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**General News  
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**Joe Lamberti**  
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**Good Friday**



**General News  
All Divisions**

**FIRST PLACE**

**Daniel Freel**

New Jersey Herald

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**THIRD PLACE  
Lori M. Nichols  
South Jersey Times**



**Finally home**





# NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2019 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

## News Picture Story

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Daniel Freel

New Jersey Herald

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## News Picture Story

## All Divisions

## FIRST PLACE

Daniel Freel

New Jersey Herald

## Picatinny Arsenal Remembers 9/11



**Sports Action  
All Divisions**

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**Joe Lamberti**

Courier-Post

**Free Throw**



**Sports Action**  
**All Divisions**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Daniel Freel**

New Jersey Herald

**Riva's determination**





**Sports Action  
All Divisions**

**FIRST PLACE**

**Andrew Mills**  
The Star-Ledger

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**Sports Feature  
All Divisions**

**THIRD PLACE**

**Lori M. Nichols**  
South Jersey Times

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**Sports Feature  
All Divisions**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Saed Hindash  
The Express-Times**

**Take the field**



**Sports Feature  
All Divisions**

**FIRST PLACE**

**Saed Hindash**  
The Express-Times

**Emerge**





Sports Feature  
Picture Story  
All Divisions

**THIRD PLACE**

Peter Ackerman  
Asbury Park Press

Island Races



# NEWSPAPER CONTEST: 2019 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

**Sports Feature  
Picture Story  
All Divisions**



**SECOND PLACE  
Aristide  
Economopoulos  
The Star-Ledger**



**Summer Football**





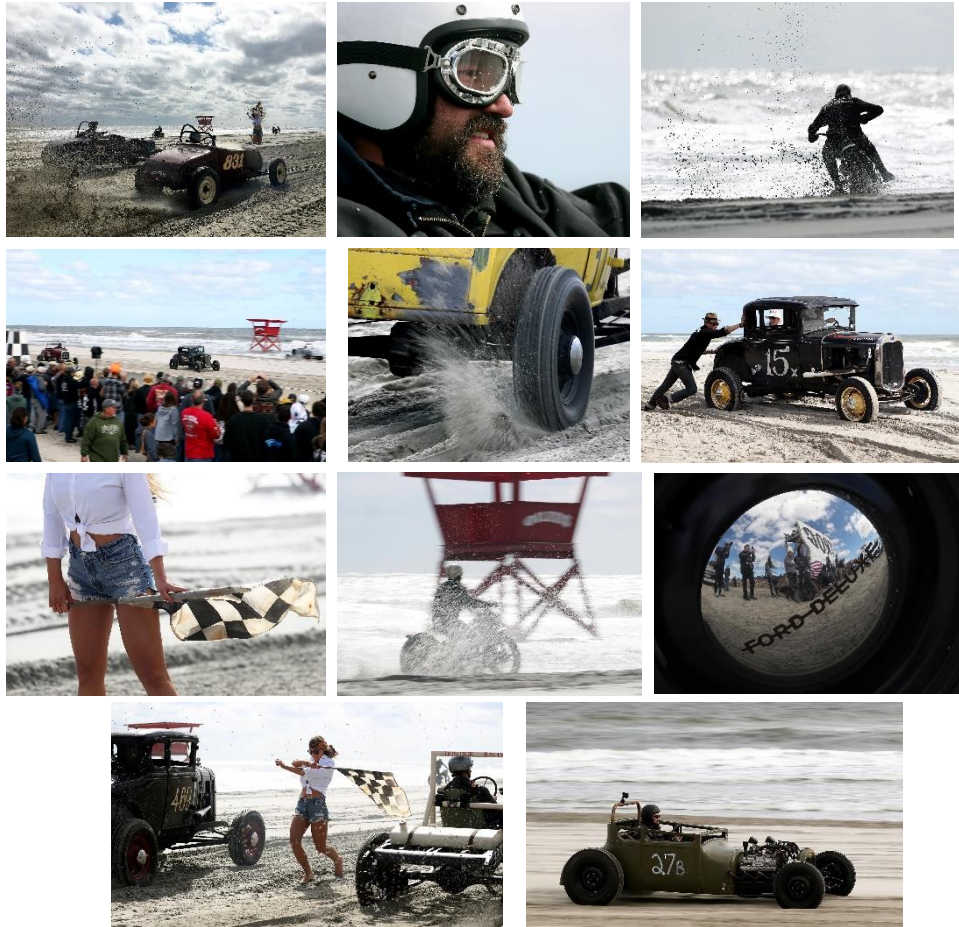
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**Sports Feature  
Picture Story  
All Divisions**

**FIRST PLACE**

**Lori M. Nichols**  
South Jersey Times

**The Race of Gentlemen**



**Feature  
Picture Story  
All Divisions**



**THIRD PLACE  
Jack Reynolds  
The SandPaper**



**Coast Guard**





**Feature  
Picture Story  
All Divisions**



**SECOND PLACE**

**Joe Lamberti**

Courier-Post



**What bonds the  
monks of Pine  
Wind**



**Feature  
Picture Story  
All Divisions**



**FIRST PLACE**  
**Craig Matthews**  
The Press of  
Atlantic City



**Sunflowers in  
bloom**

**Portrait  
All Divisions**

**THIRD PLACE**

**Tim Hawk**  
South Jersey Times

**Time to shine**





**Portrait**  
**All Divisions**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Doug Hood**  
Asbury Park Press

**Bob Weir**



**Portrait**  
**All Divisions**

**FIRST PLACE**

**Jack Reynolds**  
The SandPaper

**Honoring Honour**



**Pictorial  
All Divisions**

**THIRD PLACE**

**Aristide**

**Economopoulos**

**The Star-Ledger**

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**Pictorial  
All Divisions**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Peter Ackerman**  
Asbury Park Press

**Jetty Sunrise**





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All Divisions**

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**Tom Costello**  
Asbury Park Press

**July Fourth  
Fireworks**



**Best Portfolio  
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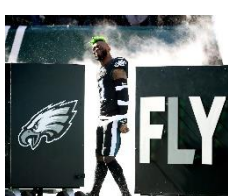
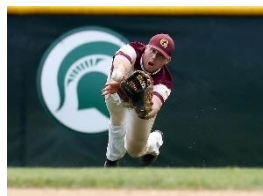
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Courier-Post**



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SECOND  
PLACE

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## Best Portfolio All Divisions



## FIRST PLACE Alexander Lewis Courier News



# Best in Show

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# 2019 NJPA Editorial Results



## News Writing

Weekly Division

### THIRD PLACE

### Rick Mellerup

The SandPaper

## Veterans, Private Donors Rush to Aid Coast Guard

The SandPaper/Wednesday, January 23, 2019

### CURRENTS

## Veterans, Private Donors Rush to Aid Coast Guard

*Only Armed Force Affected By Shutdown*

Locals certainly appreciate the U.S. Coast Guard. As stories elsewhere in this issue show, Beach Haven borough and the Long Beach Island Foundation for the Arts and Sciences are helping the crew members of Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light and their families as they try to survive not getting paid during the partial government shutdown. Even corporations have gotten into the act, as reported by the SandPaper story that shows that Hackensack Meridian Health is waiving co-pays and deductibles for emergency visits to its urgent care centers and all of its network hospitals, including Manahawkin's Southern Ocean Medical Center. The offer is not only for members of the Coast Guard and their immediate families, but also for all furloughed federal workers and their insured family members.

Members of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines are getting paid. So why not members of the Coast Guard? The first four services

are part of the Department of Defense, which was fully funded before the partial government shutdown. The Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security, which has not been funded.

Other businesses, organizations and individuals are also lending helping hands. Greenhouse Café in Ship Bottom is offering a free or discounted meal to Station Barnegat Light crew members – free if the meal is \$20 or less; discounted by \$20 if the check runs higher than \$20.

The \$20 amount wasn't picked out of the air by folks at the Greenhouse Café. Members of the Coast Guard – and many other federal agencies – are not allowed to accept gifts worth more than \$20. That's why municipalities such as Beach Haven, organizations such as the St. Francis Center and the LBIF Foundation, and individuals who are collecting items for Coasties and their families stress that gift cards should have a \$20 limit.

Retired Coasties are also helping active-duty members. Rob Schrader, a retired chief petty officer who served at Station Barnegat Light from 1982 to 1988 and who now calls Barnegat Township home, is asking all hands to get on board with the effort.

"The end is nowhere in sight," said Schrader of the current federal shutdown. "Not having a

**LBIF to Collect  
Donations for  
Coast Guard**



Jack Reynolds

*ALWAYS READY: USCG Station Barnegat Light is not asking for help, but those looking to show support can donate food, hygiene items, pet supplies and gift cards.*

## News Writing

Weekly Division

## SECOND PLACE

Patrick Reilly

The Ocean Star

## Suspect Charged; Community Responds

### Suspect charged in shooting near Brick Memorial

Student, 16, wounded; suspect, 17, charged with attempted murder

BY PATRICK REILLY  
THE OCEAN STAR

BRICK TOWNSHIP — A 17-year-old male was arrested and charged Wednesday night in the shooting that wounded a 16-year-old student as he was walking home from classes at Brick Memorial High School on Tuesday.

The suspect was arrested in Asbury Park, authorities said, following the execution of a “no-knock” search warrant issued as part of a joint investigation by the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office Major Crime and High Tech units, Brick Township Police Department, and the Ocean County Sheriff’s Office. The juvenile was charged with four counts of attempted murder as well as weapons charges.

According to a statement issued by authorities on Thursday, surveillance footage from residences near the shooting was used by investigators to identify the sus-

*“Were it not for the collective resolve, determination, and good old-fashioned police-work ... this subject would not have been brought into custody in such a prompt and expeditious manner.”*

BRADLEY D. BILLHIMER,  
Ocean County Prosecutor

walking home with three friends following dismissal. The incident prompted a massive police response, with students and teachers locked down and sheltered in place.

The incident occurred about a quarter mile from the high school, on Lanes Mill Road, authorities said earlier, and was believed to have been connected to a drive-by shooting that took place on Saturday night.

“...We have no reason to believe this incident is anything more than an isolated situation developed between a small group of individuals,” Brick Police Sgt. Tim Valle

## News Writing

Weekly Division

### FIRST PLACE

Jaimie Julia Winters

Montclair Local

### Free home

#### REDEVELOPMENT

## Free home

Before razing, church seeks mover

BY JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS  
winters@montclairlocal.news

The Redeemer Church of Montclair is giving away a home, with one caveat — you have to move it.

"Free house!" reads an ad in the Nov. 7 edition of Montclair Local. "You pay to move it, otherwise it will be demolished."

The three-story house at 23 North Willow St. currently houses the Redeemer Church's administrative offices and classrooms, which will move to a new two-story addition that will be connected to the rear of the main church building and extended into the property at 23 Willow.

The church received approval from the zoning board in the fall of 2017 to demolish the six-bedroom, 2.5-bath house, with plans to add the two-story addition to its church building on the neighboring lot at 19 N. Willow St.

"The Historical Commission requested that we try and find someone who was willing to take it," said the Rev. Daniel Ying.

The Montclair Historic Preservation Commission reviewed Redeemer's plans for the addition, which was designed by local architect Paul Sionas. The commission suggested the church should try to sell and relocate the 23 North Willow St. building rather than demolish it.

Prospective movers will have to move soon, however, said Ying.



ADAM ANIKFOR/MONTCLAIR LOCAL

Instead of being razed, this house on North Willow Street could be moved, Redeemer Church hopes.

ing, but wanted a better functioning facility with more room to "do exactly what they're doing now in the house."

The church will also construct a new parking area with 13 spaces for the expanded church-building site, and needed a variance because 30 spaces are required by local codes. The regulations mandate one parking space for every eight seats in the church, and it has 240 seats, according to Redeemer's application.

Church administrator Loretta DiQuattro said the church has received a few inquiries about the house but nothing substantial.

Historic Preservation Commission chair Kathleen Bennett recalled that the commission did not find anything remarkable about the structure in its review, only that there were other homes on the block that were built to mirror

No one took the developer up on his offer, and the home was razed in May 2018.

In July 2017, the Carriage House, located on the current site of The George Hotel, was relocated. It wasn't much of a move, since the structure was just wheeled a short distance, to the side of the property that faces Claremont Avenue.

The 1796 Crane House was also moved in 1965, from its original location on Glenridge Avenue to its current site on Orange Road. It had also served as the home of the YWCA and is now the headquarters of the Montclair History Center.

#### NO DEMO LAW

The town has introduced a demolition oversight law that will trigger a review by a historic preservation officer, who has not yet been named, when a demolition



## Breaking News

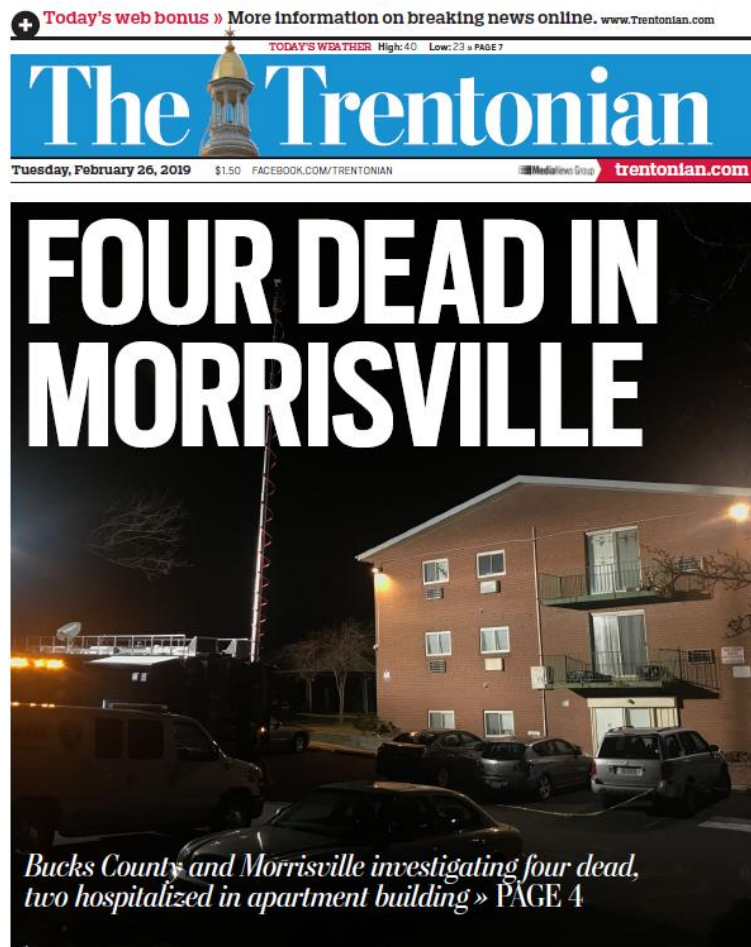
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John Berry, Isaac Avilucea,  
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L.A. Parker

The Trentonian



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The Jersey Journal

Jersey Journal breaking  
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Kurt Bresswein,  
Sara K. Satullo,  
Rudy Miller, Tony Rhodin  
The Express-Times

High drama ends safely;  
Charges filed against  
climber

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BETHLEHEM

## HIGH DRAMA ENDS SAFELY



A man who climbed to the top of Bethlehem Steel's iconic blast furnace Friday evening stands on a 4-beam tomorrow as police negotiators speak with him from a platform below. Photo by Kurt Bresswein, for The Express-Times

Police take climber into custody after 21 hours, ending a 'paralyzing situation' at SteelStacks

Kurt Bresswein and Sara K. Satullo For The Express-Times

The man who climbed a Bethlehem Steel Corp. blast furnace Friday evening, dangling from the Bethlehem campus, was finally taken into custody late Saturday afternoon. The man climbed up and down a ladder atop the blast furnace and multiple sets of catwalks on the old steel-making waste pile before he finally obeyed police orders about 4:25 a.m. to lie down on a platform hundreds of feet above the ground. The man brought in an end nearly 24 hours of high-stakes drama above the First Coast facility.

Bethlehem Police Chief Mark Uli said the man with his name in St. Louis Hospital for treatment. He was physically injured in his time atop the blast furnace, and neither his first responder team nor scaling the anchor cables that led to where he perched about 200' above the ground. No one else helped bring the man down, the chief said, though nearby workers did come from out of space to help Uli said he could not see the man's position, police workers and fans of talking. The climber had not been charged with any crimes, but the investigation remains open, he said.

"It was a successful conclusion in a very difficult, overnight situation, because you saw where he was perched at the very top of the stack only one way up and one way down," Uli said. "He's very happy no one was injured. We're happy he was not injured. And hopefully he'll get the treatment he needs at this point."

The blast furnace was owned and maintained by Wind



The 24-hour ordeal ends as negotiators take the man into custody Saturday afternoon. He was injured during the incident, but police said the man would be taken for evaluation.



## Breaking News

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## THIRD PLACE

Staff

South Jersey Times

## Shock, grief as girl dies after carnival ride fall



### DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP Shock, grief as girl dies after carnival ride fall



Law enforcement officials appear at the scene of an amusement ride accident at the Deerfield township carnival festival on Saturday night. A 10-year-old girl later died in a small airplane, for south jersey times

#### State inspectors, police search for cause as township's annual Harvest Festival ends

by the state inspector and county coroner for south jersey times

It was an autumn evening at a small-town festival in South Jersey, where the smells of funnel cake and fried Oreos and the blur of bright lights celebrating rides against a dark sky were accompanied by the sounds of music, electric generators and the occasional screams of delight.  
And then, abruptly, it turned deadly.  
A young girl standing the Deerfield Township Harvest Festival was struck a swirling machine of rotating arms and counter-rotating cars known as the "Space Shuttle" when she somehow fell — or was ejected — from the ride as it spun.  
State Police said the 10-year-old was airlifted from South Jersey Highlands in Deerfield to Cooper University Hospital in Camden, where she was pronounced dead less than an hour later, at 7:20 p.m. Saturday.  
Authorities would not identify the victim, but friends and parents put on Facebook photos to the girl, whom they named as a fourth-grader student at Deerfield Elementary School.  
The school will be offering grief counseling today, said Alan Ortiz, a teacher whose 10-year-old daughter was a friend of the victim. The two girls were in school together, went to holidays and had sleepovers.  
"We were thinking the kids will be safe, not a freak accident," said Ortiz, a Deerfield Township resident of 12 years who attends the festival with his four kids annually.  
The festival at the township's center for about 45 minutes before the carnival was scattered out. At the time, she was unaware of the accident.  
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## SECOND PLACE

Staff

The Star-Ledger

## Disaster From Above

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# The Star-Ledger

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## Disaster from above

Plane crash: Pilot killed, homes burn as small aircraft slams into house

By Michael Siskind, NJ.com Staff Writer

A twin-engine plane bound for an airport in Linden crashed into a residential neighborhood in Woodbridge on Tuesday, sending shrapnel at least two houses.

Some were home when the Cessna 441A plunged into a residence on Berkeley Avenue in the Colonia section of the township about 11 a.m., and no injuries were reported on the ground.

However, the pilot, the only person aboard, was killed in the crash, according to authorities.

Tx Michael Siskind, NJ.com Staff Writer

An investigation from the National Transportation Safety Board said there was no immediate sign of a distress call from the pilot of the doomed small plane.

The fire was put out by 2 p.m., though the plane remained wedged in the house, police said Tuesday afternoon. It could take up to three days to clear the wreckage from the house, said NJ.com Investigator Adam Corbett.

The NTSB was probing the cause of the crash, and the investigation would look at a range of factors, including the weather, the condition of the aircraft, the pilot and air traffic control data, Corbett said at a news conference Tuesday evening.

The crash site is about 4 miles from Linden Airport. The weather was misty at the time of the crash.

Corbett said investigators received one video of the plane that was taken from from the crash scene.

Damage caused the home that absorbed the impact and ignited an adjacent house.

"The house shook," said Lou Cuomo, who lives around the block from the crash site. "I thought I heard a low hit my house."

He said it sounded like an explosion.

"The plane is in the back of the house," said Woodbridge Mayor John McCaskey.

"You can't see the plane from the street. It's still apparently lodged in the house. The bodies don't get out easily."

Neighbors from all nine townships in Woodbridge responded to the blast, according to police reports.

The family who lived in the house engulfed by the blast broke down in tears



Above: Fire consumes a Woodbridge home after a twin-engine plane crashed into it Tuesday morning. Fire was out by 2 p.m. at the time of the crash. Photo by Michael Siskind, NJ.com Staff Writer

Small plane strikes home in Woodbridge



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## FIRST PLACE

Staff

The Record (Bergen County)

## Jersey City shooting

**The Record**  
NORTHJERSEY.COM  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

Jersey City detective among the victims | 2 suspects, 3 bystanders die in supermarket

# SIX KILLED IN SHOOTOUT

A huge police presence descends on the Greenwile section of Jersey City on Tuesday. A shootout left six people dead, including a police officer. Officials said the two shooters were shot and killed by police. [PHOTO BY MICHAEL KAMINSKI/NORTHJERSEY.COM](#)

**More coverage**

- Joseph Seak, officer killed in Jersey City, remembered at great gap by North Arlington neighbors. [SA](#)
- About 30,000 students at 43 city schools were locked down. [SA](#)
- Gun violence no thing new in Jersey City's Greenwile area. [T&E](#)

**Anthony Zarita and Kately Ortiz** [NorthJersey.com](#)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - NEW JERSEY

After a detective was shot and killed in a Jersey City cemetery, a nagging shootout broke out Tuesday between police and two suspects about a mile away, with hundreds of rounds exchanged over two hours as a bustling neighborhood was transformed into a deadly battlefield.

By the time it ended, six people were dead — the detective, two suspects who fired at police from inside a small supermarket, and three bystanders who had been inside the store when the shooting began.

The detective was identified as Joseph Seak, a father of two from North Arlington who was part of a de-

**Jersey City Police Chief Mike Kelly** speaks during a press conference about Tuesday's shooting. [MICHAEL KAMINSKI/NORTHJERSEY.COM](#)

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## THIRD PLACE

Scott Fallon

The Record (Bergen County)

## Portfolio

Meet the team charged with keeping  
invasive species out of New Jersey



Scott Fallon | North Jersey Record | USA TODAY NETWORK - NEW JERSEY

**NEWARK** — Deep inside a large warehouse near the nation's second busiest seaport, Rebecca Filer stands guard against an army ready to invade the U.S. and cause untold amounts of destruction in New Jersey, New York and beyond.

With a flashlight attached to her forehead, Filer opens a cargo container packed with 1,200 bags of rice from India that just entered the Port of Newark, and begins to sift through dozens of bags looking for a black spot the size of a pinhead.

"We want to make sure there are no hitchhikers," she says.

The hitchhiker Filer is searching for are khapra beetles, one of the biggest threats to wheat, rice, flour and other grains.

Filer and other agricultural inspectors with U.S. Customs and Border Protection are the first line of defense against invasive critters.

See SLEUTHS, Page 5A

"We want to make sure there are no hitchhikers."

**Rebecca Filer**  
Agricultural Inspector with U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Rebecca Filer inspects a cargo truck carrying rice, looking for destructive invasive insects.  
DANIELLE MARICIC/AP  
NORTH JERSEY RECORD

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**Amanda Oglesby**

Asbury Park Press

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**Trump trade war turns recycling into money loser for taxpayers, and here's why**

**Amanda Oglesby** Asbury Park Press

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**Stacey Barchenger**

Asbury Park Press

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**'It was a targeted attack.' Still no arrests a year after assault on Lakewood couple opposed to Eagle Ridge**

[Stacey Barchenger](#) Asbury Park Press

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Sulaiman Abdur-Rahman

The Trentonian

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### Rudy Miller

The Express-Times

Portfolio

# IMES

SLATE BELT

## Special needs class left out of ceremony

Parents call autistic son's  
treatment 'disastrous'

*Rudy Miller For The Express-Times*

Monday was supposed to be a terrific day for Braxton Hines.

The 6-year-old from Wind Gap was finishing kindergarten. His grandparents and aunt came from out of the area for his moving up ceremony at Washington Township Elementary School in the Slate Belt.

His family's excitement turned to anguish when he wasn't treated the same as most of the other kids.

Braxton has autism, according to his father, Jason Hines. He's nonverbal.

His name and those of the other students in his special needs class weren't in the booklet handed out at the ceremony. The parents were assured it was an oversight, however.

Then after the children sang songs, each class was invited to stand with their teacher for parents to take photos.

Braxton's class was overlooked, according to his parents.

"The whole thing went horribly. It was a mess," his mother, Jessica Swelgert, said on Facebook.

She had to take photos in the classroom since Braxton wasn't acknowledged with the other children, Swelgert said. At the

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## FIRST PLACE

Teri West

The Jersey Journal

## Portfolio

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# VICE PRINCIPAL THREATENS TO ARREST PROTESTERS

**HIGH TECH HIGH SCHOOL** students staged a protest yesterday against the proposed firing of Jacob Lawson. His termination was finalized later yesterday afternoon, below.

## High Tech students hold silent sit-in over teacher's firing

BY TERI WEST  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**SECAUCUS** — A High Tech High School vice principal threatened to have dozens of students arrested for holding a sit-in yesterday morning at the school in protest of the proposed termination of a beloved performing arts teacher.

The students sat silently inside the entrance of the school and held up signs in support of a music and audio technology teacher being let go for apparent budgetary reasons.

But the students were warned to get back to class or face arrest. "You have five minutes to decide to go back to class," William Mattei, a vice principal at the school told the group during an exchange that was recorded by a student. "If I have to bring the sheriff's officers in here to arrest each and every one of you for causing this disturbance I will.

OK? Yes, I will."

Some parents said they rushed to the school upon hearing from their children about the threat. One noted the students designed the protest in accordance with American Civil Liberties Union guidelines.

By yesterday afternoon, the district distanced itself from Mattei's comments.

"The administration accepted their demonstration but after consulting with security, students were asked to either return to class or move to the cafeteria as to not create a fire hazard," Caitlin Mota, a spokesperson for Hudson County Schools of Technology, said in a statement.

"Unfortunately, an employee of the district used a poor choice of words in asking students to leave the hallway. His statement in no way reflects the mission of HCST and the administration is already taking appropriate action," Mota added.



Hudson County Schools of Technology President Craig Guy said the board needs to "get the facts" on what Mattei said and that it would discuss the threat with Superintendent Amy Lin-Rodriguez.

The protest was organized in support of Jacob Lawson — one of two teachers in the high school's music and audio technology major — who was given notice of his termination on Monday. The notice did not state the reason for his dismissal, but Lawson said he was later told by the principal that it was for budgetary reasons.

Lawson's current salary is \$48,234. Upon learning the news, about 10 students formed a committee to organize the protest, one of the students said. It took place just hours before the Hudson County

Schools of Technology Board of Education was to meet and vote on Lawson's termination.

Students held signs illustrating what the intense, immersive arts education at High Tech means to them. "SAVE PERFORMING ARTS!" one read.

"The earth without art is just 'eh,'" stated another. The students then filled the board meeting at noon and were joined by about 20 parents.

Still, after more than an hour of testimony in three-minute increments from students, parents and staff, the board fired Lawson in an 8-1 vote. Lawson and his colleague in the program comforted sobbing students as they headed to the buses.

"By firing Mr. Lawson you are dismantling our music program,"

said Lola Buczkowski, a senior dance major.

Lawson is the third employee who works in the performing arts program to have his position affected this year.

The program's superintendent was demoted in June and replaced by a math teacher, said music and audio technology teacher Rod Shepard. A theater technician who also helped instruct classes was fired that same month. A musical theater teacher then resigned in protest, Shepard said.

Lawson's last day as a teacher at the school will be Feb. 1. The board did not specify whether he will be replaced.

Lawson entered the position at the start of the last school year, filling the spot of a teacher who had retired a year prior. Shepard said that he was overloaded with work during the year that Lawson's position was vacant.

Lawson teaches popular music performance, music history, music theory, chorus, sound design and audio engineering. He has a background as a professional performer, producer and recording artist.

His favorite part about his position at High Tech is the students.

"I get to do the stuff I love with kids who are excited about it," he said.

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TERI WEST JOURNAL PHOTO



# **Coverage of Election/Politics**

Weekly Division

**THIRD PLACE**

**Rick Mellerup**

The SandPaper

**Portfolio**

**No visual available**

**Coverage of  
Election/Politics**

Weekly Division

**SECOND PLACE**

**Kathy Shwiff**

The Progress

**Portfolio**

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**FIRST PLACE**

**Jaimie Julia Winters**

Montclair Local

**Portfolio**

**No visual available**





## Local News Coverage

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### IT'S OVER

## Apologies accepted in the 'Jew down' drama, time to move forward

To be clear: Now that Trenton Council President Kathy McBride and council members Robin Vaughn and George Muschal have made their apologies, I say onward and upward when it comes to matters that affect the capital city and beyond. While McBride's "Jew her down" comment was ugly - and Muschal's Edulstein *Columnist* and Vaughn's responses tone-deaf - I am going to fall on the side of "they didn't honestly know better" and move on.

Again, as I've already written, I've seen real anti-Semitism. This doesn't feel like that. While to say "Jew down" is obviously anti-Semitic in nature, it's - to borrow a ridiculous phrase from Muschal - a "statement of speech" that has been around for far too long.

Having said that, it sure did take this dopey trio long enough to come around and apologize. The words were uttered Sept. 5, the story broke last Friday, and it took McBride until Tuesday night to apologize. Once the story broke, she should have gotten out in front of it and said "sorry," thereby A) killing the story and B) preventing Muschal and Vaughn from stepping on it.

Anyway, Muschal - according to the New York Times (yes, this story went national) and our own reporters - apologized to Peter Cohen, the city attorney who the "Jew down" phrase was directed at - privately on Monday. "If I offended anyone in the Jewish community, I hope they will accept my sincere apology," he wrote in an email to the Times. "There was no malicious intent."

Vaughn, for her part, apologized Wednesday in a statement obtained by the Times.

Despite the apologies, the story continues. The entire New Jersey Congressional delegation demanded the trio apologize or step down. Jewish groups from around the world issued statements con-



SULAWAN ABDUR-RAHMAN - THE TRENTONIAN

Trenton City Council meets Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019, in which Council President Kathy McBride publicly apologized for making anti-Semitic comments in a prior executive session.

demning the trio, and at a town hall meeting Wednesday evening, many residents and political leaders got up to explain why this qualifies as, at best, bordering-on late speech.

But it was Rabbi Ben Adler of the Adath Israel Congregation who summed it up best, according to our reports: "We can forgive ignorance, but what we don't forgive is the refusal to learn and become better, the refusal to listen and understand," Adler said. "That's what we need in this moment."

He's entirely correct. Honestly, McBride's words, to my ears, caused me to metaphorically smirk and shake my head in a "whatover" pose. But Muschal and Vaughn's throaty support of using the term ... well, that was upsetting. It's one thing to know some people use that term, even if they aren't, at heart, anti-Semitic. But to know people-elected officials, no less - think it's A-OK to stand up and defend it? Well, good golly. Obviously, we have a bit of a ways to go when it comes recognizing what is and is not considered offensive and/or hateful.

But yes, I will take McBride, Muschal, and Vaughn at their words. I believe they now realize they were wrong, and I fully and wholeheartedly believe they are sorry. But - and you'll pardon if this sounds a little preachy - this should serve as a lesson for all of us. We are in this thing together, whether we like it or not. And my goodness, this county ... 48% white, 22% black, 1% Asian, 18% Hispanic ... Christians of all denominations, Jews, Muslims, atheists and agnostics ... Mets and Yankees and Phillies fans, Giants and Jets and Eagles fans, all living under the same tent ... seriously! When you say "melting pot," Mercer County takes the cake.

Now of course, just because we all live in the same county doesn't mean we all understand each other. I get that. But we should, at the very least, be a lot more cognizant of what makes a good neighbor. Casual racism and it's cousins, for the record, do not make for good neighbors.

Ignorance defeated, lessons learned. Let's all do a little bit better, yeah?

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**Pick 4 (Sept. 18):** 6-8-7-2 (Day: Sept. 19: 1-7-1-6)

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**Nostalgia swirls, twirls as Bushkill Park revives**



The facade is being removed at Hilarity Hall, the Parkhouse at Bushkill Park in Pocono Township, and the rides, mostly ground-based, are back to being a feature of the park, beginning in 2018. After the park has more than a decade. Photo by Andy Miller for the Express-Times.

**Brink of extinction: Rides are again operating after 12-year hiatus, drawing fans old and new**

Andy Miller for the Express-Times



David Bartholomew paints the new facade of the Fun House. He says he and the crew used fresh paint, making the Fun House the oldest in the country by the rebuilding.

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**N.J. deals blow to pipeline after eminent domain ruling**

Caroline Brennan for the Express-Times

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**'Gentle giant' of Highland Games dies**

Frank Klobas for the Express-Times

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### 'Being here is my plan'



Recently resettled citizens with the Oak of All Nations of the Oak Community in Mount Airy on Thursday.

**20 officials become U.S. citizens at Mount Airy ceremony**

By Christine DiStasio  
PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY W. WILSON

**PHILADELPHIA** — They were a collective gathering of about 100 in the country's 15th Historic Courthouse on Thursday as those gathered from 14 different countries were welcomed as naturalized citizens in a ceremony presided over by U.S. District Judge William H. Bryant. The naturalization ceremonies, presided by state Supreme Court Justice

Paul Allen Farnsworth, 74, was part of the Burlington County's celebration of Citizenship Day. The event was held in the historic Courthouse on 10th and Market streets in Mount Airy. The ceremony was held in the historic Courthouse on 10th and Market streets in Mount Airy. The ceremony was held in the historic Courthouse on 10th and Market streets in Mount Airy.

"This was a dream for me," said a woman in the crowd. "I'm so grateful to be here. I'm so grateful to be here. I'm so grateful to be here."

Christine DiStasio, who was in the crowd, said she was surprised by the turnout. "I was so surprised by the turnout. I was so surprised by the turnout. I was so surprised by the turnout."

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### WRIGHTSTOWN State: Mayor had secret MUA deal

Investigations said the board took no action when it learned of the agreement, and some members tried to silence public criticism

By Lisa Brund  
PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY W. WILSON

**WRIGHTSTOWN** — Over the course of three years, Mayor Christopher M. Mauer had a secret deal with the state to allow a private waste company to open thousands of illegal dumpsites in the town. The deal was made in secret, according to an investigation by the state's Office of the State Comptroller. The investigation, released Tuesday, raised concerns about the actions of Mayor Mauer.



### REALITY | B1 MORE TEENS VAPING NICOTINE

Study shows the use of e-cigarettes has risen to 15% among teens

By Lisa Brund  
PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY W. WILSON

A new study shows that the use of e-cigarettes has risen to 15% among teens. The study, published in the journal *Journal of Adolescent Health*, found that the use of e-cigarettes has risen to 15% among teens. The study, published in the journal *Journal of Adolescent Health*, found that the use of e-cigarettes has risen to 15% among teens.

### Administration blocks whistleblower disclosure

**By Mary Chavakis**  
PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY W. WILSON

**WASHINGTON** — The Trump administration has blocked a whistleblower's disclosure of information about the administration's efforts to suppress the release of documents related to the investigation into the 2017 election. The disclosure, which was made to the House of Representatives, revealed that the administration had attempted to suppress the release of documents related to the investigation into the 2017 election.

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Super-creator steps in  
Upper Saddle River teachers, teachers  
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## No jail time for man in one-punch case



Deagla Galdo, left, walks into Orangeburg Justice Court on Wednesday to be sentenced for causing the death of his friend Richard Hines with a single punch to the head outside a Pouch Store, N.J., last in 2016. (Photo by Michael J. Cusack)

**Probation, work release for friend's death at bar**

Steve Lieberman  
The Record Staff

ORANGEBURG, N.J. — Deagla Galdo was given three years' probation and 60 days' weekend work release for his fatal punch to the head of his best

friend, Richard Hines, outside a Pouch Store, New York, last year.

While Orangeburg Justice Patrick J. Lofaso considered Hines' testimony the pushing and shoving after a night of drinking with his brother, he said the 22-year-old Galdo's actions had consequences.

Both New Jersey men and a third friend were drunk on Jan. 13, 2016, at 11 a.m. outside the Pouch Store. Galdo said, "This should not have happened."

Lofaso said "But it did happen, and there are consequences. These men were drinking friends who went out together, and both were heavily intoxicated."

Lofaso said, after viewing videos and reading documents, that the 28-year-old Hines was the aggressor when he pushed and shoved Hines. He said Hines, known as R.I., was agitated

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## Recess suit seeks policy change

Tom Noble  
The Record Staff

It's not about recess, if it's about the process.

That, says Deborah Kapowitz, is the message behind a lawsuit she and her husband filed, against the Ridgecrest school district after a series of incidents in January that began when their children refused to go outside for recess one day.

Kapowitz's husband, Vincent, complained years ago after learning that the school processed the children to go outside, which led to what the family's suit calls a "distress call" to Vincent Kapowitz from all school property in Ridgecrest, including public fields.

Deborah Kapowitz believes the school district should sue her.

"There should have been a manual request, having both sides of the story and giving both sides due process before making a decision," she said in an interview with North Jersey.com and the USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey.

The Kapowitzs moved from New York City to Ridgecrest in 2012 primarily for the school system, Deborah Kapowitz said. Vincent Kapowitz later became the primary caregiver of their two 10-year-old children after being diagnosed as a New York City police officer turned law firm senior attorney, the suit states.

The kids were active in sports, but their parents would often withdraw them from recess if they were fighting on the lines, according to the suit. The Kapowitzs would call or email

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## Five ways to help struggling NJ Transit bus riders

Colleen Wilson  
The Record Staff

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The plight of NJ Transit bus riders is causing the foundation as part of a new campaign to make consumers aware to read before the majority of the agency's customers.

Employees are advocating for more flexible scheduling, shorter or weekend, increased investment and more initiative services, which are outlined in a report made available Thursday by the advocacy group The State Transportation Campaign.

"New Jersey is very congested, and we need to make all solutions (I mean) up-coming reliable and efficiently in order to make people across the state,"

Jenna Chiriac, deputy director of the State Transportation Campaign, "People need access to schedules, health care, job, and if you don't have a car you have to rely on public transit ... and part of our campaign is to educate riders, give them a voice, which has been missing from the advocacy campaign."

Inside

What a voice in shaping policy? There's now a way to speak to new NJ Transit's new Customer Advisory Board. It

the advisory board by 11 million riders, or 5%, from 2018 to 2019, but it still represents the majority (65%) of NJ Transit riders, with 20% offers of about 10% and light rail 10%. It's also offers the most affordable and only public transit option for New Jersey residents in communities that don't have access to rail.

Examining the bus network could be within the scope of a new study that will be performed by ADOT after it was awarded a \$600,000 contract by NJ Transit this month. The purpose of the study is to be complementary planning for what construction of the rail network connecting New Jersey and New York could take place.

Some of the recommendations outlined in the report include:

1. Redesign the system to ensure

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## 37,500 in Lakewood may lose school buses

Duciane Martinez-Cedeno *Asbury Park Press*  
 10/10/18 10:00 AM

LAKWOOD — How are private school students in the township getting to school today?  
 The answer was a mystery Thursday after the head of the contractor that manages transportation for 10 private schools in Lakewood said it was ending the service because it was “financially irresponsible to continue operations.”  
 The small town in Lakewood, N.J., has a transportation authority that has been in business for more than 20 years. The state wants to take over the district and it would be “losing funding as of Friday,” said a school

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“We’re not sure we can make the math,” township and district officials said such a move could affect public school students as well. An agreement between the township and an outside provider that the transportation authority would pay for was considered but  
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## Out of work? Here's how to find a job

Author of new book on careers offers info, tips for applicants

Michael L. Diamond *Asbury Park Press*  
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EAST BRUNSWICK — The book that Clay Nj covered in a recent Sunday evening as it has much work for the past 18 years, bringing together workers throughout the number of their careers.  
 The topic: how to find initial work after the layoffs in a business recession that will likely then overcome the initial applicant tracking system that otherwise would result in the end.

“It’s all about having that professional network,” said Frank Krone, founder of The Book Club and co-author of a new book “Go with It: Transition: How to Survive in a New Job Market.”  
 New Jersey workers who lose their jobs in this state, especially in the last six months, should be able to find work with the same pay and benefits. Employees are creating jobs that didn’t exist when they were in college. They were educated of younger, technology-oriented, and older workers can easily get discouraged.  
 The economy isn’t recovering, reports say, despite a record-low unemployment rate that doesn’t reflect the labor market for those of us who are.  
 The struggle has prompted Krone and co-author Michael L. Diamond, a Rutgers University professor of public relations, to help drive a strategy that makes other workers, job seekers who are unemployed.

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## Sea Bright’s Mad Hatter finally sees finish line after 7 years of Sandy, legal and money fights

Michael L. Diamond *Asbury Park Press*  
 10/10/18 10:00 AM

SEA BRIGHT — The Mad Hatter is back to building and with a private bridge, it is now ready. It is a project that would show the way for the beach, such as well as a way to fish, recreation, and more. And they had to wait for it to be built.  
 The business destroyed by superstorm Sandy should have been in working order by now, but the understanding is that it will be back to work.  
 “This really isn’t just another day,” said David and family. “This was livelihood. This is what we do. And we want to get back to work in the most way. Every time we start getting construction, there’s a roadblock or a legal barrier to us.”  
 “When it is done, the town will be Mad Hatter to us.”  
 See [MAD HATTER](#), Page 1A.



The Mad Hatter in Sea Bright, owned by Scott and Amy Kelly, pictured above, is under construction and close to completion. It's been a long struggle for the owners to rebuild after being wiped out by superstorm Sandy, which hit seven years ago.

## NJ Transit looks to address ailing stations, vehicles

Colleen Wilson *Asbury Park Press*  
 10/10/18 10:00 AM

The effects of “short top and bottoming” was on full display at NJ Transit, Kevin Robert, the strategic manager’s president and CEO, said this week.  
 After difficult days behind the agency’s ability to operate, he has said he has a new plan to address maintenance work and cut back on the last decade — but he has not said a new capital plan to provide for more regular repairs and upgrades for NJ Transit equipment and parts.  
 Robert has ordered a survey of the agency’s buildings and other assets to determine what goes into the five-year capital plan, which is expected to be announced in March. Developing the plan to do so will require a priority when he took the office of NJ Transit in January 2018, Robert said this week.  
 “One of the first things I wanted to do was to see the five-year capital plan and see how NJ Transit does  
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# 4 Band's river of life rages on

From Good Homes has new music for 20th anniversary of farewell show at Waterloo

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Robert Price  
New Jersey Herald

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By ROBERT PRICE  
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It's booked as an album release event, which in and of itself is pretty significant for a band that hasn't released new music in 22 years.

But when From Good Homes takes the stage at the Waterloo Concert Field on Aug. 3, it's even more notable that this will mark, almost to the day, the 20-year anniversary since the band bopped out at this very same venue.

"For this year's Waterloo show, we're gonna pick up right where we left off. I'm expecting to have a blast," said bassist-guitarist and founding member Brady Rymar. "Can't wait to return to a place that carries so many sweet memories. So cool that we're doing it with some new music to share ... 20 years later... Hey, we didn't want to flood the market."

Responsible for this milestone event is the Sherman Theater of Stroudsburg, Pa., which has been creating and producing outdoor events regionally for 13 years.

"The Waterloo site has been brought to our attention numerous times as a place we should do shows and it is very close to home," said Richard Berkowitz, president and CEO of the Sherman Theater. "We have a long-standing relationship with Todd Sheaffer and realized that this year would be 20 years since From Good Homes played an amazing last show at Waterloo. Since the band has been playing limited projects and they were coming out with a new album, we thought maybe this was the event we wanted to produce there."

Supporting From Good



Photo by Robert Price/New Jersey Herald

The founding members of From Good Homes, from left, Brady Rymar, Patrick Fitzsimmons and Todd Sheaffer, are shown during a reunion show at the Crawfish Fest at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in 2016. The trio started playing together while students at Sparta High School in the 1980s.

bittersweet, from the evening of Aug. 7, 1999 at Waterloo.

"It was a day to be thankful and get together with our fans, our families, our friends, and once more share in the love, the spirit and the fun that had sustained our band and musical community through a lot of great years," Sheaffer said. "I remember some great musical magic with my bandmates. I thought we played with remarkable freedom and joy, given the circumstances. I remember great laughs as always; I remember tons of smiles; some tears; and I remember doing our best to soak in the moment and appreciate the loving farewell that was unfolding."

Sheaffer also remembers the presence of friends who



The band From Good Homes, sometime in the 1990s, from left, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Todd Sheaffer, Jamie Coan, Dan Myers and Brady Rymar.

visual lives of the band members over the last 20 years and collectively in the band's

vizing, creating, and came up with about 44 different new ideas for possible songs. We

### If you go ...

**What:** From Good Homes 20-year reunion concert and album release, with Marco Benevento, Yarn, Owl and Crow, The Nebula Jam

**When:** Saturday, Aug. 3, at 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** Waterloo Concert Field, 1053 Waterloo Road, Allamuchy

**Admission:** \$35-\$60 (General admission and VIP concert tickets); camping site (\$15), RV parking (\$120) available

**Tickets, information:** shermantheater.com, Ticketcity.com, 670-420-2808

Patrick Fitzsimmons. "Then last winter the stars aligned for us and we held up in a rehearsal space for two weeks to try and see if we could get something going. It ended up being incredibly productive."

Coan recalls the 1999 farewell show and looks forward to the 20-year reunion.

"It was a great time of appreciation, of our fans and our history of making music together ... a time of melancholy," he said. "We hope this upcoming show will reflect how life has continued to flow like the river that it is and has brought new life. We hope the show is a great party where everyone leaves with a smile of satisfaction on their faces."

### BREAKUP AND REUNIONS

From Good Homes broke up in 1999 after a good run of about a dozen years that included an RCA recording contract and tours with Dave Matthews and Bob Dylan, among others. The members went their separate ways, all remaining in music, but in 2009 they regrouped for a couple of reunion shows at

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Kyle Morel  
New Jersey Herald

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Photo by Sam Vance/Photo by Sam Vance

Sam Vance, seen on the Sussex County Community College Campus on Monday in Newton, has been taking dual enrollment classes at the college since her sophomore year at Sussex County Technical School. She is scheduled to graduate in May from SCCC and in June from Sussex Tech.

### Dual enrollment allows Sussex Tech student to finish high school, SCCC

By KYLE MOREL  
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For many teenagers, graduating from high school is a chance to escape on four years of memories with friends while also looking ahead to the excitement of college.

Sam Vance, a senior at Sussex County Technical School, will have a slightly different set of memories from her peers during her high school graduation in June. For example, she can think back to her college graduation a month earlier.

The sequence of commencements sounds impossible, but in reality it is the result of three years of hard work and determination from Vance, who has been taking dual enrollment classes at Sussex County Community College since her sophomore year. Assuming she completes her last two courses online this semester, she will graduate in May with an associate's degree in liberal arts and will head to Stockton University as a junior in the fall.

Outside of class, Vance, 21, of

Frankford, holds jobs at Modell's Sporting Goods in Hampton and AllG Pizza in Lakewood. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society at Sussex Tech, as well as the Psi Delta National Honor Society for psychology majors at SCCC. She even played baseball and softball during her first three years at Sussex Tech before going up both sports before her senior year.

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## Will South Jersey man avoid second trial in Vineland hospital sex assault case?

**Joseph P. Smith** The Daily Journal

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BRIDGETON – A man accused of molesting an elderly dementia patient at a South Jersey hospital could walk away from the charges.

Thomas F. Pierson is claiming double jeopardy rules bar him from being tried a second time after a judge halted and ended his first trial earlier this month when a prosecutor accidentally probed for inadmissible testimony.

Pierson, 58, allegedly assaulted an 83-year-old victim as she lay in her hospital bed at Inspira Medical Center Vineland last December.

The first trial started on Oct. 16 in Cumberland County Superior Court, but was stopped the next day.

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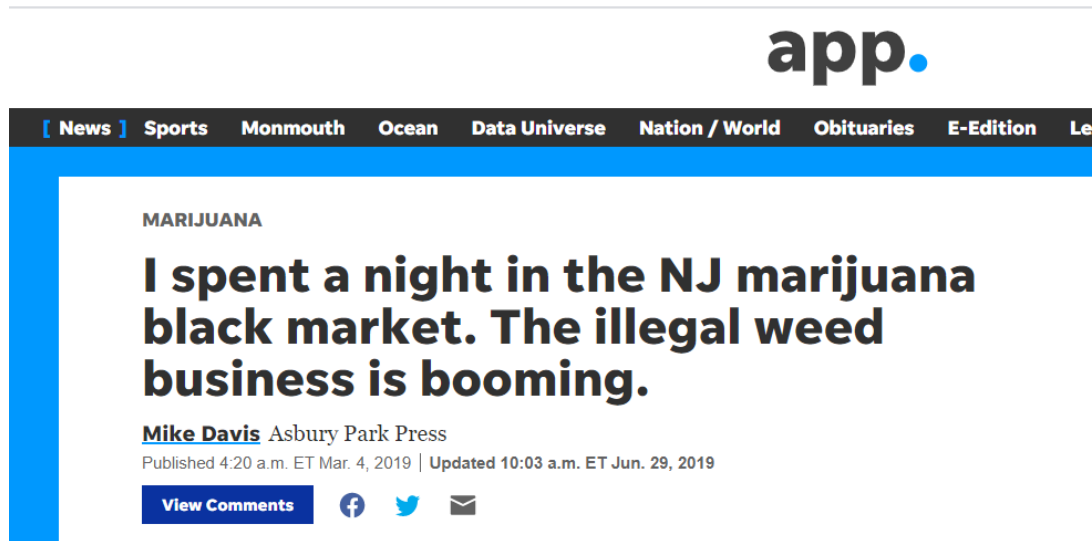
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**Thomas C. Zambito** (@tczambito) / JOURNAL NEWS | USA TODAY NETWORK

The nuclear power industry is shrinking by the day. Some 20 reactors at 15 power plants across the U.S. have plans to shut down or are in the midst of being decommissioned, a process that traditionally takes decades. Now, a new crop of companies — led by Wall Street speculators — are claiming they can cut that time to as little as eight years, so they eye the \$60 billion set aside in trust funds to handle the messy work of shutting down nuclear reactors. Two firms, Holtec International of Cranford, New Jersey, and its rival, New York-based NorthStar Group Services, together with their partners, have been on a buying spree in recent years, swooping up power plants across the nation with the promise of quicker turnarounds. A quick-to-launch timeline appeals to folks who live near power plants in controversial

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As a Jersey Shore plant closes, all eyes are on a specialist decommissioning.

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## Marijuana forum discussion: Does bill make sense?

Activist says support this bill because waiting will be harmful

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN  
Sentinel staff

PLEASANTVILLE — Ken Wolaki, of the Coalition for Medical Marijuana, said current legislation for legalizing marijuana needs to be supported because there isn't a better alternative.

Wolaki has been a registered nurse since 1976 and retired from the State of New Jersey in 2008 after 25 years of service with the Department of Human Services and the Department of Corrections.

Wolaki spoke at the Community Cannabis Forum at Mount Zion Baptist Church April 4 about efforts to get the Compae-

'Weedman': Bill doesn't do enough, only benefits corporations

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN  
Sentinel staff

PLEASANTVILLE — Edward Forchion, known as "90' Weedman," started smoking marijuana when he was 14.

He said he had asthma after trying to smoke cigarettes at 12 years of age.

"One day around my 14th birthday I was at my cousin's house and his friends came over and they were all smoking weed and peer pressure got to me and I tried it," Forchion said, and mimicked inhaling a joint. "I didn't cough... I realized that this is different than tobacco. And then that pleasurable sensation happened and I've

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## Church Mission Is to Halt Child Sex Trafficking

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## Church Mission Is to Halt Child Sex Trafficking

*Visiting Hotels, Motels  
To Bring Awareness*

The thought of it is almost too much to bear: children trapped in the sex trade. There is a group trying to make inroads into this shadowy, criminal world by offering a small ticket of hope – a national help-line number to call tacked on the back of a small bar of hotel soap.

On Saturday, June 15, the day before Father's Day, members of the New Life Community Church in Little Egg Harbor acted as hosts for church members from the Barnegat Bay Assembly of God, Calvary Lighthouse Church in Lakewood and the Abundant Life Church in Ocean View. A training session would take place in the morning; then the abolitionists would split up and travel to parts of the New Jersey shore to talk with managers of hotels and motels and drop off small cases of "hope" soap.

Pastor Dan McKillop welcomed the volunteers. This outreach was the second part of a partnership of his church and the Church and Community Abolition Network. In January, the church heard from the Rev. Mandy Bristol Leverett about her mission to free children from sexual exploitation or human trafficking. The group also met and heard from a survivor who was trafficked from Tuckerton.

Volunteer Shawn McKillop said 1,000 volunteers across the state would be descending on five locations in New Jersey. The group, New Life Church had the territory from Point Pleasant down to Cape May including the barrier islands but excluding Ocean City and Atlantic City. Another two groups would be working there.

Besides the soaps, managers would be given packets of information: a letter explaining the mission, a poster of missing children, red flags to look for and a card outlining warning signs of trafficking or sexual exploitation of minors.

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New Jersey Law Journal

**When Machines Do the Hiring,  
Some See Need to Revamp  
Job Discrimination Law**

## When Machines Do the Hiring, Some See Need to Revamp Job Discrimination Law

By Charles Toutant



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As corporations increase their reliance on automated programs to evaluate potential job candidates, lawyers can expect to hear more about an unintended byproduct: algorithmic discrimination.

Increased use of algorithms, or machine learning, to evaluate job seekers is expected to result in more unintended discrimination in hiring. But there's a debate among legal scholars about whether job applicants denied employment based on protected-class discrimination by a resume-reading artificial intelligence can find a remedy under existing laws.

The appeal of software that evaluates candidates is obvious for any corporation that gets thousands of resumes for

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#### MONTCLAIR AMBULANCE UNIT

## Stepping up

### Concert to raise money for additional MAU staffing

by GWEN OREL  
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JACQUELINE RESNIK, ANTHEA KING-PASCUAL, AND JILL ROCKWITZ, FOUNDERS OF MONTCLAIR AMBULANCE ADVOCACY, STAND IN FRONT OF ONE OF THE MONTCLAIR AMBULANCE UNIT'S TRUCKS.

The night that Jill Rockwitz went into labor at 25 weeks and began hemorrhaging at home, an ambulance arrived quickly to take her to the hospital. But her baby, left behind to wait for another truck from a neighboring town, suffered brain damage, and then died.

That same night in October 2015, Anthea King-Pascual's child had a seizure. Because the 24/7 truck run by the Montclair Ambulance Unit was in service, King-Pascual had to wait 26 minutes for a truck from a neighboring town.

A relatively recent transplant from New York — she moved here in 2016 — King-Pascual assumed ambulances were always available within a few minutes.

But this is not always true, either in Manhattan or in Montclair. While response time according

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PINE STREET

## One of a kind



### Gallery owner, neighborhood advocate to be evicted

by JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS  
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Pine Street is known for its stoops. That's how Mary Z. Scotti, a stoop-sitter herself, knew she would fit right in.

"While other parts of Montclair are investing in parklets, we have our stoops to stop, sit and talk about the day," said Scotti, whose stoop, which also serves as the entrance to her 73 See Gallery, is covered in art.

Nine years ago when she moved into the gallery, tucked in an alleyway off of Pine Street in a former refrigeration and ice warehouse, no one knew that Scotti would bring a lot more than art to the neighborhood.

The gallery owner has long worked with her Pine Street neighbors to create strong relationships and increase public awareness of art, which she views as a "change-maker."

Scotti may be right about that, but her neighbors insist that it was her

COURTESY NICK LEVITIN

Mary Z. Scotti, left, sits on her stoop outside 73 See Gallery. Scotti is credited with bringing more than art to the neighborhood. Scotti was told by her landlords she had to vacate the gallery after nine years.

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## FOUND AT LAST

Submarine Discovery Offers Closure to  
Family of Serviceman Lost at Sea

By Mary Ann Bourbeau

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### Found At Last



MM/2C HENRY CASE  
WORLD WAR II  
NAVY

Henry Case, pictured above in the banner in the borough's "Hometown Heroes Program" on display outside Borough Hall, was among the 80 sailors aboard the USS Grayback submarine when it went missing off the coast of Japan in 1944 during World War II.

It is said that Henry L. Case's mother, Leila, kept a light in the window of her home at 159 Hamilton Blvd., across from the First Baptist Church, for the rest of her life hoping her son would find a way home. That practice began when Henry was among 80 Navy sailors aboard the USS Grayback submarine when it went missing off the coast of Japan on February 26, 1944, during World War II.

Case, a Motor Machinist's Mate Second Class, was stationed on the submarine when a Japanese carrier plane sunk the vessel while it was cruising on the surface of the Pacific near Okinawa. Case was declared missing in action on March 28, 1944 and after a year, was listed as killed in action. He received the American Campaign Medal, the Pacific Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart, and received a commendation from the Navy.

His mother's symbolic light can finally be extinguished. The Navy has announced that the USS Grayback was discovered earlier this year, 1,427 feet underwater and about 100 miles from where it was originally thought to have gone down. It was determined that the

Navy's historical records had the wrong longitude for the sub's location. Using underwater vehicles and advanced imaging technology, the Lost 52 Project, an organization that searches for sunken World War II submarines, found the USS Grayback.



A plaque on the sail identifies the USS Grayback that was recently discovered by the Lost 52 Project. The photo is by Tim Taylor, whose team discovered the sunken submarine.

"We may not have known him, but we thought about him all these years," said Case's nephew, Robert Middleton of South Plainfield. "My grandmother was always talking about him. He was always part of the conversation. It brings us closure to know where he is."

Middleton said according to her wishes, Leila Case's ashes were scattered in the Pacific near her son's final location.

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**Splashing Over  
Championship  
Mountain**

Advancing to the state championship meet is not a problem for the Haddonfield Memorial girls swim team. Last weekend marked the fourth straight year that the Bulldogs advanced to the Group C final. But the team on the other side of the pool, Mountain Lakes had been to the Group C final before, too, winning the last three

state titles. So yes, finally beating Mountain Lakes would make the crowning moment extra special.

Sure enough, the Bulldogs departed from The College of New Jersey on Sunday as the new Group C state champs with a 98-72 victory. It's Haddonfield Memorial's first state title since 2009 when they won the Group B championship. This could be the first of many more to come as the local squad's strong

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Observer Tribune

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# Mendham senior star runner Jack Stanley ready for next step

By AMIT BATEA  
SPORTS EDITOR

**MENDHAM TWP.** — Mendham High School senior Jack Stanley has been recognized as one of the best long distance runners in the nation.

Coming off a senior cross-country campaign where he was a Morris County champion, a Group 3 state champion and ran in the Nike Cross Nationals and Foot Locker Nationals, Stanley is ready to take the next step in his career.

He has been running since six years old, following in his brothers' footsteps in a town league.

Now set to finish his fourth high school year in what has been a remarkable running career, Stanley is letting it all sink in.

He was one of five boys in the country to receive an at-large bid to run in the Nike Cross Nationals.

"He finished 19th at that competition. The senior finished seventh at another national meet, the Foot Locker Nationals, and was the Foot Locker Northeast champion.

"Going to the national meets was a really cool experience," Stanley said. "I think that was probably my best experience. It was just a really exciting turn of events because I had only run at the qualifying for Foot Locker, and

I wasn't even sure if I was going to make that nationals. And then I ended up winning the qualifying there and the next day I got the call to be invited to Nike."

The two trips were his first to the West Coast. He has broken a number of school records at Mendham and has implemented himself in Morris County history.

At the Meet of Champions, where heavy favorite Devin Hart of Point Pleasant Boro edged Stanley by 0.13 seconds, the Mendham standout tied the fastest time ever run by a Morris County runner at the event.

At the Foot Locker Regionals, there is a ton of pressure. There are a lot of runners that come from 11 states in the Northeast. The top 10 move on to the Foot Locker Nationals.

"You can have a great season and just not be on your game that day," said longtime Mendham track and field/cross-country coach Roy Hamblen. "(Jack) won the race. That right there is a great accomplishment."

Stanley was a Second Team All-American at both the Foot Locker Nationals and a Third Team All-American at Nike Cross Nationals.

As Stanley reflects back to his state titles and



Mendham High School's Jack Stanley, right, and Mendham track and field/cross-country head coach Roy Hamblen at the Foot Locker Nationals.

county achievements, all the media recognition and success with Mendham and beyond, the next step will be at Princeton University.

Along with all the achievements in running, Stanley also takes great pride in his academics.

Princeton has long been a dream for the Mendham star runner.

"My dad and one of my brothers both went to Princeton," Stanley said. "I've been visiting it all my life. It was always a dream to go there. I think the main thing that drove my college search was academics. Princeton has one of the best teams out of the Ivy League and also has some of the best academics in the whole

country." Princeton has seen a great deal of success on the cross-country front. The Tigers recently won the Ivy League championship, the Mid-Atlantic Regional title and placed 22nd at the NCAA Championships.

Hamblen met Stanley years before his freshman year. Tom Stanley, Jack's

father, told Hamblen that his son would be running for him one day when they first met.

"I knew he was a very talented runner when he came up to high school," Hamblen said. "I knew he was going to be a great one. Besides being

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## MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL Clearing the hurdles

### MHS AD reflects on a challenging 2018-19 year

BY ANDREW GARDA  
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When P.J. Scarpello accepted the position of Montclair High School Athletic Director just under two years ago, he knew it would be challenging.

The 2018-2019 school year went above and beyond any expectations as to what Scarpello might have expected though, with collapsing stairwells and construction on both Fortunato Field and the Woodman track.

It was an incredibly tough year for both MHS and its sports program, but Scarpello said that it was one of the spring coaches and athletes met head on.

"The people who were most impacted were the student-athletes, and the next in line would be the coaches," he said. "So the student-athletes don't get to play as a senior on their home field. That's challenging. The seniors, overall, lost half their building in their last school year. Challenging. But at the end of the day, these seniors rallied around and said 'We'll make the best of this year.' And I'll tell you the coaching staffs for the spring did the same thing. It wasn't 'this is my field, this is my time,' it was 'I've got a game at home today, we'll send our JV and freshman away so you can get a practice in.'"

Coordination for practices and games was paramount during both the time when Fortunato and Woodman track were unavailable, as well as when the former was finally finished and two lacrosse programs and softball wanted to play on the new field.

"All the coaches were very empathetic to each other, so the all the teams could get their practice time in. I don't



Montclair High School athletic director P.J. Scarpello saw a year with many challenges, but also saw the coaches in the department pull together when they needed to.

"Coaching is a lifestyle, it's not just a job," Scarpello said. "You're fully in, because of how much time and energy you give. The coaches here do that and that's the expectation from Montclair. We have 66 athletic teams and we compete from Aug. 12 all the way until June 10, which leaves very little time off. And that time off, they're still in the weight room down with Coach Washington, working out, getting stronger."

never be fully prepared for a coach stepping aside, he does what he can to keep the lines of communication open so he has an idea of what might be happening if not this year, then one or two years down the road.

"When I have my meetings at the end of the season with the coaches, they'll tell me, 'hey listen I've got two years left, I've got three years left,'" he said. "As an AD my first question

thought about this long and hard," he continued. "I can't be selfish and ask them to stay longer, because now they're not going to be the best then. At the end of the day my hope is they are happy with their decision and are finding happiness in another area of life." In the case of Jennings, Scarpello said what he was most impressed with - and feels will be very hard to replace - was all the extra things she put into her

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## Parsippany Hills grad's NFL dream has come true

**Jane Havsy**  
Morristown Daily Record  
USA TODAY NETWORK - NEW JERSEY

When Michael Dogbe committed to play football at Temple University back in 2014, Muhammad Wilkerson congratulated him with a Twitter direct message he saved. A former defensive lineman at Linden High School and Temple, Wilkerson was just up the road in Florham Park with the Jets.

Wilkerson challenged Dogbe to follow him into the No. 9 jersey, which by Temple tradition is awarded to one of the toughest guys on the roster. Dogbe earned his single-digit shirt in the fall, not long after bench pressing a personal-best 505 pounds.

Now Dogbe, a Parsippany Hills and Temple alumnus, could follow Wilkerson into the National Football League too.

Dogbe was selected with the 35th pick of the seventh round of the NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals on Saturday afternoon.

Though Dogbe wasn't invited to the NFL Combine, he had private workouts with Atlanta, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, the Jets and Giants, and most recently, Arizona. Now 6-foot-3 and a chiseled 280 pounds, he is projected as a defensive end or defensive tackle in the NFL.

Dogbe believes he could play any position on the line.

"He's going to make one NFL team look very, very smart," said Georgia Tech head coach Geoff Collins, who inherited Dogbe in his junior season at Temple.

"The character and the work ethic and the relentless nature, being so goal oriented, I think that's inherently who Michael is, and it is awesome."

Dogbe ranked third among the Owls but led the defensive line with 72 tackles, 12.5 for losses, seven sacks and three forced fumbles this fall. He had seven tackles, 3.5 for loss, two forced fumbles and 2.5 sacks against Maryland, one of the few Power Five teams on Temple's American Athletic Conference schedule.



**Michael Dogbe of Morris Plains finished his Temple University career with 77 solo tackles (19.5 for loss), 8.5 sacks and five forced fumbles in 54 games.** COURTESY OF FRANK STEPHENS @TEMPLEUNIVERSITY

Dogbe also had a tackle for loss on the first play of the East-West Shrine Game, showing "just how relentless he is" during practices according to Collins.

"Jersey football is different," Dogbe said. "There's a competitive edge playing in Jersey. From South Jersey to North Jersey, you get talent. It shows at the collegiate level, and over the years a lot of guys have been able to get drafted."

Dogbe played limited snaps as a Temple freshman before ultimately redshirting. He claimed the starting defensive tackle spot in the fifth game of his redshirt sophomore season, and "felt I had an opportunity to make it to the next level, if I kept trending in the right direction." But Dogbe strained his quad before the season opener of his third year, then sprained a medial collateral ligament against Connecticut a few weeks later.

Dogbe finished his college career with 77 solo tackles (9.5 for loss), 8.5 sacks and five forced fumbles in 54 games.

Said Dogbe, "Going into my senior year, the last time to play with my guys, I had the best season of my whole career."

Dogbe's "long journey in football" began with the Little Vikings in fifth grade. His friend, Tommy Bluj, persuaded him to give football a try, and Dogbe begged his parents, Binta and Solomon Dogbe, to sign him up.

Yet Dogbe was still only about 155 pounds as a Parsippany Hills freshman. He didn't start on junior varsity, though he tried "just about every position" trying to find the right fit. He played on the Vikings' defensive line as a sophomore, mostly on special teams. Meanwhile, Dogbe and his friends would run hills and windsprints and flip tires — after a session in the Parsippany Hills weight room.

Dogbe found a home rushing off the edge as an outside linebacker as a junior. Grown to 230 pounds for senior year, Dogbe had 145 tackles, 18 for losses, and 22 sacks as Parsippany Hills reached the NJSIAA North 2 Group III final.

"He talked about setting goals and clearly worked hard," Vikings defensive coordinator Russ Tarlowe said. "Once colleges started showing interest, he knew he wanted to play football in college and hopefully have a chance to go to the league. He definitely has reached that goal."

Dogbe still comes back to visit Parsippany Hills, keeping tabs on his younger brother Christopher, a sophomore. Dogbe has a backup career plan as well. He earned his undergraduate degree in strategic communications, and is pursuing a master's in entrepreneurship and innovation management with in Temple's business school.

"He's going to find a way to stick in the NFL, because he's going to work harder and be a better pro," said Andrew Thacker, the former Temple defensive coordinator who is now at Georgia Tech.

"This kid is different, even at Temple. On a team full of tough, hardworking kids, he stood out. He was the leader of the elite. No one did more extra than that kid did. He's a very humble, very cerebral kid. He will be a good pro."

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## At the point of the Crusade



Holy Cross senior point guard Maddy Smith, a High Point alum, is hoping to lead her team to its first Patriot League regular-season title since 2005. The Crusaders are off to a 3-1 start to begin their 2019-20 campaign. (COURTESY OF HOLY CROSS ATHLETICS)

### Maddy Smith looks to lead Holy Cross to top of Patriot League

By Andrew Tredinnick  
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Something was noticeably absent from the early portion of the Holy Cross women's basketball team's practice on Monday.

Without the voice of senior captain Maddy Smith as she completed an exam, the vibe and team dynamic seemed a little off.

"It came Maddy with all of her spunk, her excitement and her competitiveness and all of sudden practice went from being OK to now we went to a next level. That's what she brings to this team," said Crusaders interim head coach Ann McInerney. "She competes at a high level every day. Her maturity over her four-year career has been really neat to watch.

"I keep saying that I'd put the ball in her hands in key times, and I think she deserves it because she's worked so hard to achieve the success that she's had."

Smith, who graduated from



Holy Cross senior Maddy Smith puts up a shot against Boston College on Nov. 13 at College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass. The Crusaders defeated the Eagles, 80-71, for their first win over a Power Five opponent since 2014. (COURTESY OF HOLY CROSS ATHLETICS)

success in her second season capitalizing the team from the point guard position. Along with four fellow seniors, Smith is hoping to lead the Crusaders to their first regular-season Patriot League title since 2005 and a first league tournament title since 2007.

The Crusaders are off to an

scored 10 points and added seven rebounds, marked Holy Cross' first win over a Power Five team since 2014.

It's one loss came on the road at Illinois, 78-75, in overtime in the Crusaders' season opener — a game the fiery Smith owns and her team should have won.

"Coming into the season,

said. "But I would definitely say that this year, especially with Coach Mac, we knew what it was going to be a completely different energy. Practices were going to be completely different. We were going to go, go, go, work-as-hard-as-you-can-type-of energy."

The last two seasons are when Smith admittedly found her voice again.

Throughout the last two seasons, she can be seen pulling her teammates together after every foul on the offensive end.

She broke the postgame huddle inside an eclectic locker room following the signature nine-point win over Boston College.

Being the team's vocal leader is a delicate role that Smith accepts and takes pride in.

"It's hard to be heard on everyone and get everyone in line, but it'll be a friend, be able to go out to dinner after getting on them and saying they need to work harder," Smith said. "I've definitely enjoyed having this role and being able to push everybody as well as push myself."

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Kevin Houston, program director of the Rise as One AAU team in Sparta, organize a drill at The House of Sports on Monday in Sparta. Houston, who played for St. Bonaventura and professionally overseas, knows opportunities exist for the county's young basketball players.

## HOUSTON'S HOOPSTERS

Former pro basketball player helping develop Sussex County's talent

BY MATT BOVE  
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Kevin Houston understands the uphill battle in front of him. Sussex County is not exactly a historical haven for basketball. Wrestling is the winter sport that has dominated the area forever. There is not a long history of Sussex County high school basketball teams winning state titles or players getting Division-I scholarships.

Houston, founder of the Rise as One AAU program and the director of the Basketball Factory, wants to change the culture. Since taking over the program about two years ago, Houston is keen on developing the talent and keeping it local so that they can compete on a state and national scale. Chuck McGinney originally started the business and brought in Houston to start doing lessons before seeing that he was the right man to take it all over, starting from kids in elementary school through high school.

County boys basketball player to commit to a Division I school since Connor Fox in 1996, has spent time at the facility. Kenna Squier got exposure in leading one of the Rise as One girls AAU teams before committing to New Jersey Institute of Technology. Past Pope John stars like Moustapha Diagne, James Scott and Matt Signoruci were under the tutelage of Houston.

On its website, Rise As One highlights its team culture, development system, commitment to practice, parent support and college recruitment. Slowly but surely, Houston is starting to make inroads in improving the basketball in the area. "It's tough, I don't make any bones about it," Houston said. "A lot of it is developing the talent. It's hard because you almost have a culture in this area of people telling these kids that they can't do this, they can't do that or nobody has ever done this. To tell them it's going to



Kevin Houston, program director of the Rise as One AAU team in Sparta, poses with the young players of The House of Sports on Monday in Sparta.

notably seven years with the New York Knicks. "Everybody inside Houston's family played basketball at a high level. The sport is deeply rooted inside of him. Out of high school, Houston accepted a scholarship to Steward Community College in Kansas. Playing in the toughest JUCO conference in the country, he went up against future NBA players like Steve Francis and

was named Big East Rookie of the Week. Facing some competition for minutes in his senior year, Houston wanted to transfer to a school where he could put up big numbers. He settled on St. Bonaventura, and he put up 15.5 points per game for the Bonnies, which earned him the opportunity to have an incredible 10-year career overseas. He won Most Valuable Player awards in two seasons, including the 2010

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WRESTLING

## STILL THE KING

Beat the Streets: Winslow native Burroughs dominates during main event in New York City



Jordan Burroughs, an Olympic champion from Winslow, beat Ben Askren on Monday in New York. Andrew Mills, For South Jersey Times

Bill Evans For South Jersey Times

NEW YORK — Jordan Burroughs stood in the aisle between the second and third levels of Madison Square Garden's Hulu Theater on Monday night.

He watched Cornell sophomore Yannis Diakomihalis, a two-time NCAA champion and part of the future of U.S. wrestling, dispatch India's Rajrang Pania, the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the world at 65 kg, in the penultimate match of the electric Beat the Streets Event.

After Diakomihalis' win, spectators started hollering encouragement to Burroughs, who was set to face MMA star Ben Askren in the main event of the 13-match card.

Cell phones popped up to record Burroughs' entrance. Flashes went off to take his picture.

As he walked down the steps toward the mat, Burroughs was covered in light.

Burroughs dominated Askren, 11-0, and it was clear who the wrestler was who had been chasing the highest medals in the sport the last decade and who had used his wrestling skills — Askren was a two-time NCAA champ — in another arena.

Burroughs once won U.S. wrestling. He carried the banner for the country in a down time for the sport.

Burroughs is 30 now. He is hoping for a sixth world or Olympic championship this summer, which would tie John Smith for the most in U.S. history, then perhaps capping his career with a second Olympic gold medal next year.

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At 30 years old,  
Burroughs still has it

11-0

Jordan Burroughs' winning score Monday over MMA star Ben Askren at Madison Square Garden's Hulu Theater.

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New York Mets third baseman J.D. Davis runs to first during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians Wednesday in New York. MARY ALTMAN/AP

# Anatomy of a hot streak

An in-depth look at J.D. Davis' day, study habits

Justin Toscano MLB WRITER  
USA TODAY NETWORK - NEW JERSEY

**NEW YORK** — When reflecting on the hottest stretch of his young career, J.D. Davis pointed to a Miguel Cabrera quote as somewhat of a philosophy: Detroit's Calderon, one of the game's best hitters over his time, said something like this, per Davis: "Everybody gets hot. But I'm going to stay hot longer."

"Everybody gets hot during the season," Davis said. "But if you can stay locked in mentally for a longer period of time than, say, the other dude, you're going to have more success."

Davis acknowledges it sounds cliché and simple. But over 302 games, it can be quite difficult. There are inevitably many down in a game of failure, and those can shatter an athlete's confidence. He sees guys who throw away at bats or are late on pitches because they are not mentally sharp consistently. That's why he stresses he remains "locked in" as the days and months pass. Whether it be during a lay at bat or at home, where he often

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Ryan Loughlin

Atlantic City Weekly

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My last \$20  
by Ryan Loughlin

at ... Egg Harbor City Festhaus




**BY RYAN LOUGHLIN**

I stopped in at Egg Harbor Festhaus & Biergarten on a Wednesday evening. I almost drove right past it, as it is located on an eerily residential street and seems utterly out of place among the rows of unassuming homes. You almost question if it's even real, as it looks like someone's neighbor just got fed up with having to drive down to the local watering hole, so he topped 2 low-key, yet a sign outside and decided to open up his business. But of course that is not the case here, no matter how badly I want that story to be true.

On the night I visited the crowd was sparse to say the least. So much so that as I entered the large front room, which houses both the bar and main dining room I was greeted not only by the bartender, but by a lone musician in the corner by the name of Paul. Once who had the misfortune of looking a rear empty gig that night. Luckily he seemed amused by the utter vacancy of the venue and paid no mind when a stray random-walker walked by mid-set. A true pro.

I have to admit I let the lack of patrons in the bar get to me a bit. It was hard to let loose. The atmosphere between songs was palpable. It felt awkward — like we were at a 3-year-old's birthday party where he invited the whole class, but we were the only kids who bothered to show up. To be fair, I've thought through the same admirably. I know many a musician who would have taken the opportunity to hang themselves with their guitar strap after an evening like that. The finale at 11pm was not, but it was the entertainment, so I was ahead of the game already.

**What I got**

I kicked things off with a local brew, Hidden Sands Imperial Stout (\$6) which was really and truly and as wintery as can be. Perfect for a February night. Next up was the German Mac and cheese (\$7) prepared with specific and beer cheese. This proved to be the absolute standard of the night. The biggest disappointment of the evening however was the stromi sandwich (\$8). Perhaps I should have taken that bite as a warning, but I did not and it turns out they weren't joking. Tough, bordering on stale bread and a bait that reminded me of a hard role breakfast sausage. A real shame after the stellar mac and cheese. It was served with fries which were pretty good, so there that.

**The total**

Egg Harbor City Festhaus is a perfect example of how some things can look better on paper. I mean I got a beer, a crock of mac and cheese, a beer-washed sandwich with fries and the entertainment for a grand total of \$21. Sounds like an incredible deal, but somehow the evening just didn't deliver. Oh well, better luck next time.

**Here are the rules:**

The goal is to spend \$20. Sometimes I may be slightly over or slightly under, but not by much.

It's not always going to be about getting the cheapest thing. While yes, there are many great happy hours out there (and I will likely visit many of them) the focus here will be on enjoyment. If that means getting one truly amazing drink that is further expensive and then skimping a bit on the food option, so be it. If they have popcorn on the menu for \$3 but a really great lobster mac for \$6, I'm probably getting the lobster mac. For the most part I'm going with quality over quantity, but you never know — it all depends on what the situation is at each bar. If a place has great live music, amazing atmosphere or a particularly solid quizo night, those can all be factors as well.

It's not just dice. The goal is to be able to spend \$20 bucks anywhere. It might be a scruffed-up biker bar or a fancy penthouse casino lounge. My job is to get you in and out without having to wash dishes.

Tax and tip are not included. The tip is up to you, tax is just a part of life, but for the purposes of this column, they don't exist.

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Michael Izzo

The West Essex Tribune

Michael's Musings

**Michael's Musings**

By Michael Izzo Editor

"Thanks for the Super Hero!

Just when I was a monster at the daily school, I came back all knowing for a busy 30. Missing games but not the fun part of the game, my friends and I have played my favorite football team.

We're watching a game of Super Hero and I'm thinking of how I'll like one of the things of his game. It's a game that I've played before but not, so I'm thinking of how I'll like one of the things of his game.

I remember the time that a team of journalists. The teacher had brought an 80-minute for local games of a professional game. He took photos and video, and I asked some questions about the game. He was very helpful and answered my questions. He told me that I should be a journalist.

The other professional sportswriter and I asked his name, I remember it well. My journalist has been very helpful and I'm thinking of how I'll like one of the things of his game.

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The 2019 Super Hero game was very exciting. I was very happy to see the game. I was very happy to see the game. I was very happy to see the game.

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## SPORTS

### 'Stangs set to step up



Stangs' QB, sophomore quarterback Matt Kubiak, center, leads a huddle during a scrimmage by night at Sussex County Technical School. (Photo by Tommie Smith)

When it's all over, the Stangs will have a lot to say about their season. They will have a lot to say about their season. They will have a lot to say about their season.

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**THE HERALD SPORTS STAFF MAKES ITS WEEK 3 U.S. FOOTBALL SELECTIONS**

### Yankees' Germán on leave under MLB domestic violence policy

By Ronald Wilson  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Yankees star pitcher Domingo Germán was placed on administrative leave under Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy on Thursday, raising doubt over whether New York's top pitcher will be available for the playoffs.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Germán was placed on administrative leave because of a "personal matter." Cashman did not say what the matter was, but he said it was not related to Germán's performance on the field.



Yankees pitcher Domingo Germán is placed on administrative leave under MLB's domestic violence policy on Thursday. (Photo by Tommie Smith)



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**Teams in turmoil**  
A manager, manager both have done of teams ahead of Saturday's game. 22



How well teams running back to get money stands on the slides with coaches during the second last against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday of August, James Stadium. (AP/WIDEWORLD)

### Mets lose in possible finale for Wheeler

**JACOB TREMBLAY**  
MLB WRITER  
THE RECORD NETWORK, NEW JERSEY

**NEW YORK** — Jacob Wheeler had a comeback, making together the perfect season long if Wheeler had needed his final start in blue and orange, and most of the night, he seemed that. It's a possibility he won't, the final money would be spent. It's a possibility, it's a possibility. Wheeler, who did not the season over some trading, surrendered back to back home runs in the eighth, and finally the team traded by a tie. A perfect finish to Wheeler's season turned into a 2-2 tie.

Come again, the season is long. Wheeler is a free agent after this season. The Mets can bring him back, though, if both sides are willing, Wheeler is certainly a valuable addition piece for

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How many (you often out) as a manager catcher your defenses, net, returns the loss to the pitcher during the sixth inning. (AP/WIDEWORLD)

### What to watch for as Yankees move closer to AL playoff run

**JACOB TREMBLAY**  
MLB WRITER  
THE RECORD NETWORK, NEW JERSEY

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Outside of a couple more and from statistical achievements to night, the competition is down to a few games set at Arlington to close out the Texas manager, catcher, L&L track.

How many, the season will move into a new, inevitable end position, while the Yankees are being in a world championship. It's a possibility that they'll be a year old.

There's a few things to watch for in a new final days of the regular season. So as the season's end:

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## No surgery needed for Giants' Barkley

RB will be week to week during sprain recovery; no firm date set for his return

**ART STUPANICH**  
MLB WRITER  
THE RECORD NETWORK, NEW JERSEY

**GIANT** — The Giants' RB Barkley will be week to week during sprain recovery; no firm date set for his return

**INDEPENDENT** — A source confirmed to the Associated Press and USA TODAY that

the NFL network was first to report the injury of the second option for Barkley on Thursday morning.

Thursday's practice, and the team will proceed by testing Barkley's status as week to week, about two weeks is believed he will be with a minimum of four to eight weeks depending on how he feels to practice, it was said.

Atlanta said playing Barkley on to game (over) is not an option for the season.

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### FOOTBALL

## Week 3: Predictions, games to watch

**DAVID COOPER**  
MLB WRITER  
THE RECORD NETWORK, NEW JERSEY

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Francis Wagner's John Williams running the ball during a game. (AP/WIDEWORLD)

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### High Schools



Scott Matthews' goals were scoreless in a win as Alder men of old bridge take the lead in during Tuesday's game at creek park old bridge. Scott Matthews won a-o. and kept it for the star ledger

#### GIRLS SOCCER

##### No. 12 Cranford steps No. 4 Scotch Plains-Fanwood

Beginning the day with a Top 5 ranking in the state and a perfect record on the season, Scotch Plains-Fanwood was the favorite Thursday heading into the rematch of last year's Union County Tournament final.

Cranford, No. 12 in the NJ.com Top 20, however, was determined to avoid a repeat of last year's disappointing state loss.

Thanks to a game-winning goal from Kirsten Williams, the Crusaders earned a hard-fought 2-1 overtime victory over fourth-ranked Scotch Plains-Fanwood in Cranford.

Maggie Murray scored in regulation while Clara Gandy added an assist for Cranford 4-1, which has earned four of its wins this season by a one-goal margin.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood (5-1) had allowed just one goal this season in three prior games, winning a combined score of 14-1.

#### NJ.COM/STAR-LEDGER BOYS' SOCCER

### Top 20

Team (record)	No.	Last week
1. Lakeland (10-0)	No. 1	No. 2
2. Scotch Plains-Fanwood (6-0-0)	No. 2	No. 4
3. Pringle (9-0)	No. 3	No. 5
4. Scotch Plains-Fanwood (6-0-2)	No. 5	No. 7
5. St. Augustine (4-0-0)	No. 7	No. 6
6. Millburn (2-1-1)	No. 6	No. 8
7. Delran (5-0-0)	No. 8	No. 11
8. Hillside (9-0-1)	No. 11	No. 12
9. Lakeland (10-0-0)	No. 12	No. 9
10. Montclair (3-0-0)	No. 9	No. 15
11. Bergen Catholic (5-0-0)	No. 15	No. 16
12. Cranford (5-0-0)	No. 16	No. 17
13. Ridgewood (5-0-0)	No. 17	No. 13
14. Newfield (3-0-0)	No. 13	No. 18
15. North Hanover (2-1-0)	No. 18	No. 20
16. Scotch Plains-Fanwood (3-1-0)	No. 20	NR
17. Marlboro (5-0-0)	NR	NR
18. Newry (5-0-0)	NR	NR
19. St. Peter's Prep (5-1-0)	NR	NR
20. Jackson Memorial (1-0-0)	NR	NR

(Through Tuesday's games)

#### FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

### Top 20 schedule

#### 1-St. Joseph (Mont.) (2-0) vs. 8-DePaul (2-0), Saturday, 1 p.m.

The last three meetings between these teams have been decided by a touchdown or less.  
All-star staff pick: St. Joseph (Mont.) 28-10

#### 2-St. Peter's Prep (2-0) at 3-Bergen Catholic (1-0), Saturday, 1 p.m.

Last year, Bergen Catholic locked in a winnable coming home from Georgia after leading Clayton, a top-five ranked team in the country. The following week, the Crusaders showed up in Jersey City and got beat by St. Peter's Prep, 38-2. St. Peter's defense had been given up a point yet.  
PAC: St. Peter's Prep 20-10

#### 4-Piscataway (2-0) vs. Edison (1-1), Friday, 7 p.m.

Piscataway is still waiting for its young offense to take full shape, but the Devils' defense appears to be functioning at top level. The secondary should be wary of the Eds' passing combination of Lucas Luff and to Emanuel Davis.  
PAC: Piscataway 28-6

#### 5-Mt. Dei (2-0) at Freehold Borough (3-1), Saturday, 1 p.m.

Mt. Dei has already lost through two athletic school opponents — Stock Township (30-12) and Jackson Memorial (20-7). The absolutely talented Demps shouldn't have much trouble with Freehold Borough. PAC: Mt. Dei, 25-10

#### 6-St. Joseph (Manas.) (2-0) vs. St. Augustine (1-1), Saturday, 12 p.m.

A victory would put another in the Devils' column, and they should play defense well enough to hang in the game. St. St. Joseph's offense is much more explosive and it's hard to see St. Augustine holding Mt. Dei's boys and QB James Scheraga in check the entire game. PAC: St. Joseph (Manas.) 20-10

#### 7-Don Bosco Prep (10-2) vs. West Orange (2-0), Friday, 7 p.m.

Don Bosco Prep will be trying to tie with under new coach Dan Sabella after the Indians opened the season against two of the top teams in the country in St. John's (Cal.) and Garfield (12-1). PAC: Don Bosco Prep, 35-0

#### 9-Hillside (2-0) vs. Johnson (2-1), Saturday, 1 p.m.

Hillside would love to match the intensity, but not the athletic prowess, of its 2017 victory over Newark last week.  
PAC: Hillside 25-10

#### 10-Williamstown (2-0) at Millville (2-1), Friday, 6 p.m.

Millville set down its opening-season gauntlet for the second year in a row, facing off against a third straight top 10 team

#### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Team	Opponent	Time
1. St. Joseph (Mont.)	8. DePaul	Sat., 1 p.m.
2. St. Peter's Prep	3. Bergen Catholic	Sat., 1 p.m.
4. Piscataway	Edison	Fri., 7 p.m.
5. Mt. Dei	Freehold Borough	Sat., 1 p.m.
6. St. Joseph (Manas.)	St. Augustine	Sat., 12 p.m.
7. Don Bosco Prep	West Orange	Fri., 7 p.m.
8. Hillside	Johnson	Sat., 1 p.m.
9. Williamstown	Millville	Fri., 6 p.m.



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### SPORTS

#### Hornets' captain earns a history lesson

By John A. Lardo  
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**PROSELYTIZE** — Just what an honor should mean. As the history lesson, Adams, 34, said, "I'm glad I got to go to the game, but I'm glad I got to go to the game."

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Proselytize Adams at 17th-century game in honor of Adams' 34th birthday. Adams, 34, said, "I'm glad I got to go to the game, but I'm glad I got to go to the game."



**PROSELYTIZING** — High school football. A game for some back to the field.

**Miller, Quakers prepare to tackle tough opponent**

By John A. Lardo  
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South Jersey's Miller and Quakers are preparing to tackle a tough opponent.

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#### Nats sweep Phils in 5-game series

By John A. Lardo  
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The Washington Nationals swept the Philadelphia Phillies in a five-game series.



Phillies' pitcher Matt Strahm in action during the series against the Nationals.

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#### Welcome back

**INJURY UPDATE**

Quakers' pitcher Matt Strahm is expected to return to the field.

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Bill Gelman

The Retrospect

## Portfolio

### Cydney Thomas Wins Meet of Champions with a Mighty Heave

By Bill Gelman

Cydney Thomas went into Sunday's Meet of Champions ready to compete against the best-of-the-best athletes here around New Jersey. It didn't matter that the Haddon Heights junior shot putter was from a Group I school, and most of the competitors she was facing were from Group II and IV programs.

"It actually took me a long time to realize if they threw good, it doesn't matter what school they go to," Thomas said. "I just know the best I can, and if I end up on top, I end up on top."

Sure enough, that simple mindset seemed to be working a perfection. The latest proof of this came at the John Kenneth Indoor Sports Complex in Trent River where Thomas scored a throw of 40-04.75. She topped the field of 37 women, including runner-up

Alliah Carl from Sterling (39-05-75). Ironically, Thomas said it wasn't one of the best meets she has had.

"I was pretty confident in myself. I just wanted to be very technical," she said.

Haddon Heights girls indoor track coach Caille Dunrosh is another person who was extremely confident in Thomas' championship potential. The athlete entered the event riding the momentum of several first-place finishes in prior events. This included winning a state relay championship with teammate Kenna-Lisa Lewis. Thomas followed it up by winning individual shot put championships at both the South Jersey and state Group I events.

"Cyd and I had been comparing rankings pretty much on a daily basis since January to see where she stands and who she's up against," Dun-

rosh said. "When she threw 40-1 at nationals, I knew she would have the confidence going into the Meet of Champions. She had placed fourth last year at Meet of Champions, which isn't too shabby for a sophomore," he said.

This season, she is ranked first in the state and seventh nationally in the event, which the coach noted is just a few feet short of that No. 1 spot. But this Meet of Champions crowning moment wasn't just a big deal for Thomas. Haddon Heights as a school is drawing local statewide attention as a result of their star athlete's performance. Locally, she is the only athlete from The Fox, whose coverage aims to earn a Meet of Champions title over the weekend. This includes both female and male athletes.

"Cydney's first-place win

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# SPORTS

Mendham boys basketball falls in OT thriller - 12

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## THE SHOT

### Hillier's game-winner lifts West Morris Central boys basketball to first county title since 2004

By AMIT BATRA  
SPORTS EDITOR

**MANASSINGTON TWP.** — Welcome to Morris County. The West Morris Central High School junior grabbed an offensive rebound and put in the game-winner as the second-seeded Wolfpack upset fifth-seeded Jefferson, 51-48, to win the Morris County Tournament on Feb. 23 at the College County Center in Randolph.

After Jefferson's Joe Haskin drained an NBA-range 3-pointer to put the Palomares up one, 44-46, with 1:15 remaining, the ball went to WHC sophomore Christian Hillier on a corner.

One of about his left side of the glass has been right as Hillier, who was able to control the ball and lay in off-balance as he was bombarded by uncommitted and crash under the celebration.

"The shot came off right in my hand and I put it back up high off the glass. Hillier said, 'I was not caught off-balance as I could. I always aim for the hoop. I shot all I could to stay focused on the spot that I wanted to shoot the ball, and it dropped. It worked out pretty well."

"This was a dramatic game play by Steve Hillier," added West Morris Central head coach Mark Schaefer. "The fight in there and give clear rebound and give a pass back. This was not a good angle. It was a great play. It was a game that was decided to be decided in the final.

The game was tied at 48-48 in the quarter and Jefferson held a three-point advantage in half-time.

The Palomares took a 42-40 lead following a 3-pointer by Sicilio Hunt. West Morris

answered right back with 48-48, capped off by a shot by Cam Spady and an assist by an open Kean Simons, who was able to finish off the easy lay in as the rim.

Hillier who led the Wolfpack with 20 points, and the score at 48-48 he finished off a one by Simon Hillier as the ball was about to go out of bounds.

Haskin, who was named Morris County Tournament Most Valuable Player and led all scorers with 25 points, put home a 3-pointer on the other end. Carle continued with a 3-pointer to give a game-winning between one of the best players in Morris County.

With the score tied at 47 with 1:41 to play, Jefferson was able to pick up some of loose rebounds.

Following a Jefferson miss, however, Hillier went cross-country and finished at the rim to put the Wolfpack ahead by one, 48-47, with 1:05 seconds remaining.

Following a crowd WWC sophomore Haskin — like he had been doing all game — came through in the fourth. With Haskin-defending, Haskin fired up a deep heave that hit nothing but the rim, and Jefferson missed the lead as it sat with 11 seconds left.

"It was a tremendous shot by Joe," Schaefer said. "Simon was right there and he just stepped into it. We knew he was going to take the shot. I didn't think it would be from there. We came down and had a decent look. It was really a tremendous rebound and putback."

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For a video from this event, please visit us online at [observer-tribune.com](http://observer-tribune.com).

The Wolfpack would have the last laugh on the night, as Hillier's heroics will be remembered for years in Morris County.

The title is West Morris Central's first since 2004 and fourth overall (1977, 1980, 2004, 2019).

"I don't know if we've ever won this before," Schaefer said. "We're a young group. We just pushed and became all year. We're fighters. We could have easily packed it in when Jefferson went up right in the fourth."

As Hillier was a force to be reckoned with in the first half for the Wolfpack, the play of Schaefer was key as the coach off the bench. He put in some timely benches.

"My team seems to be bringing energy," Schaefer said. "That's my goal going into the game. This is just unbelievable. This has been a great shot for the team of the season."

As Jefferson was successful in taking Spady and Carle out of the game collectively, Schaefer and Jack Latham each put in some points and Schaefer added seven.

Shot dropped in 12 points for the Palomares.

Schaefer was into the game.

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MHS BOYS TENNIS

## Simply the best



16th junior Andrew Wallace reacts after scoring an a return during his 6-1, 7-6 sweep of Bergen Tech's Lukas Klein. Wallace's win was the final victory needed for the Mounties to take the 2019 NJPSAA sectional title.

### Mounties capture first sectional title since 2014

BY ANDREW GARDA  
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LEONIA—Montclair High School's boys tennis team faced a lot of obstacles to win the NJPSAA Tournament, North Jersey, Section 1, Group 4 title, on Monday, May 20, but high temperatures, powerful winds, a missing school bus and a tough opponent all failed to stop them, as the Mounties beat Bergen Tech 4-1.

It is Montclair's first Section title since 2014, when the Mounties beat Fair Lawn 4 sets to 1.

For first year head coach Guy Rabner, it was a long time in coming for the team.

"The credit really goes to them," he said. "They really fought for so many years to get to this point, they've always wanted it

but come up short so many times, to finally get it for them, especially the seniors, I'm so happy for them."

The match was supposed to start at 9 p.m., but at 9:30 the Mounties still weren't at Coverack Park. The bus scheduled to bring them to the match didn't show up at Montclair High School until 2:45 p.m., and at that point traffic had backed up.

After nearly an hour bus ride, the Mounties finally arrived and warmed up.

"Then the wind picked up.

The high gusts of wind played havoc with balls, making them move unpredictably and made returns an adventure for both sides.

Frustration was evident for the Mounties, despite winning early sets for both the second and third angles, as well as the

second doubles pair.

It was that pair — comprised of freshman Sel Cornejo and senior Charles Becker — which began Montclair rolling with their 6-3, 6-3 sweep of the Bergen Tech second doubles.

Rabner said it set the tone for the rest of the team.

"That was really important, to have won that, because I think it calmed everyone down," Rabner said. "Once they saw that [second doubles] won, I think others didn't feel as much pressure and that really helped us. Especially with all the distractions we had. I thought it was really important that happened."

Meanwhile the Montclair first doubles

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## BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

**Hudson Catholic assistant coach makes her mark in football**

**BY JASON BERNSTEIN**

Three girls sat on the bench at the end of the game, but the most exciting moment was when they were called to the field to receive the national championship trophy.

For Hudson Catholic's coach, the girls' soccer team is a source of pride, but the team's success is also a source of inspiration. The coach, who is a former player, has seen the team's growth and is proud of the players' dedication and hard work.

The team's success is a result of the coach's leadership and the players' commitment. The coach has been instrumental in the team's development and has helped the players to reach their full potential.

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Rope John's JoJo Aragona, top, looks to pin Don Bosco's Nick Franco during the 138-pound semifinals of the Region 1 tournament on Saturday at West Milford High School. Aragona became the county's fourth wrestler to win four region titles.

## Thrown to the Lion

PJ's JoJo Aragona moves on to fill void after winning rare 4th regional title

By MATT BOVE  
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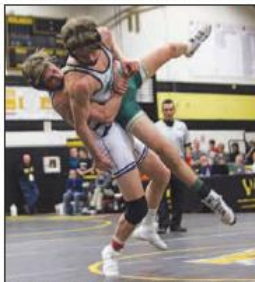
There is a certain buzz in the air when Pope John senior JoJo Aragona is competing in a wrestling tournament.

Warming up, he carries himself with the swagger you would expect from a wrestler with his pedigree. He always has the same bright green and grey slacks and either a Pope John jacket or a long-sleeved shirt of his future college destination — Rutgers. Everybody knows who he is. Aragona is in his own world with headphones always blaring in his ears to music. He prepares himself for the battle ahead. The intensity in his eyes is something to behold. You can tell he expects to inflict damage.

That look is one of supreme confidence, and why wouldn't he be confident? The Lion senior has taken New Jersey high school wrestling by storm since he arrived on the scene four years ago. He came to Pope John with all the talent in the world and a freshman, but now he has added the confidence and a swagger to go with it.

"My attitude and my mindset are the biggest factors of what's changed," Aragona said. "I'm just more confident in myself and going out there, having fun and scoring points. That's really all it is — just going out there and scoring as many points as I can. The score will reflect that."

"Really, when I came to



Rope John's JoJo Aragona, left, hoists St. Joseph of Montvale's Craig Morfio during the 138-pound final of the Region 1 tournament on Saturday night.

career — an individual state championship. He got that start off by dominating the Region 1 Tournament, winning it for the fourth time in his career on Saturday at West Milford.

Aragona pinned his first two opponents before losing Craig Mason of St. Joseph Mont., 9-2, in the 138-pound final. It was actually his first decision against an NJSIAA opponent this year.

In the final of the East Bank, Aragona beat Travis Murogovanni of Blair

Academy 3-1, for his only other regular decision against a New Jersey opponent, but that is not in the NJSIAA. Every other win against New Jersey opponents has been by at least a major decision. His record this year stands at an astonishing 19-0, shared with Atlantic City and 13-0 for his career.

He is four wins away from setting a new Sussex County win record after High Point's Nick Frasca set the win matches from 2008 to 2011.

Aragona became just the second Pope John wrestler and fourth from Sussex County to win four Region 1 titles with the win over Mason in the final. Mike Pich last accomplished the feat that came from 1988-1992 before High Point legends John Gardner (1987-1990) and Francisco Gil (8 for the Wildcat).

"Everyone in the room pushes each other and we work hard," Aragona said. "I fight for what we have and what we want on the mat. To be the second ever from Pope John is just an amazing feeling really."

That confidence has also helped Aragona have his legs and his lower back to take his each match. Even the best wrestlers can get caught by surprise by one move, which can be all it takes to lose.

It happened to two-time state champion Pat Glory of Delaware in Atlantic City last year when he got taken to his back before recovering.

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West Morris outfielder Nick Calabrese celebrated Senior Day with "Nana" Carol Healy. JENNIFER SHEPPARD/SUBMITTED

## 'Nana' Carol a key part of West Morris baseball

**Jane Havsy**  
Morristown Daily Record  
USA TODAY NETWORK - NEW JERSEY

MONTVILLE - Before heading onto the field for the Morris County Tournament baseball final, Nick Calabrese shared a private moment with his father, Anthony. Father and son embraced over the dugout fence, and Nick Calabrese took the crucifix from around his neck and handed it to Anthony.

It was a ritual they'd done at every game for years, but rarely during the past two West Morris baseball seasons.

"Until two years ago, I never missed a practice. All of a sudden, I'm missing

games," said Anthony Calabrese, a former Roxbury wrestler. "It wasn't going to miss this one. To see him develop, just to see how hard he's throwing, it's incredible."

Though Anthony and Kelli Calabrese, Nick's parents, grew up in Morris County, they relocated to Texas 15 years ago for Anthony's job. Nick Calabrese and his younger sister Melina hadn't started school yet. Nick grew up playing baseball near Flower Mound, Texas, while Melina got involved with rodeo.

### Change of plans

This spring, Nick Calabrese was sup-

posed to be in the outfield for Argyle (Texas) High School, the No. 2 team in USA Today's weekly poll, not in the MCT final with West Morris. Anthony Calabrese was supposed to be able to drive a few dozen miles to watch his son, not spend 25,000 mileage points and \$86 to fly to New Jersey.

But about 18 months ago, Nick Calabrese chose to relocate back to Morris County. He wanted to help his grandmother, Carol Holley, after the death of her husband of 49 years, James Larry Holley.

"It hurt my heart," Nick Calabrese

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### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Paulsboro legend happy to give back

**Longtime assistant coach Harvey:**  
I'm just trying to help the kids like  
someone helped me

**Kevin Minnick** For South Jersey Times

He is arguably the greatest player to ever put on a football uniform at Paulsboro High School. He did things on the field that would make your head spin, just mind blowing.

A dual-threat quarterback, defensive back, kick returner, punt returner ... he did it all and did it at an extremely high level.

Kevin Harvey was special.

And if you're thinking he played at a Group I school and couldn't have done that at Shawnee, Chesham or Williamstown — erase the thought.

Paulsboro has produced NFL talent over the years and Harvey is still the one guy people point to as being its finest.

"It was a great day for us when he graduated," former longtime West Deptford coach Clyde Folsom said. "He was first-and-goal any time the ball was in his hands."

Harvey graduated in 1996, putting together one of the finest resumes in South Jersey history. He went on to play at Temple and later was a two-time MVP in Arena football.

7. He led Paulsboro to a state title in basketball, scoring more than 2,000 career points.

**SEE KEVIN HARVEY, 82**



Widely considered the greatest football player in Paulsboro High School history, Kevin Harvey has been an assistant coach at his alma mater for better than 10 years. Joe Werner, For South Jersey Times



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## Parental guidance



Parents watching a Little League practice. USA TODAY NETWORK FILE PHOTO

### What mom and dad should (and should not) do while on the sidelines of kids' sporting events

Greg Mattura North Jersey Record / USA TODAY NETWORK - NEW JERSEY

The and Dekore Rowaker court sit still as they watch their two daughters compete for the Indian Hills softball team.

The Rowakers sit together for an inning, then the next inning they go their separate ways. They're on the hill that overlooks the Braves' field, their behind the fence in the outfield. They're constantly changing seats in the stands and road games.

Sitting on the move helps them deal with the torques of watching Meghan, a senior third baseman and outfielder, and Julia, a sophomore pitcher, compete.

"We're like nerds and we mope around the game," Dekore said.

Watching your son or daughter in a home stand, two-out situation in the seventh inning, or at the foul line shooting a critical one-and-one in the final seconds of a basketball game, can be a high blood pressure experience for any parent.

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"The first thing I've learned, through most other people, is most parents, if they're acting out, it's because they love their child."

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**Tom McGurk** The Courier-Post

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# Wellness Bar Offers Shots of Alternative Therapy; Guarding Into His Golden Years

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Vitamin Injections on Menu at Retro Fitness

## Wellness Bar Offers Shots of Alternative Therapy

Those looking for a boost might order a shot at the Wellness Bar, located inside Retro Fitness in Tackerton. There is no alcohol served at this bar, but rather vitamins — and not like a fancy wheyprotein shot in a smoothie. Instead, these shots are injections that mainline vitamins directly into the bloodstream. The latest wave in holistic wellness is sweeping into Southern Ocean County, and it's called "infusion therapy."

Retro General Manager Jake Stuerze approached Terry Bindshölder, the practice administrator at the Institute for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, about potentially offering infusion therapy to the public for preventive care and optimal performance. Stuerze deemed the fitness center to be an appropriate host location for the Wellness Bar, considering that the general clientele are there to improve their overall health and wellness. Seeing how infusion therapy has benefited athletes in major cities such as New York City and Los Angeles, Stuerze said he felt it would be a good complement to his clients' routines.

Mark Bartiss, M.D., founder of ICAM, has offered cutting-edge alternative therapies since 2005, when he became frustrated with the conventional healthcare system and decided to transition into a more holistic practice. Bindshölder shared enthusiastically about her experience with the institute. For the last 14 years, ICAM has treated patients suffering from various cancers, autoimmune diseases, and hormone disorders using alternative therapies, such as bio-identical hormone replacement and infusion therapy.

In other words, infusion therapy is nothing new for the healthcare professionals at ICAM. However, until the Wellness Bar, infusion therapy has been practiced only as a treatment option for patients with an illness or deficiency. Today, the Wellness Bar offers this therapy to non-patients as preventive maintenance to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Bindshölder emphasized the importance of drawing the distinction between businesses. Apart from ICAM holding office hours within the fitness center, the two are not affiliated; the injections are administered by certified healthcare staff.

On the Wellness Bar menu, available at Retro's front desk, is an array of intravenous "cocktails" and booster shots consisting of various combinations of essential vitamins. Each menu item is designed to aid in a specific purpose, such as to bolster immunity, reduce stress or promote healthy skin, hair and nails. Many of these cocktails are tailored to the desires of the training athletes, such as rehydration, promoting energy and efficiency, metabolism support, aiding tissue building and repair, and even reducing pain and inflammation.



PULL UP A CHAIR: Gym manager and Spartan racer Jake Stuerze (second from left) gets injected for energy and expedited recovery.

Jack Reynolds

According to Bindshölder, the infusion therapy is beneficial because the recipient absorbs 100 percent of the essential vitamins, whereas only 20 to 30 percent of oral vitamins is absorbed into the body. She believes infusion therapy can potentially replace the conventional regimen of oral vitamins.

Bindshölder said she receives the intravenous "immune booster" once a month, which helps her manage symptoms of Hashimoto's thyroiditis, an autoimmune disorder that causes chronic inflammation of the thyroid gland. Once a week she also receives the "beauty boost," which she claims has replenished her hair considerably.

Stuerze, who regularly receives wellness injections, has since become a patient of Bartiss, and looks the benefits of the Wellness Bar's alternative therapy. Stuerze is a competitive Spartan runner (12- to 14-mile obstacle races) and receives regular injections to assist with energy and to expedite recovery.

Bartiss' daughter, Kristen Bartiss, is an elite Spartan racer. Consequently, Bartiss is working with the athletic committee to provide mobile IV units for Spartan races. "The dosage is regulated

so as not to qualify as 'performance enhancing,' but to prevent athletes from becoming too depleted and dehydrated," Stuerze said.

Infusion therapy is not all that's being offered at the Wellness Bar. Also listed on the menu are Cryoskin 2.0 (cryogenic slimming) and infrared sauna sessions. Bindshölder explained cryogenic slimming as a process that freezes fat in stubborn areas of the body. The fat then needs time to pass through the lymphatic system and exit the body. The infrared sauna is offered as a complementary therapy to help detox the body, but may also be used as independent treatment. During an infrared sauna session, the body releases "heat-shock proteins," which, according to Stuerze, help with inflammation. Stuerze said he offered himself up as the "guinea pig" for the cryo-slimming and can vouch for the results. He also advises regular exercise and a healthy diet are paramount to any weight-loss program.

Without maintaining a healthful lifestyle, Cryoskin 2.0 would be a waste of time.

The Wellness Bar is open to the public, not only gym members. Every client who enters the Wellness Bar must fill out a medical history form

and sign a liability waiver prior to receiving treatment. ICAM keeps a thorough record of each visit.

"It is important that people know we are a legitimate, professional practice. Shots are administered by a certified medical assistant, and IV therapy is administered by a registered nurse," said Bindshölder, who is a registered and certified medical assistant. "A lot of people are hesitant because they don't know what it is we are offering yet. We just have to educate and get it out there."

Both Stuerze and Bindshölder praise the benefits of infusion therapy not only for optimal athletic strength and performance, but also for immune support, disease prevention and mental clarity.

Of course, it is always advised to see a primary care physician and use discretion before experimenting with new treatment of any kind. Appointments are suggested but not needed. Wellness Bar hours, as well as the full menu of offerings, can be found at [camj.com](http://camj.com).

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A TIRELESS ADVOCATE OF HISTORY DECIDES TO "SLOW DOWN"

### Brielle historian John Belding says he is ready to retire

BY SCOTT YUNKER  
 THE COAST STAR

A retired school teacher, Brielle resident John Belding is beginning a new chapter in his own life, as the 80-year-old borough historian finally prepares for retirement.

Mr. Belding took on the role of Brielle historian in 1998 and has since established himself as a one-man repository of borough-related facts, anecdotes and artifacts. He has received multiple awards and honors for his work, although he is not a hothead academic. He dislikes publicity and prefers to be on his feet. Friends and colleagues express doubt Mr. Belding will ever truly "slow down," despite his claims to the contrary.

"He is a man of action," said Jim Lane, the president of the Union Landing Historical Society (ULHS). "He's not someone to sit back and contemplate something. When something needs to be done, he jumps right in."

"I don't like idle time," Mr. Belding admitted while seated in his office located in Brielle Borough Hall. He is surrounded by photographs, postcards and newspaper clippings, all of which pertain to the town. Mr. Belding hopes his successor who has yet to be named, will duplicate the collection.

Mr. Belding informed Mayor Thomas "Dicker" Niziof of his decision to retire sometime last fall year, according to Mr. Belding. Since that time, he has performed the duties of borough historian on a part-time basis. "The mayor and

"Nobody comes close to John in their comprehensive knowledge of the history of Brielle."

JIM LANE, President of the Union Landing Historical Society



Left, the Brielle historian and his wife, Mary, and daughter, Sherry, in 2018. Above, John Belding stands below the rejuvenated Colgate cemetery, his product among others.



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## Fair Lawn looks to boost revenues, upgrade old factories

Shaylah Brown North Jersey Record  
USA TODAY NETWORK - NEW JERSEY

FAIR LAWN — Breweries, rock-climbing walls and party spots may one day occupy sites where factories and warehouses now stand, under an ordinance to amend zoning restrictions throughout industrial areas.

The borough is looking at the new uses as a way to boost revenues and add to the quality of life for its 34,000 residents.

"Changing the permitted uses in these zones will allow us to compete with neighboring towns for thriving businesses," said Councilman Josh Reinitz. "Too often I find myself having to take my kids out of town for birthday parties, [only] to see the party locations are repurposed industrial buildings."

The zoning would allow for industrial areas near Route 208 and Broadway to be used as fitness centers, dance schools, microbreweries, photography studios and other businesses that are now restricted. These industrial areas

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An Industrial zone on Wagaraw Road in Fair Lawn. SHAYLAH BROWN/NORTHJERSEY.COM

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## Democrats on verge of taking control

For the first time in decades, party could lead Somerset County government

**Mike Deak** Coverill Jersey Courier News  
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**SOMERVILLE** — The last time Democrats took control of Somerset County government was in January 1965 when "Petitcoat Junction" and "McStale's Navy" were on television, three pounds of Eight O'Clock Coffee was \$1.99 at AAP and "You Lost that Lovin' Feeling," by the Righteous Brothers was the No. 1 record in America.

In 1965, Democrats had been out of power in Somerset County for 43 years until they swept into power on the coattails of Lyndon Johnson's landslide victory over Barry Goldwater.

Now, 54 years later, with the unofficial victory of Melcorio Marano to the freesholder board, the Democrats will hold a 3-2 edge on the board.

Piza, former Franklin Police Lt. Darin Russo, a Democrat, defeated North Plainfield Police Chief William Parenti

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**for ahead.**

And two years ago, Democrat Steve Peter defeated Republican incumbent Brett Raab for county clerk.

"It's a trifecta," said Peg Shaffer, chair of the Somerset County Democratic Party.

Marano edged incumbent Republican Pat Walsh by more than 300 votes, 34,652 to 34,402. The results will become official after all absentee and provisional ballots are counted.

Al Gabreri, chairman of the Somerset County Republican Party, said "we are optimistic" that once all the votes are

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At Zaccaro, 36, and Montague Bernstein, 36, launched the online eat-your snacks subscription box snack service in 2014. Five years later, they are shipping 30,000 boxes of internationally themed snacks every month and are poised to double their current warehouse space of 21,000 square feet.

### Millennials quit day jobs, make millions

Montclair couple started their Parsippany subscription box snack service 5 years ago

William Westhoven | Daily Record  
DAILY RECORD PHOTO BY WILLIAM WESTHOVEN

PARSIPPANY — Snack by snack, Bill Zaccaro and Montague Bernstein ditched their corporate careers to chart a rapid course in the growing subscription box industry.

The Montclair residents got in love five years ago while working for consumer products giant Procter & Gamble in Charlotte. Three months after their first date, they launched Universal Yums, shipping monthly boxes of novel and savory snacks from around the world to U.S. customers who want to sample exotic flavors in their own homes.

"We started out of our apartment with \$4,000 in savings," said Bernstein, 36. The company projects \$22 million in revenue in 2019.

"We were 32 and 34 when we started," said Zaccaro, 36, who had been working at P&G for only three months when they met. "P&G is a great company to work for, but not for us," Bernstein said.

With the couple enveloping familiar P&G brands like Popcorn, Pop-it-themed and Disney paper towels for popular brand name snacks from around the globe, the business quickly grew from \$5,000 in sales in 2014 to \$700,000 the next year, and \$7 million in 2017, selling Swigle snacks like baggie flavored chips from Chex Mix, called

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A Halloween-themed assortment of snacks at the Universal Yums warehouse in Parsippany. PHOTO BY WILLIAM WESTHOVEN/DAILY RECORD

"We started out of our apartment with \$4,000 in savings."

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IN THEIR OPINION

### Regulate sperm banks for quality, transparency?

**A**nonymity and similar website can be fun, especially when they later you might be descended from Mark Zuckerberg or Jesse James. Or they can shock the daylight out of you if you find Daddy wasn't your biological father.

There are many stories in the news these days about people who sent DNA samples to a research site and found their ethnicity wasn't exactly what they'd been told.

Maybe such news sparks some discontent, but it's nothing compared to those who learned the truth and they grew up with women't their biological parents. Maybe they were adopted, the result of a hidden love affair, or the product of a sperm donation.

Now that adoption records have been unsealed in New Jersey, as in many other states, adopted adults can discover their origins and learn all about their biological parents. Adults who find out their mother used sperm donors generally aren't as lucky.

Assemblywoman Valerie Vainatta (D-Bergen) thinks they should be able to find out what they need. Several years



**CASSANDRA ADAMS** of Jersey City — came with her 2-year-old daughter, Donatella — found out after a DNA test that her own parents had used a sperm bank.

ago she led the fight to open adoption records here and then decided to tackle this problem. She is outraged New Jersey has no regulations or licensure requirements ensuring the safety and transparency of sperm banks.

Arizona and another dozen countries have either laws about sperm donation than the U.S. does. New York and California require sperm banks to be licensed and Illinois requires them to register and undergo regular inspections. Only California limits the number of frozen sperm from the same donor can be used, although experts estimate some donors may have fathered as many as 200 children,

an accidental incest is possible. The New Jersey bill would limit donors to 10 children, to match recommendations from the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. There's a website called Donor-conceived Adults where people tell the stories that resulted from seeking biological parents and siblings.

Cassandra Adams, a Jersey City resident, sent a DNA sample to 23 and 16e almost two years ago and found the results to be "bizarre." Unintentionally, she was half Jewish. Looking back now, she says, she realizes she didn't resemble her dad in any way, but she'd never suspected he wasn't her biological father.

When she contacted her

parents, she says she wasn't angry but was more than curious. She says they had a real feeling of relief, as they'd found the accuracy to be stressful over so many years. Cassandra had had difficulty in conceiving her baby, so she knew how her mother felt when she didn't become pregnant the usual way. But she was appalled when she found out how little her parents knew about the donor.

All donors were medical students and healthy, they'd been told. And to maintain strict confidentiality for the donor and the recipient, no records were kept. Nothing. Not a scrap of paper with even a name or age.

At the time, she said, her parents were pleased there'd be no paper trail, but when she'd faced some minor health problems during her childhood and physicians asked about her medical history, they realized they should have learned more. "Everything was under the table then," she said. "Like a black market."

Fortunately for Cassandra, she reached her father last year through the 23 and 16e website and he welcomed knowing her and provided all the medical information she needed.

A friend from Hoboken who conceived a child through sperm donation eight years ago, however, had a very different experience and opposes any new regulations on sperm banks. She said she was able to select a donor with exactly the right combination of eye-color, hair

color, talent, ethnicity and education she wanted. She saw childhood photos of potential donors and for an extra fee was able to obtain a full medical history of the man, his parents and his grandparents. She was also able to introduce him by phone although they weren't allowed to meet.

Some donors, she said, agree to "open donation," meaning mother or child, once the child reaches 18, could contact him at any time. Open donations are common in Great Britain but still relatively rare in the U.S.

The Hoboken woman maintains she knows a lot more about her donor than about many of the men she and her fiancée dated before deciding to have a child and raise a family. Because the sperm bank she used is a very large one that has been having added in more than 60,000 conception, she can also check its sibling registry to learn about other offspring of her donor.

Whether or not A-3200 ever becomes law, with DNA tests so readily available, there are no secrets any more.

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





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Life-saving actions; A worrying trend

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### PUBLIC SAFETY

## Life-saving actions

Tourist honored for aiding  
boy who fell through  
Van Vleck greenhouse

by **JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS**  
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A man from Denmark, who sprung into action after a 7-year-old boy climbed on top of the greenhouse at Van Vleck House and Gardens and fell through the glass last week, has been awarded the Life Saving Award by the Montclair Police Department.

The 7-year-old, a Nutley resident, was visiting the gardens at around 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, when he apparently went off the path and began to climb the greenhouse, police said.

The boy fell through three panes of glass and fell about six feet, said Van Vleck officials.

Morten Rose Madsen, visiting the gardens from Denmark, rushed to help the boy, got him out of the greenhouse, gave him first aid and asked people to call an ambulance.

"I heard a cry and saw the boy lying helpless in the greenhouse with a closed door," he said. "I kicked up the door and saw the condition of the boy. I took my T-shirt off and tightened it around the bleeding to stop



ADAM ANASTOR/MONTCLAIR LOCAL

A boy climbed the greenhouse at Van Vleck and fell through the glass on Wednesday, July 9.

it. A girl called 911."

In a small ceremony at the police station on Friday, July 11, the MFD and the Montclair Policemen's Benevolent Association Local #53 recognized Madsen's efforts as a civilian for his "outstanding efforts in service to the community."

"Mr. Madsen's quick response, recognition of the severity of the medical emergency, immediate actions and effective first aid contributed to the possible saving of the juvenile's life," the commendation reads. "A failure to act or action after delay could have led to a tragic outcome. Therefore, Mr. Madsen's actions qualify him for this Life Saving Award and bestows upon

him the Department's and Local's appreciation."

Following the incident, the juvenile was transported by medical personnel to a nearby hospital for treatment, police said. Details on the boy's condition have not been provided. Police only said that he "sustained two lacerations to his lower body."

The man from Denmark also sustained a cut to his head.

Van Vleck executive director Charles Fischer said they were very concerned with the health of the boy following the accident, and he urged parents to supervise children when visiting the gardens.

"We are not a park," Fischer said. "We are a house and arboretum that was once someone's home. People need to stay on the paths for their own safety."

The greenhouse is located behind the visitor and education centers, and near a butterfly garden, but is roped off with a cable. The greenhouse was built in 1920 and much of the original glass remains. It is still used today to grow vegetation by the gardeners who maintain the Van Vleck arboretum, Fischer said.

The main house on the Van Vleck grounds was designed and built in 1905 by Joseph Van Vleck, Jr. His son, Howard Van Vleck, followed in his father's footsteps and pursued a degree in architecture and a passion in the arts and horticulture.

In 1993, the heirs of Howard Van Vleck placed the property in the hands of The Montclair Foundation and later became a not-for-profit arboretum.

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**IMMIGRATION**

# Fighting to stay together



Montclair man: system missing human component

BY JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS  
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This is the story about watching someone you love battle with dementia, the fear of deportation, faith in God and above all love. John and Sylvia Kaniacki are holding on for their happy ending.

Sylvia and John met at the Montclair Church of Christ and were married over 14 years ago. Since that time they have resided in Montclair, Sylvia working in childcare and John in customer service and in Newark doing missionary work.

About four years ago, Sylvia began a job in as a nanny in Montclair. One day she called John asking for help finding her way home from her job. That job lasted only two weeks, and John soon realized that his wife was in the early stages of dementia.

"Looking back, the signs were there, but you find excuses," he said, as he talks about Sylvia and his life together, sitting in a school desk with Sylvia nearby in a hospital bed

John and Sylvia Kaniacki sit on their front porch in Montclair. John is hoping that a one-time transgression for his wife, who suffers from dementia, will not affect her green card renewal.

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South Jersey Times

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## Signing a powerful song of acceptance



Ranbriking Elementary School students, from left, Kaylee, MarKamila, Jordis, Raymond, Isiah and Diego performed a song in sign language during an inspirational video that is popular on YouTube. Here they're saying, "How you," Barry Carter, for The Star-Ledger



**Barry Carter** [bcarter@nj.com](mailto:bcarter@nj.com)

The lyrics are powerful, and so are the kids speaking in an American sign language in a video catching many eyes on YouTube.

"When the chance words was not cut me down, I'm gonna and a hand gonna down there too."

They are deaf and hard of hearing students from Ranbriking Elementary School in Sewell, which is part of the Gloucester County Special Services School District.

But nothing they say and do is just over four emotional minutes in silent, nor is it difficult to understand the concept of acceptance that will make you feel some kind of way. Trust this four minutes will lead, taking on happy tears, pride and sheer joy.

"I am brave, I am brave! I am who I'm meant to be, this is me."

Music therapy teacher Alyssa Coplan knew the students, ages 6 to 11, would connect with "This Is Me," a song performed by Ke\$ha set to the film "The Greatest Showman."

"It talks about what it means to be different and still be who you are," Coplan said. "No matter who you are or what your differences are, we are all connected to the power of music."

The children got it. Their public has, too, after the video

posted in March. It has nearly 20,000 views. Cop and classroom teacher Jen Hunsbury had no idea so many people would be drawn to the video.

Take a look at 9-year-old Raymond leading his classroom down the hallway, his face beaming an innocent grin that says he won't be hurt. He has his will to guard his things people see.

"Another round of bullets hit my skin/Well, fire away 'cause today I won't be the same sink in."

"I wanted to have my facial expression right," said Raymond, with Hunsbury interpreting. "I was saying this (signing) to me going to happen."

"Look at 'Cause here I come/And I'm marching on to the beat of drums."

In several parts of the school, they're marching and signing — down the steps, and through the hallways with staff and high school students from Gloucester County Health and Technology dancing and clapping behind them as the video takes over.

Cop and Hunsbury said the students feel like they're famous and are still surprised about the buzz over what

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hording disorder made him do it?





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Phil Gianficaro

Burlington County Times

Accept the conclusion of the investigation? No can do; Nothing special about this proposal; It earned a 'B,' as in Buckled

## Accept the conclusion of the investigation? No can do



Phil Gianficaro

The report is unacceptable. Like those that don't quite fit. Pinching. Constricting. Making you wince with every step.

The report is incomplete. A sentence with out-ploping punctuation. Queen without Freddie. Hall without Gates. I can't go for that. No can do.

The report is, in the one by New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Peter Verniero, the one that clears Gov. Phil Murphy, his transition team, his administration, and, it seems, his secret board, two cats, and Uncle Fred's gerbil from any legal culpability in how they responded to allegations by Katia Brennan that Al Alvarez raped her when he was worked on Murphy's 2017 campaign. The investigation concluded all those involved could

account is not get reported to Murphy, who didn't learn about the alleged rape until Alvarez resigned in October? How? Why? Were the Murphy officials and Alvarez so friendly they kept it under wraps? Did Murphy's officials keep a lid on the rape claim to protect the campaign from negative publicity they believe would have impacted his run for governor?

Only when The Wall Street Journal contacted Alvarez for comment on Brennan's allegations did he resign. No charges were ever brought against Alvarez, who has claimed their relationship was consensual.

If I'm Murphy and running for governor and receive an email from a female staffer wishing to talk about a "sexual harassment," as Brennan had done, even copying Murphy's wife on the email, I'd want to know what was up. I'm also curious why Murphy responded to Brennan by email by writing, "Hang in. We're on it," if he didn't already know

knows who they hired for that kind of stuff. Know who would know? Alvarez.

This is unacceptable. Know who else thinks so? Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg, who is co-chairing the special legislative committee investigating the administration's response to the Brennan allegations. She said Verniero's report "falls short" of the comprehensive investigation Murphy promised when he hired the firm headed by Verniero.

"There continues to be too many unanswered questions, too many inconsistencies and contradictions, and too many people unable to provide a true accounting," said Weinberg, D-37th of Teaneck.

What if Brennan raped, as she claims? We don't know for certain. What is certain is she deserves more than what she's getting here, more than the requisite, "In retrospect, we should have done more, and we'll try to correct this going forward, and we are sensitive to

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## SECOND PLACE

Bruce Tomlinson

New Jersey Herald

## Cheers and Jeers

### Our Opinion

# Cheers and Jeers

## Cheers ...

To begin with there are celebrations to be had.

The annual race of the Village life interest of the jugs the waters of Lake Mohawk for the fifth year on Monday making money for the Sports Education Foundation.

Prizes on the ship which are powered by 300-horsepower, is scheduled to take place Thursday afternoon. Sunday's first race is set to start at 10 a.m.

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The other popular fund-raiser scheduled for Sunday — the RASC Foundation Gordon Stetson Memorial Walkathon.

Hundreds of families, joggers and runners are expected to take part in the 17th annual walk that follows a 1.5-mile perimeter around the Sussex County Palisades.

Proceeds from the walk will help provide essential services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Sussex County.

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To An Evening of Wine and Cheese, another popular fund-raiser to be held at the Garfield-Carl Luskland Center of Contemporary University in Monticello on Thursday.

The annual event also raises funds, which will go to help building funds for the Newton Medical Center Foundation and the Monticello for Monticello Medical Center.

This year's extravaganza features celebrity chef Rick Moran.

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To mark the graduates of the Class of 2019, Sussex County Community College holds its graduation ceremony locally with its commencement ceremony scheduled for Wednesday evening in the campus Center Green.

Of the 12,000 students graduating this spring, 200 plan to take part in Wednesday's event.

Are high school graduates of the next falling in the redneck of America and face for their knowledge of us — at least a

few of them will be better than our treatment for change, due to weather and could leave earlier in the school year.

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To a couple more months of the month to share up their outdoor recreation ability dirt lanes as recently conducted by Vernon.

Newton and La Grange are both proposed restrictions on soil dumping.

Last month, the Princeton Township Committee unanimously approved an ordinance regulating soil transfer in the township, an action Vernon's experience as a restriction to do so.

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In a related matter, a letter to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Catherine McCabe — who has made previous guest appearances here in the "Jeers" column — for a discharge public forum on the topic of dredging at 10 p.m.

Monday May 20, at Vernon Township High School.

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To an outdoor site to veterans in adding New Jersey Veterans Memorial on the scene of High Point State Park.

The new change to High Point State Park and New Jersey Veterans Memorial was proposed by the 24th District legislature.

"My hope is that the park's new name will serve as a reminder to all park-goers of the value of our freedom and military men and women who served and preserved our nation's freedom," said Sen. Steven Greco.

## Jeers ...

Although jeering of the Nature is less than I expected — not to mention, not done — we can't help but judge a little more might that have we and the outside of May and find a chilly temperature and too many damp days.

We do want that Nature's day outdoors to be a great, completely washed out.

## News Column

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## FIRST PLACE

Wayne McCabe

New Jersey Herald

Remembering Newton Brickyard;  
Strike at Newton Silk

## Remembering the Newton Brickyard

Historically in New Jersey, the vast majority of brick makers and their brickyards could be found in the southern and western central part of the state. In those areas, large quantities of clay were formed during historical eras in which they were mostly covered by ocean water. This was opposite of the geological conditions found in Sussex County, which is mountainous and thus not susceptible to those same archeological sea levels. It is for this reason that there were very few brickyards in our county as compared to Camden, Gloucester, Burlington, Cumberland, Salem, Cape May, Dover, Monmouth, Middlesex and Essex counties. The one resource needed for brick making that was in great abundance here were hardwood forests, as large quantities of hardwood were required for the operation of the drying kilns.

In Newton, the first identified brickyard was located on the east side of Linton Street, between Linwood Avenue and Main Street. Samuel and John Johnson operated this brickyard from 1811 to at least 1816, according to the late Lynn Wright, a local historian. Wright also noted that around the same, a brick kiln was operated on Doctor John R. Stewart's farm on Lower Linton Street, near the edge of town.

Wayne  
McCabe

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country brickyards entirely disappeared. This could be directly attributed to the modernization of the actual brick making process that became almost totally reliant on machinery versus manual labor. It could also be due to the decline in adequate supplies of usable clay or the depleted amount of readily available hardwood for the kilns. These small brickyards were replaced by larger and more mechanized operations, which also had greater capital and access to larger clay deposits.

### THE MAKING OF BRICKS

While there are numerous techniques for making bricks, the method used in Sussex County was to run clay through a process known as tempering. The tempering of clay was done in a ring pit, approximately 10 feet in diameter and two feet deep. The walls of the pit were lined with hand-fired brick, forming a casing for the explosion. The floor of the pit was formed with oak planking, cut into rectangular pieces. This pit would hold enough clay to make about 25,000 bricks. In Newton, the bricks made were a common red



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## THIRD PLACE

Pat Johnson

The SandPaper

### The Driving While Black Exhibit At Noyes Museum in Hammonton



**The Driving While Black Exhibit At Noyes Museum in Hammonton**

By PAT JOHNSON

The "Driving While Black" exhibit at the Noyes Museum of Art in Hammonton goes beyond the Negro Motorist Green-Books that sparked the social-waiting film "The Green Book" to encompass the hardships and rage of African Americans living in post-Obama times and until the "Black Lives Matter" movement. As such, it is a learning experience for white Americans and a testament for people of color.

To begin the exhibit is a replica of the cover of The Negro Motorist Green-Book of 1941. These "green books" were guidebooks published between 1936 and 1964 that directed people of color to safe routes and dining establishments that welcomed them and where they could be assured they wouldn't be embarrassed or harassed in front of their children.

During the years of Jim Crow when (mostly) Southern states enforced segregation of the races, there were numerous "baddest towns" that announced by signs that African Americans were not welcome after dark and had to keep moving.

The Noyes has an education guide to the exhibit to accompany the art by social-waiting, black artist.

Lowell Haller's "Greenbook Theater" is a mixed-media collage on wood slats, symbolic of how times keep people divided. The artist has compiled a photographic catalog of female images over historical periods.

Four oil on board panels are sharing illustrations by Phyllis Cooper for the children's book *Black and the Crown Jewels*. These are happy pictures of both traveling in her family's car.

Cooper is a recipient of the prestigious Canada's Best King award.

A painting by Louis Blain is a self-portrait as an American landscape. She received a Chagall award following as a young artist and during the civil rights era decided to copy a van, travel across the U.S. and paint. His letters express the level of aggression and racial prejudice he experienced on the road.

Photos by Pittsburgh photographer Charles Harris, who chronicled his own black neighborhood and the famous black entertainers that sports figures who came to Pittsburgh, are the more innocuous photos in the show.

We come quickly to the expression of the outrage of the last few years around the police shootings of young black men and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Bertran Halford, artist, educator and author, shows her construction of torn watercolor paper. One of them, "Trayvon Martin, Murt Prichard Black," refers to the 17-year-old black youth who was shot and killed when he was walking in the town of his father's funeral in a Florida gated community in 2012. George Zimmerman, a member of the community watch and the man who killed him, claimed he had acted in self-defense and was acquitted. This was one of the events that provoked protests across the country and gave rise to the Black Lives Matter movement. The torn paper symbolizes the rage the artist felt as she watched the news play daily on television.

Haller's photographers Curt Ellis and J.M. Glavinia have gathered photos of the Baltimore Uprising of 2015 after the death of Freddie Gray on April 19. The photos are part of the Projective Baltimore Uprising 2015 Archive Project.

Photographer Erik James Montgomery's series is mostly mourning and thought-provoking. "Fishes 25 SA" is of a black man standing on a street with three outlines of men behind him. Montgomery's photo of Obama's "Hope" poster on a wall and lateral on a wall, speaks of a time when the nation had crossed a milestone in

history, only to be rapidly pushed back, but it's the artist Orval Scott who speaks the loudest, with his poster "National Negro Elite Association" and his series of paintings on poster board, "99% Black," two lists that start with #ShuttingDownWhiteBlack, #SwimmingWhiteBlack, #NappingWhiteBlack, #AKillinWhiteBlack, #HavingADemonstrationWhiteBlack, #HidingWhiteBlack, #WastingConfidenceWhiteBlack, etc. The list is pulsating and raw, alluring and dangerous everyday experiences are the people of color in a racist society. The second poster that lists the experiences by such experiences with #WastingToPunchWhiteBlack, #WastingToGoToSchoolWhiteBlack, #WastingToGoToWorkWhiteBlack, #WastingToGoToSchoolWhiteBlack, #WastingToGoToWorkWhiteBlack, #WastingToGoToSchoolWhiteBlack, #WastingToGoToWorkWhiteBlack, etc.

Artist Jean Kawewski, who was born in 1926 and died in 2017, has her sculpture "Strange Fruit" on display. Strange Fruit was the title of a song made popular by Billie Holiday. The song concerns how the trees in the South are bearing strange fruit in the form of lynchings of black men. Kawewski has made a series of men out of stone and wood and have them from skin and branch.

The exhibit at the Noyes takes us on a journey through the incident, vivid impressions of racial divide in the country from the earliest days of slavery there are an iron ball and shackles on a shanty and a massive case of KKK membership. Through the great migration of blacks out of the South, to the Boston airport in 1966 and driving a car, to the racial assassination of the 1960s in the Black Lives Matter movement of today. It's a story that doesn't get told often enough through the visual arts. The exhibit of the African American papers are a painful journey to the exhibit in all on local history. Montgomery's poem "A Black Mother's Prayer" for a child's



Photo by Pat Johnson  
KAWESKI: (Clockwise from above) "I Am a Man" by photographer Eric James Montgomery, mixed-media on paper piece "Greenbook Theater" by Lowell Haller and painting poem "You're Chained" by Joyce Kilmer.

line of the creation.

The Noyes Museum of Art in Hammonton is open its doors a week, closed Sundays. A reception for the exhibit is planned for March 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., an exclusive film preview of the documentary "Driving While Black" in April 18 from 6 to 8 p.m., and a Poetry and Story Show in May 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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## Culture

HOLIDAYS

# A time to try yourself on

Masquerades, carnivals mark Jewish holiday of Purim

by GWEN OREL  
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Who do you think you are? Are you always the same? On Purim, Jews all over the world dress up, make noise to drown out the name of the enemy in the story of Esther and investigate identity, says Rabbi Ariann Weitzman, of Etz Chai.

Weitzman loves the holiday. Lily Lacey, rabbinic intern and assistant education director at Shomrei Emunah, loves it too. Children love the holiday, with its costumes, noisemakers, hamantaschen (shoe-shaped cookies shaped like Haman's hat, or ears), and arts and crafts.

Grown-up children also love the day. Compared to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Pesach (Passover), Purim is not a major holiday. But, the rabbis agree, it's majorly fun.

And it has implications about who Jews are and can be, too.

The holiday begins on the evening of Wednesday, March 20, and lasts for a day. Purim carnivals will take place this Sunday at both Etz Chai and Shomrei Emunah.

"In the actual life of my family, it's pretty noisy," Weitzman laughed. "[My children] start asking me in June about the boucye carnies for the carnival. My 2-year-old would like to be Elmo, and my 7-year-old is going to be a Care Bear, like me."

### A DIFFERENT MORALITY TALE

Purim is in TaNaKh, or the Five Books of Moses, but it also has its own book, the Book of Esther, called the Megillah, or Megilat Esther. (Megilat Estera takes its



Rabbinic intern Lily Lacey and Rabbi Ariann Weitzman demonstrate reading the Megillah and shaking a gage.



Paper hamantaschen made by children at Shomrei Emunah.

name from it, as does the saying "the whole megillah." The word in slang tends to mean a big, long story, a big deal, a big shot.

The story goes that Persian King Ahasuerus married beautiful Esther, who was Jewish (but not publicly so), after he cast off Queen Vaasti for not coming when summoned to a drunken gathering. Then, his advisor Haman, miffed that Esther's uncle Mordecai did not bow to him, planned to kill all the Jews in the empire. Esther summoned her courage and spoke to Ahasuerus without being summoned, and while Ahasuerus could not undo his

earlier command, he allowed the Jews to defend themselves. They did, and won. Haman and his sons are killed. The holiday takes place on the 14th day of Adar.

Queen Vaasti is a heroine of Jewish values, although she is not Jewish, Weitzman said, by refusing to appear before her husband's drunken friends. Yet she's punished for it. That shows that "this is not going to be a regular morality tale."

During the Megillah reading, the tradition is to drown out the name "Haman" with noisemakers, or [Yiddish word] gragers. People also shout and stamp their feet.

### Purim in Montclair

Wednesday, March 20  
Thursday, March 21

Check synagogue calendars of Etz Chai, Shomrei Emunah, Temple New Israel and Chai and Chai for Megillah reading times.

#### Purim Carnivals

Shomrei Emunah, Sunday, March 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Etz Chai, Sunday, March 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Temple New Israel, Sunday, March 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Chai and Chai presents "Purim in the Garden," Wednesday, March 20, 4:00-7 p.m., Montclair Women's Club, 42 Union St.  
Temple New Israel presents "Open Night Live," Saturday, March 23, 7 p.m.

Shomrei Emunah (at 47 Park St., Gloucester)  
Etz Chai (at 41 South Fullerton Ave., Westfield)  
Temple New Israel (at 194 Broad St., Summit), next morning.

Etz Chai (at 41 South Fullerton Ave., Westfield) is the information.

The name Haman does not come up the first three chapters. Suspense grows.

The congregation is supposed to hear every word, Weitzman said, which means

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**Special Subject  
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**SECOND PLACE**

**Suzette Parmley**

New Jersey Law Journal

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**How the 'Borgata Babes' Case Has  
Helped Define Employee Appearance  
Standards**

## Special Subject Writing

Weekly Division

### FIRST PLACE

David Biggy, Gina G. Scala

The SandPaper

Portfolio

**INSIDE THE BEACH PATROL**

### *Harvey Cedars Crew Exudes Familial Legacy*

By DAVID BIGGY  
*Editor's Note: From July 17 through Aug. 27, in this six-week feature series "Inside the Beach Patrol," Gina G. Scala and David Biggy explore the equipment, duty and privilege of each of the six beach patrols on Long Beach Island, and why passion and resilience can just go throughout the summer.*

When Mike Weller and Zuko Hill describe the Harvey Cedars Beach Patrol as a family, they're not simply using some generic cliché often heard from many organizations to try to prove the credibility of their involvement. It's the oldest lifeguard on the patrol, mean in quite literal. It's not a family association like professional SCUBA or a heralded legacy that has built the trust and strengthened the fabric of everything related to it.

And it goes back a long way - to 1948, when Sammy Purton first established the lifeguarding in lower adjacent to what is now and rescue equipment.

"There is a big generational link come to this beach patrol," said Hill, who not only grew up in Harvey Cedars, but in his 16th documented year of service as a lifeguard, including a stint as its captain till about 12 years ago.

"We have a compact town in a small area, but we have a large family element. There are a lot of people who are new grandparents, whose children were lifeguards, and now their grandchildren are lifeguards. Generation after generation, this beach patrol has been built by many families."

Weller certainly knows it. He grew up spending his summers in a lifeguard at Maiden Lane and has seen generations of lifeguards come through his system.

"There's a lot of social- and third-generation involvement here," said Weller, who started guarding on 75th Street in 1972, where an 18-year-old Hill first developed an interest in a career what he described as a dream job. "We have a small town located right here in the center of a densely populated region, and it's always had a very family-oriented community."

Adding between the Hill and Weller, there were the Purtons, Henrys, Campbells, Goldsteins, Kowalskis, Matalas and many others - generations of families that carried on the tradition of keeping the public safe on the beaches of Harvey Cedars.

"It's my hometown and I'm biased, but there's no better town than Harvey Cedars."

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**HARVEY CEDARS BEACH PATROL, BY THE NUMBERS**

- Area of Beach Space Patrol - 2.7 miles
- Number of Guards - 13
- Number of Lifeguards Employed - 62
- Most Employed Lifeguards - 41
- Years Established - 1948
- Number of LIT members - 114

*Photographs by David Biggy*

**COMMUNITY EXAMPLE:** (Top) Harvey Cedars lifeguards Zuko Hill (right) talks with Jada and Diana Spina while on duty at the 8th Street beach. (Above) Sandy Lowmeyer (left) and Ken Burkhardt set up training equipment.

## Sports Column

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Art Stapleton

The Record (Bergen County)

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### Sports

#### North Jersey Sports

Area athletes achieve milestone on hardwood at Top 20 league shuffle, 75



## TWICE AS NICE

### McCourtly twins' Super Bowl dream comes true

By Rick Warren  
North Jersey Network  
USA TODAY NETWORK - N.J.

ATLANTA — Robert Kraft had made all the necessary moves in the aftermath of Super Bowl LI last Sunday night, celebrating the club's championship for the franchise he bought 25 years ago.

The owner of the Patriots had his embrace with Tom Brady on the field with red, white and blue confetti falling all around them. There was the Vince Lombardi trophy presentation, and countless embraces with family and friends as Kraft passed out 50-year-old signs, making his way from the field and through the tunnel to the Mercedes-Benz Stadium, to the back hallway and on his way to the victorious locker room.

Kraft had one more stop to make before he set off behind a curtain of off-sets, taking his post-game party private.

See MCCOURTY, Page 25



Above: Patriots QB Tom Brady greets his wife and children after winning the Super Bowl. Top: Patriots CB James McCourtly, left, and his brother FS Devin McCourtly, right, receive reporters after arriving at Gillette Stadium. PHOTOS BY JOHN CARO/USA TODAY NETWORK - N.J.

#### Inside

■ McCourtly twins not likely to visit White House, 25

■ Jets nightmare: No math gives trophy to Patriots, 25

### Chris Hogan wins second Super Bowl with Patriots

By Art Stapleton  
NFL writer | USA TODAY NETWORK - N.J.

ATLANTA — Chris Hogan dominated in one of the best games of his career in the Super Bowl last season, only to walk off incredibly disappointed when the Patriots were upset by the Eagles in Minneapolis.

Back in the Super Bowl a year later, seemingly nothing would rattle the veteran from the start of Super Bowl LII. Every pass Tom Brady threw his way was either put out of reach, or tipped by a deflated air, landing on his first target, which staked up as an interception on the game's opening drive.

Hogan finished without a catch, yet afterward this time around, he could not have been happier following Sunday's 23-3 triumph over the Titans. Storage locker the game went, and in the end, getting his second Super Bowl ring trumped everything.

"We won the Super Bowl and that kind of makes me," Hogan said.

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# **Sports Column**

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**Jerry Izenberg**

The Star-Ledger

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**Jerry Izenberg on his induction into N.J. Hall of Fame: It's good to be home (but I never left)**

Updated Oct 21, 2019; Posted Oct 21, 2019





# Sports Column

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## FIRST PLACE

Steve Politi

The Star-Ledger

Portfolio

## I was a bird-flipping Little League menace - - and it's time to come clean | Politi

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# Sports Column

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L.A. Parker  
The Trentonian

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### Safety

## New TCHA pool can spark Every Child Swims initiative

With a new state-of-the-art high school slated to open in September, one that includes a state-of-the-art, 25-meter pool, Mayor Reed Guercio could lead a much-needed city-wide youth swimming initiative.



L.A. Parker  
Columnist

Disparities between African American youth and their Caucasian peers has been a subject discussed for decades without any significant change.

Sixty-four percent of black youth cannot swim while 40 percent of Hispanic children lack adequate swimming skills while a previous study 40 percent of Caucasian youth lack necessary skills to stay afloat in water.

An article posted by Lindsay Mondick for the YMCA noted several reasons for minorities' struggles to become successful swimmers. The writer "cultural and historical factors explain why children of color are at a higher risk for drowning:

the context for today's low participation rates in swim lessons. A painful legacy of racial segregation and violent strife surrounds the history of municipal swimming pools. This legacy helped to erect high barriers to swimming participation that remain in place today.

#### Myths and stereotypes

A lack of representation in professional swim sports and false beliefs surrounding people of color and swimming have also led to restricted performance and limited participation.

#### Inherited fear of drowning

The USA Swimming Foundation study shows that if a parent does not know how to swim, there is only a 13 percent chance that their child will learn how to swim. When adult role models fear water, or have been negatively impacted by the above experiences, their confidence level with swimming is passed down to younger generations.

Let's say all of the above register as true statements. Of course we can take these fac-

The TCHA pool may be smaller than an Olympic-sized one but there's six lanes and a maximum depth of 15 feet to easily accommodate diving in the deep end, according to Thomas Schram, the SIDA managing director or program operations who offered this whirlpool of a statement.

"For some many children will learn how to swim here," Schram said in a previous interview with *The Trentonian*, "which is a wonderful thing," especially when one considers that every day ten accidental drowning deaths occur. Centers for Disease Control estimated that 3,500 people die in water with Black/African American children drowning rates three times higher than white children.

The City of Trenton opens ten four pools which will increase by one in August with the re-opening of Hatzel Pool following a \$12 million renovation. Five pools and a Trenton Central High School facility seem enough to spark a swimming revolution here.

Forget the stereotype pos regarding lack of resources and all



TRENTONIAN FILE PHOTO

Swimmers enjoying Robert Clemente pool in Trenton.

time and Mayor Guercio must make a pledge to assure that every child swims in Trenton, providing an underfunded but every child needs excellent reading skills to bolster a successful education.

By the way, learning to swim as a toddler presents less challenges than learning to swim as a teen or young adult. Let's get children in the water accompanied by a parent as

the reading initiative continues in Trenton but several years back some education works placed books at city pools. What a fantastic idea.

Every child needs. Every child swims.

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## Sports Column

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## SECOND PLACE

Brad Wilson

The Express-Times

Portfolio

### WRESTLING COMMENTARY



Jody Karam became synonymous with Liberty high school wrestling. *Societal Standards/For The Express-Times*

## Karam part of a passing generation



**Brad Wilson**  
*For The Express-Times*

It's hard not to feel a generational pull with the resignation of Jody Karam as Liberty High School's wrestling coach.

For a long stretch, many of the top coaching positions in the Lehigh Valley were held by the same group of men. It seemed as if it wasn't so much Phillipsburg vs. Easton or Northampton against Liberty as it was Rick Thompson vs. Steve Powell or Jody Karam vs. Don Rohn.

These were colorful, at times brilliant, men who towered over wrestling like the Colossus did Rhodes. They were fiercely competitive and not always friendly with each other. Watching them could be almost as much fun as watching the on-mat action.

These were the men who made the region feared up and down the East Coast. Sure, the area has a glorious legacy of wrestling, but it could be argued this generation of coaches took it to another level entirely. We became used to seeing these giants mat-side for decades. Some might say we were spoiled.

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## Sports Column

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## FIRST PLACE

Andrew Tredinnick

New Jersey Herald

## Portfolio



### Trying to pull positives out of early-season rounds

The first shot left an indentation about two inches in front of the tee while the ball bounced up about 2 feet from the tip of my nose. The second went rolling past the yellow senior tee markers, past the ladies' tee and down the hill to the right of the cart path.

Needless to say, my round at Bedminster Valley Golf Club was off to a splendid start.

The first few rounds of the golf season have a way of exposing just about every weakness in your golf game. Whether it's churning chip shots around the green, repeatedly slicing or hooking tee-shots into oblivion or coming to accept the regular three-putts, the first few sets of 18 holes often leave plenty of room for improvement.

So there I was on the shelf of a hill in Jefferson conjuring up the courage to take another swing in front of a pair of strangers and hoping not to scribble a double-digit score on the card on the very first hole.

While some golfers get angry at their misfortunes on the golf course, I tend to try and find the humor in the bad swings. Luckily, our entire group was combating its own struggles in a similar way.

It takes some time to get back into the swing of things on the golf course — pun intended. It's a realization

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that did not take long to process during the round.

Still, there's plenty of reasons to be happy on the golf course this April.

A season ago, the snow that had collected in the bunkers from a handful of blizzards in March had barely melted by this point in the season. Over the last two months, I've already had the opportunity to play three rounds, a thought that seemed inconceivable over the last two years.

I missed 10 holes — an idea I would encourage any golfer to do — for the first time in more than a decade at Farmstead Golf and Country Club last week as I emerged from my golf-starved hibernation. Walking on the golf course is far better than shuffling through the snow or slipping on the ice.

Many golf courses in the area, including Bedminster Valley, according to our playing partner who happened to work at the course, have sensed their greens so far this season. The warm weather and a smattering of April showers have provided ideal conditions for the



The view from the top of the hill on Bedminster Valley Golf Club shows a welcome sight of green fairways and putting surfaces for golfers in the early spring.

courses to green up and the putting surfaces to heal up and prepare for a full season of play.

The season's first few rounds have provided many golfers with several

opportunities to sift through the early thoughts that have surfaced. The early season has provided a jump-start on the possible improvement through the heart of the season.

Sure, there were still plenty of slices in Thursday's round, but at least there were plenty of good shots that left us encouraged about the progress that can be made over the summer and into the fall.

Final just off to the left. With those three tee shots came the first three birdie puts of the round.

"Alright, let's finish with some birdies here," I offered. After the numerous mistakes we had endured

Photo by Andrew Tredinnick/Steve Bremer Herald



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**Judy O'Gorman Alvarez**

The Two River Times

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**Jaimie Julia Winters**

Montclair Local

**Green building loophole?**

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Roxbury Register

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# **Critical Writing**

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## Critical Writing

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## FIRST PLACE

Robert Price

New Jersey Herald

## Portfolio

# Rock meets country at Musikfest

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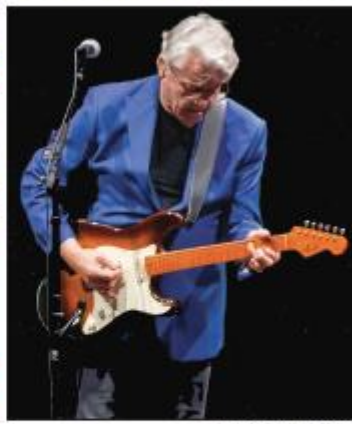
**BETHLEHEM, Pa.** — Classic rock met classic country on Saturday night before new country took over on Sunday.

Those were the ingredients for a rousing opening weekend on Musikfest's Wind Creek Steel Stage as the Steve Miller Band, Marty Stuart and the Fabulous Superlatives, and Lady Antebellum performed sets that more than lived up to their lofty status in their respective genres.

Miller, the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer who's been playing his signature harmonic-heavy, guitar-solo-driven rock since 1966, didn't hide his enthusiasm for Stuart and his group, whom Miller called "master musicians." Despite the seemingly odd pairing, the genres of the two seemed to merge often during the 2 1/2-hour show.

Lady Antebellum, the multi-Genre and Country Music Association award-winning trio of Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood, simply played hit after hit from the seven albums they've released since 2006, as well as potential future hits from an eighth album due out soon.

Miller, 75, now sporting white hair and glasses, opened with a deep cut from 1977, the bluesy "The Steals," and followed with the more familiar "Jungle Love" and "Abracadabra."



Photos by Nelson Fink/News Jersey Herald

— much too late — finished with what the 6,000 or so fans came for: the 1970s hits "Take the Money and Run," "Fly Like an Eagle," including breath-taking riffs and runs by both Miller and his band during a long jam.

Miller, Stuart and the Fabulous Superlatives opened the evening with their traditional style, rockabilly and honky-tonk. Stuart, who cut his teeth with Lester Flatt, The Grass Roots, Doc

Maizel's "The Whiskey Airt's Workout," a 1991 chart-topping duet with Dennis Quaid.

Stuart went from the surf rock "Magnum" to his biggest rockabilly hit "Demento" to the acoustic "Six White Horses," for which he drew cheers when he called for his Mustang guitar. In closing, Bill

Another highlight was Woody Guthrie's "Frosty Hop Ford," as the strum —

Shown during performances at Musikfest are, at left, Marty Stuart and the Fabulous Superlatives, top, and Lady Antebellum, bottom, and above, Steve Miller.

(2017) country-rock hit.

Lady Antebellum is Nashville through and through. Haywood and Kelley were childhood friends in Georgia. They moved to Nashville in 2005, after writing "about 100 terrible songs." Kelley's brother is pop-country artist Josh

Kelley. Scott, born in Nashville, is the daughter of country singer Linda Davis, best known for her 1992 Grammy-winning No. 1 duet with Reba McEntire, "Does He Love You?"

Together, Scott, Kelley and Haywood produce among the best harmonies in country. See MUSIKFEST, Page 11

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By Robert Price

## Critical Writing

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## THIRD PLACE

Rebecca King

The Record (Bergen County)

Best Burger in NJ

## Better Living



Rebecca King with Jersey Record  
ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED - WWW.JERSEY

There's a reason why nearly every restaurant — from fast to fine — has a burger on its menu. • It's because they're universally adored. Who could find fault with tender, juicy beef, grilled to smoky perfection? Smothered in gooey cheese? Cradled by a fluffy roll? Dressed up with crisp lettuce, juicy tomatoes and crunchy onions, or a dripping fried egg, or succulent pulled pork, or even creamy mac and cheese? • It's the same reason I ate 44 burgers at 44 restaurants in the past two months — to find the absolute juiciest, most flavorful version in each county in the Garden State. Some had juices dripping down my arms and required several wet napkins to clean up after. Some were compact mouth-fuls of goodness. Some sported bright, zesty relishes and specially crafted compotes. Others were just massive hunks of grilled beef with some 1/20 precariously balancing on top.

More than a few made me shake my fist at the sky in anger at wasting the gas money to drive to them — and consuming roughly 1/4 of a calorie for naught. So I came made me want to take the drive again and again. It's these burgers you'll find on this list.

I took online polls, read the web, and picked the palates of chefs, colleagues and food lovers around the state to determine which burgers to eat and where.

A well-thought-out equation was made to determine the winner: two parts patty quality, flavorful toppings and a solid bun; and one part positive eating experience.

### ATLANTIC COUNTY

**Margate Dairy Bar & Burger, Margate** | **MJB Burger**

I lived in Atlantic County, so I'm familiar with the fanatical devotion this chain, Google-inspired burger joint gets from its many fans. An example of a typical remark from a customer: "I live in Texas, but I fly up to New Jersey once a year to get an MJB burger."

I live in New Jersey now, but I did happen to drive to Margate about a two-hour drive — to try its MJB burger: a 100-percent all-meat, seven-ounce Angus beef bun.

"My burgers are classic: slow to be crazy about every single ingredient."

Clayton is so particular that the burgers have to be flipped with a pair of tongs on his cleanest grill top to ensure a perfect crust. The bun, bristled with the name of the joint, holds everything together well — this is the type of no-frills burger you can easily grip to one hand during a stroll on the beach, which is just a block away. 24.99.

One: 5630 Vestmor Ave., Margate City. 609-422-9259, margatedairybar.com.

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Asbury Park Press

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## Rolling Stones at MetLife Stadium review, gallery, video, setlist: The Mighty Mick Jagger

**Chris Jordan** Asbury Park Press

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Jessica Remo

The Star-Ledger

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I'm addicted to this new Italian café and didn't want to tell you about it

By [Jessica Remo](#) | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com





# Business & Economic Writing

Weekly Division

**THIRD PLACE**

**Maria Scandale**

The SandPaper

**Seasonal Businesses Have Until Year 2026 To Pay \$15 Minimum**

The SandPaper/Weekly, February 6, 2019

## CURRENTS

### *Seasonal Businesses Have Until Year 2026 To Pay \$15 Minimum*

*Gradual Phase-in Begins in July for Others*

**T**he minimum wage hike in New Jersey is a done deal, but seasonal businesses have seven years to reach the new law's \$15-per-hour target rather than the five-year, 2024 phase-in deadline date for most other employers.

The compromise is one that was lobbied for by some tourism interests at the time.

To start the phase-in, the new law raises the minimum wage to \$10 an hour on July 1 for most workers (exceptions include seasonal workers, very small businesses with fewer than six employees, and tipped wait staff — see below).

For most workers, the minimum wage will rise to \$11 on Jan. 1, 2020; to \$12 on Jan. 1, 2021; to \$13 on Jan. 1, 2022; to \$14 on Jan. 1, 2023; reaching \$15 on Jan. 1, 2024, under the bill signed into law by Gov. Murphy on Feb. 4.

By contrast, employees at seasonal

businesses and small businesses of five employees or fewer will see their pay rise more gradually. The scale is: to \$10.30 on Jan. 1, 2020; to \$11.10 in 2021; \$11.90 in 2022; \$12.70 in 2023; \$13.50 in 2024; \$14.30 in 2025, reaching \$15 in 2026.

Workers earning tips will now see their tipped wage go up from the past \$2.13 per hour to the new \$5.13 per hour over a period of five years. Tipped workers are required by law to earn at least the minimum wage when their base wage is combined with tips.

Teenagers younger than 18 are right along with other workers in the new law, although there had been some call to exempt those youngest workers.

The previous minimum wage in New Jersey was \$8.25 per hour.

"Make no mistake — today's action will benefit all New Jerseyans by pushing wages up and supporting our economy, our businesses, and our people," said a written statement released Feb. 4 by Murphy, Senate President Steve Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin.

"Higher wages have been proven to be a boon for the economy as a whole. More money in people's pockets means consumers will be able to buy more to provide for their families, save for retirement, provide for their children's education and live more productive, more dignified lives," they said.

The Democratic leaders added the legislation was made "through honest compromise and an understanding that we must protect the small businesses who are the backbone of our state's economy."

Although the governor had wanted no exemptions in his push to establish \$15 an hour, tourism interests had argued that seasonal businesses are in a different category.

### *New Police Officer To Be Sworn in at HC Meeting Friday*

**B**en Mrozinski will be sworn into his position as a new police officer for the Lacey-Cedarburg Police Department on Friday, Feb. 8, at 4:30 p.m. at the borough commission meeting. The 24-year-old officer is from Lacey Township. He graduated from Stockton University with a major in criminal justice.

Police Chief Robert Humarford said Mrozinski began his career in May 2016 when he was hired as a special law enforcement officer. He then attended the Ocean County Police Academy during the spring semester of 2017. After completing

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## **Writing**

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**SECOND PLACE**

**Hope Patti**

The Coast Star

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**Manasquan restaurants get a reset &  
Gordon Ramsay greets students on  
Main Street**

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**Jaimie Julia Winters**

Montclair Local

**Pig & Prince pulls out of  
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**Jessie Gomez**

Daily Record



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**Joshua Chung**

Asbury Park Press

# **Robert P. Kelly Award-New Journalist**

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The Record (Bergen County)

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The Star-Ledger

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Caring School Cultures  
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**Caring School Cultures  
 Outshine HIB Incidents**  
*Southern, Stafford Effectively Fight Bullying*

By DAVID BIGGY  
**H**arassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB) is a sensitive topic, one which always draws an opinion from somebody and for many, a deep emotional reaction. While HIB is a prevalent subject in today's society, it's not one easily discussed. Unfortunately, some incidents go unnoticed within many circles.

Within the Stafford Township and Southern Regional school districts, these three words are very much intertwined: administrators, teachers, support staff, athletic coaches, club advisors and security personnel. They have to be, because the New Jersey Department of Education requires school districts to report such incidents.

"The state mandated HIB reporting for the 2013-14 school year and it really heightened up the protocol on dealing with repetitive incidents," said Southern Regional Superintendent Craig Henry, the overseer to all things within the district comprising of some 3,000 high school and middle school students. "At the time, it didn't bother me that we had to formalize and put a name to our reporting efforts. We've always monitored these types of incidents and took action to minimize their impact. So it just took a little to get used to with regard to generating reports for the state."

"The one good part about the changes to the reporting is we've been able to see, quantitatively, how what we do here affects those numbers of incidents, and we've absolutely seen a drop in our numbers of incidents investigated. That even

one is too many, so we take them all seriously." Fortunately, Henry and the Southern Regional Board of Education, which is briefed by the superintendent on every incident investigated each month, don't have to worry too much about the state of its student body in any of the district's buildings. During the 2016-17 year, 19 investigations yielded eight confirmed HIB incidents, while the following year 12 of 14 incidents were confirmed. From September through December for this school year, only one incident of an investigation had been confirmed.

Meanwhile in the Stafford district, which comprises of five buildings and about 2,400 students from prekindergarten through sixth-grade, Student Support Services Director David Yarbos has logged similar numbers, with the number of confirmed incidents far fewer. During the past three school years through May 31, Yarbos has confirmed six incidents of 31 investigations; only one of nine for this year. Not surprising, investigations of incidents involving fifth- and sixth-graders is much higher compared to those involving students in fourth-grade or below. Boys are three times as likely to be involved, he said.

"Looking at the data and seeing etc. incidents, and considering we're in school for nine months and there are 2,400 students in the district, those numbers are small," he said. "And going even further, awareness we got some tricky incidents. One of ours involved one student claiming he was bullied by four different kids, so we had to do four separate investigations. Given the



David Biggy

**CARE BUILDING:** Utilizing characters that teach certain attributes, Project Team is one of many initiatives within the Stafford Township School District to promote anti-bullying lessons.

numbers of interactions between all the kids, it seems we're doing well."

But why the two districts are doing well isn't as simple as pointing to one thing or another. Rather, it seems there are many contributing factors - a web of connective pieces among the administrators, teachers and support staff, students, the many academic programs and extracurricular activities, and even specific initiatives used to help develop anti-bullying awareness.

"What it is, What it isn't"  
 Once upon a time, the protocol for investi-

gations concerning on bullying, intimidation and harassment were not as well-defined as they are now. When Stafford Intermediate School Principal Stephanie Bush was the director for the Chrysler School - the district's prekindergarten through 3- and 4-year-olds - she had to get involved with the investigation of an incident that sounded very much like an innocent thing.

"This one little girl asked another girl in class, 'Why are you so big?' And the mother called and said her daughter was being bullied."  
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### School Choice: A series

Sentinel looks at the impact on OCHS, region

OCEAN CITY — Ocean City High School is not the same school it has been for decades. Since 2011, its mission has expanded along with its reach. Its student body used to comprise youngsters from Ocean City and three official sending districts — Upper Township, Sea Isle City and Corbin City.

Now, it enrolls students from 18 additional school districts and has added Longport as an official sending district.

When the school administration and Board of Education decided to take part in Intra-district Public School Choice in 2011, they started with 10 students. Now, School Choice in Ocean City has grown to 194 students.

The composition of the student body has changed along with the education offered.

The number of students from Upper Township has fallen steadily over the years. There were 853 Upper Township students in the 2014-15 school year — when the new high school opened after being constructed across Atlantic Avenue from the old one. The Upper Township numbers had fallen to 586 last year. That decline has been offset with the influx of district views itself.

Ocean City High School sees itself as a solid Jersey regional high school.

If it's not filled with students from one place or another, each carrying the label of nearly two dozen disparate communities from which it draws, Ocean City High School is filled with a sea of

Ocean City High School has become the second or third largest School Choice district in the State of New Jersey, taking advantage of planning and foresight — and facilities that were constructed more than a decade ago to house a population beyond what existed before the new school was built.

The Ocean City Sentinel and Upper Township Sentinel, after conducting interviews with eight administrators and school board members, in addition to students, has put together a series of stories and charts to explain how school choice began, how it works, and what it means for students who have always been part of the district and those who have the opportunity to apply to become a Red Raider. The stories begin this week and will continue over the next few issues.

—DAVID NAHAN,  
SENTINEL EDITOR

### SCHOOL CHOICE

A SENTINEL SERIES

How it works, how it has affected Ocean City High School and surrounding school districts

School Choice students.

Although Upper Township students still comprise the largest bloc at the high school from any community, including Ocean City, the very concept of island kid versus township kid has become anachronistic because of the new way the

Rod Raiders.

Where students are from — island versus mainland — has become less of an issue because students come from all over, but they all arrive at the high school at the same time — in ninth grade. They all start at the school as freshmen.



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Mayor John Dacey joined officials from Brick Public Schools at a rally outside the State House in Trenton Tuesday organized by Support Our Schools to protest state aid cuts. The protest took place as Gov. Phil Murphy delivered the state budget address.

## Brick joins school districts in protest of state aid cuts

School districts rallied in Trenton while Gov. Murphy delivered budget address

*"I hope this will make them understand what they're putting our districts through and that at the end of the day it's the kids that suffer."*

STEPHANIE WOLFE/BRICK BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT

BY PATRICK REILLY  
THE OCEAN STAR

**TRENTON** — Chassis of "Save our schools" school outside the State House in Trenton Tuesday as demonstrators from Brick and other New Jersey school districts called for the restoration of lost school aid.

"Targeting the day of Gov. Phil Murphy's budget address to the state Legislature, members of the Brick Township school board and municipal

government joined the rallying ranks in the capital, traveling on buses provided by the district.

Brick Superintendent Gerard Dalton, who took part in the rally, warned that the current state aid model would have disastrous consequences for Brick schools over the next six years. An estimated 900 staff positions would have to be cut, along with sports and other programs, he said, in order to live with the \$2 million loss in state aid.

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"In the next five years ... I don't know how we're going to run classrooms. Next year we're going to be looking at over 30 students in some of our classes, areas where we can't even fit the classes in the rooms," Mr. Dalton said in Trenton on Tuesday.

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Kathy Stevens

New Jersey Herald



Photo by David McCreary for the NJPA

Sterling Hills Mining Museum's Bert Lehner keeps two barrels of Krogh's Restaurant and Brew Pub's Imperial Russian Stout steady as they are carted out of the mine in Ogdenburg, a member of the mine's Board of Trustees, on Monday. The beer has been stored in the mine's naturally consistent climate since March 2016 and will be topped next month.

### Beer hops out from underground for Krogh's 20th

By BRUCE A. SCRIFTON  
bscrifton@njherald.com

**SPARTA** — The barrels are out of the mine after a year-long stay to age and the beer that has resulted will be formally tapped on Feb. 8 as Krogh's Restaurant and Brew Pub celebrates its 20th anniversary.

"He said this batch may be better than the last," said General Manager Jason Macho, referring to David Cooper, one of the brewers from Krogh's Restaurant, who said first batch

tested from this batch has an alcohol-by-volume content of about 11 percent. The final brew will be a blend of the various barrels that were put into the mine. While Krogh's is celebrating its 20th anniversary as a brew pub — the first in Sussex County — the restaurant building goes back to the founding of the Iacono-Michalek community and later in 1927 when it opened and was known as a The Tavern and Gift Shoppe. It was the first hotel built in what is now

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Krogh's Restaurant, selling it in 1973 to Ed and Alice King and George and Nancy Dykstra, according to the history on the restaurant's website.

The Macho family purchased the business in 1998, retaining the name. Jason Macho said the restaurant staff will make pairing suggestions from the menu to the variety of beers available and add during the anniversary celebration, many of the food items are likely to contain beer in the food preparation, Macho



## Garden pots are the way to grow

If growing your own vegetables is on your

OUR OPINION

## DOT the ices

Planned road projects paved with detoured intentions

**T**wo road projects in the news last week reinforced skepticism of the planning capabilities of the Department of Transportation by motorists traveling those routes as well as taxpayers and those with an interest in their impact.

What many would consider a routine bridge replacement on Route 23 in Westgate has fallen into a quagmire of problems that have affected the work, leaving drivers to negotiate "temporary" concrete barriers and barrels.

The pace of the road work milestones had momentum of the one-mile, two-year Route 205 project through Blount that stretched into six years.

Rationale for the Route 23 project delay is that the "traffic messes" geo technical could it is promised in construction issues with the renewed delays for completion."

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The Jersey Journal





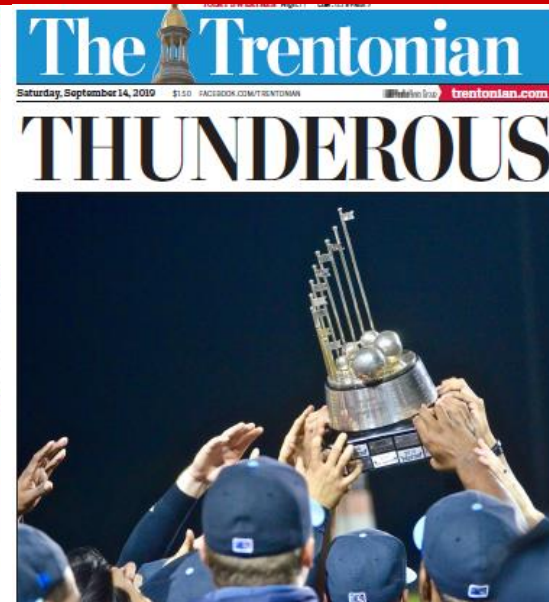
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John Berry

The Trentonian



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**Amy Kuperinsky**

The Star-Ledger

**Why did Paul McCartney serenade a private N.J. party? His wife wouldn't dance with another.**

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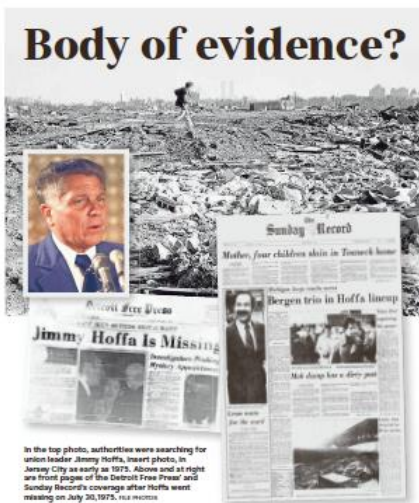
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The Record (Bergen County)

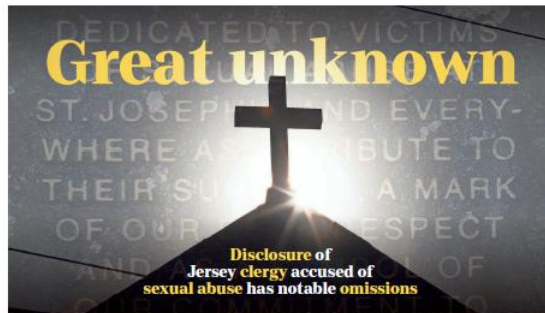


In the top photo, authorities were searching for union leader Jimmy Hoffa, insert photo, in Jersey City as early as 1975. Above and at right are front pages of the Detroit Free Press and Sunday Record's coverage after Hoffa went missing on July 30, 1975. (via records)

### Scorsese movie reignites North Jersey rumors of where Jimmy Hoffa is buried

Jim Beckerman northjersey.com | USA TODAY NETWORK - NEW JERSEY

Somewhere in America, there's a guy who knows where Jimmy Hoffa is buried — but you'll never get him to talk. Somewhere in America, there are 20,000 guys who don't know where Jimmy Hoffa is buried — and you'll never get them to shut up. Hoffa, according to the latest new evidence, may be buried right here in North Jersey — in a deserted Jersey City landfill once known as "Brother Marcano's Dump." "I've never seen a lead this good for Hoffa's body," said Dan E. Molden, author of "The Hoffa Wars: The Rise and Fall of Jimmy Hoffa," in a Wednesday article in the Detroit Free Press. See [HOFFA](#), Page 6A



How crews are repairing the George Washington Bridge while 280,000 vehicles cross it daily

### KEEPING DRIVERS IN SUSPENSE



Work crews are reconstructing the "tarrets," the thick cables that hold up the roadway on the bridge that are made up of thousands of thinner wires, some of which are being replaced. The 282 suspended cables are being replaced as well. This is on the north side of the bridge. (USA TODAY NETWORK)

**Garden State of Mind**  
 Christopher Wang  
 northjersey.com  
 USA TODAY NETWORK - N.J.

Maybe the coolest thing about the Department's job is that he gets to treat the fastest bridge in the world like his own personal garage. He also does the average front-end job. He also does the job. On a busy afternoon, the truck on the George Washington bridge, Department paid open a steel mesh cover on the flat roof of the bridge. He checked down and swung around, coming to

stand directly on the bridge's shoulder. Instead, he got the fence at work had the best. Then, 600 feet above the Hudson River, the leading girders of the bridge's western tower held 22,000 pounds of steel cables and during the day. The cables are suspended from the top of the tower, which is fast to disperse forces in a gradual manner that leaves it thick, rounded forms, all of it covered in thick gray paint and years of dust. "It's amazing," Department said. The George Washington Bridge opened to cars

See [GARDEN STATE](#), Page 6A

ONLINE VIDEO: See this story at [northjersey.com](http://northjersey.com) to watch the 8-year, \$1.2-billion makeover The George project in action.

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Mario Constantino

Burlington County Times

### OUR VIEW

## Is Florence roundabout just a vicious circle?

**W**e're starting to feel sorry for Florence. For longtime residents, it must be hard to see your quiet residential community transform into a commercial and industrial mecca. Although Florence is not alone, it appears to be at the forefront of the warehouse

### OUR VIEW

## PU to NJ's patronage cesspool

**P**olitical patronage has been around for a long time and it's not going anywhere. We aren't kidding ourselves. But it doesn't mean we have to like it when we see it. No one should.

It's even worse when the beneficiaries are overpaid and underqualified, or when the positions are, arguably, unnecessary.

Gov. Phil Murphy has been rightfully under the gun for putting Lisette Delgado-Polanco, who supported his run for governor and who is a big shot with the Democratic State Committee, in charge of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, which oversees billions of dollars in construction projects for poor school districts. Her salary: \$225,000.

Delgado-Polanco replaced over three dozen employees with the SDA — just because she could. She filed those unjustified vacancies with family members and friends, despite an impressive qualifications that do not include required college degrees. Their total salaries: \$3.3 million.

Delgado-Polanco has defended her decisions and her hires, and Murphy has defended her, while claiming that some kind of review of the state's hiring practices is taking place. Nevertheless, the backlash has been strong and is intensifying.

### OUR VIEW

## Double-dipping vote: Too, too disappointing

**J**ust two weeks into their first year of control of Burlington County government in four decades, and the Democrats seem intent on wading deeper into controversial waters.

First, they eschewed an easy crack at transparency, one of their campaign promises, by privately screening nine candidates to replace George Youngkin on the Board of Freeholders. Then, last week, the three Democratic freeholders struck down the county's 2-year-old double-dipping ban.

An all-Republican freeholder board instituted this policy mere weeks before the November 20 to election. The

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**Jaimie Julia Winters**

Montclair Local

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**Kristen Kelleher**

Ocean City Sentinel

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**Police, deaf drives break down  
communication barriers**

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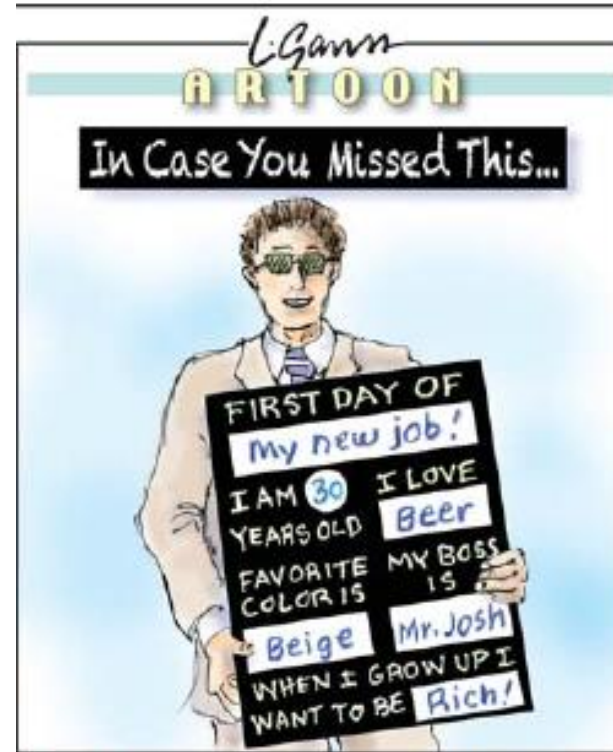
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**In Case You Missed This...**



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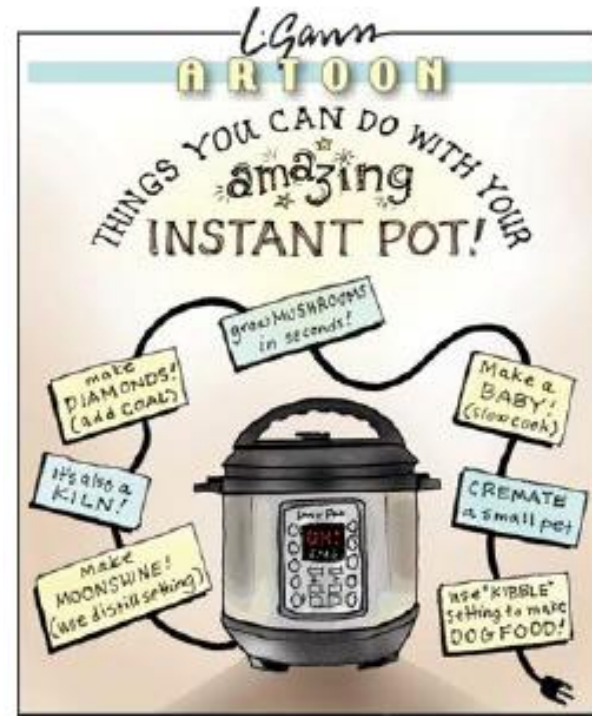
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## Courier News Wish Book

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## How to help your neighbors in need

**Courier News Wish Book 2019's goal is to raise money to fulfill all 13 wishes**

**Over the past 20 years, more than 522 individuals and families around Central Jersey have been aided by their neighbors through the community engagement work of the Courier News Wish Book program.**

**This year, we are again asking our fellow community members to consider assisting this effort with donations that will finance the purchase of comfortable chairs and a television for Arc group home residents, refrigerators for a youth center, and supply two Central Jersey families with beds for their children.**

**These are among the requests detailed in this year's 13 stories about 13 individuals and families from around Central Jersey. Their stories can be found inside today's edition.**

**These people, your neighbors, just need a little something that is beyond their financial means right now but will make a huge impact in their lives. Our goal is to raise the cash to fulfill all 13 wishes outlined in the stories. Our hope is that we will be able to do this by Nov. 30.**

**Our work begins in September, when we send social-service agencies throughout Jersey for individuals and families in desperate need. We asked that the contributions be back by early October; the journalists of the Courier News and MyCentralJersey.com worked together to review the submissions and choose the featured subjects, reporters at Courier News worked for several weeks to talk with the subjects and the people who portrayed them and took and published photographs for each story; we also produced a video edition that can be seen with each story at mycentraljersey.com.**

**We hope that you will take some time to read these stories and look at the photos. Then you can take action by filling out the coupon and sending it back to us with your donation. We can choose to receive contributions as gifts.**

**Open the book**

**See Pages 12B to 12H for first read with still photo. 12B-12H (Closed) and 12A-12C are still being put together for holiday by Nov. 24.**

**Photo: Peter DeLuca, 18, right, who would love an iPad to help him communicate at home, with 10-year-old brother Steven, Christine, 16, and their mother, Tanya, in their home in Linden, N.J. (A photo of Steven is on the left.)**

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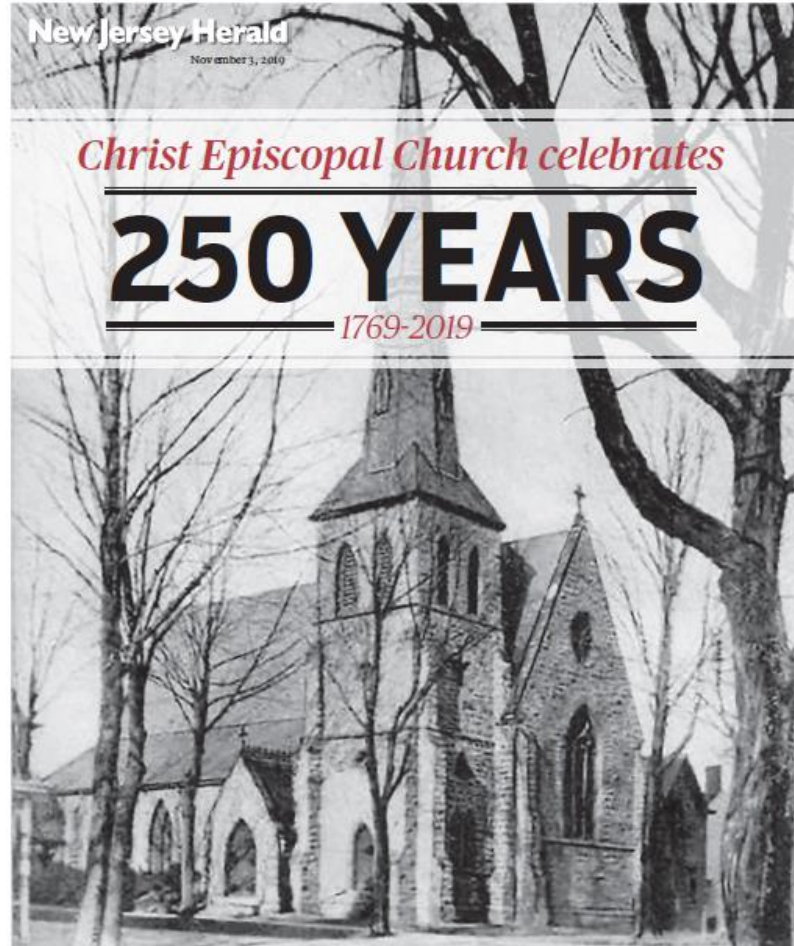
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**Jennifer Jean Miller**

New Jersey Herald

**Christ Episcopal Church  
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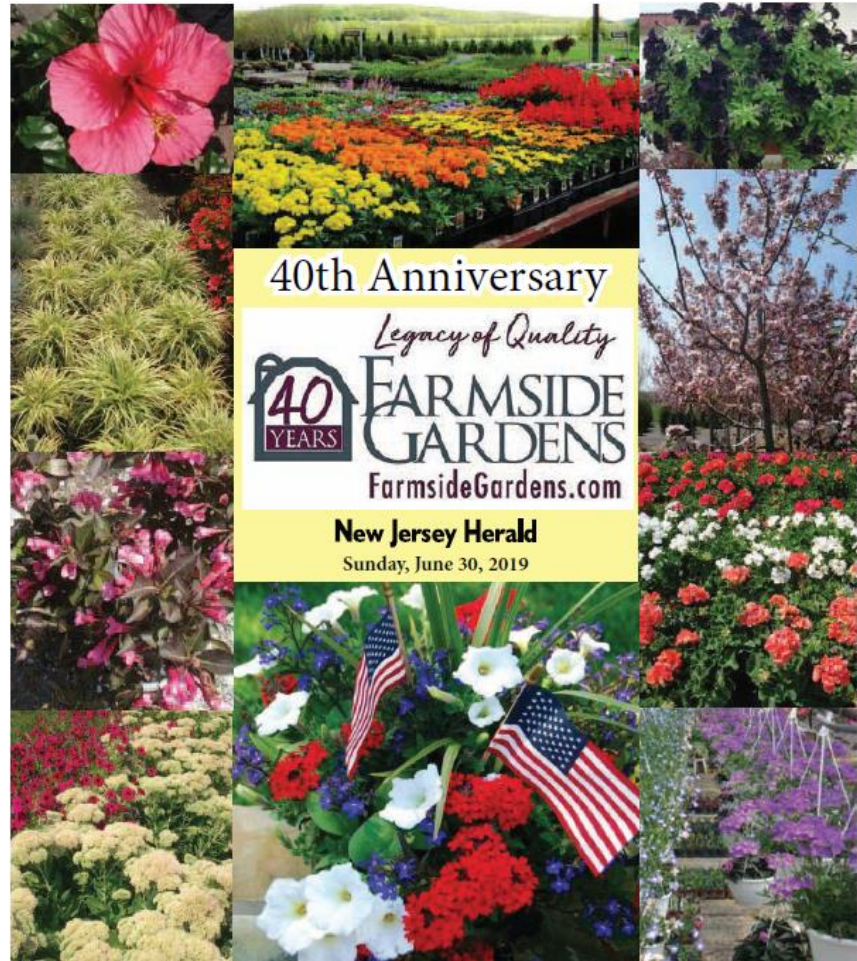
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### The Man Who Lived

THE STAR-LEDGER, AFFILIATED WITH N.J.COM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014

# The man who lived

A rare flesh-eating disease ravaged his body. Angel Perez fought on.

A Star-Ledger special section



Angel Perez looks out over the open field where he contracted a deadly bacteria while crabbing in a tributary of the Newark River, near the outdoor swim, what was otherwise an ordinary day in July. Just a speckle of something hidden for survival. Little did he know, it would be the last time he'd ever feel the water wash over his hands and feet.

Special text, with photography by Sandy Sackel, for the Star-Ledger

**A**ngel Perez couldn't stand the smell. It was late 11, mid-11. It was a hot, sunny day in the park, and he was sitting on a bench, waiting for his wife to finish her run. The air was thick with the smell of sweat and the sound of the sun beating down on the grass. He was sitting on a bench, waiting for his wife to finish her run. The air was thick with the smell of sweat and the sound of the sun beating down on the grass. He was sitting on a bench, waiting for his wife to finish her run. The air was thick with the smell of sweat and the sound of the sun beating down on the grass.

Dr. Katherine Dekker, an infectious disease specialist on the team treating Perez, remembered her reaction as "Oh, wow, another case." The Dekker and her colleagues, here's a special report: accounts of a strange case, something seemingly ordinary for the South Jersey area. The case, however, was anything but ordinary. It was a case of a rare, flesh-eating disease that had never been reported before for a long time. The case was a mystery, and it was a case that had never been reported before for a long time. The case was a mystery, and it was a case that had never been reported before for a long time.

Editor's note: This story contains graphic images and descriptions that some readers may find disturbing.



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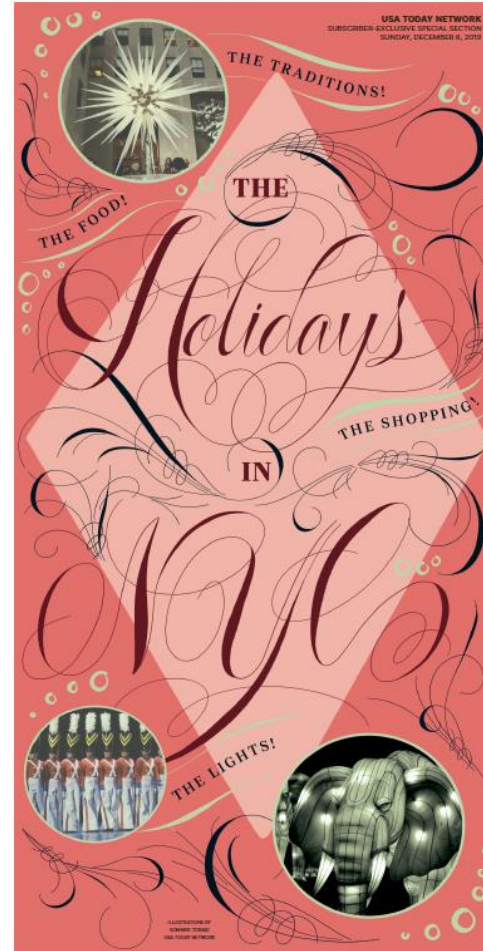
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**Karen Croke**

The Record (Bergen County)

## Holidays in NYC





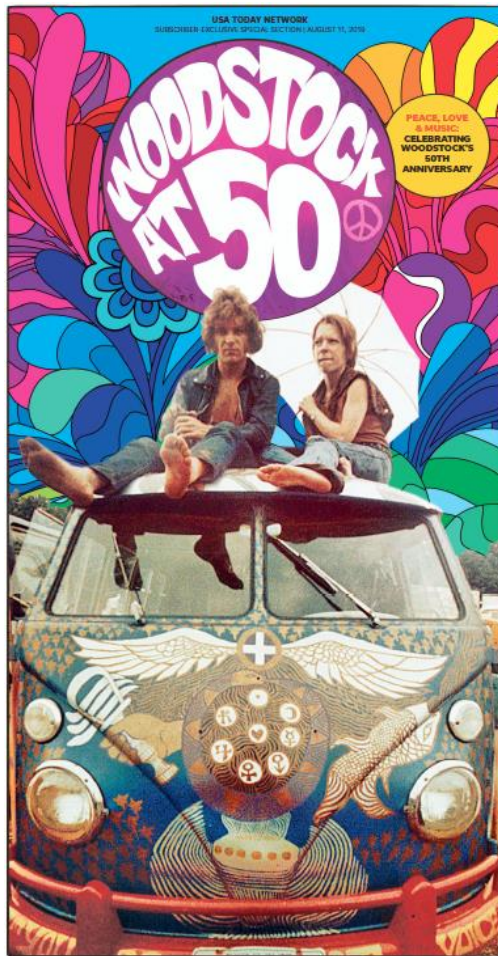
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John Barry, Karen Croke,  
Tricia Rhinehold,  
Liz Johnson  
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Woodstock at 50



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Jay Mann

The SandPaper

### Lady Liberty, Barney Might Be Competing For Coca-Cola Ads

*Plover Acres: Bring on the Nesters*

### When Dealing With Ticks Possums Look Gorgeous

*NJDEP Issues Warnings About Wildlife in Transition*

There's now even more proof that opossums should be gorgeous in the eyes of tick despisers, of which our region is overloaded – both tick- and despiser-wise.

To be sure, possums host faces so unappealing that they drop over and play dead if they accidentally glance their own reflection. Still, these long-faced American marsupials are the greatest tick eaters in North America, even outdoing imported tickatarians, like Guinea fowl. One recent read proving this comes via offgridquest.com, in an article titled "Did You Know Possums Eat Almost All of Your Yard Ticks?"

something remarkably survivalistic about it. What if tick treats offer possums minute but potent dosages of some chemical stuff that acts to ... who knows? Thinking far outside the box, might tick ingestion have something to do with the species' apparent ability to stave off rabies? It's a quantum stretch but when talking nature, the outermost fringes of bizarreness are always in play.

On that cosmic note, it's a perfect time of year to foster a greater appreciation of our national marsupial. Considering its de-ticking tendencies, maybe create an annual Possum

### Rabid Raccoon in Manahawkin But No Need to Go Batty Over It

Let's talk rabies. I know: That a pleasant topic on such a nice day. Hey, any day is nicer than a rabies-talkin' kinda day.

As you might know, we had a confirmed rabies case in our area. A rabid raccoon lived up to its affiliation over in Stafford Township, Village Harbour area. It was trapped by animal control following up on a public lead.

This case is surely too close for comfort, though on Long Beach Island the danger is so minimal as to be unacknowledged. It's a proven fact that rabies has a mortal dread of crossing bridges. On the other hand, raccoons, foxes, bats and other such carriers aren't as span-aphobic. So, those of an Island ilk should pay at

#### *Running Down The Spring Bite*

90 percent of all animal rabies cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention occur among wildlife forms. Rabies vaccinations for pets are now mandatory in all states. They are boosted every three years. Locally, free rabies clinics for pets are regularly made available through animal shelters and such.

I'll go out on a concerned naturalist limb by openly worrying the Stafford raccoon was done in by a bat, which can represent as rabies on

tant insectivores and a mainstay of a healthy ecosystem.

There's no indication the Stafford incident marks the start of a localized pandemic. Nonetheless, rabies is highly zoonotic – able to be spread by animals to humans – so health departments and animal control forces are on heightened alert. The public is also being asked to stay vigilant. In fact, the hoi polloi is often first and foremost in ferreting out new cases. Yes, ferrets can carry rabies. Get yours vaccinated.

Any unvaccinated domesticated creature that does outdoor time is a rabies suspect. "Outside," i.e. free-roaming, house cats fill the bill, having beaten out dogs as the number one



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**Christina Johnson**

The Two River Times

## *A Hazelnut Harvest in Monmouth? Farmers Want to Crack That Nut*

By Gretchen C. Van Benthuyzen

For a small state, New Jersey has a big reputation when it comes to – shall we say – unusual food.

It's known for pork roll, a cold Sloppy Joe deli sandwich, disco fries, Trenton tomato pies, the Fat Darrell (French fries, mozzarella sticks and chicken tenders) and numerous kinds of hot dogs with attitude.

But will those dubious delicacies be a match for the small, round hazelnut? Also called a filbert, the nut, until recently, could not be commercially grown east of Oregon due to the Eastern Filbert Blight, a fungus that attacks and kills hazelnut trees and the main reason why there's limited production in eastern North America.

The hazelnut, a key ingredient in Nutella, has been quietly building a Jersey fan base with the help of Rutgers University's Fruit and Ornamental Research Extension Center and the Grown in Monmouth County-run agricultural assistance group.



GRETCHEN C. VAN BENTHUYZEN

The round hazelnut, also known as a filbert, is in demand for candy bars and chocolate favorites like Nutella spread. Monmouth County is encouraging local farmers to grow the high-value, hardy crop.

gers University School of Environmental and Biological Sciences in New Brunswick, has spent the past 20 years on research and development to find a way to make hazelnuts feel at home in the Garden State.

Working with Rutgers' C. Reed Funk, a world-renowned pioneer in the field of turf grass, Molnar said they started wide, learned what did well here and put their efforts into that. They focused on walnuts, almonds, pecans, chestnuts and hazelnuts.

"Dr. Funk was looking for a hardy food crop that fit very well here," Molnar said. "We were looking at it as sustainable food that was very healthy for humans and could be grown without a lot of chemicals."

They eliminated almonds and walnuts due to cold temperatures and diseases, and pecan trees were giants, he said. Large trees take longer to mature, take up space, and harvesting the nuts requires hiring pickers.

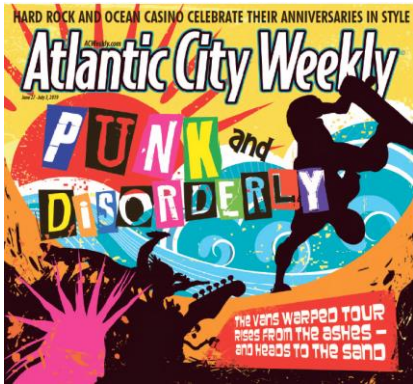
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Ryan Loughlin

Atlantic City Weekly



## Hot and heavy

'The Empire Strips Back' shows the sexy side of the force

By DANIELLE GOMES

On the eve of Star Wars Day (that's May the Fourth to any clueless folks out there) "The Empire Strips Back," a Star Wars burlesque parody heads to the big stage at The Music Box at Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa Friday, May 3. But for creator and director Russell Beattie, it all started as a bit of a joke.

"I came up with a silly idea, little did I know it would kind of take over my life," Beattie says.

Beattie had always been interested in pop culture, but became enthralled in the art of burlesque when he lived in London. As an art form that allows women to push boundaries, Beattie loved the scene, the culture and the people. "Regardless of whether a performer has a background in ballet, belly dancing, singing or comedy, they can cross into this kind of unique performance art that takes on so many different aspects. It's a woman's performance playground that allows performers to control how they want to be perceived. It's very accepting. Everyone is supportive of one another," Beattie explains.

In 2011, at home in Sydney, Australia, Beattie wanted to mix things up a bit. After creating and directing burlesque shows for 10 years, he was ready to try something different. "I



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James Moening  
The Express-Times

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## THE EXPRESS-TIMES

Local pest viewed as threat to much of U.S.



Deal that gave new life to Steel land ending wood-boring pest threat with development plans

AG: Focus on mental health of students

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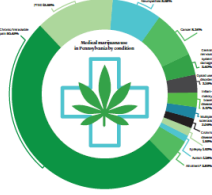


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### Public safety director now makes more than \$200K following recent raises

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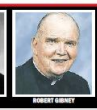
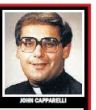

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SEA ISLE CITY – The cherubic 8-year-old boy on the video inhaled the e-cigarette deeply and exhaled smoke rings, perfect cloudy halos fluttered through the air as his family, heard in the background, goaded him on with laughter.

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OCEAN CITY – Aggressive gulls swarm the Boardwalk and beach, dive-bomb unsuspecting humans and snatch pizza, French fries or funnel cake.

Now the grabby gulls may have met their match.

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For the past five months, Stafford Township Mayor Gregory Myhre has been getting acclimated to his new role, but on May 31 he came across something that made him slightly nervous – three dozen students at town hall.

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What a sight it would be to see hundreds of iguanas moving in the same direction. Even though each individual lizard has a unique scale pattern, all of them together would be a sea of green unlike any other.

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By RYAN LOUGHLIN

I grew up in Ridgefield. It's a small town in the heart of North Jersey, just a few miles from the sweeping steel beams of the George Washington Bridge. Just about anybody who lives in this state can tell you that although small in size, its regions vary so greatly they may as well be different countries. In addition to a more New York-type attitude and some very congested highways, North Jersey has its own style of food. It can be best described as a sort of blue collar variant on comfort foods, with items like Italian heroes (not "subs" and DEFINITELY not "hoagies"), breakfast sandwiches on a hard roll, Taylor ham (NOT "pork roll") and, of course, a variety of types of hot dogs all taking center stage.

By RYAN LOUGHLIN

"Saturday Night Live" is an enigma. It's the TV show every comic dreams of landing on, yet the stories of working there make it seem more cutthroat than the hardest day on Wall Street. It has served as the launching point for countless film careers and has produced more stars in the world of comedy than just about any other institution, but it also spits out stars as quick as it hires them. And regardless of the clout that comes along with being a former "SNL" cast member, for those who leave and don't immediately end up as A-lister, staying in the limelight can prove challenging. Think about it — does anybody know what Melanie Hutsell or A. Whitney Brown are up to these days? Does anybody care?

BY RYAN LOUGHLIN

With Mother's Day weekend upon us, we are tasked with the job of laying out the perfect day for Mom. We want her to feel loved, we want her to feel relaxed and, for one day, we want her to feel like the world's fate is not resting on her shoulders. This day is about recognizing all she does and giving her some time to sit back and take in the madness around her — albeit from a comfortable chair, perhaps with a cup of tea?

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DEVELOPMENT

## ‘No wrongdoing here’



Council counters assertions of intentional denser development

by JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS

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The township council Thursday “denied any wrongdoing” by its members or town employees regarding the controversy over the Montclair Center Gateway Redevelopment Plan and a proposed 45-unit development for the area, rejecting a planning board member’s claim earlier last week that no investigation into the conduct of “certain township employees” had been done.

At the Sept. 9 planning board meeting, board member Martin Schwartz read a statement alleging that a township employee may have intentionally allowed for a much denser housing development at 13-17 Orange Road than was intended in the Montclair Center Gateway Redevelopment plan. He asked why an investigation had never been done, asserting that a township employee may have intentionally allowed for a much denser housing development at 13-17 Orange Road than was intended in the Montclair Center Gateway Redevelopment plan.

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## Who will capture the Heisman Trophy?



A closer look at the four candidates hoping to take home the honor at tonight's ceremony (8 p.m., ESPN)

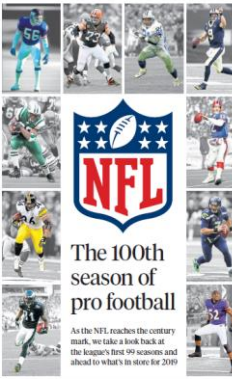
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### The 100th season of pro football

As the NFL reaches the century mark, we take a look back at the league's first 99 seasons and ahead to what's in store for 2019



## Gameday NJ

### Chasing a championship



Tom Brady leads the Patriots to the AFC Championship game



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### Can Yankees count on Urshela?



Player	Team	Position	Record
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### Boone's Bombers look for better postseason



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Baseball's latest victory after a week of heartache

**One of a kind**  
Hall of famer Jeter gave Yankees a sense of relief

A winning pitcher in a pinstriped uniform, Daniel Jones, the Yankees' ace, was the star of the show as he pitched a complete game, leading the Yankees to a 5-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Monday night. Jones, who has been the Yankees' ace since taking over from Jacob deGrom last season, was dominant from the start, striking out seven batters and allowing only one run in the first inning. The Yankees' offense was led by Aaron Judge, who hit a home run in the second inning, and Giancarlo Stanton, who hit a home run in the fifth. The Yankees' bullpen was led by Aroldis Chapman, who pitched the final two innings and struck out three batters.

**Yankees offense stays hot in rout of Rockies**

The Yankees' offense was on fire as they routed the Colorado Rockies 10-0 on Sunday. Aaron Judge led off with a home run, and the Yankees scored five runs in the first inning. The Rockies' pitching was shaky from the start, and the Yankees' offense was able to take advantage of the mistakes. The Yankees' bullpen was led by Aroldis Chapman, who pitched the final two innings and struck out three batters.

**Can anyone catch Shane Bieber at the British Open?**

Shane Bieber, the defending champion, is the favorite to win the British Open on Sunday. Bieber, who has won the tournament twice before, is in excellent form and has a strong record in major championships. The defending champion is the favorite to win the tournament, and he is expected to be a strong contender for the title. The tournament is being held at the Royal Troon Golf Club in Scotland, and it is expected to be a highly competitive event.

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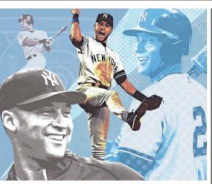
The New York Knicks are looking to make a statement this season. With a new coach and a roster of young talent, the team is expected to be a contender for the Eastern Conference title. The team's season is expected to be a roller coaster, with ups and downs. The team's season is expected to be a roller coaster, with ups and downs. The team's season is expected to be a roller coaster, with ups and downs.

**Save the date: NorthJersey.com Sports Awards set for June 16**

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#### Jeter joins hopefuls on Hall of Fame list

Only question: will Yankees shortstop earn unanimous vote for Cooperstown?

Baseball's Hall of Fame is looking for a new inductee, and the Yankees' shortstop, Derek Jeter, is one of the top candidates. Jeter, who played for the Yankees from 1995 to 2019, is a five-time All-Star and a two-time World Series champion. He is expected to be a strong contender for the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is looking for a new inductee, and the Yankees' shortstop, Derek Jeter, is one of the top candidates.

**Devis can't corral Bruins' top line in loss**

The Boston Bruins' top line is proving to be a problem for the Bruins' coach, Claude Jutra. The Bruins' top line is proving to be a problem for the Bruins' coach, Claude Jutra. The Bruins' top line is proving to be a problem for the Bruins' coach, Claude Jutra.

**Jets' running game has a blueprint for success**

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#### Is Adams a good fit for the Jets in long term?

Adams' impact on Jets' offense

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Barkley looking to give Giants a boost

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**Stanton's contract will haunt Yankees for years**

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The Yankees are on the wrong side of team history. The Yankees are on the wrong side of team history. The Yankees are on the wrong side of team history.

**Phillies, Girardi sign Didi Gregorius**

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**The defendant, Duell Wheeler-Watson**, of Orange, in the Essex County Courthouse in Newark, on Monday, November 11, 2019.

**NJ serial killer suspect left blood, DNA at scenes, jury told**

A North Jersey man on trial on charges that he murdered three women and attempted to kill a fourth in 2016 left traces of DNA under one victim's nail and the blood of another target in one, according to court testimony on Dec. 4.

A forensic scientist from the state's top lab testified in Newark that DNA matching Duell Wheeler-Watson's was swabbed from the fingers of Sarah Burke, a Montclair College student friend and classmate, and Wheeler-Watson allegedly met for a late-night rendezvous in November 2016.

One week earlier, a witness told Elizabeth judge that Wheeler-Watson Wheeler-Watson pulled her back into the car and her friend's Lincoln limo she managed to escape. Though an DNA and other tests were inconclusive, authorities found fragments of blood on the seat and cushions, Christine Scuderi, the assistant, told the jury.

The blood, according to lab testing, belonged to a suspect.

## Message in a bottle found at Montclair State University



Close-up photo of a hand-written message that was found in a lower bowl as a construction worker was demolishing a wall during the renovation at College Hill at Montclair State University. It was dated 1987 and hidden when the wall was originally built. [www.nj.com/news/montclair](http://www.nj.com/news/montclair)

**Alexis Shanes**  
Montclair State University  
The Montclair Times, Nov. 27, 2019

Robert Kasny was 12 feet up scaffolding, doing blueprints a study of the wall with a chipping hammer, when he heard glass break.

"I got going my gun," he said. It was, supposedly by accident. The translucent paper pieces still have bits of mortar stuck to them.

"I just happened to hit the right spot," said Alexis Makoyan, Montclair State's director of construction management. "The wall had been gone for a while since July 3, 1987."

## Former Giants chaplain accused of sex abuse

**Abbezz Kooff and Owen Yaw**  
The Montclair Times, Nov. 27, 2019

A New York Giants football team chaplain accused of sexual abuse more than 15 years ago and later released by church officials... put in line to get a Super Bowl ring... was named in a lawsuit filed Monday by one of the two men who came forward in 2003.



Photo of a man, likely the former chaplain mentioned in the article.

While their families attributed parts of his behavior to mental illness, the priest, Augustine Clark, died more than 20 years ago while working still after being charged with the sexual assault of a child, 10-11 years according to a lawsuit filed Monday by one of the two men who came forward in 2003.

**Montclair heads all-division state**  
Montclair high ranked in one of the top girls soccer teams in Essex County this past season. The top five programs produced the share of representatives for the teacher super state conference-American Indian first, second and honorable mention at conference teams for 2019. [www.nj.com/news/montclair](http://www.nj.com/news/montclair)

## Proposed Montclair building adds to density concerns

**John Hiltner**  
Montclair State University  
The Montclair Times, Nov. 20, 2019

A large public parking lot on Church Street, Montclair's main street and busiest shopping strip, was recently designated by the Township Council to be replaced by a 74-unit apartment building with ground floor shops, despite growing concerns about overbuilding and on-street parking shortage street-level.

The council voted 3-1 this summer to approve the redesign project as the plan, thereby the parking lot in the abandoned Hudson department store, can become a five-story apartment building.

"It's a major change that would not be that much different than what they did last time, but they don't care," said Col. Montclair's council member who lives a block away and whose 12-year-old daughter was hit by a car that was in a Church Street driveway. He said the new workers' apartment building would be a disaster, which is at least one step.

Montclair's also concerned about the many other schoolchildren in the area, including the 900 who attend Montclair Elementary School a block away. But the school board and the open field, she says, "There is no need to go on with this kind of development."

See **TRAFIC**, Page 2A

## 5 Fun Things to Do in Montclair this week

Overhead by all the wonderful activities in our small town, culture, music and food scenes? You are not alone.

Here at the Montclair Times and Montclair.com, we have you. Check out our new weekly column in which we highlight five cool things Montclair has to offer.

This week it's: 1) go to the outdoor art festival on Dec. 12, also online at [montclair.com](http://montclair.com).

2) See "The Last Show" presentation with Stephen Colbert, host of CBS' "The Last Show."

3) Take a drive for the Dec. 7 event that runs at 10:00 and ends on 10:30.

## Jewish teacher sues for discrimination

The Montclair teacher claims he lost promotions because he is old, white



Montclair Middle School in Montclair. [www.nj.com/news/montclair](http://www.nj.com/news/montclair)

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Montclair State University  
The Montclair Times, Nov. 20, 2019

A 64-year-old Montclair High School teacher has filed a discrimination lawsuit against the Board of Education, claiming he was passed over for

promotion in favor of "younger, less-qualified" non-Caucasian candidates, mostly females, and that there are no Jewish administrators employed by the district.

Ronald Schwartz, who is white and Jewish, has been at the high school since 2004 teaching business, finance and marketing. He filed an EEOC suit in an arbitrator's opinion.

See **DISCRIMINATION**, Page 2A

## Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Stephen Colbert to take part in Montclair Film fundraiser

**John Hiltner**  
Montclair State University  
The Montclair Times, Nov. 27, 2019

Montclair Film's annual Fundraiser, which is expected to sell out the New Jersey Performing Arts Center by the end of the year, will feature one of the great performers of all time and having her film "Julia Louis-Dreyfus" on the program.

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**Ridgewood football holds off Passaic Tech**  
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## THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS

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**Debbie Spenser, 11, plays the soprano during the 25th anniversary event of Friends to Friends Community Church in Ridgewood on a number of the church team's background.**  
PHOTO: BOB MULLER/STAFF PHOTO

### Friends to Friends Worshippers with disabilities find home in Ridgewood church

**Debbie Spenser**  
PHOTO: BOB MULLER/STAFF PHOTO

**RIDGEWOOD** — A medieval wicker ladder against the wooden pews. The room is wheelchair accessible and great for older. Others are helped as they find a seat with the music from the end and the blue denim shirts are enthusiastic singing.

Monday services had started. The choir is not always in tune, but the music is sweet.

There are occasional wood outdoors and some woodwork on the walls. The room is bright and airy. The church is a place where people with disabilities find home. The church is a place where people with disabilities find home.

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### Doctors guide community walks while answering health questions

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**RIDGEWOOD** — There is only about a handful that walk on the way to the community walks. Instead of walking these questions, why not go straight to the answers?

The health system has started a new "family doctor" program, which aims not only to provide active, but also to answer their frequently asked questions regarding their health.

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# ORANGE OUT



**The Orange Out will reach over 800 families throughout the day. All events raised will go to Advance the Care for MS, an essential fund for the MS patients in the state of New Jersey.**  
PHOTO: BOB MULLER/STAFF PHOTO

### Junior Football, Cheerleaders to host 2nd annual MS fundraiser

**Throughout the day on Oct. 26, Advance the Care for MS, Ridgewood Junior Football and their parents will be participating in the Orange Out, a fundraiser for MS patients in the state of New Jersey.**

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### More smart parking kiosks coming to Ridgewood

**Smart Parking Kiosk**  
PHOTO: BOB MULLER/STAFF PHOTO

**RIDGEWOOD** — Digging the new smart parking kiosk will reduce the Ridgewood traffic congestion, and will also reduce the number of cars on the road.

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### Two suspects charged in beating death of Brick man

Prosecutor says Mark Richard was killed by his son and another man on Sept. 7.

**BY FRANK BLAZET**

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Mark Richard, 46, was killed by his son, Mark Richard Jr., and another man on Sept. 7. (Left) Richard, (right) Richard Jr. and (right) the other man who was charged with the murder of Mark Richard.

"It's not just going to the masses it was going to be tough to get perceived."

**BY FRANK BLAZET**

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Artique, Classic Boat Society hosts show at Johnson Bros. BoatWorks



John De la Torre and Bob Coughlin show one of the many antique wooden boats on display at the Johnson Bros. BoatWorks show, held at Johnson Bros. Boat Works in Mantoloking.

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Heartbroken Elementary School will be demoted to a preschool-only facility because of a state aid cut. The Brick school district is expected to receive a 10% cut in state aid.



Children at Dennis House, a community center, are receiving gifts and cheer during the holiday season.

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The Coast Star



### OUR VIEW

#### Cape May County government: The Friends and Family plan During censure votes, more than expected is revealed

As we begin the spring based on the actions of the Board of Ocean City, I am sure that you will be looking for the Cape May County government. We don't know if they are going to be a good government or a bad government. We don't know if they are going to be a good government or a bad government. We don't know if they are going to be a good government or a bad government.

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#### Boy Scout believes others should enjoy experience

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CURRENTS

**Shore Avenue Bulkhead Plan Gets Funding**  
**County Undertaking Surf City Project**

Borough officials earlier this month unanimously introduced a bond ordinance that, if approved, would allocate 5 percent of a bulkhead repair and replacement project on the south side of Shore Avenue in Surf City. The bulkhead is slowly eroding into the bay. The proposed ordinance, 2019-11, is expected to cover \$180,000 of the estimated \$400,000 price tag for the project. The measure includes a \$20,000 down payment to be repaid by local bond law, and it has been allocated as a provision in the capital improvement plan.

The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for which the bonds to be sold are to be used in the repair and replacement of storm bulkheads located at various locations in the township and related expenses, including all work and materials, proposed Ordinance 2019-11 reads in part.

The project is expected to be done under an agreement with Ocean County according to Mayor Francis Hopkins. It was expected to have been done in 2018, but another bulkhead project ended up taking precedence, he said.

While the bulkhead project is expected to help stem some of the flooding that results from tidal surges, it won't eliminate the flooding completely, Hopkins said.

The ordinance will be breaking ground there and going across the street," he noted last August in a press release, which was quickly taken up on the water in an early wave."

The ordinance, which was passed on the 20 days after the third public hearing in July, was approved by the council following a public hearing on the day after the Sept. 11 township meeting.

A public project is called for a portion of County money to help with the project, which will be managed by the Surf City Development Authority, which is headed by Mayor Construction. The township board has worked with Long Beach Township, the state Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and U.S. Coast Guard.

The City of Long Beach bulkhead project is under budget, the 2019 budget the state, which has approved the bulkhead and a portion of Ordinance 2019-11. The ordinance also allows for other projects to be included in the bulkhead program. The bulkhead program is valued at \$150,000 of an estimated \$200,000 project. The approximately \$200,000 bulkhead in 15 years, according to the ordinance.

Following the completion of the bulkhead project, the township will work with Ocean County officials to the installation of a pump station in the area, according to Mayor William Hurlbert. The bulkhead project needed to come first and the pump would not be viable water had been the bay that was going to flood the

**This Kid's Got (Shark)Teeth**  
**Young Stafford Explorer Has an 'Eye for Stuff'**

Many 10-year-olds have a dream of one day being a scientist or an explorer, and Ethan Kravitz has one of those dreams. "I want to be either a paleontologist or a shark diver," said the 10-year-old from Stafford Township, who has been digging for shark teeth since he was 5 years old. "I found a shark tooth" and a few other things like a shark scale and a shark fin. "I was 6, I was looking for stuff, and I picked up a tooth and was going through them, and I found the tooth," he said. "I picked up a tooth. I found a shark tooth" and a few other things like a shark scale and a shark fin. "I was 6, I was looking for stuff, and I picked up a tooth and was going through them, and I found the tooth," he said. "I picked up a tooth. I found a shark tooth" and a few other things like a shark scale and a shark fin.



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Supplied Photos  
SOBIE IM OUT: Ethan Kravitz (above) sifts through the many shark teeth he's discovered in the sands of various beaches. The Stafford High graduate shows his collection when he joined an old or one school in Broad Beach, Ocean County for fun.

"And who knows? Maybe someday you'll be going to find the next Megalodon tooth."  
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## Entertainment

### There can never be too many coffee shops in the area

**Chloe Cole**  
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**Really, Mmmhmm?** Another coffee shop is opening up in Montclair. And another. And another. In fact, you can't walk through the town without seeing a coffee shop. It's not just the fact that Montclair is a healthy indicator of the town's vitality and livability, but it's also a sign of the town's success in the recovery of some similarly neglected far side.

But first, a little history. For over a decade, Montclair's coffee scene has been thriving. From the first coffee shop, the Montclair Coffee House, to the current crop of specialty coffee shops, the town has a rich and diverse coffee culture.

So far, so good. But what if you're not a coffee drinker? Well, there's always the option of a coffee shop that also serves other beverages. In fact, many coffee shops in Montclair also serve a variety of other drinks, from smoothies to pastries to sandwiches.

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### Writer brings time travel and Puerto Rican history to children through podcast



Laila, Carlos Ramos, the creator and writer of "Timestorm" from Montclair, comes to meet with...

**Center, Laila Ramos** is a Montclair resident and does the voice acting for *Amara Venetia*, one of the main characters of "Timestorm" (see page 10).

**Right, Mike Lopez** is a Montclair resident who helped create the audio and soundtrack for "Timestorm" (see page 10).

**Katrina Kessler** (see page 10) is the author of "Timestorm" (see page 10).

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### LIVE AT THE OUTPOST



Singer-songwriter Jeffrey Gagne performed at Outpost in the Barba in Montclair on Oct. 4. Photo: Chris Jones.

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Harriet & Marianne with coffee, homemade bread & butter at Faubourg in Montclair. Photo by Chris Jones.

### Is this NJ's best French restaurant?

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"Timestorm" takes the viewer's senses on their best journey in the history of Puerto Rico through time.

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### COLE IN CONCERT



Loyal Cole played Outpost in the Barba's season opener on Sept. 13. Photo: Chris Jones.





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## ROMTCLAIR ORCHESTRA Romantic Persia



Gabriella Reyes, a young soloist in the Lindemann Young Artist Development Program, will sing 'Songs of Exile' with Montclair Orchestra.

### Soloist Gabriella Reyes performs in '1001 Nights'

by GWEN OREL  
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Gabriella Reyes didn't take her first voice lesson until she was 10 years old. A soprano, she will solo with Montclair Orchestra on Sunday, Sept. 22, in composer Behard Karbhera's "Songs of Exile."

Now, Reyes is in her last year of the three-year Lindemann Young Artist Development program at the Metropolitan Opera. Lindemann artists are paid a salary, and continue to be coached. She's performed professionally, including at Massenet in Puccini's "La Bohème" at the Santa Fe Opera this past summer.

From zero to soloist in seven years is impressive. But she has always sung. "My grandmother used to sing to me when I was 5 years old, all the Mot radio broadcasts," Reyes said. "She'd hit all those notes, and I never trained one. She came from Nicaragua, and was never able to study. It all was staying in my ear. I became very musical. I studied the saxophone and tuba." She played in the orchestra at the Bible

college she attended for two years before transferring to Boston Conservatory of Music.

"I was a tuba player, and I got up in the middle of the concert and sung," she said with a laugh. Everyone at Evangel College supported her decision to transfer, and she got into the Conservatory with a full scholarship. "That was the only way I'd be able to go," she said.

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#### A halo on Montclair

Former Montclair resident and author Lisa Blumberg talks about setting part of her first novel, "Rising the Hourglass," in the town she loves.

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#### Undying love

Lynn Konner's show, "For my Beautiful Son Adam," on display at Berkshire Hathaway, is a tribute to her late son, who encouraged her to return to art after 40 years.

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#### A play for our times

St. James Playery's production of William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" includes news bulletins from CNN. The show runs through Sunday.

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## ART Seen under light

### Larry Kagan's shadow-play at MAM

by GWEN OREL  
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Shadows are funny things: they seem to be both present, and not present. They change their shape, think of the Robert Louis Stevenson poem "My Shadow."

Not having one could mean you are dead. Or Peter Pan. Shadow art usually means silhouettes, or puppets.

Right now at Montclair Art Museum, it means shadows of steel, and work by Larry Kagan.

That work includes steel sculpture hung on the wall, and precise shadows that form pictures of a Keith Haring pop art image, President Obama, a man's dress shoe.

The show, Kagan's first solo show in New Jersey, includes 21 of his pieces. It runs through Jan. 5.

"Impossible Shadows" is playful and somber at the same time — as a show that deals with light and dark should be. Kagan, born in 1946 in a refugee camp in Germany, has connected his art to the loss of his Jewish family in Belarus.

"I'm the child of Holocaust survivors," Kagan said from his home in California. "There was a whole set of relatives that was not there when I was growing up. Other people had aunts, uncles, cousins... but when your whole family gets wiped out... making those images, to me, they were appropriate. They were shadows. They existed, but they didn't really exist as soon as the light goes off, there's nothing there."

Before he began working with steel and his shadow, he thought he would work with found, old steel. "I started writing large set drawings. I found that as soon as you put something against the wall and light it you got those shadows."

"I became concerned with what shadows are doing, and I started exploring shadows."



Larry Kagan works on one of his shadow sculptures.

COURTESY LARRY KAGAN

### Impossible Shadow: The Art of Larry Kagan

through Jan. 5, 2020  
 First solo exhibition in New Jersey  
 Montclair Art Museum,  
 3 South Mountain Ave.  
 Montclairmuseum.org, 973-266-8335

"Nobody can figure out how he does what he does. And I still can't, after watching him install his show."

The sculptures look like abstract tangles of steel. The shadows are representative of steel. The shadows are representative of steel.

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#### Working on the railroad

Adrian Bengtsson-Shaw, 11, plays a 'Hero Boy' in 'The Polar Express,' an immersive train production of the classic children's holiday tale in Whippany.

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#### Kwanzaa transcends time

A Kwanzaa celebration at the MAM last Sunday included dance, ritual, food, and also honored Dolores Riley, Montclair's first African American councilwoman.

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#### Christmas emery

Hanukkah may be homemade, but Christmas lights and music fill everyone's heart. Write Culture Editor Gwen Orel in her latest Program Notes.

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#### David Biggy, Pattie McIntyre The SandPaper

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### Torres Leads Barnegat Baseball Team To State Tournament Win Over Delsea

The rumor buzzing around inside the dugout when Luke Torres went to the mound during the fourth inning was that the Barnegat junior wasn't too fond of pitching. After the Barnegat baseball team knocked off Delsea on May 20, Torres smiled when asked about his alleged dislike for taking the ball.

"It's not so much that I don't like pitching," the junior revealed. "I just prefer being in the field for defense. I feel more comfortable playing out there, when I believe I can contribute more."

Torres contributed plenty against the Crusaders, first by doubling, down Delsea after coming on to relieve starter Matt Venturi and throwing four scoreless innings, and secondly with his bat during a five-run fifth that sealed a 10-5 win in the first round of the NJSLAA South Jersey Group II tournament.

"The coaches were confident enough to bring me in to pitch in a tough situation, and my only focus was to throw strikes," Torres said. "The coaches talk about staying calm and maintaining composure in those situations, and that's what I did."

After a solid first three innings, during which the seventh-seeded Barnegat (11-12) and 10th-seeded Crusaders (7-13) played a back-and-forth game of taking advantage of each other's mistakes, Delsea managed to lead the bases with home runs in the top of the fourth before Barnegat head coach Dan McCoy lifted Venturi and called on Torres, who had been playing first base.

Torres induced a pair of popups to shortstop and second base, then struck out the next batter to keep the score knotted at 5-5. After another squad scored during his next at-bat, the Barnegat jammed the bases for No. 9 hitter Kyle Moore, who whacked a deep fly ball to center field, which allowed Dexter Hambrick to tag up and easily score from third base to make it 6-5.

Torres then stepped into the batter's box and fished off a few pitches before swinging a line drive over the left field line to bring in Matt South and Slaver Micker, both of whom had walked. With Torres on third and Tyler Staylam on second, Sean Lucas hit a chopper that bopped past the shortstop's glove and into left field, scoring both runners for a 10-5 lead.

From there, Torres kept the Crusaders in check, allowing just one baserunner on a come-backer that he managed to step with his back foot outside Troscever in time to throw out the batter at first — during the final two innings, during the final inning to send the Barnegat into the quarter-finals as most second-seeded West Deptford, 3-for-4, while Daulton's finished 2-for-3.

"I was confident we'd score enough and get the win," Torres said. "Our guys were really into the game, we had good support from our fans, and we just had to make sure we did the little things right during the last few innings."

**Pinelands Regional Advances To Quarterfinals**

Two years ago when Pinelands Regional faced off against Fern River South in the 5Bore Conference Tournament, the Wildcats didn't have enough in the tank to knock off the Indians. On May 20, the Cats beat the Indians from the South Jersey Group III tournament.



**BIG TIME:** (Top) Barnegat's Luke Torres fires on the plate in the fourth inning of the Barnegat 10-5 win over Delsea on the first round of the NJSLAA South Jersey Group II tournament on May 20. (Above) Tyler Staylam shows to first for an attempted double play during the fourth inning.

### BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

In the first round, a matry for South After eighth-seeded Fern River South (15-10) grabbed a 2-0 lead in the first inning, Pinelands junior Jake Ventresca at bat shut down the Indians the rest of the way, scattering seven hits, walking one and striking out six while going the distance. Eventually the Wildcats' bats came alive, as Pinelands scored three times in each of the last two innings to sweep the victory.

In the state, sixth-seeded Pinelands (16-9) started off with two straight hits. However, along the way the Wildcats had a run erased when South made a

successful appeal at third base, after claiming Dreyer's bases-clear hit on the flag while attempting to score on Anthony Diaz double.

Nonetheless, Ryan O'Rourke followed with a single to center field to put runners at first and third before Ventresca delivered an RBI single to make it 2-3. Singles by Billy Crawford and Peter Hambrick brought in the next two runs, and Pinelands had a 3-2 lead going into the seventh.

After Diaz doubled in Ryan O'Rourke to make it 4-2, Ventresca put the punctuation mark on the victory by hammering a pitch to right-center field for a two-run homer. Ventresca, Diaz and Ryan O'Rourke each ended with two hits.

With the win, the Wildcats advanced to most top-seeded Triton in the quarterfinals on May 23.

—David Biggy

## SPORTS



**David Biggy** CRUSHING IT: Pinelands freshman Brian Delibery whacks a backhand return during his 7-5, 7-5 victory in first singles to give the Wildcats a 3-2 win over West Deptford in the NJSLAA South Jersey Group II semifinals on May 16.

### Freshman Delivers as Pinelands Tennis Team Reaches Sectional Final

Senior Brian Delibery already has played in some big matches at Pinelands' home courts winding down and realized advancing to the sectional final was going to fall on his outcome.

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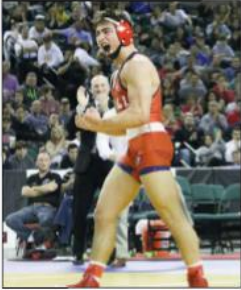
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The Mustang Regional High School football team poses with the inaugural Bridge Trophy after winning their rivalry game with Ocean City High School Friday night. By David Nahan.

## Round 1 goes to the Mustangs

MRHS beats rival O.C. for Bridge trophy; teams meet again Friday in playoffs



**By DAVID NAHAN**  
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## Rivals O.C., MRHS girls soccer to face off in SJ finals

### 1-2 punch leads Red Raiders over TRS, 5-0

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Ocean City junior Sarah Johnson, left, and sophomore Sarah Johnson, right, are the 1-2 punch in the Red Raiders' offense. Photo by David Nahan.

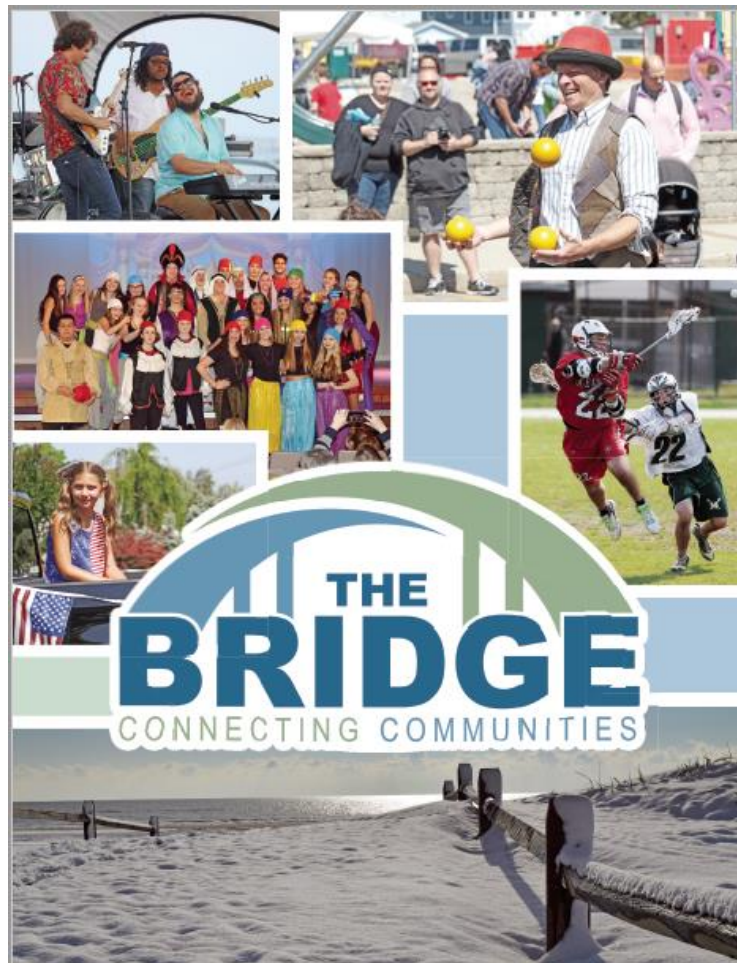
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Eric Avedissian,  
Sam Hutchins  
Ocean City Sentinel

The Bridge – Connecting  
Communities





## Special Issue

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**Alison Manser Ertl,**

**Donna Poulsen**

The Coast Star

**Newsies**



## Special Issue

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Katie Bryson, Kate Priest,  
Owen Proctor  
South Bergenite

Dec. 19, 2019

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DETECTIVE JOSEPH SEALS 1979-2019

## North Arlington mourns fallen son



Handmade Head Ridge Head just outside Queen of Peace Church in North Arlington on Sunday evening to remember Jersey City Detective Joseph Seals, who was killed on Dec. 10. [www.northbergenite.com](http://www.northbergenite.com)

### Detective Joseph Seals honored at funeral

**Mike Kelly**  
Columnist  
North Jersey Network  
USA TODAY NETWORK, N.J.

**JERSEY CITY** — As a cold, gentle rain pelted this wounded city on Tuesday, thousands of police and residents gathered to bid farewell to the detective killed in last week's mass shooting.

The body of Jersey City Police Det. Joseph Seals was brought by hearse to St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church for a funeral mass presided over by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

Inside the ornate, century-old worship space, once a mecca of one of the city's ethnic enclaves, had a strong pull for immigrants from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, more than 1,000 police officers, residents and political leaders — including Gov. Phil Murphy, U.S. Attorney General William Barr, New Jersey Attorney General Christopher LaRocca and U.S. Attorney Craig Capparelli — assembled to mourn Seals.

Tobin began the mass by urging the congregation that "each of us always think we can repeat and take away the

See FUNERAL, Page 6A

#### Kathy Ortiz

North Bergenite  
[www.northbergenite.com](http://www.northbergenite.com)

Jersey City Police Detective Joseph Seals was no stranger to North Arlington when he lived with his family.

A little less than two years ago, the father of five had his youngest daughter hospitalized at Queen of Peace Church,

said Father Mike Donovan, who remembered that Seals was filled with joy seeing his daughter go through that ordeal.

Though the 40-year-old Seals was killed on Dec. 10 in the line of duty, the circle of people who knew him got a lot bigger Sunday as colleagues and even strangers made out to celebrate him at a vigil.

Candles and glow sticks were lit and as people wearing blue T-shirts bearing Seals' name called out to support his family Mayor Daniel D'Adda spoke for the faithful in attendance.

"They had overwhelmed with love, support and seeing the support that this community has come to bring,"

See VIGIL, Page 6A

MORE INSIDE COMPLETE COVERAGE OF FALLOUT FROM THE JERSEY CITY SHOOTING CONTINUES, PAGES 2A-8A

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The People's  
Newspaper  
NJPA 2019, Sep 2019  
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Veterans say no  
North Arlington  
schools sought \$1M  
to help with security,  
crowding, Page 6A



Jenna Rogers commits to Nebraska  
The New Jersey state record holder in the high jump will continue her career at the home of the Cornhuskers, located in Lincoln, Nebraska. 1,200 fans now live in that town's home. Page 1B

# ONLINE AWARDS

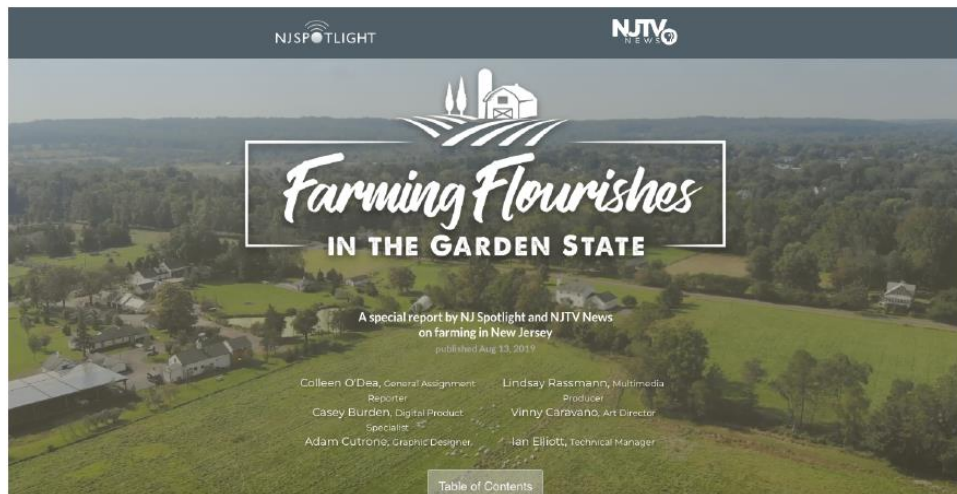
# Best Web Project

Daily

## THIRD PLACE

**Colleen O'Dea,  
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Adam Cutrone, Ian Elliott**  
NJ Spotlight

**NJ Farmland -- Farming Flourishes in  
the Garden State**



# Best Web Project

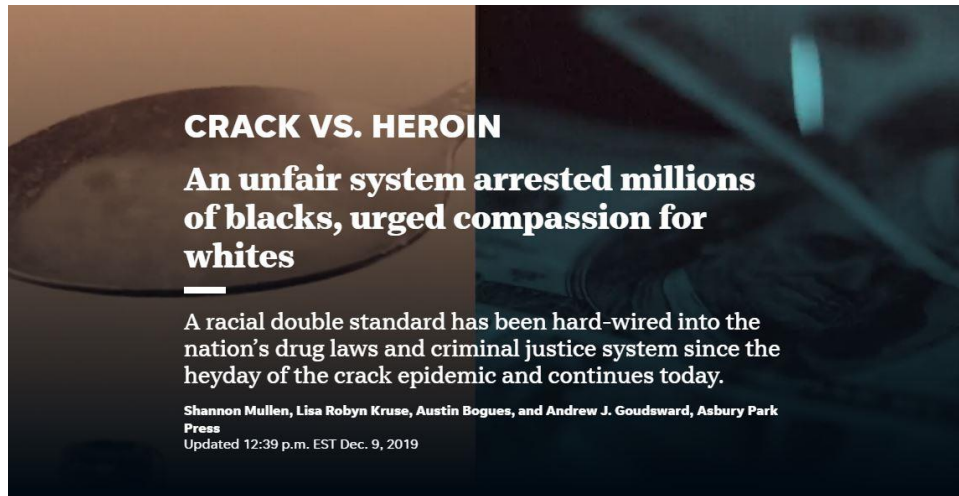
Daily

## SECOND PLACE

Staff

Asbury Park Press

**Crack vs. Heroin: An unfair system arrested millions of blacks, urged compassion for whites**





## Best Web Project

Daily

### FIRST PLACE

**Andrew Ford**

Asbury Park Press

## Police misconduct project

### **Deadly police chases kill dozens of innocent victims, catch few crooks**

Many police pursuits in New Jersey and the nation end tragically and mostly affect black people. Chases commonly start with a simple traffic violation.

**Andrew Ford, Asbury Park Press**

11:08 a.m. EST Dec. 24, 2019

**N**ew Jersey police pursuits killed at least 63 people in the past decade and injured more than 2,500. Nearly half the people injured were bystanders or cops.

New Jersey ranks second in the nation behind Louisiana for the percentage of African Americans killed during police pursuits since 2009, an Asbury Park Press and USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey investigation found.

**Best Web Project**

Weekly

**No awards given**

# Best Multimedia Element

Daily

**THIRD PLACE**

**Paul D'Ambrosio**

Asbury Park Press

**Crack vs. Heroin - Search  
your town's drug arrests by  
race and year**

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**Cocaine arrests**

**Opioid arrests**

# Best Multimedia Element

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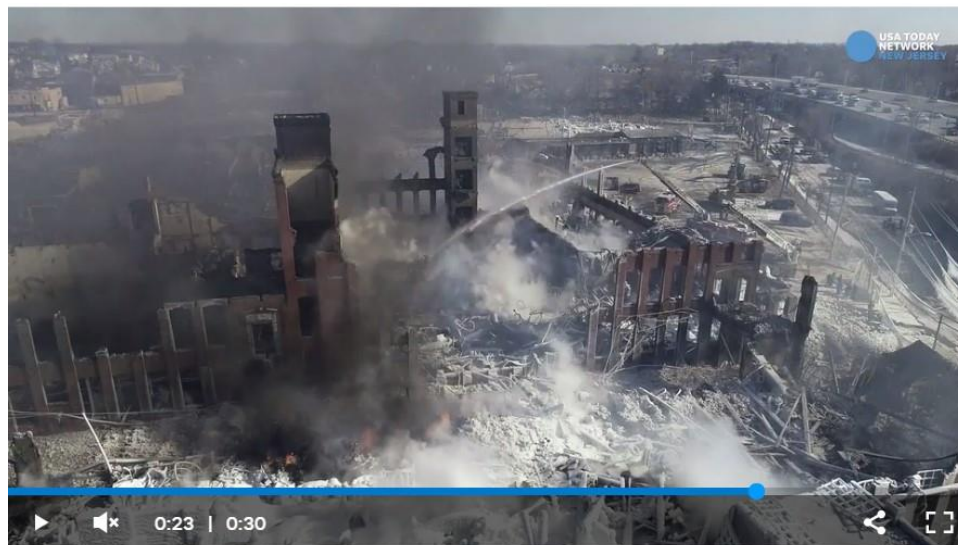
## SECOND PLACE

Danielle Parhizkaran,  
Michael V. Pettigano,

Tariq Zehawi

The Record (Bergen County)

### Marcal factory fire: Before and After images



### Marcal factory fire: Before and after aerial images

Comparing aerial images of the Marcal factory before and after the Jan. 30, 2019 fire that destroyed the plant.

MICHAEL V. PETTIGANO, DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN AND TARIQ ZEHAWI,  
NORTHJERSEY.COM

8:17 p.m. EST Jan. 31, 2019

# Best Multimedia Element

Daily

**FIRST PLACE**

**Andre Malok**

The Star-Ledger

**The Man Who Lived**





**Best Multimedia  
Element**

Weekly

**No awards given**

## Best Video

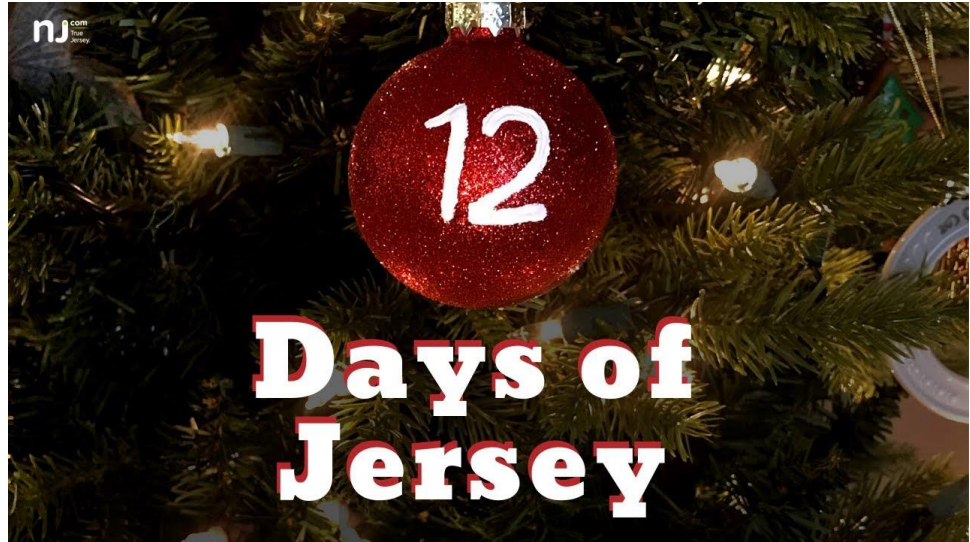
Daily

### THIRD PLACE

Natalie Paterson

The Star-Ledger

12 Days of Jersey



# Best Video

Daily

## SECOND PLACE

### Michael Karas

The Record (Bergen County)

Bike life in North Jersey



## Best Video

Daily

**FIRST PLACE**

**Michael Karas**

The Record (Bergen County)

**Paterson police patrol unit ride  
along**



**Best Video**

Weekly

**No awards given**



# **Innovation Award**

Weekly

**No award given**

# Innovation Award

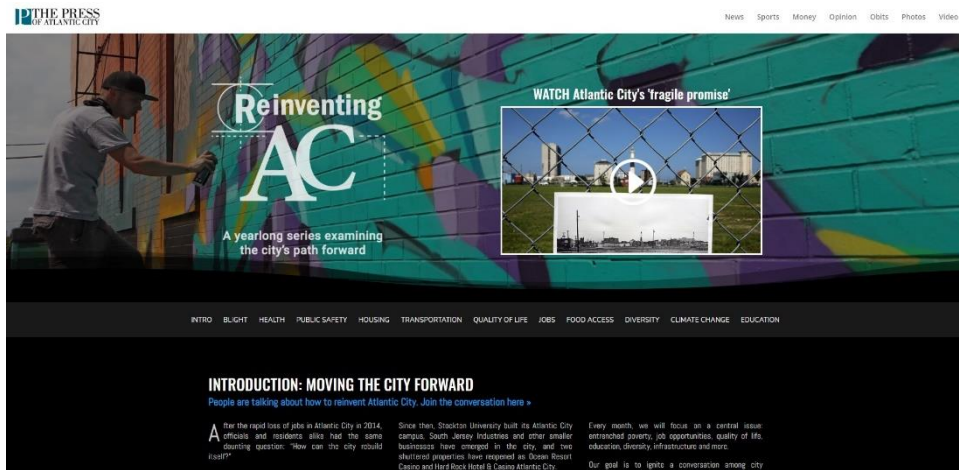
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## THIRD PLACE

Staff, Mike DellaVecchia

The Press of Atlantic City

### Reinventing Atlantic City project



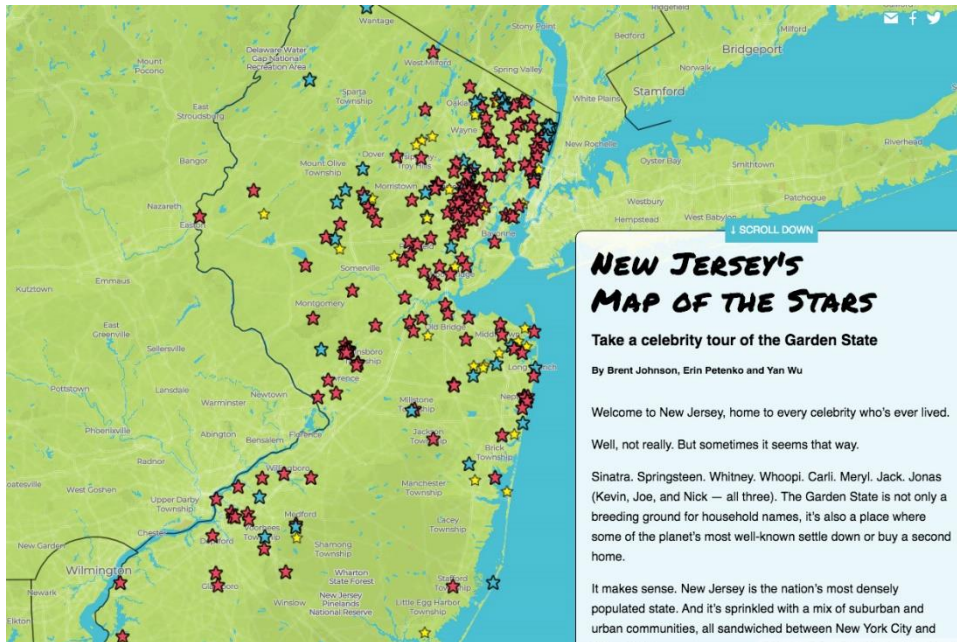
## Innovation Award

Daily

## SECOND PLACE

Brent Johnson,  
Erin Petenko, Yan Wu  
The Star-Ledger

New Jersey's Map of the Stars



# Innovation Award

Daily

## FIRST PLACE

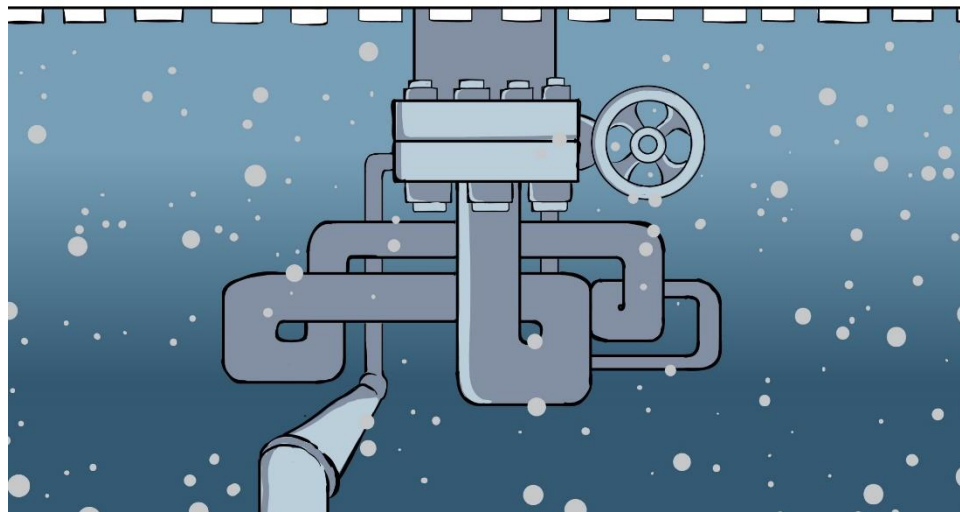
Blake Nelson, Karen Yi,

Michael Sol Warren

The Star-Ledger

How did lead get in the water?

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## Online Breaking News

Weekly

### THIRD PLACE

Adam Anik

Montclair Local

## Equality Walk



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Home News Video/Photos: Montclair hosts NNJ Equality Walk Weekend

**NEWS**


**VIDEO/PHOTOS: MONTCLAIR HOSTS NNJ EQUALITY WALK WEEKEND**

October 14, 2019

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*The crowd gathers outside the First Congregational Church for the Garden State Equality Northern Region Walk 2019.*

Hundreds rally in Montclair to support LGBTQ+ equalities in New Jersey. Garden State Equality states on their website they're "working to ban the gay and trans panic defense, reform HIV criminalization laws, secure statewide funding for homeless LGBTQ youth, and pass a bill of rights for LGBTQ older adults." The 10th annual walk, one of four statewide, is their biggest fundraiser of the year. First Congregational Church Sr. Minister the Rev. Ann Ralesky stated the church has a 15-year record as an open spiritual community. The funds raised at Equality Walk 2019 will support the work GSE is doing in the areas of policy, education, and health.

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2019  
GARDEN STATE  
EQUALITY  
WALK

Get With The  
Garden State  
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## Online Breaking News

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### SECOND PLACE

Adam Anik

Montclair Local

## Montclair Celebrates Italian Culture and Sister City Aquilonia

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Home Arts Video/Photos: Montclair celebrates Italian culture and sister city Aquilonia

**ARTS**

**VIDEO/PHOTOS: MONTCLAIR CELEBRATES ITALIAN CULTURE AND SISTER CITY AQUILONIA**

October 6, 2019

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Tambourine (Italian frame drums) in hand, D'Italia's Beth Ann Mastromarino tends to the info table on the MPL piazza.

Montclair Public Library hosts a day of D'Italia's community-based programs to celebrate the Sister City of Aquilonia, telling the story of Italian-American culture with not only fun, music, dancing, food, crafts, displays, and storytelling, but also some pitifully informative offerings of video, a talk by Seton Hall's La Motta Chair of Italian Studies, and author, Dr. William Cornell, and more.

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# Online Breaking News

Weekly

**FIRST PLACE**

**Gina G. Scala**

The SandPaper



The Newsmagazine of Long Beach Island and Southern Ocean County

**Board Majority Greenlights  
December Referendum to  
Rehab LBI School**

## Online Breaking News

Daily

### THIRD PLACE

### Staff

The Express-Times

Salon owners married for 5 decades and set to retire killed in N.J. Their son is charged in their murders.

NEWS

### Warren County couple's slaying pinned on their son. He now faces murder charges.

Updated Oct 29, 2019; Posted Oct 29, 2019



Steve Novak | For lehighvalleylive.com

Warren County Prosecutor Richard Burke announces homicide charges against Todd Steven Warner, 50, who is accused of killing his 73-year-old parents.

7



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By [Steve Novak](#) | For [lehighvalleylive.com](#)

He was initially considered a "person of interest" in the case of [his parents' deaths](#) Sunday evening in their [Warren County](#) home.

Now, authorities are considering Todd Steven Warner the killer.

# **Online Breaking News**

Daily

**SECOND PLACE**

**Staff**

The Star-Ledger

**Rutgers fires Chris Ash**

## **Chris Ash fired as Rutgers football coach; Nunzio Campanile will take over**

Updated Sep 29, 2019; Posted Sep 29, 2019



# Online Breaking News

Daily

**FIRST PLACE**

**Staff**

Asbury Park Press

## Ocean Grove Fire



The pavilion at the north end of the Ocean Grove boardwalk is shown (left) on March 20, 2019, and then (right) as a massive fire consumed the structure Saturday, April 13, 2019. *(Photo: Thomas P. Costello, Tariq Zehawi & Danielle Parhizkaran)*



**Best Web Event**

Weekly

**No awards given**

# Best Web Event

Daily

## THIRD PLACE

David P. Willis,  
Stacey Barchenger,  
Mike Davis,  
Thomas P. Costello  
Asbury Park Press

Lakewood 2030



# Best Web Event

Daily

## SECOND PLACE

Staff

The Star-Ledger

### American Dream Mall Opening

American Dream mall opens today. Here are the first photos from inside.

Updated Oct 25, 2019; Posted Oct 25, 2019



# Best Web Event

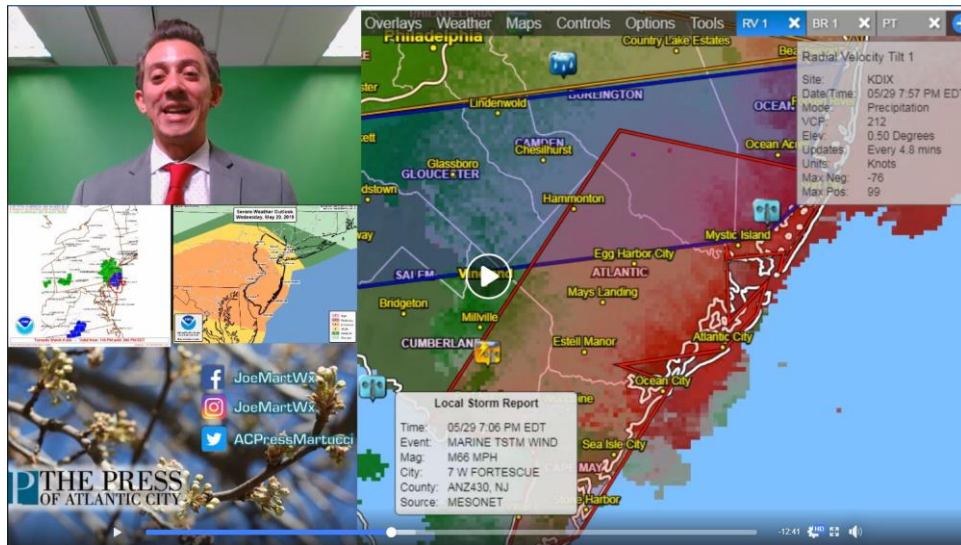
Daily

## FIRST PLACE

Joe Martucci

The Press of Atlantic City

May 28 to 30 Severe Weather  
Outbreak



# Best Use of Social Media

Weekly

**THIRD PLACE**

**Adam Anik,  
Kelly Nicholaides**  
Montclair Local

**Kwanzaa**

The image is a screenshot of a social media post from the account 'Montclair Local' (@montclairlocal), dated December 15, 2019. The post features a video of two stilt dancers performing on a stage. The dancers are wearing blue tops and green skirts, and are balancing on tall, cylindrical stilts. In the background, a man in a yellow shirt is playing a drum set. The video player interface shows 90 views, a progress bar at 0:20 / 0:31, and 3 likes. The post text reads: 'Stilt dancers are one of many performances at Montclair Kwanzaa Observance hosted in Montclair Public Library'. The Montclair Local logo is visible in the top left corner of the post.



# Best Use of Social Media

Weekly

## SECOND PLACE

Adam Anik  
Montclair Local

### Break the Hate





## Best Use of Social Media Weekly

### FIRST PLACE

David Biggy  
The SandPaper

#### Post Details


 **The SandPaper**  
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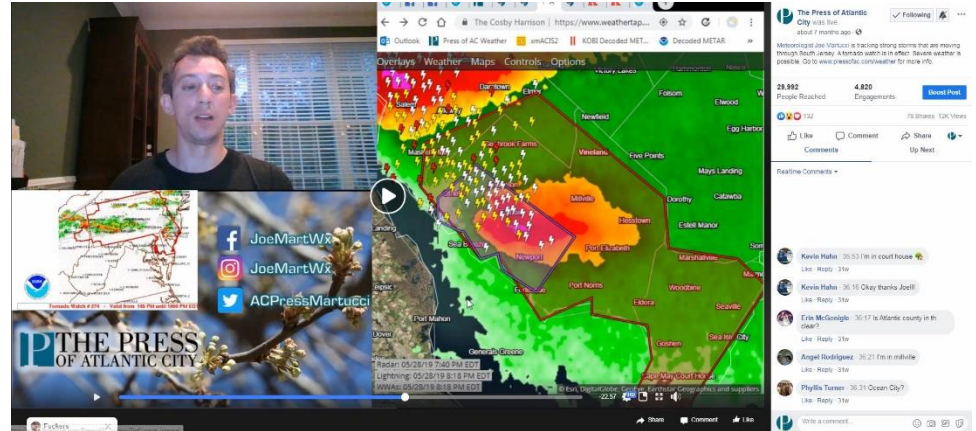
## Best Use of Social Media

Daily

### THIRD PLACE

Joe Martucci

The Press of Atlantic City



# Best Use of Social Media

Daily

**SECOND PLACE**

Adam Clark, Alyssa  
Passeggio, John Shabe  
The Star-Ledger

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njdotcom

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teens is living  
with a severe  
mental disorder.

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# Best Use of Social Media

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## FIRST PLACE

**Courtney Marabella**

Asbury Park Press

Crack vs. Heroin social media plan





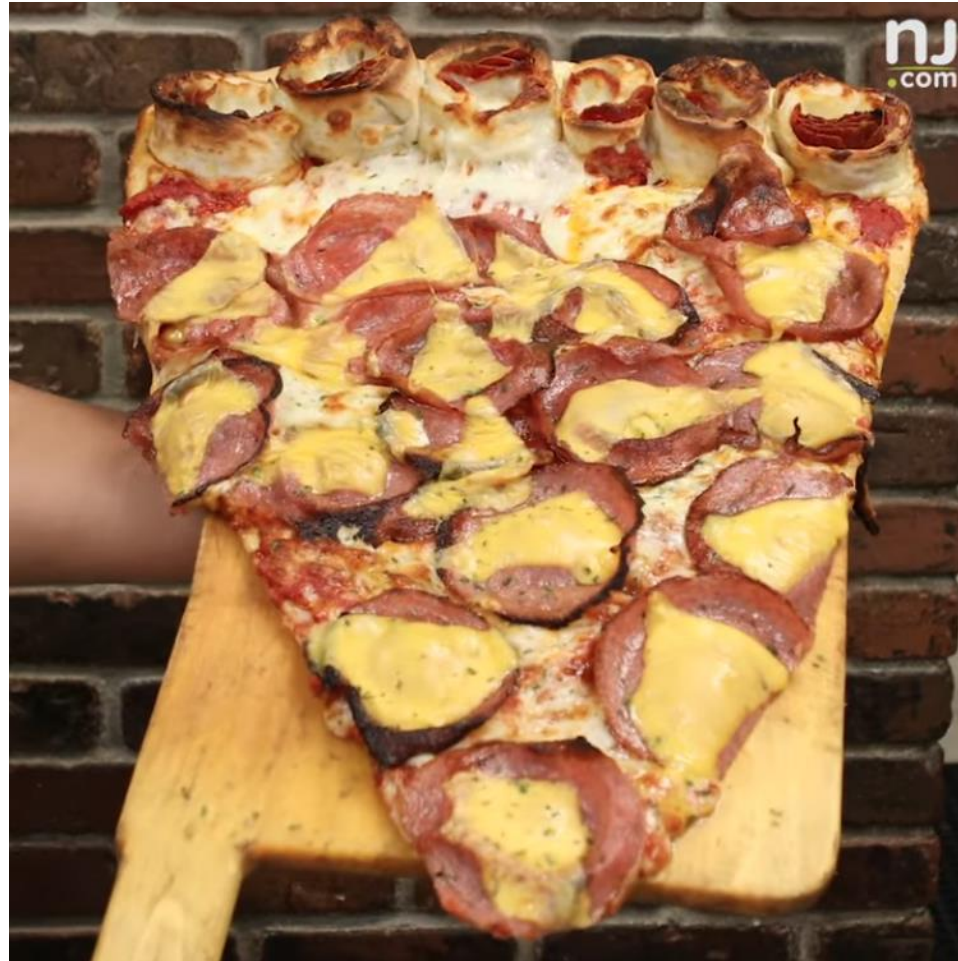
# Video Portfolio

Daily

## THIRD PLACE

Melissa Ibarra

The Star-Ledger



**Video Portfolio**  
Daily

**SECOND PLACE**

**Andre Malok**  
The Star-Ledger



# Video Portfolio Daily

**FIRST PLACE**  
**Brian Johnston**  
Asbury Park Press



## Restoring memories in Marlboro Township

Michael and Kathleen Robianni have lived and worked at their clock and doll repair shop for 25 years

BRIAN JOHNSTON, ASBURY PARK PRESS

5:00 a.m. EST Nov. 29, 2019

**Video Portfolio**  
Weekly

**No awards given**



# Best Video Series

Daily

**THIRD PLACE**

**Andre Malok,  
Melissa Ibarra,  
Chelsea LoCascio**  
The Star-Ledger

**You've Never Seen  
New Jersey Like This**





**Best Video  
Series  
Daily**

**SECOND PLACE  
Staff**

Asbury Park Press

Red Zone Road Show

Videos



Red Zone Road Show:  
Check out all the  
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Show brings high  
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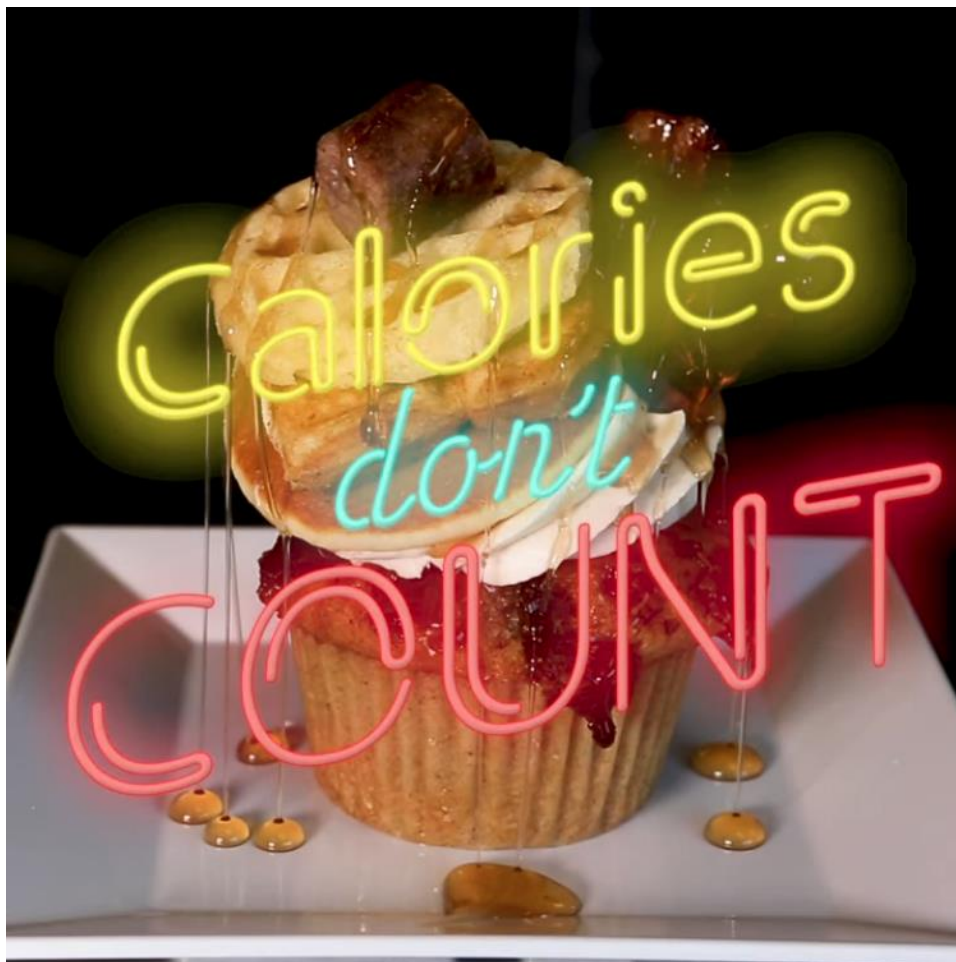


**Best Video  
Series  
Daily**

**FIRST PLACE**

**Andre Malok,  
Natalie Paterson,  
Andrew Harlan  
The Star-Ledger**

**Calories Don't Count**



**Best Video Series**  
Weekly

**No awards given**

## Best Audio

Daily

### THIRD PLACE

Steve Politi,  
James Kratch,  
Keith Sargeant  
The Star-Ledger

Rutgers Rant



**Best Audio**  
**Daily**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Bobby Olivier**  
The Star-Ledger

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**Best Audio  
Daily**

**FIRST PLACE**

**Bianca Velazquez,  
Natalie Paterson**  
The Star-Ledger

**Today in N.J.**



**Best Audio  
Weekly**

**No awards given**

# Responsible Journalism Awards

# Editorial Comment

Weekly Division

## THIRD PLACE

Garry Herzog

The Madison Eagle

## Portfolio

- EDITORIAL -

# This is no time to ease up

A year ago, we weren't talking about a "partial" federal government shutdown, a failure of politics from the top down.

We were talking about the Women's March on New Jersey, which brought droves of local residents to Morristown in an example of a people's movement to fix politics from the grassroots up.

So, is 2019 a time to ease off the "Spirit of 2018?"

Ask our congresswoman, Rep. Mikie Sherrell, D-11, who rode the wave of enthusiasm and empowerment to win election to a first term last year. Her situation is instructive of what went right in 2018 and what is still wrong in 2019.

Sherrell was all set to hold her first "town hall" meeting this week when she had to postpone because Congress had been called back into session to grapple with the shutdown, the longest in our history. Now the "town hall" has been rescheduled — tentatively — to 7 p.m. this Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Parsippany Police Athletic League (PAL) Center at 20 Haldwin Road. Because of the noise in Washington, it's still subject to rescheduling.

All of which says to me: No, this is not the time to "ease up" on involvement in government.

Here's local. Right now, governing bodies and boards of education are bogged in the hard work of crafting budgets. There is no more opportune time to dive in, get involved and understand where the money is going and how it helps them.

# Editorial Comment

Weekly Division

## SECOND PLACE

**Brett Ainsworth**

The Retrospect

## Portfolio

### The State of Newspapers and The

#### *Retrospect*

How is your paper doing? Invariably that's the first thing fellow newspaper publishers ask.

With some relief last Friday at the New Jersey Press Association's (NJPA) annual meeting I was able to share the inspiring support we have received at *The Retrospect* during this subscription campaign.

My involvement at NJPA started with an eye on *The Retrospect's* response line. A quandary of running a newspaper one that my wife and the paper's co-owner, Susan, and I love intimately is that while it's a business, a good newspaper also serves as a public institution, which can often mean showing the path less profitable.

So with an eye to ours, I attended my first NJPA annual meeting about a dozen years ago to ascertain what our dues body, as it turned out, just like its newspaper members, so much of what NJPA does serves

*(Continued on page 2)*



Brett Ainsworth  
Publisher



# Editorial Comment

Daily, over 30,000

## FIRST PLACE

Mike Condon

The Citizen of Morris County

## Portfolio

- EDITORIAL -

# From the absurd to the ridiculous

Here we go again in Hackensack Township. What, exactly, is the problem here? Now, it would seem, the GOP Township Council majority is holding up basically the paying of township bills. This is so ridiculous, we can scarcely believe we're reporting it.

What exactly is the majority attempting to accomplish here? More lawsuits? Vendors and other companies that do business with the township suing? Is that what the end game is here? We can't think of much else. What they've done, essentially, is lower the threshold that would let Township Administrator Patricia Seger pay the bills from \$40,000 to \$17,000. That's micromanagement, and makes absolutely no sense at all.

The majority's beef with the township attorney seems to be at the bottom of this latest calamity. Or maybe it's their ongoing grift with Mayor Michael Parisi. Does it reach as far as this point?

What we do know is that this is unprecedented. The township has become the laughing stock of the county. We've been in other towns where the elected officials say "At least we're not Hackensack Township" when they're dealing with a hardship or similar pain.

Is that the goal here? Or is it to get the state to interfere and try to correct this clearly off course ship of state? Do we want the state to exercise some oversight in our local government? Is that really the objective? We know that sounds absurd, but the council majority here - all Republicans - seem bent on levying intervention.

# Editorial Comment

Daily, over 30,000

**THIRD PLACE**

**Fred Snowflack**

InsiderNJ.com

**Portfolio**

## Does Jeff Van Drew Really Know what he's Doing?

By Fred Snowflack | December 15, 2019, 2:12 pm | in [The Diner Booth](#)

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# Editorial Comment

Daily, over 30,000

## SECOND PLACE

Jay Lassiter  
InsiderNJ.com

## Portfolio

### Steve Sweeney, NJ's Medical Marijuana Villain

By Jay Lassiter | April 7, 2019, 6:07 pm | in [Caucus Room](#), [Columnist](#)

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**Accessibility to New Jersey's Alternative Treatment Centers by Car**

The map displays the state of New Jersey with county boundaries. A specific region in the northeast, encompassing parts of Hudson, Bergen, Essex, and Passaic counties, is highlighted in a solid pink color. This shaded area represents the accessibility to alternative treatment centers by car. Several black location pins are placed within this pink-shaded region, indicating the specific locations of these centers. The rest of the state is shown in a standard light green and tan color scheme with road networks.

# Editorial Comment

Daily, over 30,000

## FIRST PLACE

**Dave D'Alessandro**

The Star-Ledger

**Portfolio**

## The restoration of felon voting rights must not be held up by politics | Editorial

Posted Jan 25, 2019



# Editorial Comment

Daily, under 30,000

## THIRD PLACE

Margaret Schmidt

The Jersey Journal

## Portfolio

### IN OUR OPINION

## Just say 'No' to park land grab

**M**onday's "Bah Humbug" from state Sen. Sandra Cunningham still has us reeling.

Maybe she's just the messenger and the real story is that too many of her colleagues in Trenton are swayed more by a billionaire's campaign contributions than by the priceless natural habitats at the Caven Point Peninsula in Liberty State Park.

But, still, her comments about looking to find compromise — and the attendant votes — on the Liberty National Golf Course's greedy attempt at a literal land grab are just shocking. And utterly, utterly disappointing.

"I think Liberty Park is a beautiful place and I think that it is a wonderful place for people to come in and sit down and meditate and look at the water and find a little peace and quiet," Cunningham told our reporter. "However, I do want it to be a place where all of the community can come in and enjoy it as well."

What?

All of the community is able to come in and enjoy Liberty State Park now.

But, if the golf course and its billionaire campaign donor owner Paul Fireman have their way, 22 acres of environmentally sensitive beach and wetlands that are home to nesting areas for migrating birds and other wildlife will be taken away from the public and turned into three



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**LIBERTY NATIONAL GOLF COURSE** already has undeveloped property it could expand into rather than take away environmentally sensitive acres of the Caven Point Peninsula in Liberty State Park.

holes of a super-exclusive private golf club.

It's that plain and that simple.

A lobbyist for the golf course put forth the idea during hearings on the Liberty State Park Protection Act, proposed legislation that would ban the type of commercialization they're seeking. The proposed act was close to being approved and sent to the governor for his signature when the lobbying started and quickly moved into high gear.

Their idea is to put an amendment into the proposed act that would exclude the Caven Point Peninsula.

In exchange, they say they'll fund environmental remediation and institute a program for inner-city kids to learn the sport.

State Sen. Paul Sarlo of Bergen County, chairman of the Senate Budget and Appropriations

Committee, should have had the courage to stand up to Fireman's people and say thanks but no thanks — and, oh, by the way, if you want to help inner-city kids, there's nothing stopping you from doing it now, except, maybe you really don't care. Instead, he insisted that advocates for the act meet with representatives of the golf course to find some common ground where there can be none.

It's not too late for Cunningham, Sarlo and Senate President Sweeney to stop this charade.

Hudson County's full delegation, Mayor Fulop, County Executive DeGise and other elected officials must get behind the act as it stands and convince the full Senate and Assembly to vote for it now and reject the destruction of Caven Point Peninsula.



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Bruce Tomlinson

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### Our Opinion

## A lesson in civics for High Point administrators

Two students from High Point Regional High School are trying to prevent cuts in their school's German language program. Instead, they are getting a real-life education.

Such a lesson is one that should be learned by the school's administrators, which allegedly attempted to limit the students' efforts and strip their rights.

High Point Regional High School students Nick Southard, 17, and Joe Consiglio, 16, last month launched a petition drive aimed at saving the German program. That was on the shopping block because of reduced state aid.

The boys, both in their second year of the language program, already searched the school's expenditures, looking for possible savings that could maintain the funding cut and save the German program.

However, prior to delivering the petition and findings at a school board meeting, Southard and Joe were taken aside by administrators and essentially encouraged to drop the matter.

In a one-on-one room with Curriculum Director Susan Campbell and Principal Steve Shroyer, Southard allegedly stated that in making his argument he was disappointed for making the issue of Superintendent Scott Ripley's recent pay raise, was out of line for spending the money directly to the Board of Education, and that further attempts to communicate with the board would be "frustrating."

From a newspaper perspective, how did the spending stop? For trying to make a positive difference? For delinquency in the coursework at the school's expense?

These are trials and tribulations that should be encouraged in our students, not squashed, especially by those responsible for educating them and fostering good citizenship.

Furthermore, Southard's behavior as reported has not been disrespectful. Rather, the intimidating tactics to which he allegedly was subjected — rendered him acting by Southard's mother, Michele Hill — demon-

strated a disrespect for Southard. It's worth noting that this is also not the first time High Point staff members have been accused of engaging in hostile behavior toward students.

Three years ago, a group of high school students from Washington publicly contacted members of the High Point board and administration, looking at Ripley with over a dozen social media posts by a High Point teacher — a student history teacher, no less — who had been in on the Fort Lee in School District of New York a "troll" and using derogatory language to describe them and their parents for allowing them to attend school there.

To this day there has never been an acknowledgment of responsibility let alone an apology from Ripley, from that staff member or from a single member of the High Point board.

We have no reason to doubt that the vast majority of High Point staff members are dedicated people who work hard every day to be a positive influence in the lives of young people.

However, in any institution, there should be a set from the top down — and for Ripley, who spoke again at Tuesday's school board meeting, we would like to begin the question of whether there is a culture at High Point that encourages such behavior. If such a culture is accepted, it should be held by all who, if anything, should be held in a higher standard.

In stark contrast to their previous recognition, Southard and Consiglio were both complimented at Tuesday's meeting by both Campbell and Ripley for demonstrating the courage of their convictions and for taking their case more publicly.

Campbell went on to say it was never his intent to discourage the students from speaking out, and offered them his "sincere apology" if his message had been misinterpreted.

All that is certain is that if you support your actions, you are supported by your actions.

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### EDITORIAL

## Martin Tower redevelopment plan misses mark

**I**t's enough to make you nostalgic for a strip mall. The mixed-use development proposed to replace Bethlehem's iconic Martin Tower mirrored local public anger last week. The only thing more comforting than the Levittown-like grid of apartments and commercial buildings proposed by developers Norion Herrick and Lewis Benck was the city planning board's 3-2 approval of the master plan.

Really? This is a good start? To take over a 63-acre blank canvas in West Bethlehem where Bethlehem Steel's onetime corporate headquarters will be imploded next month? The planners should have sent a strong message. "No." They had a simple mission to do so.

Even though the plan complies with the city's zoning ordinance, the configuration of 630 garden-style, luxury apartments, medical office buildings, a hotel, a few retail shops, a restaurant and a gas station goes against design guidelines, as pointed out in a letter of recommendations by Planning Director Darlene Heller.

In addition to stretching a lot of usage into limited space, the proposal arranges the commercial buildings in a tic-tac-toe grid of parking lots, with an office in each square. Green space is limited to a pocket park in a sloped, wooded spot near a retention pond.

Implicitly, the plan goes overboard on parking, creating many more spaces than required, turning more acreage than needed into impervious black top. The developers contend that separate parking lots, not shared ones, are best for medical offices.

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### Neighbors concerned by development on Hahne's lot

BY JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS  
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Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael is not necessarily worried so much about the traffic, the parking problems or the density a new 74-housing unit set to break ground soon next his church will create. It's that the wall to the five-story building will block the sun streaming through the windows of the sanctuary at Sammler-Michael's Unitarian Universalist Congregation church. The church was built in 1897, and is one of the last Craftsman-style churches still in use.

"That wall will diminish the beauty and use of that space," Sammler-Michael said. "I wish the height would be pushed back from our sanctuary window so it gives us the earliest possible sunlight gleam."

Bijou Properties of Hoboken has plans to build a mixed-use development on the site of the former

Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair is concerned that a 74-unit, five-story development set to break ground soon next to the church will block the sunlight that streams through the sanctuary's windows.

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**Dover's Homeless  
Population Braces The Cold**



**DOVER'S HOMELESS  
POPULATION BRACES THE COLD**

By **BRETT FRIEDENSOHN**  
Staff Writer

**DOVER** — Jimmy Blake doesn't mind the cold from the shelter they built for him. He wants to do it to try to get conditions to look a bit better. He needs a place to sit his gear, gear could become his life piece, which he and his wife maintain call "The Silver Shack" in an apartment where he and his wife are independent living. To get to his old life, he takes a walk up a city and away hill around the park high. The bridge makes a walking route where or a car passes. The buildings are still where he built them. He had dogs on one wooden plank and covered himself with a blanket. He is also in an elementary school desk chair and manages the edge on the shelter of the house behind him make a walk.

"It's a major with the city and he would sit on my back with his own things. The state help moved to with his friends. Blake helped them develop their life in the woods at One Silver Shack, which he says is the second time. In some places in Dover though, there are homeless people in Dover prefer to sleep in it, sleeping locations were, an specific location want to be in

**'We just gathered it up, built it from trash.'**  
**JIMMY BLAKE**  
DREW BRADY



Jimmy Blake, a One Silver Shack resident, sits in an elementary school chair where he used to sleep, under a bridge in Dover.



A lady bear and grill on the interior of the One Silver Shack campsite in Dover.

of what makes One Silver Shack an ideal location to do it, some residents can do with the dryer water and walk to the Lakeland bus terminal to check the city, look at New Jersey and see the business. Blake says the staff there don't mind the noise.

"The low drought of Thursday, Jan. 23 and Friday, Feb. 15 in Dover is forecasted as one degree with one mile per hour with speeds, according to the Weather Channel, and One Phil Murphy has argued residents to stay indoors as long as they can. For the past two days, the Morris County Office of Emergency Management has declared a "Code Blue," meaning the emergency services like disaster relief or a person in need, could be at all changed period of time.

At John's Episcopal Church on Blackwell Street, has opened to doors for anyone who needs a place to stay to sleep. The Jimmy

one day he and Tommy would rather sleep in their tent. I give them more freedom to do things like play their radio, play their phone, but I don't have to sleep on the back pack. In fact, it's more work like taking things.

Blake and another man sleep on a mattress with several blankets and wear several layers of clothing including jackets and

pants. The men think the wind chill for the man part. When he's home, some blankets sleep he did upon a chair.

"They always always have in 2014 when the wind is on. They like the truck, but it's also cold when they sleep in it. I know so it doesn't make much of a difference when their tents in tents.

"They also have mini grill and microwave equipment. Blake says that in the summer some other homeless people come by for homeless emergencies. But in the app is a grill covered with a natural gas pipe.

"We just gathered it up, built it from trash," Blake says. "We just find trash and scrap metal, cans, you know everything. We get the cans from like the soup kitchen or food bank. We get the dishes from other places. When you know, we get the trash, we're everything rejected. We keep it inside both. It's a garbage surrounding. We keep it down there."

All three residents started the

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## Life in a construction zone



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Trucks going to the Seymour Street construction site line Roosevelt Place. Neighbors are complaining of blocked access, loss of parking and idling trucks.

'It's more than just the noise,' residents say

BY JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS  
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For residents living in the wake of Montclair's ongoing development boom, their days are filled with incessant noise, blocked access to homes and driveways, and the smell of idling diesel trucks that also take up precious parking spots, and trash-strewn streets.

For Esther Freeman, who lives across from the newly opened MC Hotel and the newly constructed Orange Road garage, the construction meant her street was closed for almost a year as cranes took up residence and took away coveted parking spots, while construction workers threw trash everywhere, she said.

"I am still cleaning up from the MC Hotel," she told planning board members at a Sept. 9 hearing for the MC Residences, a 46-unit housing development planned for the lot between the hotel and the garage. "There are no tax breaks for us, we just lose serenity. I feel like I am working yet not getting paid."

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The Record (Bergen County)

### Aid-in-Dying Law

## Assisted suicide now legally available

As NJ law takes effect, doctors  
say more guidance is required

**Stacey Barchenger** *Health Justice Editor*  
and **Lindy Washburn** *News Editor*

Janet Colbert made talking about death, a taboo topic, a normal part of her life.

When the central oncology nurse received her own diagnosis — it was a rare form of liver cancer — in 2011, she began advocating that doctors should be allowed to prescribe lethal medication to terminally ill patients.

It was an option she wanted for herself.

"I feel that it would just give me so much more peace of mind," Colbert said in 2012, just months before her death.

Today, four years later, it becomes legal for New Jersey doctors to prescribe lethal medication to patients with less than six months to live. New Jersey is one of eight states that allow what is called medically assisted suicide or medical aid in dying, depending on what side of the controversial issue you are on.

Even as advocates welcome the law for which they've fought for years, and declare victory for patients' rights, there remains uncertainty within the medical profession about carrying it out.

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### A beloved couple, their son's demons and a violent end. The story of the Warner family.

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### Fulop's other house

## JERSEY CITY MAYOR BUILDING

Narragansett, RI, house will have infinity pool, beautiful views

**BY MARGARET SCHMIDT  
Special to The Jersey Journal**

Next summer, while many of us are sunbathing on the Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop and his family will have the perfect spot to relax. The house, which he bought in 2014 for \$15.5 million and that he has since sold, will be in the heart of Narragansett, Rhode Island, on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. It will have an infinity pool, a master bedroom with a fireplace and views of the ocean, and a third-floor terrace with a view of the ocean.

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### Fulop's other house

## SEASIDE HOME IN NEW ENGLAND

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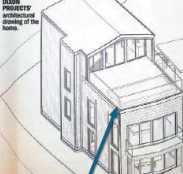
21st-century construction and with a property where blue-ceilinged buildings are rare and the architecture is modern. For example, she said, years ago, many owners would not have been able to afford the home in Narragansett, Rhode Island, but she said she would have been able to afford it.

"It's a great investment," she said, "but it's not a great investment if you're not looking for a return on it."


The block where the Fulop house is being built is one of the most expensive in the area, she said, but she said she would have been able to afford it.

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**Master bedroom side deck with fireplace and views**



**Master bedroom terrace**



**Third-floor infinity pool**

For timing and planning build out of each project should have some impact on impacts. Two and two would be enough. On the On Projects website. "Each project is important and there is an opportunity to bring more value to those who live there."

The design of the Fulop house is a mix of modern and traditional architecture. The house is a mix of modern and traditional architecture. The house is a mix of modern and traditional architecture.

### Fulop's other house

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**He can fish right off his lawn.**

Jim Durkin, Real estate broker

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## Jordan Wolman

## The Jersey Journal

# Unraveling of JCETP



**MAYOR STEVE FULOP** cuts the ribbon during the grand opening ceremony for Martin's Place on Sept. 15, 2014. With him were, from left to right, Ruth Byrnes, former Gov. Thomas Kean; Union City Mayor and State Sen. Brian Stack; U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez; U.S. Rep. Albio Sires; Gov. Chris Christie; former governor and ex-head of the Jersey City Employment and Training Program Jim McGreevey; House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi; and U.S. Rep. Donald M. Payne Jr.

**BY JORDAN WOLMAN**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

On one sunny day in September 2014, Jersey City was a glitzy gathering place for some of the nation's most high-profile political figures.

The red carpet was rolled out at 390 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive for VIPs like Nancy Pelosi, who was then the House minority leader; Gov. Chris Christie; Sen. Robert Menendez; Mayor Steve Fulop; and former Gov. Jim McGreevey. They posed for photos while Fulop cut a large ribbon with oversized scissors in front of an audience of more than 500 people.

For McGreevey, who'd been forced to resign as governor 10 years before, the glamorous ribbon cutting for the Jersey City Employment and Training Program's new administrative offices was a long-awaited comeback.

But today, nearly five years

later, McGreevey stands accused of mismanaging millions of dollars while serving as the JCETP's executive director. A former board chair says the program has been "decimated" under the agency's current leadership, city funding has been cut, and the agency has been without a permanent leader since McGreevey was fired in January.

The controversy centers on claims by top Jersey City officials that McGreevey improperly redirected JCETP money to a similar organization under his direct control.

An auditing firm hired by JCETP found "millions of dollars unaccounted for or redirected out of JCETP and into the nonprofit run by Jim McGreevey," said Jersey City spokeswoman Kim Wallace-Scalcione, who works for Fulop.

McGreevey says he launched the separate organization, New Jersey Reentry Corp., with the support of Fulop, the city, and the

JCETP's governing board.

He says funding moved back and forth between the two groups depending on which one was best positioned to help Jersey City residents get back on their feet after spending time in prison. Transactions were approved by the JCETP board and, he says, inspected by auditors for JCETP, NJ Reentry, and their government partners. McGreevey has since responded to the allegations by releasing eight past audits of JCETP and NJRC, none of which found any wrongdoing.

"All board members of JCETP were in full support of all grants accepted," the former governor said in an email. "Grants were developed based on grant requirements and budgets, and were approved, overseen and reviewed by grantors."

Wallace-Scalcione says the agency's forensic audit is "in the hands of law enforcement," which declined to comment. This much

is certain: Programs that once were national models for easing prisoners back into mainstream life are now embroiled in a controversy fueled by two of New Jersey's most mercurial politicians.

After leaving the State House in 2004 amid charges that he appointed his lover to a sensitive state position, McGreevey took classes at an Episcopal seminary in New York City. There he started volunteering with a program that supported former prisoners seeking rehabilitation. He was doing related work in Newark when, he says, Fulop approached him about coming to work in Jersey City.

With Fulop's backing, McGreevey became executive director of JCETP, an autonomous city agency, in 2013. McGreevey assembled funding from local and state sponsors for the Martin's Place headquarters and for an expanded roster of projects.

Somehow around two years

ago, the relationship between McGreevey and City Hall started to sour. McGreevey says the change is rooted in his decision to fire Fulop's political operative Eugene McKnight. Roger Jones, who was then the chairman of JCETP's board, told The Journal in March 2018 that McKnight was let go from JCETP when officials learned he was taking monthly cash payments from ex-offenders he assisted.

McGreevey says his relationship with Fulop, who appoints JCETP board members, was never the same thereafter. The mayor began to choose city employees like Stacey Flanagan, director of health and human services, and Anthony Lewis, a police lieutenant and Fulop's driver, for the board. In April 2018, he named Sudhan Thomas, president of the city's board of education.

"When Sudhan was appointed,"

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### Cops in this N.J. town got paid for vacation and golf on ‘union time’

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Dozens of officers at the embattled police department in Franklin Township, Somerset County cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars over several years by misusing an obscure paid time off policy, NJ Advance Media has learned.

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## PRSD Superintendent Will Address Parents Of Special Ed Students

**P**inelands Regional School District Superintendent of Schools Melissa McCoolley will be meeting with parents of special education students at 5:30 p.m. this Thursday, March 7, in the junior high school media center. All are welcome, but McCoolley does ask prospective attendees to RSVP online at [mmccoolley@prsdnj.org](mailto:mmccoolley@prsdnj.org).

She is promising that "all of your special education questions and concerns will be addressed," and she will discuss recent changes and future plans in the district's special education program.

The meeting follows the Feb. 26 meeting of the Pinelands Regional Board of Education, where the board approved a "Reduction in Force" and layoff of the district's director of special education.

During a residents' forum limited to discussion about agenda items, The SandPaper asked how the director of special education could possibly be laid off when the special education department has far more teachers and staff than any other district department. Board Vice President Patricia Chambers, chairing the meeting in the absence of Board President Susan M. Ernst, responded that she couldn't comment because it was a personnel issue. Nor would she comment if the position, and not just the person, was being eliminated.

After the board voted to approve the reduction in force, The SandPaper, during the general residents' forum towards the end of the meeting, again pressed for an explanation, saying

a RIF deals with positions, not a personal termination, so the decision should be open for discussion. At that point McCoolley interjected.

"So, I'm going to give you an overview of that decision. I've been here now since June of 2018. I've had the time now to do a careful analysis of all departments, as well as our budgetary concerns, and I've decided to move in a different direction."

Would that direction be a shared-services agreement with the Little Egg Harbor School District, with which the PRSD already shares McCoolley and the business administrator?

"It could possibly, moving forward," said McCoolley. "Right now we have a consultant that you saw on the agenda tonight, and he will be here part-time per diem."

Apparently no parent of a special education student was at Tuesday night's meeting, but at least one such parent was watching on the district's website and alerted other special education parents of the layoff. Some parents contacted The SandPaper the next day.

One was upset that McCoolley had visited the Feb. 5 meeting of special education parents and had "mentioned nothing about this even being a possibility" and that "no specific plan on how our special needs students services would be coordinated and supervised was proposed" at the meeting.

More parents contacted The SandPaper after being notified of the change in an email two days after the

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## Jaimie Julia Winters

Montclair Local

### Former deputy chief still on payroll

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#### MONTCLAIR POLICE

## Town: former deputy chief still on payroll

by **JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS**  
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Former Deputy Chief Tracy Frazzano is still on the Montclair Police Department payroll even though she was sworn in as police chief of Marco Island, Fla. on Sept. 5.

Montclair's Director of Human Resources Sharyn Matthews said this week that Frazzano was still collecting her annual salary of \$185,096 using her accumulated benefit time.

Multiple requests for the number of sick and vacation days Frazzano had accrued and

not used by the employee and carried over from year to year, but required to be paid by the township either in one lump sum or payments upon termination of employee.

That request was then denied by Matthews, not because no such agreement existed, but on the grounds that the agreement would be part of Frazzano's personnel record.

"In response to your request regarding information on Deputy Chief Frazzano's termination/separation agreement, please note that we are unable to release that information

Mahon and Councilman Sean Spiller, both on the public safety committee, forwarded questions on Frazzano still being on Montclair's payroll rather than taking a buyout to the township manager, who did not respond.

"Police contracts are not our bailiwick as members of the council or Public Safety Committee. They are within the manager's purview," McMahon wrote.

The New Jersey Police Benevolent Association did not return phone calls seeking comment. An attorney from

the Department of Community Affairs however said he was not aware of a case in which a township employee was kept on the payroll after resigning to collect unused sick time.

According to Montclair's 2019 township budget and its Analysis of Compensated Absence Liability the current liability for accrued sick and vacation time for all township employees is \$12.65 million with a total of 241,648 hours owed. Police and fire employees topped the chart with 71,888 hours owed at a cost of

\$4.5 million for police, and 86,870 hours at \$4.77 million for the fire department. The next department with highest amount of accrued benefits is the department of community services at 41,188 hours and \$1.48 million.

In 2010, Gov. Chris Christie signed a law capping the payouts at \$15,000 for all new employees. He later vetoed a bill that would have capped all employees, old and new, at \$15,000, saying he wanted the payouts to cease altogether.

# **First Amendment Award**

Weekly Division

**No awards given**

Public Service

**Lloyd P. Burns**

**Memorial Award**

Weekly Division

**THIRD PLACE**

**Bethany Mitros**

The Retrospect

**Beating Addiction with  
Project SAVE**

**No visual available**



Public Service

**Lloyd P. Burns**

**Memorial Award**

Weekly Division

**No visual available**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Jaimie Julia Winters**

Montclair Local

**Lackawanna Plaza series**

Public Service

**Lloyd P. Burns**

**Memorial Award**

Weekly Division

**No visual available**

**FIRST PLACE**

**Jaimie Julia Winters**

Montclair Local

**Affordable housing series**

Public Service

**Lloyd P. Burns  
Memorial Award**

Daily, over 30,000

**No visual available**

**THIRD PLACE**

**Jo Ciavaglia, Jim McGinnis**  
Burlington County Times

**Unclaimed**

Public Service

**Lloyd P. Burns**

**Memorial Award**

Daily, over 30,000

No visual available

**SECOND PLACE**

**Adam Clark**

The Star-Ledger

**Gone at 15**

Public Service

**Lloyd P. Burns**

**Memorial Award**

Daily, over 30,000

**No visual available**

**FIRST PLACE**

**Abbott Koloff, Jean Rimbach**

The Record (Bergen County)

**Cashing in on Charter Schools**



Public Service

# Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award

Daily, under 30,000

## THIRD PLACE

Nick Muscavage  
Home News Tribune

**Cabuse and church's response,  
both Catholic and Presbyterian**

## Longtime Linden minister used oral sex in exorcism ritual, men claim

A Presbyterian minister with deep ties to Union County stands accused of using oral sex in exorcism rituals on victims seeking his counseling.

**Nick Muscavage, Courier News and Home News Tribune**

Updated 9:34 a.m. EDT June 8, 2019

*Editor's note: This article contains graphic descriptions that are sexual in nature. The three individuals making the allegations have agreed to allow their names and details of the allegations from the testimonies to be published. Reader discretion is advised.*

**A** Presbyterian minister, who said he was following the Bible, used Native American exorcism rituals, gemstones and even oral sex to extract "evil spirits" from men undergoing crises in their lives, the church and men claim.

The so-called healing acts, which date to 1999, were allegedly performed by the Rev. Dr. William Weaver, a prominent Presbyterian minister who served as pastor at Linden Presbyterian Church for 39 years, one of two Presbyterian churches in Linden, a city with a population of over 40,000. He also held several public roles, including chaplain for a county police department.

Public Service

# Lloyd P. Burns

# Memorial Award

Daily, under 30,000

# SECOND PLACE

# Cheryl Makin, Nick

# Muscavage, Paul Grzella

Courier News

# Caregivers in Crisis

**Courier News**  
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**THE CAREGIVER CRISIS IN NEW JERSEY**  
 ‘Consuming and isolating’



**How caregiver issues could impact public health**

**Cheryl Makin**  
 Contributing Columnist  
 THE COURIER NEWS NEW JERSEY

Editor's note: This is the first part in a three-day series focusing on the caregiver crisis in New Jersey.

With a master's degree in gerontology, a master's in aging services and a career advising for the elderly, Linda Antoshin thought she would have been well prepared for being a caregiver — again.

Having married her husband for five years through his battle with myeloproliferative neoplasia and then raised three children as a young widow, Antoshin said she still feels stressed as caregiver to her 65-year-old man who lives an hour away, she shares his duty with her sister, but that doesn't make the mental feeling that "the other shoe is about to drop" go away.

"I'm here," said Antoshin, director of community activities at caregivers of need to vent coverage, a nursing home and short-term rehabilitation center. "It's like having a second full-time job. It's very time-consuming, my mother is fully independent — she can walk, she drives locally to get groceries and to the senior center a couple of days a week, and my sister and I make sure she has one of us on the weekends. And my sister takes her to her doctor's appointments, usually, we pick up all the loose ends because if we didn't do that, it's not sure she would be able to live as independent as she is living."

Antoshin is one of 1.2 million in the state who live the life of an estranged caregiver.

"It's in my day and night," said Antoshin, who lives in East Windsor. "I love it. I breathe it."

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 some caregivers don't self-identify page 6A

**How may be a caregiver if you...**

- Help with daily duties, such as shopping, cooking, driving, physical therapy
- Perform medical interventions—medication, feeding tubes, wound treatment, breathing treatments
- Arrange medical appointments, drive to the doctor, set up living arrangements, manage medications
- Handle finances and other legal matters
- Act as a companion

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Public Service

**Lloyd P. Burns**

**Memorial Award**

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**FIRST PLACE**

**Eric Obernauer**

New Jersey Herald

**Vernon dump site**

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*The Star-Ledger*

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