia said.

One of the program's larger fundraising efforts this year revolved around the Honig family, whose members spoke during Friday night's proceedings. They lost their seven-year-old son Jake to cancer. The Squan-A-Thon committee members sold shirts in his honor and raised \$3,000

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Graduates like Marlene Torres get excited during the Washington Township High School graduation ceremony Tuesday.
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More than 500 students graduate in ceremony
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Elevated levels of a chemical that can be harmful to humans and has caused cancer in lab rats has been wafting into the air from the Quanta Superfund site in Edgewater for nine months as workers continue to demolish a century's worth of pollution on the property closely surrounded by homes and businesses.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says there is no public health threat, even though levels of naphthalene have exceeded the site's "risk screening level" on 120 of 252 days that air monitoring has taken place from late May

"Every day it smells here. It's overwhelming, because I'm basically living next to a tar pit."

Jane Hoffman, Edgewater resident

A view of the Quanta Superfund site from Irene Stalla's apartment in The Metropolitan on River Road in Edgewater.

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through mid-February, according to reports compiled by Honeywell, the global conglomerate responsible for the cleanup.

Readings have ranged from just slightly above the screening level of 4.02 micrograms per cubic meter to more than 200 times that level on one day in September.

Honeywell has said even the highest readings of naphthalene from Quanta are still "well below the lowest levels known to produce adverse health effects in humans or laboratory animals." But an environmental consultant who reviewed the reports last week disagreed.

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Ocean City Sentinel

**African-American history finally
gets place at museum**



Eric Avedissian/SENTINEL
Angela Harris-Moore and Loretta Thompson-Harris at "The Seasons of Life: The African-American Community in Ocean City" exhibit at the Ocean City Historical Museum on Feb. 23. The display included tools from her father's marine construction business.

African-American history finally gets place at museum



Eric Avedissian/SENTINEL
At "The Seasons of Life: The African-American Community in Ocean City" exhibit at the Ocean City Historical Museum are from left, Britney Beets, Talpa Wilson and Justin Baker. Below is a photo in the exhibit of a crew from the U.S. Rogers Construction Company at the old Ocean City High School site in 1924.



OCEAN CITY — For Alva Thompson, of Ocean City, viewing the old photographs of African-American historical and families enjoying the beaches brought back memories.

"We used to be beach every day growing up," Thompson said. "We were a fishing family."

The photos are part of the Ocean City Historical Museum's latest exhibit, "The Seasons of Life: The African-American Community in Ocean City."

The museum held an open house on Feb. 23 for the exhibit, which runs up to March 31.

Photographs, artifacts and displays about Ocean City's African-American community and history are grouped according to the four seasons.

Autumn focuses on the Eko Lodge located at Sixth Street and Bay Avenue. A display of photographs of lodge members and a uniform show how the club was a safe-haven for blacks and whites, where various functions, fundraisers and dinners were held.

Winter captures the long, bitter days in the off-season when African-American families created their own opportunities with their own businesses, including billiard halls, dance halls, pool halls, fishing houses and running sports centers.

As summers' sun-baked "The Casino" provided liquor and games of chance.

Springtime focuses on local churches, which are important to African-American life. Churches had choirs, programs for girls, women and children, and African-American.

Earlier Sunday represented a significant time for the African-American community where congregants wore their best clothes. A parade beyond, Eike and Earber given display the commitment of relatives.

The summertime display focuses on seasonal employment, and summer recreation including the

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Charles Zavalick

The Bernardsville News

Women die in combat, too

'Women die in combat, too'

Lone female in local VFW addresses crowd

By CHARLIE ZAWALICK
EDITOR

BERNARDSVILLE – While Memorial Day tributes often focus on men who made the ultimate sacrifice in military duty, attendees at the annual holiday service here were reminded on Monday that many women have also lost their lives in service for our nation.

Keynote speaker Sgt. First Class Katarzyna Czajka, a member of the New Jersey National Guard, came to America from Poland about 19 years ago and has served her new nation for 16 of those years.

In 2004, her unit was mobilized and deployed to Iraq. She spent the next year in Iraq and Kuwait with the 42nd Infantry Division, which, she called "an historic division" that contributed to the end of World War II with the liberation of Nazi concentration camps.

"And then in 2005 we



Photo by Betsy Bacot-Aigner

Among the veterans attending the Bernardsville Memorial Day services and parade were, from left, Gerard "Jerry" Beaudry of Basking Ridge, a World War II veteran who served as Grand Marshal, Sgt. First Class Katarzyna Czajka of the N.J. National Guard, the keynote speaker, and VFW Post 7858 Commander Fred Buehler of Bernardsville.

made history again," she said. "We were the first National Guard Division that

was in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom."

she noted, one of the main In the last few years, PLEASE SEE MEMORIAL PAGE 4

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**Loads of Love Ministry Serves the
Community In Small, Powerful Way**

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Loads of Love Ministry Serves the Community In Small, Powerful Way

Methodist Church Brings Service, Supplies

When Bert Politoski first read the calendar item in The SandPaper back in November 2016, he didn't quite know what to make of it. The listing stated that a local church was offering free laundry service for a couple of hours one evening.

"I was very surprised somebody was doing this," said Politoski, who along with some 16 others showed up at the Magic Wash Laundromat in Manahawick on Jan. 25. "The people were very nice, very friendly, and they welcomed me."

Politoski is just one of hundreds the Manahawick United Methodist Church's Loads of Love ministry has served during the past 21 months, providing an evening of free laundry service, regardless of how many bags of laundry he or anybody else brings.

"For economic reasons, it's a terrific service for people like me," said the 44-year Army veteran who lives by himself in Little Egg Harbor. "You get

your detergent, fabric softener, wash and dry for free. And the second reason I come here is for the fellowship, for the socialization aspect. At other laundromats, you go in and out and nobody talks to you. This is a nice change from something like that."

And that truly is the crux of Loads of Love — not just to provide a service, free of charge, to those who need it, but offer a time when guests using the facility can just talk to others. Pauline McShea, who oversees the ministry's operation, said many guests often tell the stories of their struggles and ask for prayer.

"The stories many of them tell us are incredible," she said. "You have no idea of the need in this area until you do something like this. One woman about a year ago, who saw our announcement in The SandPaper, walked in here and asked, 'Is this real? Is this really true?' We said, 'Yes!' And as it turned out, she was having a struggle that week and had



David Biggy

LOADING UP: Pauline McShea (right) talks with Bert Politoski as he dries his laundry during the Manahawick United Methodist Church Loads of Love ministry's service time at the Magic Wash laundromat on Jan. 25.

to decide whether she was going to put gas in the car or wash her and her son's clothes. Unfortunately, a lot of people are in situations like that, and that's why we're here."

The ministry provides the laundry service once per month — typically the

last Thursday of the month, unless it conflicts with a holiday or the church has a specific worship service taking place that evening — and sometimes the facility is full, with people waiting outside for a washer or dryer to become available. Recently, ministry

volunteers were there past 10 p.m., to make sure some of the late-comers who had arrived had their need met.

"When we first started this service, I hadn't been in a laundromat in 30 years," said Edna Winans, who's been assisting within the ministry since its inception. "I had no idea how much it costs to do your laundry. But we

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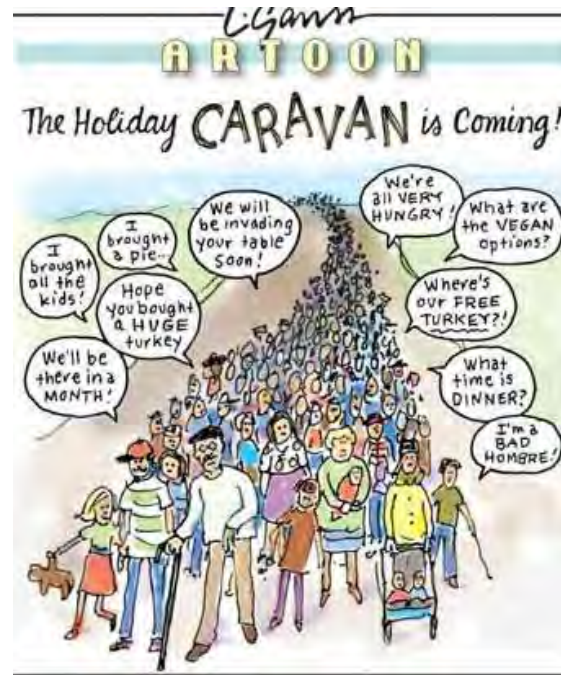
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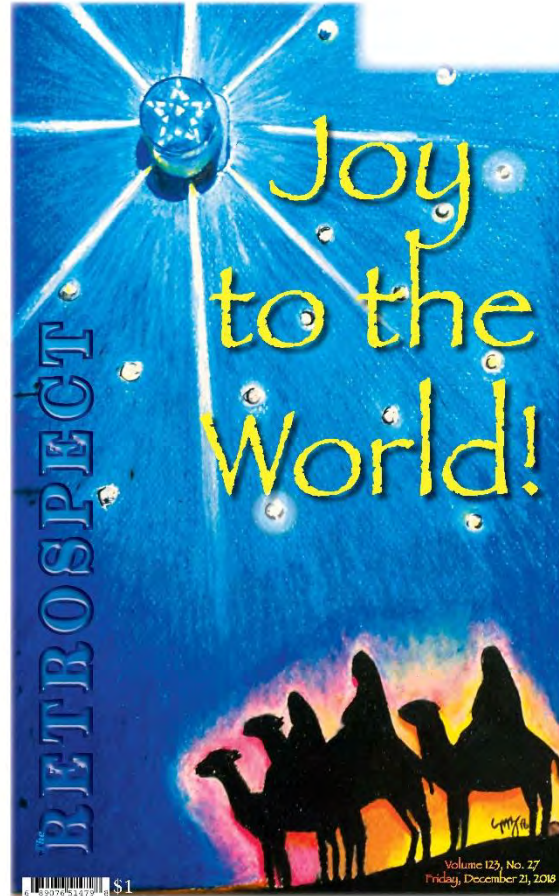
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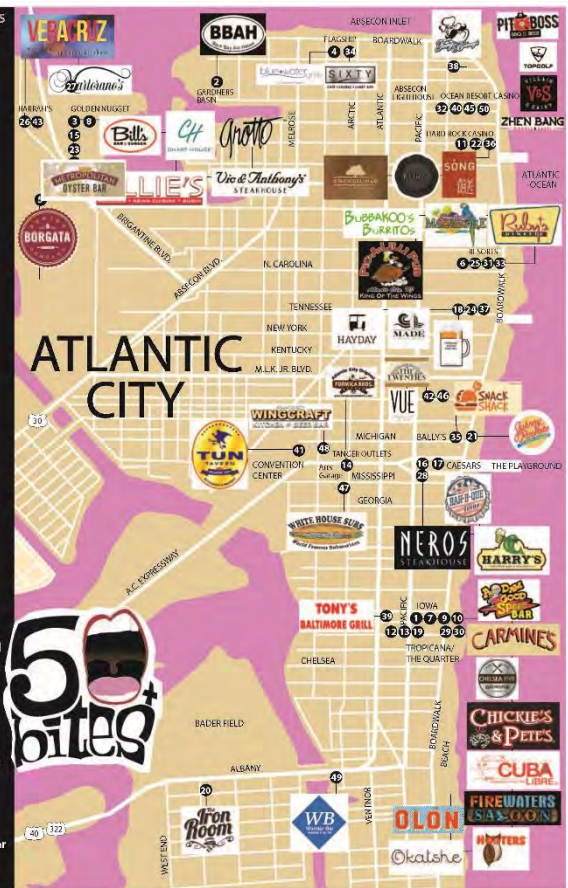
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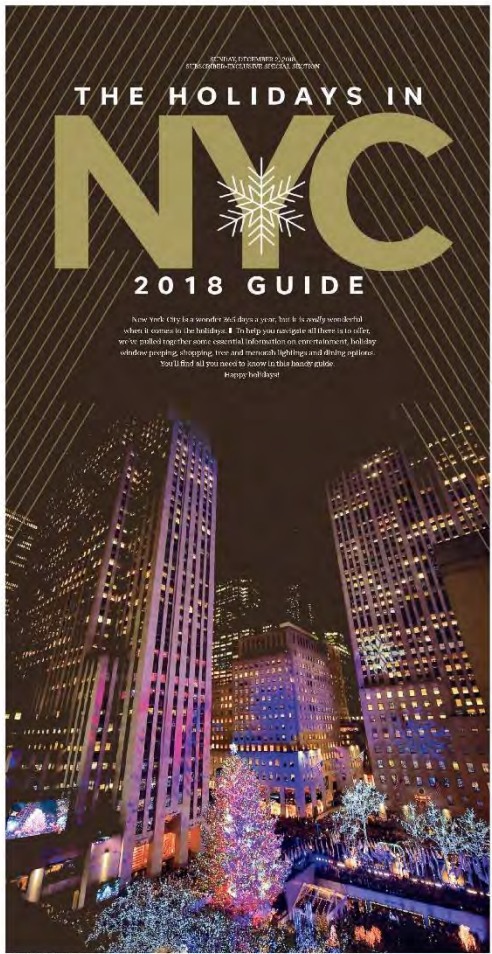
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From left, Harris, 15, Alexander Lewis, and Grzella, 16, are pictured in the photo above with the 2018 Wish Book.

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Cape May Star & Wave

Immigrant crowd seeks help keeping B&Bs viable

By Craig Schenck
A large crowd of immigrants gathered in front of the Cape May Star & Wave newspaper building on Tuesday, Oct. 2, to seek help from the newspaper's staff. The crowd, which included many families, was looking for information on how to stay in the United States and how to find work. The newspaper's staff, including the editor and several reporters, spent the day talking to the crowd and providing information. The newspaper's staff also provided food and water to the crowd. The newspaper's staff is committed to helping immigrants in the community.

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By SCOTT CRONICE

If you think you're a night rider, here's a tip: Try to arrive at La Petite Creperie before 10 p.m.

The late-arriving La Petite Creperie, an appropriately named, upscale creperie, is a hot spot for anyone who loves food and wine. The place is filled with people waiting to get in line to watch the chef making the crepes.

Those walking through The Quarter in Tropicana will be hard-pressed not to stop and watch the food being made at La Petite Creperie.

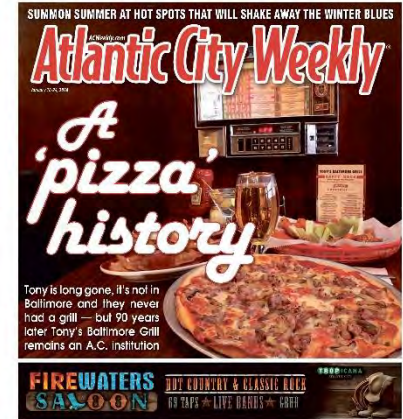
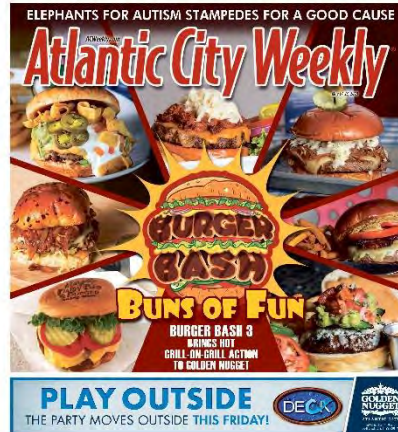
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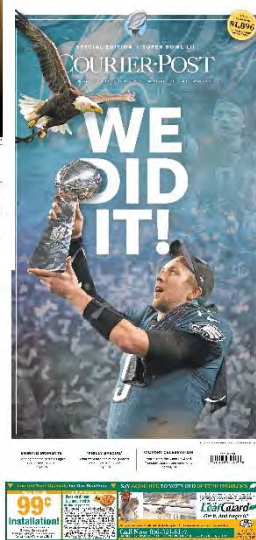
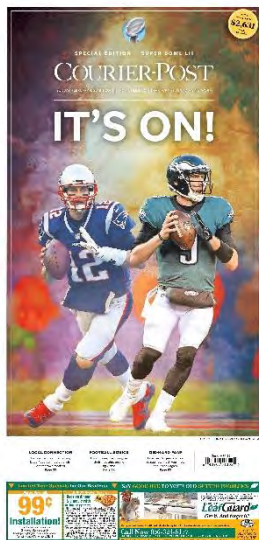
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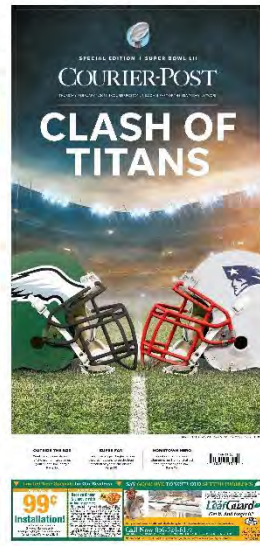
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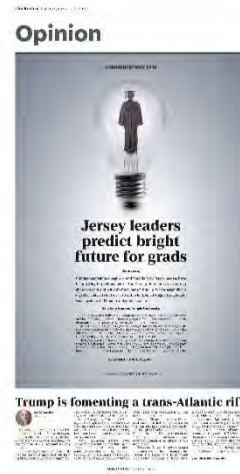


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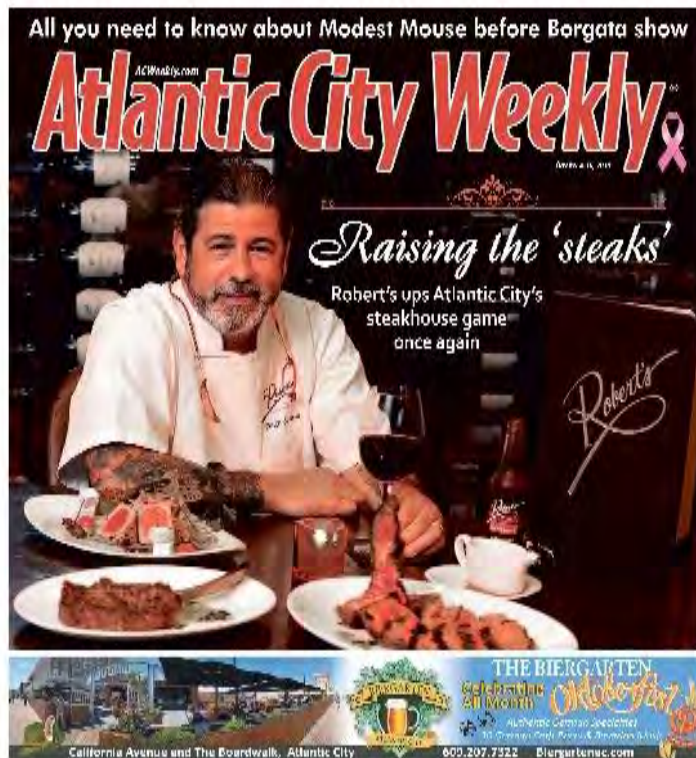
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MISERAN GOES BACK TO PLAY

By [Name]

After missing the entire season due to a knee injury, Miseran is back on the field. The article details his recovery process and the team's excitement for his return.



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HOSKINS READY TO BUST ON BIG

By [Name]

Hoskins is looking to make a statement in his first season with the Phillies. The article covers his performance and the team's expectations.



DETROIT NAIVE CARL LLOYD TRADED TO SKY BLUE FC

By [Name]

Lloyd's trade to Sky Blue FC marks a new chapter in his career. The article discusses the reasons behind the trade and his future prospects.

Sports



Start of spring training looms amid turmoil, unmade moves

By [Name]

The start of spring training is filled with uncertainty as teams make roster adjustments. The article explores the challenges and opportunities ahead.



76ERS No. 1 pick falls out of season

By [Name]

The top pick in the draft has fallen out of the season. The article discusses the reasons and the team's strategy.



Vikings hire eagles QB coach John DeBittopp

By [Name]

The Vikings have hired a new coach for their quarterback. The article details the coach's background and the team's hopes.



What does it take to play for Flyers in 3-on-3 OT?

By [Name]

The article discusses the physical and mental demands of 3-on-3 overtime play for the Flyers.

A STEADY PRESENCE

THROUGH HIS PAIN, WENZ INSPIRES FOLKS, EAGLES

By [Name]

Wenz's resilience and leadership have inspired the team through adversity. The article highlights his impact on the team.

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SPEED THE BEST WEAPON IN TRAVIS KONECNY'S DEVELOPMENT

By [Name]

Konecny's speed is his greatest asset. The article discusses how he has developed this skill and its impact on his performance.



Eastern in semis after downing Red Devils

By [Name]

The Eastern team has advanced to the semifinals. The article covers the game and the team's performance.



Villanova using its 2016 self as a measuring stick

By [Name]

Villanova is looking to live up to its 2016 performance. The article discusses the team's goals and expectations.

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MRAZEK AND FLYERS GELLING

By [Name]

Mrazek and the Flyers are gelling. The article discusses the team's chemistry and performance.



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By [Name]


The article discusses the qualities of a great player. It highlights the importance of skill, teamwork, and mental toughness.



Birds trade for Seattle D; Curry likely gone

By [Name]

The Birds have made a trade for Seattle. The article discusses the implications of the trade and Curry's future.



How Flyers, Pens playoff might unfold

By [Name]

The article discusses the potential playoff scenarios for the Flyers and Penguins. It analyzes their strengths and weaknesses.

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Similar paths for Foles ...

Southern grad gets invited to Pro Bowl



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NTC championship QBs: Ex-teammates and unlikely rivals



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TRIPLE-DOUBLE TROUBLE

Eric Simmons has put together a magnificent rookie season that has sped Lap 76er's Process



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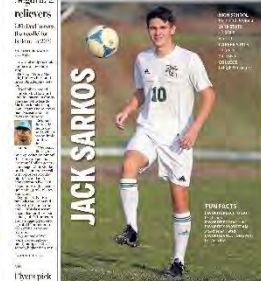
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On way to scoring school record 75 career goals, he also earned reputation as terrific teammate



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GENTRIFICATION

Pine Street renewal?



Residents trying to hang on to neighborhood they call home

by KELLY NICHOLAIDES
For Montclair Local

The Pine Street Historic District contains a blend of early 19th-century brick apartment buildings, multiple one- and two-family houses in the repair, and residents who include the working poor and people on the slide of society.

Most of the small businesses that built the neighborhood a century ago are gone. A mix of Italians who escaped economic depression in the 1930s and African Americans who came during the Great Migration planted the area's middle class economic and racial roots, bringing in craftsmanship and culture.

As luxury housing redevelopment takes shape around the area where few multi-story shops and stores remain, residents say it will come at a cost of Montclair's identity by pricing out the most vulnerable residents.

Paul Baldwin, Bay Center and Shannan streets and Clarence Avenue make up the one-mile historic area.

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'Realistic,' but not real

Letters we advise should be sent to: **ST. DON BOSCO**, 1000 N. Don Bosco Ave., Dept. 1000, Belmar, N.J. 07623

IN SCIENCE EDUCATION
ARE THEY LEARNING?
By [Name]
While a science teacher will tell you that the classroom is a laboratory, the reality is that many students are not learning. A study by the National Science Foundation found that only 10 percent of students are actually learning in science class. This is due to a variety of factors, including a lack of hands-on learning and a focus on rote memorization. Teachers need to find ways to make science more engaging and relevant to their students. One way to do this is by using real-world examples and encouraging students to ask questions and think critically. Another way is to use technology to make learning more interactive and personalized. Finally, it's important to assess student learning regularly and provide feedback to help them improve. Only then can we ensure that our students are truly learning and not just going through the motions.



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DOT: Avon-Belmar span should stay as a drawbridge

An upgrade of the Main Street bridge is to be voters' call

BY TON WOODRUM
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Belmar bank site eyed for complex of 24 apartments

Former Bank of America building would be reworked

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St. Teresa unites two churches

Assembly on Bradley Beach, St. Elizabeth's-Avon becomes St. Teresa of Calcutta in July

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Interior view of the church during the assembly.

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TOWN SQUARE

A new kid in town at Crane Park

by JOSE GERMAN
Special to Montclair Local

Montclair has a reputation of a great town with the privilege of having great parks and wonderful open spaces. Montclair also has a group of well-known gardens that are part of the town culture and history, such as Presby Memorial Iris Garden, Van Vleck Garden, and the Aris Campbell Gardens, to name a few.

But there is a new kid in this garden league: the Crane Park Demonstration Garden, located in Crane Park. Formerly known as Laskowski Plaza Park, this pocket park of a third of an acre has something unique to offer. As the only park in downtown Montclair, it has a special location. The triangular shape of the park includes six triangular blue stone raised beds. It has mature Sycamore trees that have probably been there for around a century. In the center, there is a modern sculpture. The park is located across the street from the original location of the Crane Family house before it was moved to its current Orange Road location. In the post-war, the six beds have been repurposed as a pollinator and bird garden, serving environmental and educational purposes.

What is a "demonstration garden?" Demonstration gardens utilize public spaces to illustrate approaches to gardening. In this case, we have created a pollinator and bird garden integrating edible plants to educate the community about the relationship between pollinators and food production. At the same time, it is an example of a sustainable, eco-friendly garden that visitors can replicate at home.

More than 400 native plants have been planted in the garden. These native plant species provide nectar and host plants for pollinators and food for birds, plus shelter from weather and predators. These plants belong to the climate and are low maintenance once they are established.

The garden includes over 50 different species of plants native to the Northeast, including host plants for butterflies. Crane Park Demonstration Garden is a certified Monarch Butterfly Waystation. It has been also certified by the National Wildlife Federation and New Jersey Audubon Society as a wildlife habitat and has certification as a Pollinator Garden by The Xerxes Society.

It is a four-season garden designed to provide nectar and host plants for pollinators from spring to fall, berries and seeds for birds in all seasons, and year-round visual interest. Edible plants have been incorporated in the landscape design to provide additional interest.

The Demonstration Garden is part of the Environmental Initiative Program of the NJEE, a local non-profit organization that works at the community level to protect the environment and promote local sustainability and food security, and Montclair residents funded the project and organized the neighbors to create a group to coordinate the work at Crane Park in the long term. The garden was designed by myself, in



CRANE PARK DEMONSTRATION GARDEN
Flowers grow in the Crane Park's demonstration garden.

collaboration with David Wasmuth, an environmental artist and wildlife habitat expert.

The Friends of Crane Park are an organization of neighborhood residents concerned with enhancing the appearance and use of this small jewel of a park. They have helped with the planting and maintenance of the demonstration garden to provide a beautiful, inviting space where visitors can see firsthand strategies for gardening in harmony with nature. In coordination with the NJEE, they will be offering gardening and environmental workshops as well as guided tours for visitors interested in learning about using native plants, creating pollinator gardens, gardening for birds, integrating food production into flower gardens, and developing backyards and habitats.

Even with its small size, the park has risen from a largely overlooked park to become the most beautiful pocket park in Montclair, the collection of native plants, most of them endemic to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York, is very collective, making the garden a beautiful treasure. Guided tours for groups are available upon request.

This garden is a community project with the support of the township, Mayor Robert L. Judson, and council members, with particular support from council members Dr. Renee Baskette and Robert Russo, as well as the Director of Community Department, Steve Wood, Marcia Almeida, Member of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, David Wasmuth from Friends of Crane Park, and garden volunteers.

All of those qualities are making Crane Park Demonstration Garden the new garden destination in Montclair.

Jose German is a New Jersey environmental activist. Except for his original master gardeners and Montclair resident. He is the founder of the Northeast Native Gardens (currently), a nonprofit environmental organization.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On plastic bags
I saw your recent coverage on Montclair's plastic bag use and wanted to share two new studies with results that may surprise you. Two governments—Quebec and Denmark—recently completed life-cycle assessment research of all grocery bags and found that the common plastic grocery bag has the least environmental impact. For example, the Quebec study found that "reusable" bags must be used at least 33 to 75 times for their life-cycle impacts to be equivalent to that of a plastic bag. Meanwhile, the Danish report found that cotton or canvas bags must be reused at least 30 times to offset their climate change impacts. These two studies are a good reminder to take a close look at the alternatives and how they truly stack up on sustainability.

As the discussion continues, sharing these findings will help inform readers on the science behind the products they use every day—and how they ultimately impact the environment. If you've interested in learning more, connect with the American Progressive Bag Alliance (APBA). The APBA promotes sustainability in the American-made plastic products industry, and has worked all across the country to offer insights into the results (economic, environmental and social) of bag bans and taxes.

KEELY SULLIVAN
Washington, D.C.

Why are we saving deer?

Let's see if I have this right: because of escalating problems with deer stepping on the forest undergrowth and consuming the next generation of native trees, shrubs and wildflowers, creating into mowing, care with mowers, and the loss of native plants, eating precious flower gardens, spreading Lyme disease, and dropping feces on lawns, the Montclair Environmental Commission proposes to tackle the problems by trapping and temporarily relocating the deer, at an average cost of \$2,000 each, then setting them free to continue escalating the very same problem? Only in America!

AL RICHTER
Woodland Park

Let's enforce dog-leash ordinances

My family and I love dogs, cats, horses, and virtually every other pet. We certainly have good dogs in Montclair, but have always had dogs ever since moving to Montclair in 1964.

But the one thing we have against

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STABLE GALLERY EXHIBIT



Stable Gallery Exhibit of 2018-2019

Mosaic art in spotlight for May

By [Name] and [Name]

A collection of mosaic art pieces by [Name] is on display at the Stable Gallery through the end of May.

The exhibit features a variety of mosaic art pieces, including a large diamond-shaped piece and a smaller, colorful piece.

These pieces are a tribute to the artist's work and are a testament to the art form.

Each piece is a unique work of art, created with a variety of materials and techniques.

The exhibit is a must-see for anyone interested in mosaic art.

For more information, visit the Stable Gallery website.

Stable Gallery, 123 Main Street, Ridgewood, NJ

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Haunting houses

Skeletons, spiders and ghosts make Montclair homes spooky for the holiday. Check out our selection of photos of some of the decorations from around town.

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Once and future sweets

In Montclair, Grove Pharmacy and Hockett Fitz Dineat a selection of vintage and novelty candies for Halloween. Plus, our staff's favorite trick-or-treat treats.

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Bowling and Thai food

In this month's "Robin's Nest," Robin Woods travels around town, visiting the Hill-Cole Commonwealth Club, and enjoys Kai Yang (chicken) at Kai Yang.

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Traditional customs,

HALLOWEEN

For information about events related to this article, see this article online at montclairlocalnews.com.

Halloween has deep roots in Montclair; children learned at the Montclair History Center Sunday, Oct. 21.

"Can you imagine films before Halloween? What's your favorite part about Halloween?" Montclair History Center Executive Director Jane Elsworth asked a group of children.

"Costumes and candy!" the children shouted.

MHC, in partnership with the Independent Contemporary Arts Project (ICAP), held a children's program on "Halloween, Art, History." The event presented a spooky poetry reading under the glow of a jack-o-lantern, and art projects that included a vintage clown hat craft project, which was one of the most popular original Halloween costumes.

Although Halloween today is a multi-cultural and much-loved holiday, in the early 1800s Americans in this part of the country did not celebrate Halloween because of their Puritan ties, Elsworth said.

"Day of the Dead, All Saints Day [they] were based on people returning to you, the souls coming back," she said. "In the 1840s, when Irish immigrants came to the United States because of the potato famine, they brought this Halloween tradition that stemmed under the surface. It was an adult holiday that was referred into the children's holiday starting in the 1920s."

Costumes used to be created at home before a novelty shops and department stores began mass marketing Halloween.

"The early costumes were ghosts made with a sheet you cut some holes into or maybe a sheet costume sewn together," she said. "The children's holiday stuff, you made at home. You didn't go to a mart for it. After the war and through the 1950s, Halloween got more mass marketing. We saw lots of pin-up girls, pop culture figures, and eventually puns and politicians come into play in the costumes."

The custom of trick-or-treating or "mumming" meant dressing up and knocking on doors, demanding food and treats in an aggressive manner. It goes back centuries and was even part of some Christmas traditions, she noted. "I like to call it trick-or-treating on steroids. Now it has mellowed out, which is Halloween as we know it today," Elsworth said. "It's more community based, with roots in old traditions."

—Erly Nicholas

ALL SOULS DAY

Death is a taboo subject, said the Rev. Jim Daniels, chaplain at the Newman Catholic Center at Montclair State University.

But death is a big part of the Christian hol-



Children paint a spooky sunset at the Montclair History Center.



Montclair children, of the Girl Reserves, dress up in the 1920s.

iday of All Souls Day, following the bright candy-colored festivities of Halloween.

Nov. 1 is All Saints Day in Christianity, and the Catholic and Anglican churches observe Nov. 2 as All Souls Day. All Saints Day commemorates all of the canonized saints in the pantheon, while All Souls Day commemorates all deceased people, or official "the faithful departed."

The name Halloween actually refers to the holiday: All Hallow's Eve, or All Hallow's Eve, the night before All Saints Day.

The Newman Catholic Center has an annual tradition that combines elements of All Souls Day and Day of the Living. On the Sunday after All Souls Day, students write the names of deceased loved ones on a card and put the cards in a basket at the altar.

The basket remains on the altar during the month of November.

Throughout November, many churches have tables set up near the altar where parishioners can place photos of deceased loved ones. Some have displays of chrysan-

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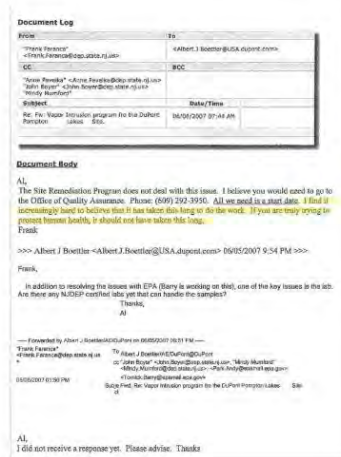
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plume of vaporizing solvents are not alone.

In New Jersey and across the nation, vapor intrusion is a growing concern, and not only for newer contaminated sites that are just starting to be cleaned. Over the past decade, for instance, New York's environmental agency has revisited 147 legacy sites that had already been considered cleaned up to check for vapor intrusion.

DuPont — which had a gross profit in 2016 of more than \$10 billion — has spent money in Pompton Lakes over several decades to address some aspects of its legacy of pollution.

A \$50 million [cleanup of Pompton Lake](#) is underway to remove lead and mercury that washed into the lake sediment. DuPont also spent \$70 million in the early 1990s to remove and replace soil tainted with lead and mercury from the backyards of homes that lined Acid Brook, a stream that runs through the DuPont property and



2007 email from DEP official to DuPont expressing frustration at slow pace of testing for vapor intrusion.
(Photo: NorthJersey.com)

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MHS Crew Car Wash



The Montclair varsity eight (seen above in a screenshot of a live stream of their race against Cork Boat Club) competed in the Henley Royal Regatta for the second year in a row, once again finishing high in the rankings.

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Aristide Economopoulos
The Star-Ledger

'Good ... for a Girl'



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Krishna Mathias

The Press of Atlantic City

On The Road With Joe

The screenshot shows a newspaper website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for News, Sports, Money, Living, Opinion, At The Shore, Obits, Photos, Video, and TV-30. To the right of the menu is a 'WEATHER CENTER' link. Below the menu is a banner for 'WINTER IS HERE.' with a photo of a person and text: 'See our tips for preparing for the big one >'. To the right of the banner is the 'atlantic city electric.' logo, with the tagline 'An Exelon Company'.

The main content area features a map of the Jersey Shore region, including Atlantic County, Ocean County, Cumberland County, and Cape May County. The map is titled 'On the Road with Joe' and includes a photo of Meteorologist Joe Martucci. Text on the map reads: 'Press of Atlantic City Meteorologist Joe Martucci is "On the Road" in 2018, trekking from our headquarters in Pleasantville to all 63 towns that we cover at The Press.' The map is divided into green sections representing different towns, with some sections labeled 'UPCOMING'. A compass rose is visible in the bottom right corner of the map area.

Below the map, there is a text box that says: 'After every stop, learn why each town is a South Jersey Special and get the latest real estate information from our "Where to Live" section.'

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Colonial history buff is someone out of the ordinary, so who is he?



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The Press of Atlantic City

EHT home gifted to US Navy vet

The screenshot shows a news article from The Press of Atlantic City. The main headline is "Navy veteran gifted mortgage-free home in Egg Harbor Township". The author is Lauren Carroll, dated Nov 8, 2018. The article features a large photo of Myra Williams, a 36-year-old Navy veteran, holding a set of keys and a blue ribbon that says "Egg Harbor". She is surrounded by other people, including a man in a suit and a woman in a pink jacket. The article text mentions that Williams was gifted the home through a program with developer Chalk and the nonprofit 24 Hour Home Project. Below the main article, there are several smaller sections: "Veterans Smile Day" offers dental services for those who served; "Egg Harbor Township" reports that Williams wiped a tear from her eye when receiving the keys; and "Popular on PressofAC.com" lists five trending stories, including a wrestling attorney's suggestion, a shipwreck, a firefighter's family, a Buick recall, and a wrestling community's reaction. At the bottom right, there is a section for "Today's ePaper" with a link to the Press of Atlantic City (PAC) ePaper Login.

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My flight with the Golden Knights

VIDEO: My flight with the Golden Knights

Aug 24, 2018



Scenes from my once-in-a-lifetime flight with the U.S. Army Golden Knights during the Atlantic City Airshow, Aug. 22, 2018. — Pamela Dollak, Editor (Photos from the ground were taken by Craig Matthews and Dale Gerhard for the Press of Atlantic City)



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Associate Editor of A.C. Weekly Ryan Loughlin gives his honest first impression of a Shamrock Shake. Fellow Associate Editor Rebecca King and some McDonald's patrons weigh in.



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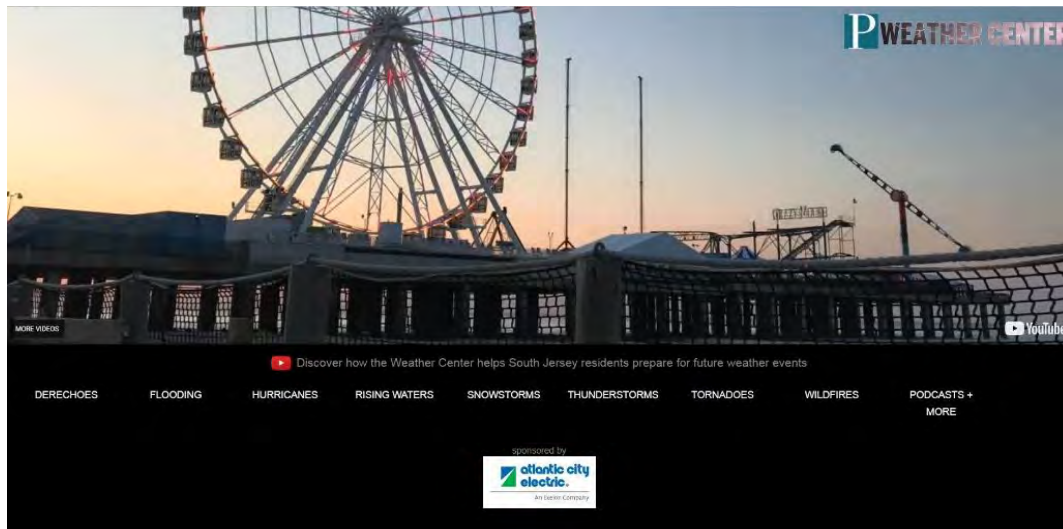
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**Curtis Tate, Owen Proctor,
Michael Karas,
Daniel Sforza**

The Record (Bergen County)

**5 Teaneck family members
killed in crash**

Teaneck family loses father, 4 daughters in fatal crash as they return from beach vacation

Owen Proctor and Curtis Tate, NorthJersey Published 9:14 a.m. ET July 7, 2018 Updated 12:15 a.m. ET July 8, 2018



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The Record (Bergen County)

Route 80 bus crash

Student, teacher killed in Paramus school bus crash on Route 80 in Mount Olive

James M. O'Neill, Peggy Wright and Steve Janoski, NorthJersey | Published 11:13 a.m. ET May 17, 2018 | Updated 12:16 p.m. ET May 18, 2018



A Paramus school bus crashed on Route 80 in Mount Olive, killing two and injuring others. The bus appeared mangled and the incident shut down the Interstate. Michael V. Pettigano / Bob Karp / William Westhoven

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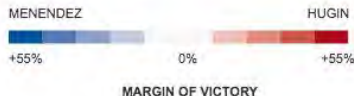
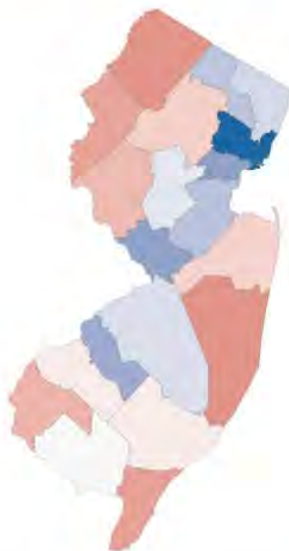
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Asbury Park Press

What's Going There?



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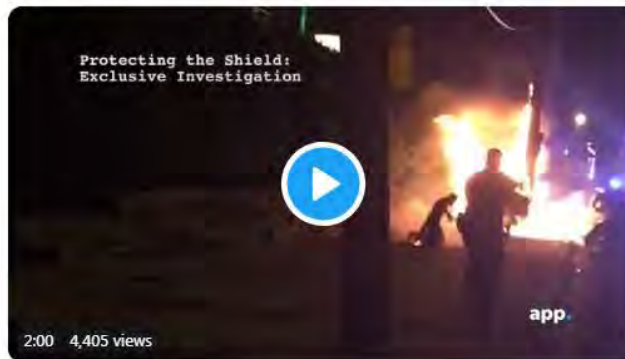
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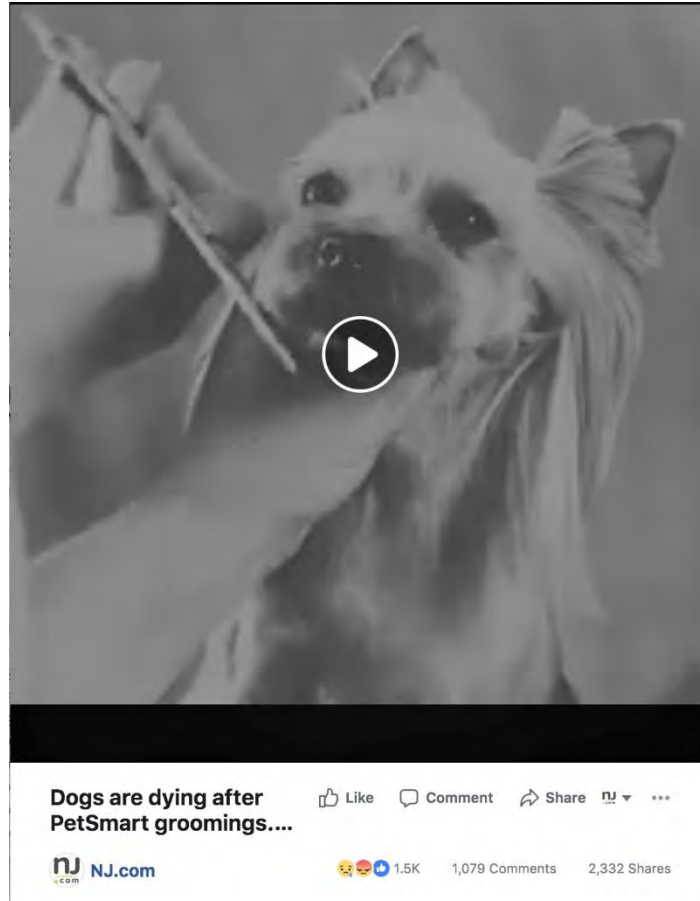
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Michael Izzo

The West Essex Tribune

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West Essex Tribune
July 8, 2018

Opinion

"Parting Our Damn Paper"

It's time to part with our damn paper. I don't mean to sound like a disgruntled customer, but I do mean to sound like a disgruntled citizen. The West Essex Tribune has been a part of our community for over 100 years, and it has served us well. But now, it's time to part with it. The paper is too expensive, too slow, and too full of errors. It's time to part with our damn paper.

Keeping Cool at the Pool

As the summer months roll in, many families flock to local pools for a refreshing break from the heat. However, pool safety remains a critical concern for parents and guardians. Recent incidents have highlighted the importance of proper supervision and safety measures around the pool.

Michael's Musings
By Michael Izzo

As I sit here, reflecting on the past year, I am struck by the resilience of our community. Despite the challenges we have faced, we have come together and supported one another. It is a testament to the strength of our bonds and the power of collective action.

Shining Recognition

It is with great pleasure that we recognize the outstanding contributions of our community members. From dedicated volunteers to exceptional professionals, your efforts have made a significant difference in our lives.

There's Still No Winner

The ongoing debate surrounding the proposed changes to our local government continues. While each side presents compelling arguments, it is clear that no one is truly satisfied with the current state of affairs. We must find a way to bridge the divide and move forward.

Readers' Opinions

Our readers have shared their thoughts on the recent editorial comment. Many expressed their appreciation for the author's perspective, while others offered constructive criticism. We value your input and encourage you to continue sharing your views.

Community Calendar

Date	Event	Location
July 10, 2018	Community Meeting	West Essex Town Hall
July 15, 2018	Summer Concert	Essex Park
July 20, 2018	Book Fair	Essex Public Library
July 25, 2018	Pool Party	Essex Community Center

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For a complete calendar, visit our website at www.west-essextribune.com.

Philosophical Critique

The recent editorial comment offers a thoughtful analysis of the current state of our community. It challenges us to re-examine our values and priorities, and to work towards a more equitable and just society.

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The collage displays several pages from the newspaper. The top page features an 'Opinion' column by Michael Izzo titled 'Memorial Park' and 'Heading Home From the Parade'. Below this is a 'Community Calendar' section with a list of events. Other pages show various news articles and the newspaper's masthead.

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IN OUR OPINION

Immigration measures offer hope for the American way

Every day, it seems, the Trump administration unveils some ugly new assault on people who want to immigrate to the United States. Children in cages. Women and children being tear-gassed. The latest regulation attempting to use religion as a reason to bar entry.

Is this really the land of the free and home of the brave, promising liberty and justice for all? Or do we fall asleep one night and wake up the next day in some parallel universe, America?

In the last two weeks, New Jersey has given us two reasons to feel less belatedly grateful.

First, Gov. Murphy announced on Nov. 29 that the state is allocating \$2.1 million to groups that provide legal help to undocumented immigrants facing deportation.

And on Thursday, state Attorney General Gurbir Grewal stood in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty in Jersey City to announce a new state policy called the Immigrant Trust Directive, limiting the circumstances under which local police can ask a person's status and turn over undocumented immigrants for deportation.

Both efforts deserve high praise for working to move our justice evenly.

"Deportation is one of the harshest consequences an individual can face under U.S. law," Murphy noted in announcing the new legal aid funds, "yet most im-

migrants do not have the right to appointed counsel and many cannot afford an attorney."

According to a June report by the New Jersey Policy Perspectives think tank, immigration arrests in the state have increased 42 percent during the Trump administration, with thousands of people, including U.S. citizens, being targeted for deportation.

Sixty-two percent of these detainees have no access to legal representation, the report said, and face immigration court alone. Those detained for civil immigration violations are three times as likely to prevail in court and win the right to remain in this country with their families, contributing to their communities, the report said.

The new funding will go to Legal Services of New Jersey, the American Friends Service Committee and the law schools at Rutgers and Seton Hall, which is additional funding won't be enough to level the playing field for everyone, it should go a long way to ensuring fair hearings for many more detainees.

Meanwhile, Grewal's immigrant trust Directive will work to level the playing field in a different way.

As our columnist Joan Quigley wrote earlier this week, whether someone is detained by ICE can depend more on where he or she is arrested than on the severity

of the suspected offense. For example, Quigley wrote, Burlington and Union Counties have refused to honor ICE's requests to hold certain arrestees without a judicial warrant, while Middlesex and Ocean have decided on a case-by-case basis.

The new guidelines apply statewide and don't shield immigrants from being brought to justice for crimes. They do, however, firm law enforcement from putting residents on a path to deportation for minor violations or, for, say, reporting being the victim of a crime or a witness to a crime.

"It's an excellent step forward in making our immigrant communities feel that much more safe and confident that they can cooperate with law enforcement," the Rev. Eugene Squero, an immigration lawyer in Jersey City, told the Jersey Journal.

Those who have bought into the president's demagoguery will no doubt try to twist both Garden State efforts with outlandish lies that falsely posit scenarios in which serial killers roam free.

That is not what these measures do.

"No invading resident of this great state should live in fear that a routine traffic stop by local police will result in his or her deportation from this country," Grewal said in his announcement. "We wholeheartedly agree.

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HARD cider regains its old strength in Garden State

By Jim Flagg
It's a little-known fact, but hard cider is making a comeback in New Jersey. In the past few years, the state has seen a resurgence in the popularity of this traditional beverage. This is due to a combination of factors, including the growing awareness of the health benefits of hard cider and the increasing availability of high-quality products. In fact, the state's hard cider production has increased significantly in recent years, and it is now one of the fastest-growing beverage industries in the state. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the producers, who have worked hard to improve the quality of their products and to promote the benefits of hard cider. As a result, hard cider is now a popular choice for many consumers, and it is expected to continue to grow in popularity in the years ahead.

Democrats shouldn't miss this opportunity to reform the justice system

By Jim Flagg
The justice system in New Jersey is in need of reform. There are too many cases, too many delays, and too much waste. It is time for the Democrats to take action and to reform the justice system. This is an opportunity that should not be missed. The justice system is the backbone of our society, and it is essential that it be fair, efficient, and accessible to all. The current system is broken, and it is time to fix it. The Democrats have the power to make a difference, and they should use it to reform the justice system. This is a chance to make a positive impact on the lives of New Jerseyans, and it is one that should not be missed.

The Warren Report: The Star-Crossed

By Jim Flagg
The Warren Report is a landmark document in American history. It is a testament to the power of the press and to the importance of responsible journalism. The report exposed the truth about the Kennedy assassination, and it has inspired generations of journalists to follow in its footsteps. It is a reminder that the press has a duty to the public, and that it must be held accountable for its actions. The Warren Report is a shining example of what responsible journalism can achieve, and it is a source of inspiration for all who seek to make a difference in the world.

Amazon got what it wanted. Did taxpayers?

By Jim Flagg
Amazon has been a major force in the economy, and it has been a source of controversy. The company has been accused of tax avoidance, and it has been criticized for its impact on the environment. However, Amazon has also been a source of jobs and economic growth. It is a complex issue, and it is one that needs to be addressed. The government has a responsibility to ensure that Amazon is paying its fair share of taxes, and it is also responsible for addressing the environmental concerns of the company. It is time for the government to take action and to ensure that Amazon is operating in a responsible and ethical manner.

Legislators proposed

By Jim Flagg
The legislature has proposed a number of bills, and it is time to consider them. These bills cover a wide range of issues, from education to healthcare. It is important for the public to be informed about these proposals, and it is important for legislators to listen to the concerns of their constituents. The legislature has a duty to the people, and it must act in their best interests. It is time for the legislature to take action and to address the needs of the people of New Jersey.

By Jim Flagg
The state is facing a number of challenges, and it is time to address them. These challenges include a growing budget deficit, a declining birth rate, and a changing demographic. It is important for the state to take action and to address these challenges in a responsible and ethical manner. The government has a responsibility to the people, and it must act in their best interests. It is time for the government to take action and to ensure that the state is prepared for the future.

By Jim Flagg
The state is a diverse and vibrant place, and it is important to preserve its unique character. This means protecting our natural resources, our cultural heritage, and our way of life. It is the responsibility of the government to ensure that these things are protected and preserved for future generations. This is a challenge, but it is one that must be met. The government has a duty to the people, and it must act in their best interests. It is time for the government to take action and to ensure that the state is a place where everyone can thrive.

By Jim Flagg
The state is a place of opportunity, and it is important to make the most of it. This means investing in education, infrastructure, and innovation. It is the responsibility of the government to create an environment where these things can flourish. This is a challenge, but it is one that must be met. The government has a duty to the people, and it must act in their best interests. It is time for the government to take action and to ensure that the state is a place where everyone can succeed.

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'Sanctuary' county didn't let this sex offender out. ICE did.

SANCTUARY COUNTY, N.J., didn't let this sex offender out. ICE did. The county's sanctuary status, which prohibits law enforcement from cooperating with federal immigration authorities, is the reason the man, who was arrested in 2014 for sexual assault, was able to remain in the county for so long.

The man, who is now 35, was arrested in 2014 for sexual assault. He was held in custody for several months, but was eventually released because of his sanctuary status. The county's sanctuary status is a violation of federal law, and it is time to end it.

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Radio station should re-examine its own culture

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New school funding law aids schoolchildren, taxpayers

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Randy Bergmann


Asbury Park Press

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OPINION

Stop defending Lakewood school board Medicaid cheat: Editorial

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Melinda Murray, a Lakewood public schools bus aide, calls for Moshe S. Newhouse to resign during a board meeting on Oct. 24, 2018. Stacy Barchenger. @sbarchenger



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Doctor Board Can Be Sued Separately From Hospital, NJ Federal Judge Rules

By Michael Smith



ROBERT RUDER

A federal judge in New Jersey last week ruled that a doctor board can be sued separately from the hospital it oversees...

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Generic Drug Litigation Snowballed in 2017, With Del., NJ as Top Venues

By Charles Toutant

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Picking up officials' health tab

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Some officials get care through government

Mike Deak and Nick Muscavage
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Officials need to tell Central Jersey officials how important health insurance has become.

Premiums are costly. It's also up with age. And, because employers are faced with higher costs, they pay less contributions to their insurance. There also should be some action in health insurance.

The average annual cost of health insurance for a family of four is \$1,200, according to the United Health Foundation. Health insurance costs are 20 percent of the cost of the average population of \$6,000.

The elected and appointed government officials in Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Union counties, a small minority of whom have health insurance through the government are a concern.

In most cases, their government-funded premiums are several times the amount of salary they receive for services rendered.

For example, Middlesex County's 2017 annual membership in SOF cost \$7,000 a year. But the combined cost for members for the two lowest members who received benefits was only the same year. Three of the officials contributed \$64,372 toward the premium costs and one contributed \$17,141.

In Somerset, one of the seven members of the Executive Council received benefits in 2017. The total cost of the five council members' insurance in 2017 was \$17,000.00. This is compared to four council members' \$3,000.00 and one plan at \$1,000.00. The total cost of members' receiving the health plan each year is \$10,000.00 toward their pay.

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Woman recounts alleged sex abuse

Crimes by Central Jersey priest decades ago claimed

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When Susan Duraha heard Cardinal Theodore McCarrick was implicated in sexual abuse allegations, she knew what she had to do: share her story.

Duraha, a former Parish confidant and Director of Missionary Evangelism, said she was sexually abused by a priest in Central Jersey in nearly a decade.

Some of the instances of alleged abuse, which she said happened more than 100, occurred in a room down

the hall from McCarrick in the rectory of St. Thomas of Aquino in Metuchen, where he was assigned as pastor at the time.

"My story dates back to 1979," Duraha said. "From 1979 to 1987 I was ministered by Rev. Mark Tridick."

Duraha, born in 1960, was 19 when the alleged abuse began. It wouldn't come to mind until she was in her early 20s, she said.

"At the time McCarrick was the Bishop of Metuchen,"

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Susan Duraha poses with her book. Photo by Nick Muscavage

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Bill Duhart

South Jersey Times

Tiny, tony Tavistock: How it came to be N.J.'s smallest town (And why it will stay that way)



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How it came to be N.J.'s smallest town (And why it will stay that way)



Tavistock is the latest municipality in New Jersey to lose a state politician. Three closely affiliated state legislators made the town the smallest in the state. **Tavistock Golf Course, South Jersey Times Photo**

Bill Duhart, Enterprise Staff

NEW TAVISTOCK, the town of one village in a township, is the smallest municipality in the state. It is a town of 100 people, with a population of 100 people. It is a town of 100 people, with a population of 100 people. It is a town of 100 people, with a population of 100 people.

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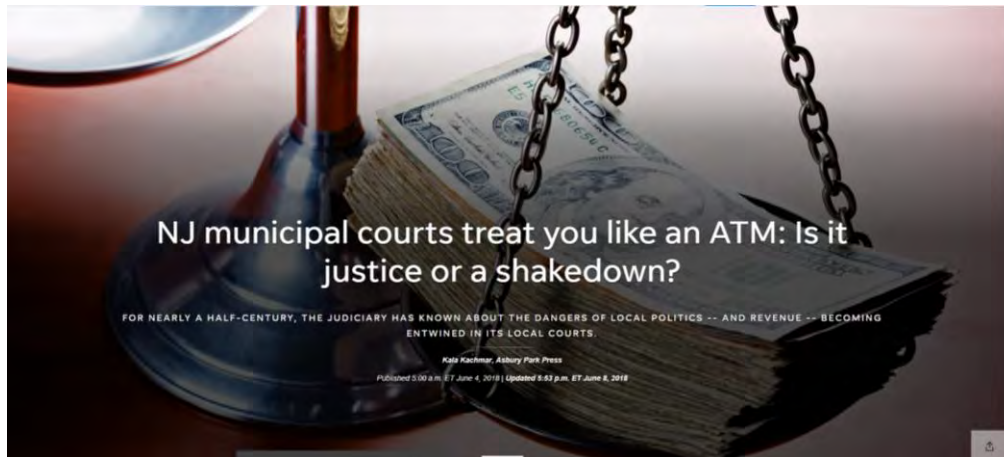
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LACKAWANNA PLAZA

What is historic?

Applicant testimony concludes after six months

BY JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS
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More than six months of negotiation by the proponents of the Lackawanna Plaza redevelopment plan resulted in a capitulation on Monday with the sense of just what courtesies a transit station-dominating "Planning Board" bearing.

At the heart of the contention was whether the definition of a train station should include the existing platform at Lackawanna Plaza. Those platform were enclosed by glass screens in the 1970s and historic preservationists want them to be restored in whatever plan for the plaza is finally approved. But the city's developers, Dymally and Stampone, say the rail forms need to be razed to make more room for parking as part of a multi-use plan that would include 154 housing units, a restaurant, a medical center and more retail space.

Sen. Acosta's is lead on planning testimony on behalf of the de-

Students look on during Monday night's Planning Board meeting, where developers gave testimony on the Lackawanna Plaza redevelopment plan.

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**Glover Mill Suit Busts
Heights Budget, Raises
Ethical Concerns**

Glover Mill Suit Busts Heights Budget, Raises Ethical Concerns

by Joan Buehler

In response to an Open Public Records Act request, *The Retrospect* has learned that the law firm Duane Morris billed Haddon Heights \$325,030.42 over 22 months of defending the borough in the environmental remediation lawsuit brought by the developer of the 27-house Glover Mill Village.

Bob Meyers Communities brought the suit against the borough because of contamination discovered at the bor-

ough's former public works facility which still had the remains of a long-disused sewage treatment plant.

The \$1.6 million damage suit, plus unspecified compensation for delay of the project, attorney fees and lost opportunity, was settled for \$265,000 in April 2018, bringing the total cost to the borough to \$590,030.42. The cost is actually higher if the amounts billed by former town solici-

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The Jersey Journal

Bayonne police brutality suit cost
the city at least \$1.5M to settle



AFTER A warring battle by the Jersey Journal for information of a confidential deal Bayonne made to settle a police brutality lawsuit, details released yesterday indicate if the cost city is less: \$1.5 million.

Bayonne police brutality suit cost the city at least \$1.5M to settle

BY RON ZEITLINGER
MANAGING EDITOR

At least \$1.5 million was paid to settle a police brutality lawsuit brought by a family that was beaten and pepper-sprayed by Bayonne police, according to a confidential deal released yesterday after a year-long court battle by The Jersey Journal.

The family of Brandon Walsh sued the city of Bayonne and the police department in November 2014, 11 months after Walsh was beaten with a flashlight, during an arrest at his home. The lawsuit asserted that his mother, Kathy Walsh, was pepper-sprayed by police and the chemical irritant spread to other family members in the house, causing the whole family, including the family's dogs, to become violently ill.

A mediated settlement agreement was released to The Journal nearly one year after it filed an Open Public Records Act request and subsequently sued the city when the request was denied. The agreement was handed over only after the state Supreme Court rejected the city's motion for a stay

of a lower court's ruling that the city must turn over the documents, which is public record.

Under the settlement agreement, which was completed March 17, 2017, Brandon Walsh will receive \$400,000 in an annuity to be paid in \$2,000-per-month increments over 25 years. The city's insurer, the New Jersey Insur governmental Insurance Fund, paid \$500,000 to an annuity provider to cover the payments, the settlement said.

Another \$1 million was placed into a trust fund for the Walsh family's attorney, Joel S. Silberman, although it is not clear in the document how much of that amount is designated for the family members who were part of the lawsuit — Brandon Walsh, Kathy Walsh, her mother, Mary Marschall, her disabled daughter, another son, Aaron Walsh, and two grandchildren.

Under the terms of the deal, the Walsh family agreed that the settlement was not an admission by the city "of any wrongdoing or liability" and "is being entered into solely for the purpose of economic expediency."

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David Blomquist
Editor of The Jersey Journal

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Interviewed last night, Silberman declined to say if or how the money would be divided up.

Details of the agreement pertaining to the minor child and the disabled adult were redacted from the settlement.

Under the terms of the settlement, the Walsh family and their attorney were barred from talking about the agreement, or even to acknowledge that the agreement existed. The Walsh family and Silberman also agreed in the settlement that their communication with the media regarding the settlement would consist only of a

statement that "the action was settled to my satisfaction."

On Sept. 15, 2015, a police Officer Dominico Lillo, who was identified in the lawsuit as striking Brandon Walsh, pleaded guilty in federal court to use of excessive force. Another officer, Francis Spyles, was charged in federal court with covering up the police brutality. His trial last year ended in a mistrial after the jury could not reach a verdict.

The U.S. Attorney's Office has not decided if it will seek to re-arrest Spyles.

By state law, settlements entered into by public entities can only be sealed or shielded from the public under extraordinary circumstances. But the parties asked U.S. Magistrate Judge Larry Walker, who heard the case, to seal the agreement.

When the journal asked to receive a copy of the agreement, the city denied its request. It later argued that Walker had sealed the agreement and shielded it from public view.

The Jersey Journal filed a complaint in state court, asking the court to force Bayonne to release the agreement. Over the next nine months, state and federal courts soundly rejected claims by Bayonne and the insurance fund that the release of the settlement would put members of the Walsh family in danger.

Issuing motions by the attorneys for the insurance fund in state appellate court and the state Supreme Court were rejected, leaving the city with only the hope that a federal appeals court would overturn Walker's decision, but the city abandoned that fight yesterday.

Bayonne Mayor Jimmy Davis blamed the insurance fund for the long legal battle. "The city wanted to release it," Davis said.

"There is nothing to hide... no one ever came through my doors. I would have made them believe it (again)."

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The Record (Bergen County)

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**Press sues for secret Philip
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Press sues for secret Philip Seidle records; judge to review in private

Kathleen Hopkins, @Khopkinsapp Published 7:00 p.m. ET Nov. 3, 2017 | Updated 7:37 p.m. ET Nov. 3, 2017



Attorneys for the Asbury Park Press and Neptune Township make their arguments in State Superior Court over keeping internal affairs documents concerning former police Sergeant Philip Seidle confidential. THOMAS P. COSTELLO



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FREEHOLD - Monmouth County's top judge agreed on Friday to review more than 600 pages of secret internal affairs investigations involving killer cop Philip Seidle before ruling on an Asbury Park Press lawsuit seeking access to the records.

Monmouth County Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton ordered Neptune Township,

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Allison Pries

The Star-Ledger

Embattled chief suspended
until he retires in January

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS

Infighting intensifies as tapes surface

Recordings allegedly reveal
police disparaging officials

Allison Pries For The Star-Ledger

The town rocked by infighting and intrigue since the release of self-made recordings of a police chief saying he'd like to kill a councilwoman has been lit again by more tapes — those allegedly revealing another police officer mocking an Asian councilman, and the chief calling the mayor a "piece of [expletive]."

The Englewood Cliffs Borough Council held a special meeting last week where the additional comments made by the chief and other members of the police department about elected officials came to light.

It is all against the backdrop of a politically fueled battle that has included administrative and criminal charges against the chief, a slew of lawsuits against the mayor and borough, and a back-and-forth over whether or not the chief should be suspended.

Police Chief Michael Clöff, two captains and one lieutenant are facing administrative charges, which Mayor Mario Kranjac said could not be made public because they pertain to personnel matters.

"They're confidential unless there's a hearing and [the officers] opt to have in public," the mayor said.

There are six charges against Clöff, he said.

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The Star-Ledger

**Meeting time to pick new
mayor raises eyebrows**

ROCKAWAY

Meeting time to pick new mayor raises eyebrows

Rob Jennings For The Star-Ledger

The Rockaway Township Council scheduled a highly unusual, 10:30 p.m. Friday meeting to pick a new mayor and possibly make other changes, one month after the death of Mayor Mike Daclisen.

Daclisen's death from a heart attack on Aug. 15 exacerbated political divisions in Rockaway Township. Within days, his widow and other supporters organized a petition drive aimed at recalling acting Mayor Jeremy Jedynak, the council's president.

The council had planned to meet Thursday night and, in anticipation of a large crowd, reportedly received permission from Christ Church to use its 1,000-seat sanctuary instead of the much smaller room in the municipal building.

However, at about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, the church notified Jedynak that it was withdrawing the invitation, according to an 11-paragraph email by residents from Councilwoman Eddy Abrahamson and provided to NJ Advance Media on Friday.

Abrahamson, the acting council president, blamed the cancellation on calls and emails to the church from "disrupters" opposed to the council majority. Five of its nine members, including Jedynak and Abrahamson, had sparred with Daclisen on a wide range of issues.

A phone call to Christ Church was not returned. As for rescheduling the meeting for 10:30 p.m. Friday, Abrahamson said in her message, without elaborating, that Friday was the "last opportunity" to choose an interim mayor serving through Dec. 31.

She also cited the Open Public Meeting Law, which requires 48 hours' notice before a public meeting can be held. The meeting will begin about 50 hours after the church notified the council of the withdrawn invitation, according to Abrahamson.

Because Daclisen was a Republican, the local Republican committee submitted three candidates — former Councilman Paul Minicinis, Councilman Michael Puzio and Adam Saberg — for interim mayor. Voters will pick a mayor on Nov. 6 to fill the remainder of Daclisen's term, which runs through December 2019. Jedynak said after Daclisen's death that he would not run for mayor.

The council also was expected to consider other changes Friday — most notably, a proposal to replace the municipal attorney with John Inglesino, a former Rockaway Township mayor and Morris County freholder.

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Lawmakers Hope Third Time's a Charm on Surrogacy Contract Legislation

By Michael Booth

A committee of the New Jersey Legislature has recommended approval of a bill identical to one previously vetoed—that would permit legally binding gestational carrier agreements.

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee recommended passage of the bill, S-482, in a 6-2 vote on Monday.

Republican Gov. Chris Christie vetoed the bill in 2012 and 2015, when both legislative chambers approved it. Last year the measure once again passed the Senate, though the Assembly didn't take action before the close of the legislative session.

Democratic Gov. Philip Murphy has not indicated whether he supports the proposal.

Under such a contract, a woman agrees to carry the fertilized egg of

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Diversity More Than a Numbers Game, But Midsize Law Firms Must Play to Win

By David Gialanella



LLOYD FREEMAN

The numbers are telling. Reports issued over the course of the year indicate that law firms could do far better when it comes to building their diverse attorney ranks. And it might seem that midsize and small firms are at a disadvantage when competing for diverse talent with larger firms—particularly in New Jersey, where the New York and Philadelphia markets loom large.

But creating a firm environment that truly prioritizes diversity means more than hitting a magic number or following an exact formula, attorneys at New Jersey midsize firms have said. The key, it seems, is being proactive, partnering with bar groups and other organizations that can help, and being persistent in a field where one's practice obligations alone can be more than a full-time job.

"Diversity is when you count people; inclusion is when you make people count," said Lloyd Freeman, a partner at Haddonfield's Archer & Greiner, where he heads a firm affinity program he helped found, "Lawyers Encouraging Archer's Diversity" (LEAD).

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Bruce A. Scruton
New Jersey Herald

In Water Gap, a rock fence or a stone wall?



Photo by David Friedman, Jersey Herald

The New Jersey Department of Transportation is planning to build a retaining fence to guard against falling rocks along Interstate 80 through the Delaware Water Gap similar to this fence seen along Route 46 in Knowlton.

Opposition strong to state's plan for cliffs along I-80

By BRUCE A. SCRUTON
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KNOWLTON — The cliffs make the Delaware Water Gap a natural wonder. The cliffs are at the top of a state list of highway safety hazards.

Now state plans to reduce those hazards have local officials wondering.

"It's a senseless project," proclaimed Knowlton Mayor Adele Starr as a follow-up to a Township Committee resolution unanimously approved late last month, which disapproves of the state's plans.

"We don't want a 50-foot pyramid there," she said. "It's going to be huge."

"Safety is the top priority for the New Jersey Department of Transportation," wrote DOT spokesman Stephen Schapiro. "This approximately half-mile stretch of I-80 is the most dangerous portion in terms of rockfall, based on the stability of the rock, the frequency of rock

falls or mudslides, and the severity." He called the rocky, severe cliffs and steep slopes "a real danger that is constant and severe," and said state highway crews "regularly clear rocks from the roadway that are typically between 12 inches to 36 inches in dimension."

Starr said the type of structure being proposed begins with the pyramid at about milepost 1.5 on the westbound side and continues with a "Jurassic Park-style fence" until about milepost 1.

Costs for the project are estimated to be between \$52 million to \$58 million.

The DOT held a public meeting last year on the project but town officials said they feel their voices, and those of the town's residents, are not being heard.

Starr said she is meeting this week with Hardwick officials and local citizens are beginning a petition drive to get the state's attention.

Hardwick officials could not immediately be reached.

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New Jersey Herald

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Gottheimer tours area of alleged Vernon dump site



Sen. Robert H. Gottheimer, D-Sussex, tours the area of an alleged dumping site near New Vernon on Oct. 16, 2018. The Sen. is accompanied by DEP Commissioner Eric S. D'Amico, Sussex County Executive Joseph D. Cortese, Sussex County Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert J. DeLoe, and other officials.

Presses DEP for action after viewing 'massive waste pile'

By ERIC DEERBERGER
PHOTO BY JEFFREY HARRIS

VERNON — Sen. Robert H. Gottheimer, D-Sussex, is pressing the state Department of Environmental Protection to take action after viewing a "massive waste pile" near New Vernon on Oct. 16.

Gottheimer, who was joined by Sussex County Executive Joseph D. Cortese, DEP Commissioner Eric S. D'Amico, Sussex County Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert J. DeLoe, and other officials, viewed a large pile of debris and other waste materials in the area of the alleged dumping site. Gottheimer said he was "shocked" by the amount of waste and urged the DEP to take immediate action to clean up the site and prevent any further dumping.

"This is a massive pile of construction and demolition materials in the area of the alleged dumping site," Gottheimer said. "I am concerned about the potential health and environmental risks posed by this waste. I am urging the DEP to take immediate action to clean up the site and prevent any further dumping."

Gottheimer also urged the DEP to investigate the source of the waste and to take steps to prevent any further dumping. He said he would continue to monitor the situation and would report back to the public as more information becomes available.

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Protecting the Shield:

Millions paid in secret settlements to keep bad cops on the street and the public in danger

Dead, beaten, abused: New Jersey fails to stop police brutality

Millions paid in secret settlements to keep bad cops on the street and the public in danger.

Andrew Ford and Kala Kachmar and Paul D'Ambrosio, Asbury Park Press
Updated 9:52 p.m. EST Dec. 26, 2018

Killed. Beaten. Stalked. More than 200 citizens across the state have been victimized in recent years by out-of-control rogue cops. In many cases, the cops kept their jobs, even got promoted – while tens of millions of your tax dollars kept the abuses quiet. Until now.

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New Jersey governments across the state, from the smallest towns to some of the largest cities, have spent more than \$42 million this decade to cover-up deaths, physical abuses and sexual misconduct at the hands of bad cops.

The abuse of police power has left a staggering toll: at least 19 dead; 131 injured; 7 sexual misconducts, plus dozens of other offenses ranging from false arrest to harassment, a two-year investigation by the Asbury Park Press found.

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